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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE  
ACT OF 1934**

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018**

**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 001-35769**

**NEWS CORPORATION**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction of**

**incorporation or organization)**

**1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**(212) 416-3400**

**46-2950970**  
**(I.R.S. Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**10036**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)**

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 No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, smaller reporting company, and emerging growth company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

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

Accelerated filer

Smaller reporting company

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 4, 2018, 383,267,500 shares of Class A Common Stock and 199,630,240 shares of Class B Common Stock were outstanding.



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## NEWS CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited; millions, except per share amounts)

	Notes	For the three months		For the nine months	
		ended March 31, 2018	ended March 31, 2017	ended March 31, 2018	ended March 31, 2017
Revenues:					
Advertising		\$ 687	\$ 705	\$ 2,059	\$ 2,123
Circulation and subscription		659	618	1,947	1,834
Consumer		381	359	1,220	1,183
Real estate		208	168	633	525
Other		158	128	472	394
<b>Total Revenues</b>		<b>2,093</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>6,059</b>
Operating expenses		(1,151)	(1,101)	(3,439)	(3,384)
Selling, general and administrative		(760)	(662)	(2,132)	(2,005)
Depreciation and amortization		(100)	(109)	(297)	(349)
Impairment and restructuring charges	3	(246)	(33)	(273)	(409)
Equity losses of affiliates	4	(974)	(23)	(1,002)	(276)
Interest, net		2	8	9	30
Other, net	12	29	(13)	6	127
(Loss) income before income tax expense		(1,107)	45	(797)	(207)
Income tax expense	10	(3)	(45)	(292)	(12)
Net loss		(1,110)		(1,089)	(219)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(18)	(5)	(54)	(90)
<b>Net loss attributable to News Corporation stockholders</b>		<b>\$ (1,128)</b>	<b>\$ (5)</b>	<b>\$ (1,143)</b>	<b>\$ (309)</b>
Basic and diluted loss per share:	8				
Net loss available to News Corporation stockholders per share		\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (1.96)	\$ (0.53)
Cash dividends declared per share of common stock		\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.20	\$ 0.20

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consolidated financial statements.



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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME

(Unaudited; millions)

	For the three months		For the nine months	
	ended		ended	
	March 31, 2018	2017	March 31, 2018	2017
Net loss	\$ (1,110)	\$	\$ (1,089)	\$ (219)
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	10	269	144	(22)
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities <sup>(a)</sup>		(3)	5	(22)
Benefit plan adjustments <sup>(b)</sup>	(9)	(2)	(14)	29
Share of other comprehensive income (loss) from equity affiliates <sup>(c)</sup>		(7)	1	4
Other comprehensive income (loss)	1	257	136	(11)
Comprehensive (loss) income	(1,109)	257	(953)	(230)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18)	(5)	(54)	(90)
Less: Other comprehensive loss (income) attributable to noncontrolling interests	2	(14)	(1)	(7)
Comprehensive (loss) income attributable to News Corporation stockholders	\$ (1,125)	\$ 238	\$ (1,008)	\$ (327)

(a) Net of income tax expense of \$1 million and nil for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and income tax expense (benefit) of \$3 million and (\$8) million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(b) Net of income tax benefit of \$2 million and \$1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and income tax (benefit) expense of (\$4) million and \$7 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

(c) Net of income tax benefit of nil and \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and income tax expense of nil and \$2 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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(Millions, except share and per share amounts)

	Notes	As of March 31, 2018 (unaudited)	As of June 30, 2017 (audited)
<b>Assets:</b>			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$ 2,112	\$ 2,016
Receivables, net	12	1,328	1,276
Other current assets	12	546	523
Total current assets		3,986	3,815
Non-current assets:			
Investments	4	957	2,027
Property, plant and equipment, net		1,642	1,624
Intangible assets, net		2,226	2,281
Goodwill		3,724	3,838
Deferred income tax assets	10	370	525
Other non-current assets	12	467	442
Total assets		\$ 13,372	\$ 14,552
<b>Liabilities and Equity:</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable		\$ 230	\$ 222
Accrued expenses		1,223	1,204
Deferred revenue		448	426
Other current liabilities	12	566	600
Total current liabilities		2,467	2,452
Non-current liabilities:			
Borrowings	5	184	276
Retirement benefit obligations		301	319
Deferred income tax liabilities	10	55	61
Other non-current liabilities		354	351
Commitments and contingencies	9		
Redeemable preferred stock		20	20
Class A common stock <sup>(a)</sup>		4	4
Class B common stock <sup>(b)</sup>		2	2



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Additional paid-in capital		12,310	12,395
Accumulated deficit		(1,792)	(648)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(829)	(964)
Total News Corporation stockholders' equity		9,695	10,789
Noncontrolling interests		296	284
Total equity	6	9,991	11,073
Total liabilities and equity		\$ 13,372	\$ 14,552

- (a) **Class A common stock**, \$0.01 par value per share ( **Class A Common Stock** ), 1,500,000,000 shares authorized, 383,257,907 and 382,294,262 shares issued and outstanding, net of 27,368,413 treasury shares at par at March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively.
- (b) **Class B common stock**, \$0.01 par value per share ( **Class B Common Stock** ), 750,000,000 shares authorized, 199,630,240 shares issued and outstanding, net of 78,430,424 treasury shares at par at March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2017, respectively.

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**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

(Unaudited; millions)

	Notes	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
		<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Operating activities:</b>			
Net loss		\$ (1,089)	\$ (219)
Less: Income from discontinued operations, net of tax			
Loss from continuing operations		(1,089)	(219)
Adjustments to reconcile loss from continuing operations to cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization		297	349
Equity losses of affiliates	4	1,002	276
Cash distributions received from affiliates		2	1
Impairment charges	3	225	321
Other, net	12	(6)	(127)
Deferred income taxes and taxes payable	10	182	(76)
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Receivables and other assets		(86)	(126)
Inventories, net		(14)	(8)
Accounts payable and other liabilities		(48)	89
NAM Group settlement			(256)
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations		465	224
Net cash used in operating activities from discontinued operations			(5)
Net cash provided by operating activities		465	219
<b>Investing activities:</b>			
Capital expenditures		(200)	(168)
Changes in restricted cash for Wireless Group acquisition			315
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(62)	(345)
Investments in equity affiliates and other		(42)	(93)
Proceeds from property, plant and equipment and other asset dispositions		137	232
Other, net		23	10
Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations		(144)	(49)
Net cash used in investing activities from discontinued operations			
Net cash used in investing activities		(144)	(49)

**Financing activities:**

Repayment of borrowings	(93)	(23)
Dividends paid	(99)	(93)
Other, net	(42)	(36)
Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations	(234)	(152)
Net cash used in financing activities from discontinued operations		
Net cash used in financing activities	(234)	(152)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	87	18
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	2,016	1,832
Exchange movement on opening cash balance	9	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 2,112	\$ 1,850

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**NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

News Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, News Corporation, News Corp, the Company, we, or us) is a diversified media and information services company comprised of businesses across a range of media, including: news and information services, book publishing, digital real estate services, cable network programming in Australia and pay-TV distribution in Australia.

***Basis of Presentation***

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company, which are referred to herein as the Consolidated Financial Statements, have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America ( GAAP ) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation have been reflected in these Consolidated Financial Statements. Operating results for the interim period presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The preparation of the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts that are reported in the Consolidated Financial Statements and accompanying disclosures. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated. Equity investments in which the Company exercises significant influence but does not exercise control and is not the primary beneficiary are accounted for using the equity method. Investments in which the Company is not able to exercise significant influence over the investee are designated as available-for-sale if readily determinable fair values are available. If an investment's fair value is not readily determinable, the Company accounts for its investment under the cost method.

The consolidated statements of operations are referred to herein as the Statements of Operations. The consolidated balance sheets are referred to herein as the Balance Sheets. The consolidated statements of cash flows are referred to herein as the Statements of Cash Flows.

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on August 14, 2017 (the 2017 Form 10-K).

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period consolidated financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

The Company's fiscal year ends on the Sunday closest to June 30. Fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017 include 52 weeks. All references to the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 relate to the three months ended April 1, 2018 and April 2, 2017, respectively. For convenience purposes, the Company continues to date its consolidated financial statements as of March 31.

***Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements***

*Adopted*

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2016-09, Compensation Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting ( ASU 2016-09 ). The amendments in ASU 2016-09 address several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-09 is effective for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2017. The adoption did not have a material impact on the Company s consolidated financial statements.

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In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory* (ASU 2016-16). The amendments in ASU 2016-16 require an entity to recognize the income tax consequences of an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory when the transfer occurs. The amendments in ASU 2016-16 eliminate the exception for an intra-entity transfer of an asset other than inventory. As permitted by ASU 2016-16, the Company early-adopted this standard on a modified retrospective basis through a cumulative-effect adjustment directly to retained earnings to reduce complexity in financial reporting. The adjustment did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In March 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-05 *Income Taxes (Topic 740): Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118* (ASU 2018-05). ASU 2018-05 provides guidance for companies related to the U.S. government-enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act). ASU 2018-05 allows for a measurement period of up to one year after the enactment date of the Tax Act to finalize the recording of the related tax impacts. The Company's accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act will be completed during this measurement period.

*Issued*

In May 2014, FASB issued ASU 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)* (ASU 2014-09). ASU 2014-09 removes inconsistencies and differences in existing revenue recognition requirements between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards and requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, delaying the effective date for adoption. ASU 2014-09 is now effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after July 1, 2018, however, early adoption is permitted. Once effective, the Company can elect to apply ASU 2014-09 retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initial adoption recognized at the date of initial application. The Company has determined that it will adopt ASU 2014-09 using a modified retrospective approach.

The FASB has also issued several standards which provide additional clarification and implementation guidance on the previously issued ASU 2014-09 and have the same effective date as the original standard.

The Company is continuing to evaluate the overall impact that ASU 2014-09 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements. The Company's implementation team, including external advisers, continues to review the Company's revenue portfolio and related contracts across its various business units and geographies. Discussions regarding changes to the Company's current accounting policies and practices remain ongoing and preliminary conclusions are subject to change. Based on the current guidance, the new framework will become effective on a modified retrospective basis for the Company on July 1, 2018.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, *Financial Instruments - Overall (Subtopic 825-10): Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities* (ASU 2016-01). The amendments in ASU 2016-01 address certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. ASU 2016-01 is effective for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2018. As of March 31, 2018, the

Company had \$78 million in available-for-sale securities with net unrealized gains of \$1 million and \$126 million in cost method investments. In accordance with ASU 2016-01, the cumulative net unrealized gains (losses) contained within Accumulated other comprehensive loss will be reclassified through Retained earnings as of July 1, 2018, and changes in the fair value of available-for-sale securities will be recorded in the Company's Statement of Operations beginning July 1, 2018. The Company is evaluating the impact ASU 2016-01 may have on its cost method investments.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (ASU 2016-02). The amendments in ASU 2016-02 address certain aspects in lease accounting, with the most significant impact for lessees. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 require lessees to recognize all leases on the balance sheet by recording a right-of-use asset and a lease liability, and lessor accounting has been updated to align with the new requirements for lessees. The new standard also provides changes to the existing sale-leaseback guidance. ASU 2016-02 is effective for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact ASU 2016-02 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

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In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, Compensation Retirement Benefits (Topic 715): Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost ( ASU 2017-07 ). The amendments in ASU 2017-07 require that an employer report the service cost component in the same line item or items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The other components of net benefit cost as defined in paragraphs 715-30-35-4 and 715-60-35-9 are required to be presented in the income statement separately from the service cost component and outside a subtotal of income from operations, if one is presented. If a separate line item or items are used to present the other components of net benefit cost, that line item or items must be appropriately described. If a separate line item or items are not used, the line item or items used in the income statement to present the other components of net benefit cost must be disclosed. ASU 2017-07 is effective for the Company for annual and interim reporting periods beginning July 1, 2018. The Company does not expect the adoption of ASU 2017-07 to have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements.

**NOTE 2. ACQUISITIONS, DISPOSALS AND OTHER TRANSACTIONS***Smartline Home Loans Pty Limited*

In July 2017, REA Group acquired an 80.3% interest in Smartline Home Loans Pty Limited ( Smartline ) for approximately A\$70 million in cash (approximately \$55 million). The minority shareholders have the option to sell the remaining 19.7% interest to REA Group beginning three years after closing at a price dependent on the financial performance of Smartline. If the option is not exercised, the minority interest will become mandatorily redeemable four years after closing. As a result, REA Group recognized a liability of \$12 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017 for the present value of the amount expected to be paid for the remaining interest based on the formula specified in the acquisition agreement. Smartline is one of Australia's premier mortgage broking franchise groups, and the acquisition provides REA Group's financial services business with greater scale and capability. Under the acquisition method of accounting, the total consideration is allocated to net tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets based upon the fair value as of the date of completion of the acquisition. The excess of the total consideration over the fair value of the net tangible assets and identifiable intangible assets acquired was recorded as goodwill. The acquired intangible assets of approximately \$19 million primarily relate to customer relationships which have a useful life of 16 years. The Company recorded approximately \$49 million of goodwill on the transaction. Smartline is a subsidiary of REA Group, and its results are included within the Digital Real Estate Services segment.

**NOTE 3. IMPAIRMENT AND RESTRUCTURING CHARGES***Fiscal 2018*

During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$21 million and \$48 million, respectively, of which \$13 million and \$38 million, respectively, related to the News and Information Services segment. The restructuring charges recorded in fiscal 2018 were primarily for employee termination benefits.

During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized non-cash impairment charges of \$225 million primarily related to the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets at the News America Marketing



reporting unit and impairment of goodwill at the FOX SPORTS Australia reporting unit.

The Company recognized a \$165 million non-cash impairment of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets at its News America Marketing reporting unit. Due to the impact of adverse trends on the future expected performance of the business, the Company revised its future outlook which resulted in a reduction in expected future cash flows. Based on the revised projections, the Company determined that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than its carrying value. The assumptions utilized in the income approach valuation method were discount rates (ranging from 12.5%-14%), long-term growth rates (ranging from (1.9%)-0.9%) and a royalty rate of 2.5%.

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The Company recognized a \$41 million non-cash impairment of goodwill at its FOX SPORTS Australia reporting unit. In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, as part of the Company's long range planning process and in preparation for a potential transaction with Telstra Corporation Limited (Telstra) to combine Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia (the Transaction), the Company assessed the long-term prospects for Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia. As a result of lower-than-expected revenues at Foxtel, the Company revised its future outlook for FOX SPORTS Australia whose revenues are heavily predicated on Foxtel subscribers. Based on the revised projections, the Company determined that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than its carrying value. The assumptions utilized in the income approach valuation method were a discount rate of 9.5% and a long-term growth rate of 2.0%. See Note 4 Investments.

***Fiscal 2017***

During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$21 million and \$88 million, respectively, of which \$19 million and \$85 million, respectively, related to the News and Information Services segment. The restructuring charges recorded in fiscal 2017 were for employee termination benefits.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$310 million primarily related to the write-down of fixed assets at the Australian newspapers in the second quarter of fiscal 2017. The write-down was a result of the impact of adverse trends on the future expected performance of the Australian newspapers, where revenue declines from continued weakness in the print advertising market accelerated during the second quarter. The write-down was comprised of approximately \$149 million related to printing presses and print related equipment, \$77 million related to facilities, \$66 million related to capitalized software and \$18 million related to tradenames. The assumptions utilized in the income approach valuation method were a discount rate of 11.5% and no long-term growth.

Changes in restructuring program liabilities were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,							
	2018		2017		2018		2017	
	One time employee termination benefits	Facility costs related	Other costs	Total	One time employee termination benefits	Facility costs related	Other costs	Total
	(in millions)							
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 22	\$ 4	\$ 10	\$ 36	\$ 41	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 52
Additions	21			21	21			21
Payments	(22)			(22)	(33)			(33)
Other	3			3				
Balance, end of period	\$ 24	\$ 4	\$ 10	\$ 38	\$ 29	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 40

**For the nine months ended March 31,  
2018**

	<b>2018</b>				<b>2017</b>			
	<b>One time employee termination benefits</b>	<b>Facility related costs</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>One time employee termination benefits</b>	<b>Facility related costs</b>	<b>Other costs</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 33	\$ 6	\$ 10	\$ 49	\$ 33	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 44
Additions	47		1	48	88			88
Payments	(60)	(1)	(1)	(62)	(91)			(91)
Other	4	(1)		3	(1)			(1)
Balance, end of period	\$ 24	\$ 4	\$ 10	\$ 38	\$ 29	\$ 5	\$ 6	\$ 40

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As of March 31, 2018, restructuring liabilities of approximately \$27 million were included in the Balance Sheet in Other current liabilities and \$11 million were included in Other non-current liabilities.

**NOTE 4. INVESTMENTS**

The Company's investments were comprised of the following:

	<b>Ownership Percentage as of March 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of March 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2017</b>
		<b>(in millions)</b>	
Equity method investments:			
Foxtel <sup>(a)</sup>	50%	\$ 631	\$ 1,208
Other equity method investments <sup>(b)</sup>	various	122	133
Loan receivable from Foxtel <sup>(a)</sup>	N/A		370
Available-for-sale securities <sup>(c)</sup>	various	78	97
Cost method investments <sup>(d)</sup>	various	126	219
<b>Total Investments</b>		<b>\$ 957</b>	<b>\$ 2,027</b>

(a) During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized a \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of its investment in Foxtel. In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, as part of the long range planning process and in preparation for the Transaction, the Company assessed the long-term prospects for Foxtel, on both a stand-alone and combined basis. As a result of lower-than-expected revenues from certain new products and broadcast subscribers at Foxtel, the Company revised its outlook for Foxtel, which resulted in a reduction in expected future cash flows. Based on the revised projections, the Company concluded that the fair value of its investment in Foxtel declined below its carrying value. The assumptions utilized in the income approach valuation method were a discount rate of 10.25% and a long-term growth rate of 2.0%.

In May 2012, Foxtel purchased Austar United Communications Ltd. The transaction was funded by Foxtel bank debt and pro rata capital contributions made by Foxtel shareholders in the form of subordinated shareholder notes based on their respective ownership interests. The Company's share of the subordinated shareholder notes was approximately A\$481 million (\$370 million) as of June 30, 2017. During the three months ended September 30, 2017, Foxtel's shareholders made pro-rata capital contributions to Foxtel by way of promissory notes. The Company's share of the capital contributions was A\$494 million (\$388 million) at September 28, 2017, and the Company's investment in Foxtel increased by this amount. Foxtel utilized the shareholders' capital contributions to repay its subordinated shareholder notes and interest accrued in the three months ended September 30, 2017. As a result, such notes were considered to be repaid as of September 30, 2017.

- (b) Other equity method investments are primarily comprised of Elara Technologies Pte. Ltd., which operates PropTiger.com, Makaan.com and Housing.com.
- (c) Available-for-sale securities are primarily comprised of the Company's investment in HT&E Limited (formerly APN News and Media Limited), which operates a portfolio of Australian radio and outdoor media assets.
- (d) Cost method investments are primarily comprised of certain investments in China as of March 31, 2018. During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company sold its investment in SEEKAsia for \$122 million in cash and recognized a \$32 million gain in Other, net. See Note 12 Additional Financial Information.

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The Company measures the fair market values of available-for-sale securities as Level 1 financial instruments under Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) 820, Fair Value Measurement ( ASC 820 ), as such investments have quoted prices in active markets. The cost basis, unrealized gains, unrealized losses and fair market value of available-for-sale securities are set forth below:

	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2017
	(in millions)	
Cost basis of available-for-sale securities	\$ 77	\$ 99
Accumulated gross unrealized gain	1	
Accumulated gross unrealized loss		(2)
Fair value of available-for-sale securities	\$ 78	\$ 97
Net deferred tax asset	\$	\$ 1

**Equity Losses of Affiliates**

The Company's equity losses of affiliates were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31,		For the nine months ended March 31,	
	2018	2017	2018	2017
	(in millions)		(in millions)	
Foxtel <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (970)	\$ (16)	\$ (974)	\$ (260)
Other equity affiliates, net <sup>(b)</sup>	(4)	(7)	(28)	(16)
Total Equity losses of affiliates	\$ (974)	\$ (23)	\$ (1,002)	\$ (276)

(a) During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized a \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of its investment in Foxtel. The write-down is reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018. Refer to the discussion above for further details.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized a \$227 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of its investment in Foxtel. As a result of Foxtel's performance in the first half of fiscal 2017 and the competitive operating environment in the Australian pay-TV market, the Company revised its future outlook for the

business in the second quarter of fiscal 2017, which resulted in a reduction in expected future cash flows. Based on the revised projections, the Company determined that the fair value of its investment in Foxtel declined below its carrying value, which includes the gain recognized in connection with the acquisition of Consolidated Media Holdings Ltd. ( CMH ). The write-down is reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2017. The assumptions utilized in the income approach valuation method were a discount rate of 9.0% and a long-term growth rate of 2.5%. The assumptions utilized in the market approach valuation methods were EBITDA multiples from guideline public companies operating in similar industries and a control premium of 10%.

In November 2012, the Company acquired CMH, a media investment company that operates in Australia. CMH owned a 25% interest in Foxtel through its 50% interest in FOX SPORTS Australia. The CMH acquisition was accounted for in accordance with ASC 805 Business Combinations which requires an acquirer to remeasure its previously held equity interest in an acquiree at its acquisition date fair value and recognize the resulting gain or loss in earnings. The carrying amount of the Company's previously held equity interest in FOX SPORTS Australia, through which the Company held its indirect 25% interest in Foxtel, was revalued to fair value as of the acquisition date, resulting in a step-up and non-cash gain of approximately \$1.3 billion for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013, of which \$0.9 billion related to Foxtel.

In accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles Goodwill and Other, the Company amortized \$17 million and \$49 million related to excess cost over the Company's proportionate share of its investment's underlying net assets allocated to finite-lived intangible assets during the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, and \$16 million and \$53 million in the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017. Such amortization is reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations.

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- (b) During the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$13 million in non-cash write-downs of certain equity method investments carrying values. The write-downs are reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018.

Summarized financial information for Foxtel, presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP, was as follows:

	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
Revenues	\$ 1,818	\$ 1,811
Operating income <sup>(a)</sup>	155	263
Net income	64	40

- (a) Includes Depreciation and amortization of \$187 million and \$155 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Operating income before depreciation and amortization was \$342 million and \$418 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

**NOTE 5. BORROWINGS**

During the nine months ended March 31, 2018, REA Group repaid A\$120 million (approximately \$93 million) of the A\$480 million revolving loan facility it used to fund the iProperty acquisition, corresponding to the sub facility due December 2017. Remaining borrowings under the facility were A\$360 million (approximately \$275 million).

**NOTE 6. EQUITY**

The following table summarizes changes in equity:

	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>					
	<b>2018</b>			<b>2017</b>		
	<b>News Corporation stockholders</b>	<b>Noncontrolling Interests</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>News Corporation stockholders</b>	<b>Noncontrolling Interests</b>	<b>Total Equity</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>					
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 10,789	\$ 284	\$ 11,073	\$ 11,564	\$ 218	\$ 11,782
Net (loss) income	(1,143)	54	(1,089)	(309)	90	(219)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	135	1	136	(18)	7	(11)
Dividends	(118)	(40)	(158)	(118)	(33)	(151)
Other	32	(3)	29	20	(4)	16



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Balance, end of period	\$ 9,695	\$ 296	\$ 9,991	\$ 11,139	\$ 278	\$ 11,417
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In May 2013, the Company's Board of Directors (the Board of Directors) authorized the Company to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$500 million of its Class A Common Stock. On May 10, 2015, the Company announced it had begun repurchasing shares of Class A Common Stock under the stock repurchase program. No stock repurchases were made during the nine months ended March 31, 2018. Through May 4, 2018, the Company cumulatively repurchased approximately 5.2 million shares of Class A Common Stock for an aggregate cost of approximately \$71 million. The remaining authorized amount under the stock repurchase program as of May 4, 2018 was approximately \$429 million. All decisions regarding any future stock repurchases are at the sole discretion of a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors and management. The committee's decisions regarding future stock repurchases will be evaluated from time to time in light of many factors, including the Company's financial condition, earnings, capital requirements and debt facility covenants, other contractual restrictions, as well as legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice, market volatility and other factors that the committee may deem relevant. The stock repurchase authorization may be modified, extended, suspended or discontinued at any time by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors cannot provide any assurances that any additional shares will be repurchased.

**Dividends**

In August 2017, the Board of Directors declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. This dividend was paid on October 18, 2017 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 13, 2017. In February 2018, the Board of Directors declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. This dividend was paid on April 18, 2018 to stockholders of record as of March 14, 2018. The timing, declaration, amount and payment of future dividends to stockholders, if any, is within the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors' decisions regarding the payment of future dividends will depend on many factors, including the Company's financial condition, earnings, capital requirements and debt facility covenants, other contractual restrictions, as well as legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice, market volatility and other factors that the Board of Directors deems relevant.

	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Cash dividend paid per share	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.10

**NOTE 7. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS**

In accordance with ASC 820, fair value measurements are required to be disclosed using a three-tiered fair value hierarchy which distinguishes market participant assumptions into the following categories:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1. The Company could value assets and liabilities included in this level using dealer and broker quotations, certain pricing models, bid prices, quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities. For the Company, this primarily includes the use of forecasted financial information and other valuation related assumptions such as discount rates and long term growth rates in the income approach as well as the market approach which utilizes certain market and transaction multiples.

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Certain assets and liabilities are required to be remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period.

The fair values of investments in available-for-sale securities are determined using the quoted market prices from active markets based on the closing price at the end of each reporting period. These investments are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy outlined above.

The Company has liabilities recorded in its Balance Sheets for its mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests. These liabilities represent management's best estimate of the amounts expected to be paid in accordance with the contractual terms of the underlying acquisition agreements. The fair values of these liabilities are based on the contractual payout formulas included in the acquisition agreements taking into account the expected performance of the business. Any remeasurements of the Company's mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests are recorded through Interest, net in the Statements of Operations. As the fair value does not rely on observable market inputs, the Company classifies these liabilities as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

The following tables summarize those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	As of March 31, 2018				As of June 30, 2017			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
(in millions)								
<b>Assets:</b>								
Available-for-sale securities <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 78	\$	\$	\$ 78	\$ 97	\$	\$	\$ 97
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 78</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 78</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 97</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>								
Mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interests <sup>(b)</sup>	\$	\$	\$ 92	\$ 92	\$	\$	\$ 79	\$ 79
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 79</b>	<b>\$ 79</b>

(a) See Note 4 Investments.

(b) Primarily related to REA Group's mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interest associated with the acquisition of iProperty. The fair value is determined based on formulas specified in the acquisition agreement and REA Group management's expectations of the business performance. The mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interest was redeemed in April 2018 and the amount paid was based on the actual performance of the business against the targets stipulated in the acquisition agreement.

There have been no transfers between levels of the fair value hierarchy during the periods presented.

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A rollforward of the Company's mandatorily redeemable noncontrolling interest liabilities classified as Level 3 is as follows:

	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
Balance - beginning of year	\$ 79	\$ 82
Additions	12	
Payments		
Measurement adjustments		(8)
Accretion	2	3
Foreign exchange movements	(1)	1
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 92</b>	<b>\$ 78</b>

**Nonrecurring Fair Value Measurements**

In addition to assets and liabilities that are remeasured at fair value on a recurring basis, the Company has certain assets, primarily goodwill, intangible assets, equity method investments and property, plant and equipment, that are not required to be remeasured to fair value at the end of each reporting period. On an ongoing basis, the Company monitors whether events occur or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair values of these assets below their carrying amounts. If the Company determines that these assets are impaired, the Company would write down these assets to fair value. These nonrecurring fair value measurements are considered to be Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company recognized a \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of its investment in Foxtel from \$1,588 million to \$631 million. In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, the Company recognized a \$227 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of its investment in Foxtel from \$1,432 million to \$1,205 million. See Note 4 Investments.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company recognized non-cash impairment charges of \$120 million and \$45 million related to goodwill and intangible assets, respectively, at the News America Marketing reporting unit. The carrying value of goodwill at News America Marketing decreased from \$301 million to \$181 million and the carrying value of intangible assets decreased from \$391 million to \$346 million. See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2018, the Company recognized a \$41 million non-cash impairment charge related to goodwill at the FOX SPORTS Australia reporting unit. The carrying value of goodwill at FOX SPORTS Australia decreased from \$490 million to \$449 million. See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges.

In the second quarter of fiscal 2017, the Company recognized non-cash impairment charges of approximately \$310 million primarily related to the write-down of fixed assets at News Corp Australia. The carrying value of fixed assets at News Corp Australia decreased from \$667 million to \$375 million and the carrying value of intangible assets decreased from \$48 million to \$30 million. See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges.

**Other Fair Value Measurements**

As of March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2017, the carrying value of the REA Facility approximates fair value and is classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy.

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The following tables set forth the computation of basic and diluted loss per share under ASC 260, Earnings per Share :

	<b>For the three months ended March 31,</b>		<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(in millions, except per share amounts)</b>			
Net loss	\$ (1,110)	\$	\$ (1,089)	\$ (219)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18)	(5)	(54)	(90)
Less: Redeemable preferred stock dividends <sup>(a)</sup>			(1)	(1)
Net loss available to News Corporation stockholders	\$ (1,128)	\$ (5)	\$ (1,144)	\$ (310)
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding - basic and diluted <sup>(b)</sup>	582.8	581.6	582.6	581.2
Net loss available to News Corporation stockholders per share - basic and diluted	\$ (1.94)	\$ (0.01)	\$ (1.96)	\$ (0.53)

(a) In connection with the Separation, as defined in Note 9, Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. ( 21st Century Fox ) sold 4,000 shares of cumulative redeemable preferred stock with a par value of \$5,000 per share of a newly formed U.S. subsidiary of the Company. The preferred stock pays dividends at a rate of 9.5% per annum, payable quarterly. The preferred stock is callable by the Company at any time after the fifth year and is puttable at the option of the holder after 10 years.

(b) The dilutive impact of the Company's PSUs, RSUs and stock options has been excluded from the calculation of diluted loss per share for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 because their inclusion would have an antidilutive effect on the net loss per share.

**NOTE 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES*****Commitments***

The Company has commitments under certain firm contractual arrangements ( firm commitments ) to make future payments. These firm commitments secure the future rights to various assets and services to be used in the normal course of operations. The Company's commitments as of March 31, 2018 have not changed significantly from the disclosures included in the 2017 Form 10-K.

***Contingencies***



The Company routinely is involved in various legal proceedings, claims and governmental inspections or investigations, including those discussed below. The outcome of these matters and claims is subject to significant uncertainty, and the Company often cannot predict what the eventual outcome of pending matters will be or the timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters. Fees, expenses, fines, penalties, judgments or settlement costs which might be incurred by the Company in connection with the various proceedings could adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition.

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The Company establishes an accrued liability for legal claims when it determines that a loss is both probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Once established, accruals are adjusted from time to time, as appropriate, in light of additional information. The amount of any loss ultimately incurred in relation to matters for which an accrual has been established may be higher or lower than the amounts accrued for such matters. Legal fees associated with litigation and similar proceedings are expensed as incurred. Except as otherwise provided below, for the contingencies disclosed for which there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss may be incurred, the Company was unable to estimate the amount of loss or range of loss. The Company recognizes gain contingencies when the gain becomes realized or realizable.

*News America Marketing*

*Valassis Communications, Inc.*

On November 8, 2013, Valassis Communications, Inc. ( Valassis ) initiated legal proceedings against the Company and/or certain of its subsidiaries alleging violations of various antitrust laws. These proceedings are described in further detail below.

Valassis previously initiated an action against News America Incorporated, News America Marketing FSI L.L.C. and News America Marketing In-Store Services L.L.C. (collectively, the NAM Parties ), captioned Valassis Communications, Inc. v. News America Incorporated, et al., No. 2:06-cv-10240 (E.D. Mich.) ( Valassis I ), alleging violations of federal antitrust laws, which was settled in February 2010. On November 8, 2013, Valassis filed a motion for expedited discovery in the previously settled case based on its belief that defendants had engaged in activities prohibited under an order issued by the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan in connection with the parties' settlement, which motion was granted by the magistrate judge.

Valassis subsequently filed a Notice of Violation of the order issued by the District Court in Valassis I (the Notice ). The Notice re-asserted claims of unlawful bundling and tying which the magistrate judge had previously recommended be dismissed from Valassis II, described below, on the grounds that such claims could only be brought before a panel of antitrust experts previously appointed in Valassis I (the Antitrust Expert Panel ), and sought treble damages, injunctive relief and attorneys' fees on those claims. On March 30, 2016, the District Court ordered that the Notice be referred to the Antitrust Expert Panel.

On November 8, 2013, Valassis also filed a new complaint in the District Court against News Corporation and the NAM Parties (together, the NAM Group ) alleging violations of federal and state antitrust laws and common law business torts ( Valassis II ). The complaint sought treble damages, injunctive relief and attorneys' fees and costs. On December 19, 2013, the NAM Group filed a motion to dismiss the newly filed complaint, and on March 30, 2016, the District Court ordered that Valassis' bundling and tying claims be dismissed without prejudice to Valassis' rights to pursue relief for those claims in Valassis I and that all

remaining claims in the NAM Group's motion to dismiss be referred to the Antitrust Expert Panel. The Antitrust Expert Panel was convened and, on February 8, 2017, recommended that Valassis I be dismissed and the NAM Group's counterclaims in Valassis II be dismissed with leave to replead three of the four counterclaims. The NAM Group filed an amended counterclaim on February 27, 2017. Valassis did not object to the Antitrust Expert Panel's recommendation to dismiss Valassis I, but it filed motions with the District Court asserting that the referral of Valassis II to the Antitrust Expert Panel was no longer valid and seeking either to re-open Valassis II in the District Court or to transfer the case to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York (the N.Y. District Court). On September 25, 2017, the District Court dismissed Valassis I, granted Valassis's motions and transferred Valassis II to the N.Y. District Court. On April 13, 2018, the NAM Group filed a motion for summary judgment dismissing Valassis II with the N.Y. District Court. While it is not possible at this time to predict with any degree of certainty the ultimate outcome of this action, the NAM Group believes it has been compliant with applicable laws and intends to defend itself vigorously.

#### *In-Store Marketing and FSI Purchasers*

On February 29, 2016, the parties agreed to settle the litigation in the N.Y. District Court in which The Dial Corporation, Henkel Consumer Goods, Inc., H.J. Heinz Company, H.J. Heinz Company, L.P., Foster Poultry Farms, Smithfield Foods, Inc., HP Hood LLC and BEF Foods, Inc. alleged various claims under federal and state antitrust law against the NAM Group. Pursuant to the terms of the settlement, the NAM Group paid the settlement amount of approximately \$250 million during the quarter ended September 30, 2016, and the litigation was subsequently dismissed with prejudice. The NAM Group also settled related claims for approximately \$30 million in February 2016.

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*U.K. Newspaper Matters*

Civil claims have been brought against the Company with respect to, among other things, voicemail interception and inappropriate payments to public officials at the Company's former publication, *The News of the World*, and at *The Sun*, and related matters (the "U.K. Newspaper Matters"). The Company has admitted liability in many civil cases and has settled a number of cases. The Company also settled a number of claims through a private compensation scheme which was closed to new claims after April 8, 2013.

In connection with the separation of the Company's businesses (the "Separation") from 21st Century Fox on June 28, 2013 (the "Distribution Date"), the Company and 21st Century Fox agreed in the Separation and Distribution Agreement that 21st Century Fox would indemnify the Company for payments made after the Distribution Date arising out of civil claims and investigations relating to the U.K. Newspaper Matters as well as legal and professional fees and expenses paid in connection with the previously concluded criminal matters, other than fees, expenses and costs relating to employees (i) who are not directors, officers or certain designated employees or (ii) with respect to civil matters, who are not co-defendants with the Company or 21st Century Fox. 21st Century Fox's indemnification obligations with respect to these matters will be settled on an after-tax basis.

The net expense (benefit) related to the U.K. Newspaper Matters in Selling, general and administrative expenses was \$2 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, and (\$38) million and \$6 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. As of March 31, 2018, the Company has provided for its best estimate of the liability for the claims that have been filed and costs incurred, including liabilities associated with employment taxes, and has accrued approximately \$59 million. The amount to be indemnified by 21st Century Fox of approximately \$59 million was recorded as a receivable in Other current assets on the Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2018. The net benefit for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and the accrual and receivable recorded as of that date reflect a \$46 million impact from the reversal of a portion of the Company's previously accrued liability and the corresponding receivable from 21st Century Fox as the result of an agreement reached with the relevant tax authority with respect to certain employment taxes. It is not possible to estimate the liability or corresponding receivable for any additional claims that may be filed given the information that is currently available to the Company. If more claims are filed and additional information becomes available, the Company will update the liability provision and corresponding receivable for such matters.

The Company is not able to predict the ultimate outcome or cost of the civil claims. It is possible that these proceedings and any adverse resolution thereof could damage its reputation, impair its ability to conduct its business and adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition.

*Other*

The Company's tax returns are subject to on-going review and examination by various tax authorities. Tax authorities may not agree with the treatment of items reported in the Company's tax returns, and therefore the outcome of tax reviews and examinations can be unpredictable. The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of uncertain tax matters and believes such liabilities represent a reasonable provision for taxes ultimately expected to be paid; however, these liabilities may need to be adjusted as new information becomes known and as tax

examinations continue to progress. As subsidiaries of 21st Century Fox prior to the Separation, the Company and each of its domestic subsidiaries have joint and several liability with 21st Century Fox for the consolidated U.S. federal income taxes of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group relating to any taxable periods during which the Company or any of the Company's domestic subsidiaries were a member of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group. Consequently, the Company could be liable in the event any such liability is incurred, and not discharged, by any other member of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group. In conjunction with the Separation, the Company entered into the Tax Sharing and Indemnification Agreement with 21st Century Fox, which requires 21st Century Fox to indemnify the Company for any such liability. Disputes or assessments could arise during future audits by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) or other taxing authorities in amounts that the Company cannot quantify.

The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of uncertain tax matters and believes such liabilities represent a reasonable provision for taxes ultimately expected to be paid, however, the Company may need to accrue additional income tax expense and our liability may need to be adjusted as new information becomes known and as these tax examinations continue to progress, or as settlements or litigations occur.

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At the end of each interim period, the Company estimates the annual effective tax rate and applies that rate to its ordinary quarterly earnings. The tax expense or benefit related to significant, unusual or extraordinary items that will be separately reported or reported net of their related tax effect are individually computed and recognized in the interim period in which those items occur. In addition, the effects of changes in enacted tax laws or rates or tax status are recognized in the interim period in which the change occurs.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$3 million on a pre-tax loss of \$1,107 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and the U.S., and valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$292 million on a pre-tax loss of \$797 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and the U.S., valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses and the tax charge resulting from the enactment of the Tax Act which caused an increase in income tax expense of \$174 million as discussed below.

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. government-enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. The Tax Act includes significant changes to the U.S. corporate income tax system including, among other things, lowering the U.S. statutory federal tax rate to 21% and implementing a territorial tax system. As the Company has a June 30 fiscal year-end, the impact of the lower tax rate will be phased in resulting in a U.S. statutory federal tax rate of approximately 28% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and a 21% U.S. statutory federal tax rate for fiscal years thereafter. The Tax Act also adds many new provisions, some of which do not apply until fiscal 2019, including changes to bonus depreciation, limits on the deductions for executive compensation and interest expense, a tax on global intangible low-taxed income ( GILTI ), the base erosion anti-abuse tax and a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income. The Company is assessing the impact of the provisions of the Tax Act which do not apply until fiscal 2019 and has elected to account for the tax on GILTI as a period cost and thus has not adjusted any net deferred tax assets of its foreign subsidiaries for the new tax.

There are certain transitional impacts of the Tax Act. As part of the transition to the new territorial tax system, the Tax Act imposes a tax on the mandatory deemed repatriation of earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. In addition, the reduction of the U.S. statutory federal tax rate caused the Company to re-measure its U.S. deferred tax assets and liabilities. In accordance with ASC 740, Income Taxes, the Company recorded the effects of the tax law change during the quarter ended December 31, 2017, which resulted in a provisional charge of \$174 million comprised of an estimated deemed repatriation tax charge of \$34 million and an estimated deferred tax charge of \$140 million due to the re-measurement of the Company's net U.S. deferred tax assets.

The changes included in the Tax Act are broad and complex. In March 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-05 which provides guidance for companies related to the Tax Act. ASU 2018-05 allows for a measurement period of up to one year after the enactment date of the Tax Act to finalize the recording of the related tax impacts. The Company's accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act will be completed during this measurement period. The final transition impacts of the Tax Act may differ from the above estimate, possibly materially, due to, among other things, changes in interpretations of the Tax Act, any legislative action to address questions that arise because of the Tax Act, any changes in accounting standards for income taxes or related interpretations in response to the Tax Act, or any updates or changes to estimates the Company has utilized to calculate the transition impacts, including impacts from changes to current year earnings estimates and foreign exchange rates of foreign subsidiaries.

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$45 million on pre-tax income of \$45 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was primarily due to valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses.

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For the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$12 million on a pre-tax loss of \$207 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit of \$121 million on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses, offset by lower taxes on the sale of REA Group's European business.

Management assesses available evidence to determine whether sufficient future taxable income will be generated to permit the use of existing deferred tax assets. Based on management's assessment of available evidence, it has been determined that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets in certain foreign jurisdictions may not be realized and therefore, a valuation allowance has been established against those tax assets.

The Company's tax returns are subject to on-going review and examination by various tax authorities. Tax authorities may not agree with the treatment of items reported in our tax returns, and therefore the outcome of tax reviews and examinations can be unpredictable. The IRS commenced an audit of the Company's federal corporate income tax return for the fiscal year ended June 2014 in February 2018. The Company is also currently undergoing tax examinations in several states and foreign jurisdictions.

The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of uncertain tax matters and believes such liabilities represent a reasonable provision for taxes ultimately expected to be paid, however, the Company may need to accrue additional income tax expense and our liability may need to be adjusted as new information becomes known and as these tax examinations continue to progress, or as settlements or litigations occur.

The Company paid gross income taxes of \$116 million and \$89 million during the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 and received tax refunds of \$6 million and \$1 million, respectively.

**NOTE 11. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The Company manages and reports its businesses in the following five segments:

***News and Information Services*** The News and Information Services segment includes the Company's global print, digital and broadcast radio media platforms. These product offerings include the global print and digital versions of *The Wall Street Journal* and the Dow Jones Media Group, which includes *Barron's* and MarketWatch, as well as the Company's suite of professional information products, including Factiva, Dow Jones Risk & Compliance, Dow Jones Newswires, Dow Jones PEVC and DJX. The Company also owns, among other publications, *The Australian*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Herald Sun* and *The Courier Mail* in Australia, *The Times*, *The Sunday Times*, *The Sun* and *The Sun on Sunday* in the U.K. and the *New York Post* in the U.S. This segment also includes News America Marketing, a leading provider of home-delivered shopper media, in-store marketing products and services and digital marketing solutions, including Checkout 51's mobile application, as well as Unruly, a leading global video advertising distribution platform, Wireless Group, operator of talkSPORT, the leading sports radio network in the U.K., and Storyful, a social media



content agency.

**Book Publishing** The Book Publishing segment consists of HarperCollins, the second largest consumer book publisher in the world, with operations in 18 countries and particular strengths in general fiction, nonfiction, children's and religious publishing. HarperCollins owns more than 120 branded publishing imprints, including Harper, William Morrow, HarperCollins Children's Books, Avon, Harlequin and Christian publishers Zondervan and Thomas Nelson, and publishes works by well-known authors such as Harper Lee, Patricia Cornwell, Chip and Joanna Gaines, Rick Warren, Sarah Young and Agatha Christie and popular titles such as *The Hobbit*, *Goodnight Moon*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, *Jesus Calling* and *Hillbilly Elegy*.

**Digital Real Estate Services** The Digital Real Estate Services segment consists of the Company's interests in REA Group, Move and DIAKRIT. REA Group is a publicly traded company listed on the Australian Securities Exchange (ASX: REA) that advertises property and property-related services on its websites and mobile applications across Australia and Asia, including iProperty.com. REA Group operates Australia's leading residential and commercial property websites, realestate.com.au and realcommercial.com.au. The Company holds a 61.6% interest in REA Group.

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Move is a leading provider of online real estate services in the U.S. and primarily operates realtor.com®, a premier real estate information and services marketplace. Move offers real estate advertising solutions to agents and brokers, including its Connections<sup>SM</sup> for Buyers and Advantage<sup>SM</sup> Pro products. Move also offers a number of professional software and services products, including Top Producer®, FiveStreet® and ListHub<sup>TM</sup>. The Company owns an 80% interest in Move, with the remaining 20% being held by REA Group.

**Cable Network Programming** The Cable Network Programming segment consists of FOX SPORTS Australia and Australian News Channel Pty Ltd ( ANC ). FOX SPORTS Australia is the leading sports programming provider in Australia, with eight high definition television channels distributed via cable, satellite and IP, several interactive viewing applications and broadcast rights to live sporting events in Australia including: National Rugby League, the domestic football league, international cricket, Australian Rugby Union and various motorsports programming.

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**Other** The Other segment consists primarily of general corporate overhead expenses, the corporate Strategy and Creative Group and costs related to the U.K. Newspaper Matters. The Company's corporate Strategy and Creative Group is responsible for identifying new products and services across its businesses to increase revenues and profitability and to target and assess potential acquisitions, investments and dispositions.

Segment EBITDA is defined as revenues less operating expenses and selling, general and administrative expenses. Segment EBITDA does not include: depreciation and amortization, impairment and restructuring charges, equity losses of affiliates, interest, net, other, net, income tax (expense) benefit and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. Segment EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies, since companies and investors may differ as to what items should be included in the calculation of Segment EBITDA.

Segment EBITDA is the primary measure used by the Company's chief operating decision maker to evaluate the performance of and allocate resources within the Company's businesses. Segment EBITDA provides management, investors and equity analysts with a measure to analyze the operating performance of each of the Company's business segments and its enterprise value against historical data and competitors' data, although historical results may not be indicative of future results (as operating performance is highly contingent on many factors, including customer tastes and preferences).

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**For the three months ended for the nine months ended**  
**March 31, March 31,**  
**2018 2017 2018 2017**  
**(in millions)**

<b>Revenues:</b>				
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
News and Information Services	\$ 1,286	\$ 1,263	\$ 3,825	\$ 3,788
Book Publishing	398	374	1,268	1,229
Digital Real Estate Services	279	219	842	687
Cable Network Programming	129	122	394	354
Other	1		2	1
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>\$ 2,093</b>	<b>\$ 1,978</b>	<b>\$ 6,331</b>	<b>\$ 6,059</b>
<b>Segment EBITDA:</b>				
News and Information Services	\$ 85	\$ 123	\$ 298	\$ 311
Book Publishing	43	37	173	160
Digital Real Estate Services	88	75	302	237
Cable Network Programming	16	34	76	99
Other	(50)	(54)	(89)	(137)
Depreciation and amortization	(100)	(109)	(297)	(349)
Impairment and restructuring charges	(246)	(33)	(273)	(409)
Equity losses of affiliates	(974)	(23)	(1,002)	(276)
Interest, net	2	8	9	30
Other, net	29	(13)	6	127
<b>(Loss) income before income tax expense</b>	<b>(1,107)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>(797)</b>	<b>(207)</b>
<b>Income tax expense</b>	<b>(3)</b>	<b>(45)</b>	<b>(292)</b>	<b>(12)</b>
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ (1,110)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ (1,089)</b>	<b>\$ (219)</b>

**As of As of**  
**March 31, 2018 June 30, 2017**  
**(in millions)**

<b>Total assets:</b>			
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>	
News and Information Services	\$ 6,286	\$ 6,142	
Book Publishing	1,853	1,845	
Digital Real Estate Services	2,175	2,307	
Cable Network Programming	1,054	1,194	
Other <sup>(a)</sup>	1,047	1,037	
Investments	957	2,027	

Total assets	\$ 13,372	\$ 14,552
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(a) The Other segment primarily includes Cash and cash equivalents.

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	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2017
	(in millions)	
Goodwill and intangible assets, net:		
News and Information Services	\$ 2,801	\$ 2,952
Book Publishing	835	835
Digital Real Estate Services	1,458	1,420
Cable Network Programming	856	912
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 5,950	\$ 6,119

## NOTE 12. ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

*Receivables, net*

Receivables are presented net of an allowance for returns and doubtful accounts, which is an estimate of amounts that may not be collectible. In determining the allowance for returns, management analyzes historical returns, current economic trends and changes in customer demand and acceptance of the Company's products. Based on this information, management reserves a certain portion of revenues that provide the customer with the right of return. The allowance for doubtful accounts is estimated based on historical experience, receivable aging, current economic trends and specific identification of certain receivables that are at risk of not being collected.

Receivables, net consist of:

	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2017
	(in millions)	
Receivables	\$ 1,532	\$ 1,484
Allowance for sales returns	(165)	(166)
Allowances for doubtful accounts	(39)	(42)
Receivables, net	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,276

The Company's receivables did not contain significant concentrations of credit risk as of March 31, 2018 or June 30, 2017 due to the wide variety of customers, markets and geographic areas to which the Company's products and services are sold.

*Other Current Assets*

The following table sets forth the components of Other current assets:

	<b>As of March 31, 2018</b>	<b>As of June 30, 2017</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
Inventory <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 224	\$ 208
Amounts due from 21st Century Fox	59	82
Prepayments and other current assets	263	233
Total Other current assets	\$ 546	\$ 523

<sup>(a)</sup> Inventory at March 31, 2018 and June 30, 2017 was primarily comprised of books, newsprint, printing ink and programming rights.

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*Other Non-Current Assets*

The following table sets forth the components of Other non-current assets:

	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2017
	(in millions)	
Royalty advances to authors	\$ 319	\$ 298
Other	148	144
<b>Total Other non-current assets</b>	<b>\$ 467</b>	<b>\$ 442</b>

*Other Current Liabilities*

The following table sets forth the components of Other current liabilities:

	As of March 31, 2018	As of June 30, 2017
	(in millions)	
Current tax payable	\$ 40	\$ 39
Royalties and commissions payable	187	152
Current portion of long-term debt	92	103
Other	247	306
<b>Total Other current liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 566</b>	<b>\$ 600</b>

*Other, net*

The following table sets forth the components of Other, net:

	For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017	March 31, 2018	March 31, 2017
	(in millions)			
Gain on sale of SEEKAsia <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 32	\$	\$ 32	\$
Gain on sale of REA Group's European business		(13)		107

Write-down of available-for-sale securities <sup>(b)</sup>	(3)		(33)	(21)
Gain on sale of other businesses				11
Gain on sale of equity method investments				17
Other, net			7	13
<b>Total Other, net</b>	<b>\$ 29</b>	<b>\$ (13)</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>\$ 127</b>

- (a) During the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company sold its investment in SEEKAsia for \$122 million in cash and recognized a \$32 million gain in Other, net.
- (b) For the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and for the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the write-downs of available-for-sale securities were reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss and included in Other, net in the Statement of Operations.



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**NOTE 13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

*Foxtel and Fox Sports Australia Combination*

In March 2018, News Corp and Telstra entered into a definitive agreement to combine their respective 50% interests in Foxtel and News Corp's 100% interest in FOX SPORTS Australia into a new company. Following completion of the transaction in April 2018, News Corp owns a 65% interest in the combined company, and Telstra owns the remaining 35%. The combination will allow Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia to leverage their media platforms and content to improve services for consumers and advertisers. The results of the combined business will be reported within the new Subscription Video Services segment and it will be considered a separate reporting unit for purposes of the Company's annual goodwill impairment review. Foxtel's outstanding debt of approximately \$1.7 billion as of March 31, 2018 will be included in the Balance Sheets beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the purchase accounting implications, and as a result, disclosures required under ASC 805-10-50-2(h) cannot be made at this time. The Company is required to revalue its pre-existing contractual arrangements between Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia as part of purchase accounting, which is expected to result in a write-off of its channel distribution agreement intangible asset at the time of acquisition. As of March 31, 2018, the channel distribution agreement intangible asset carrying value was \$322 million.

*Hometrack Australia Pty Ltd*

In May 2018, REA Group entered into an agreement to acquire Hometrack Australia Pty Ltd ( Hometrack Australia ) for A\$130 million (approximately \$100 million) in cash, which will be funded with a mix of cash on hand and debt of A\$70 million (approximately \$55 million). The acquisition is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory approval. Hometrack Australia is a residential property data company and will allow REA Group to deliver more property data and insights to its customers and consumers. Hometrack Australia will be a subsidiary of REA Group and its results will be included within the Digital Real Estate Services segment.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

*This document, including the following discussion and analysis, contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. All statements that are not statements of historical fact are forward-looking statements. The words expect, estimate, anticipate, predict, believe and similar expressions and variations thereof are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements appear in a number of places in this discussion and analysis and include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of the Company, its directors or its officers with respect to, among other things, trends affecting the Company's financial condition or results of operations and the outcome of contingencies such as litigation and investigations. Readers are cautioned that any forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks and uncertainties. More information regarding these risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements is set forth under the heading Risk Factors in Part I, Item 1A in News Corporation's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on August 14, 2017 (the 2017 Form 10-K), and as may be updated in this and other subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. The Company does not ordinarily make projections of its future operating results and undertakes no obligation (and expressly disclaims any obligation) to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law. Readers should carefully review this document and the other documents filed by the Company with the SEC. This section should be read together with the unaudited consolidated financial statements of News Corporation and related notes set forth elsewhere herein and the audited consolidated financial statements of News Corporation and related notes set forth in the 2017 Form 10-K.*

**INTRODUCTION**

News Corporation (together with its subsidiaries, News Corporation, News Corp, the Company, we, or us) is a diversified media and information services company comprised of businesses across a range of media, including: news and information services, book publishing, digital real estate services, cable network programming in Australia and pay-TV distribution in Australia.

The unaudited consolidated financial statements are referred to herein as the Consolidated Financial Statements. The consolidated statements of operations are referred to herein as the Statements of Operations. The consolidated balance sheets are referred to herein as the Balance Sheets. The consolidated statements of cash flows are referred to herein as the Statements of Cash Flows. The Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (GAAP).

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is intended to help provide an understanding of the Company's financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations. This discussion is organized as follows:

**Overview of the Company's Business** - This section provides a general description of the Company's businesses, as well as developments that occurred to date during fiscal 2018 that the Company believes are important in understanding its results of operations and financial condition or to disclose known trends.

***Results of Operations*** - This section provides an analysis of the Company's results of operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017. This analysis is presented on both a consolidated basis and a segment basis. In addition, a brief description is provided of significant transactions and events that impact the comparability of the results being analyzed.

***Liquidity and Capital Resources*** - This section provides an analysis of the Company's cash flows for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, as well as a discussion of the Company's financial arrangements and outstanding commitments, both firm and contingent, that existed as of March 31, 2018.

**Table of Contents****OVERVIEW OF THE COMPANY'S BUSINESSES**

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**Other** The Other segment consists primarily of general corporate overhead expenses, the corporate Strategy and Creative Group and costs related to the U.K. Newspaper Matters (as defined in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements). The Company's corporate Strategy and Creative Group is responsible for identifying new products and services across its businesses to increase revenues and profitability and to target and assess potential acquisitions, investments and dispositions.

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**Table of Contents****Other Business Developments**

In July 2017, REA Group acquired an 80.3% interest in Smartline Home Loans Pty Limited ( Smartline ) for approximately A\$70 million in cash (approximately \$55 million). The minority shareholders have the option to sell the remaining 19.7% interest to REA Group beginning three years after closing at a price dependent on the financial performance of Smartline. If the option is not exercised, the minority interest will become mandatorily redeemable four years after closing. As a result, REA Group recognized a liability of \$12 million in the three months ended September 30, 2017 for the present value of the amount expected to be paid for the remaining interest based on the formula specified in the acquisition agreement. Smartline is one of Australia's premier mortgage broking franchise groups, and the acquisition provides REA Group's financial services business with greater scale and capability. Smartline is a subsidiary of REA Group, and its results are included within the Digital Real Estate Services segment.

In March 2018, News Corp and Telstra entered into a definitive agreement to combine their respective 50% interests in Foxtel and News Corp's 100% interest in FOX SPORTS Australia into a new company. Following completion of the transaction in April 2018, News Corp owns a 65% interest in the combined company, and Telstra owns the remaining 35%. The combination will allow Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia to leverage their media platforms and content to improve services for consumers and advertisers. The results of the combined business will be reported within the new Subscription Video Services segment and it will be considered a separate reporting unit for purposes of the Company's annual goodwill impairment review. Foxtel's outstanding debt of approximately \$1.7 billion as of March 31, 2018 will be included in the Balance Sheets beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2018. The Company is currently in the process of evaluating the purchase accounting implications, and as a result, disclosures required under ASC 805-10-50-2(h) cannot be made at this time. The Company is required to revalue its pre-existing contractual arrangements between Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia as part of purchase accounting, which is expected to result in a write-off of its channel distribution agreement intangible asset at the time of acquisition. As of March 31, 2018, the channel distribution agreement intangible asset carrying value was \$322 million.

**Table of Contents****RESULTS OF OPERATIONS****Results of Operations For the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 versus the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017**

The following table sets forth the Company's operating results for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017.

(in millions, except %)	For the three months ended March 31,				For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	%	2018	2017	Change	%
			Better/(Worse)				Better/(Worse)	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Advertising	\$ 687	\$ 705	\$ (18)	(3)%	\$ 2,059	\$ 2,123	\$ (64)	(3)%
Circulation and subscription	659	618	41	7%	1,947	1,834	113	6%
Consumer	381	359	22	6%	1,220	1,183	37	3%
Real estate	208	168	40	24%	633	525	108	21%
Other	158	128	30	23%	472	394	78	20%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>2,093</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>6,331</b>	<b>6,059</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>4%</b>
Operating expenses	(1,151)	(1,101)	(50)	(5)%	(3,439)	(3,384)	(55)	(2)%
Selling, general and administrative	(760)	(662)	(98)	(15)%	(2,132)	(2,005)	(127)	(6)%
Depreciation and amortization	(100)	(109)	9	8%	(297)	(349)	52	15%
Impairment and restructuring charges	(246)	(33)	(213)	**	(273)	(409)	136	33%
Equity losses of affiliates	(974)	(23)	(951)	**	(1,002)	(276)	(726)	**
Interest, net	2	8	(6)	(75)%	9	30	(21)	(70)%
Other, net	29	(13)	42	**	6	127	(121)	(95)%
<b>(Loss) Income before income tax expense</b>	<b>(1,107)</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>(1,152)</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>(797)</b>	<b>(207)</b>	<b>(590)</b>	<b>**</b>
Income tax expense	(3)	(45)	42	93%	(292)	(12)	(280)	**
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>(1,110)</b>		<b>(1,110)</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>(1,089)</b>	<b>(219)</b>	<b>(870)</b>	<b>**</b>
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(18)	(5)	(13)	**	(54)	(90)	36	40%
<b>Net loss attributable to News Corporation</b>	<b>\$ (1,128)</b>	<b>\$ (5)</b>	<b>\$ (1,123)</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>\$ (1,143)</b>	<b>\$ (309)</b>	<b>\$ (834)</b>	<b>**</b>

\*\* not meaningful

**Revenues** Revenues increased \$115 million, or 6%, and \$272 million, or 4%, for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017.

The revenue increase for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to higher revenues at the Digital Real Estate Services segment of \$60 million, mainly due to higher revenues at both REA Group and Move, as well as an increase at the Book Publishing segment of \$24 million primarily due to higher sales in the general and Christian books categories and the positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Revenue at the News and Information Services segment increased \$23 million primarily due to the positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations and higher circulation and subscription revenues, partially offset by lower advertising revenues. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a Revenue increase of \$70 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The Company calculates the impact of foreign currency fluctuations for businesses reporting in currencies other than the U.S. dollar by multiplying the results for each quarter in the current period by the difference between the average exchange rate for that quarter and the average exchange rate in effect during the corresponding quarter of the prior year and totaling the impact for all quarters in the current period.



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The revenue increase for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to higher revenues at the Digital Real Estate Services segment of \$155 million, mainly due to higher revenues at both REA Group and Move, as well as an increase at the Cable Network Programming segment of \$40 million, primarily due to the acquisition of ANC. Revenues at the Book Publishing segment increased \$39 million primarily due to the positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations and strong frontlist and backlist sales in the general books category and in the U.K. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a Revenue increase of \$143 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

**Operating Expenses** Operating expenses increased \$50 million, or 5%, and \$55 million, or 2%, for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017.

The increase in Operating expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was mainly due to an increase in operating expenses at the Cable Network Programming segment of \$22 million, largely due to the timing of programming amortization related to the launch of a dedicated National Rugby League channel at FOX SPORTS Australia and higher National Rugby League programming rights costs. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in an Operating expense increase of \$35 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

The increase in Operating expenses for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 was mainly due to an increase in operating expenses at the Cable Network Programming segment of \$50 million, primarily due to the acquisition of ANC, the timing of programming amortization related to the launch of a dedicated National Rugby League channel at FOX SPORTS Australia and higher National Rugby League programming rights costs. This increase was partially offset by lower operating expenses at the News and Information Services segment of \$23 million, mainly as a result of lower costs at News America Marketing associated with lower revenues, lower newsprint, production, and distribution costs and the impact of cost savings initiatives, partially offset by the \$48 million negative impact of foreign currency fluctuations and the impact of the acquisitions of Australian Regional Media ( ARM ) and Wireless Group. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in an Operating expense increase of \$70 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

**Selling, general and administrative expenses** Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$98 million, or 15%, and \$127 million, or 6%, for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017.

The increase in Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was mainly due to increased expenses of \$49 million at the News and Information Services segment primarily due to the \$24 million negative impact of foreign currency fluctuations and the absence of a \$12 million adjustment to the deferred consideration accrual related to the acquisition of Unruly which did not recur in the current year period. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$38 million at the Digital Real Estate Services segment primarily due to higher costs associated with higher revenues and increased marketing costs at Move. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a Selling, general and administrative expense increase of \$30 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

The increase in Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to higher expenses of \$74 million at the Digital Real Estate Services segment, primarily due to higher costs associated with higher revenues and increased marketing costs. Selling, general and administrative expenses at the News and Information Services segment increased \$73 million primarily due to the \$44 million negative impact of foreign currency fluctuations and higher employee costs, primarily in the U.S. These increases were partially offset by

the \$46 million impact from the reversal of a portion of the previously accrued liability for the U.K. Newspaper Matters and the corresponding receivable from 21st Century Fox as the result of an agreement reached with the relevant tax authority with respect to certain employment taxes in the first quarter of fiscal 2018. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a Selling, general and administrative expense increase of \$57 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

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**Depreciation and amortization** Depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$9 million, or 8%, and \$52 million, or 15%, for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017 primarily due to the write-down of fixed assets at the Australian and U.K. newspapers in fiscal 2017.

**Impairment and restructuring charges** During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$21 million and \$48 million, respectively. During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$21 million and \$88 million, respectively.

During the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized non-cash impairment charges of \$225 million primarily related to the impairment of goodwill and intangible assets at the News America Marketing reporting unit and impairment of goodwill at the FOX SPORTS Australia reporting unit.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recognized a non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$310 million primarily related to the write-down of fixed assets at the Australian newspapers in the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

The Company continually evaluates whether current factors or indicators require the performance of an interim impairment assessment of goodwill, long-lived assets and investments. The valuation of goodwill and long-lived assets requires assumptions and estimates of many factors, including revenue and market growth, operating cash flows, market multiples and discount rates. In the quarter ended March 31, 2018, the Company revised its future outlook for its News America Marketing and FOX SPORTS Australia reporting units. The reduction in expected future cash flows for News America Marketing was the result of adverse trends on the future expected performance of the business. The reduction in expected future cash flows for FOX SPORTS Australia was the result of lower-than-expected revenues at Foxtel, upon which FOX SPORTS Australia's revenues are heavily predicated. See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

Based on the revised future outlooks, the Company determined that these reporting units have goodwill that is considered to be at risk for future impairment because they were written down to fair value as of March 31, 2018. Including those reporting units disclosed in the 2017 Form 10-K, the News and Information Services and Cable Network Programming segments have reporting units with goodwill of approximately \$2.1 billion at March 31, 2018 that are at risk for future impairment, of which \$1.6 billion relates to the News and Information Services segment and \$0.5 billion relates to the Cable Network Programming segment.

**Equity losses of affiliates** Equity losses of affiliates increased \$951 million and \$726 million for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017. The increase in losses for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to a \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of the Company's investment in Foxtel due to lower-than-expected revenues from certain new products and broadcast subscribers. Any significant shortfall of the expected future cash flows of Foxtel could result in additional write-downs for which non-cash charges would be required. For the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the increase was partially offset by the absence of the \$227 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of the Company's investment in Foxtel during the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

**For the three months ended March 31, 2018**    **2017**    **Change**    **% Change**    **For the nine months ended March 31, 2018**    **2017**    **Change**    **% Change**

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(in millions, except %)	<b>Better/(Worse)</b>				<b>Better/(Worse)</b>			
Foxtel <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ (970)	\$ (16)	\$ (954)	**	\$ (974)	\$ (260)	\$ (714)	**
Other equity affiliates, net <sup>(b)</sup>	(4)	(7)	3	43%	(28)	(16)	(12)	(75)%
<b>Total Equity losses of affiliates</b>	<b>\$ (974)</b>	<b>\$ (23)</b>	<b>\$ (951)</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>\$ (1,002)</b>	<b>\$ (276)</b>	<b>\$ (726)</b>	<b>**</b>

(a) The three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and the nine months ended March 31, 2017 include the write-downs discussed above. See Note 4 Investments in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

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In accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles Goodwill and Other, the Company amortized \$17 million and \$49 million related to excess cost over the Company's proportionate share of its investments underlying net assets allocated to finite-lived intangible assets during the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to \$16 million and \$53 million in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2017, respectively. Such amortization is reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations. See Note 4 Investments in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

(b) During the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recognized \$13 million in non-cash write-downs of certain equity method investments carrying values. The write-downs are reflected in Equity losses of affiliates in the Statements of Operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018.

Foxtel's revenues were \$1,818 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$7 million as compared to revenues of \$1,811 million for the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase was the result of the positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as revenues decreased 3% in local currency. Operating income decreased to \$155 million from \$263 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to higher Australian Football League and other sports rights costs of \$65 million, lower revenues in local currency and higher depreciation and amortization, partially offset by lower sales and marketing costs. Net income increased to \$64 million from \$40 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 mainly due to the absence of losses associated with Foxtel management's decision to cease Presto operations in January 2017, the absence of losses associated with the change in the fair value of Foxtel's investment in Ten Network Holdings and lower interest expense, partially offset by the lower operating income discussed above.

**Interest, net** Interest, net decreased \$6 million and \$21 million for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017 primarily due to lower interest income due to the repayment of the Foxtel shareholder note in the first quarter of fiscal 2018 (See Note 4 Investments in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements) and the absence of an adjustment of the deferred consideration related to REA Group's acquisition of iProperty recognized in the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

**Other, net** Other, net increased \$42 million and decreased \$121 million for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, as compared to the corresponding periods of fiscal 2017. See Note 12 Additional Financial Information in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

**Income tax expense** For the three months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$3 million on a pre-tax loss of \$1,107 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and the U.S., and valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$292 million on a pre-tax loss of \$797 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and the U.S., valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses and the tax charge resulting from the enactment of the Tax Act (defined below) which caused an increase in income tax expense of \$174 million as discussed below.

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. government-enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act). The Tax Act includes significant changes to the U.S. corporate income tax system

including, among other things, lowering the U.S. statutory federal tax rate to 21% and implementing a territorial tax system. As the Company has a June 30 fiscal year-end, the impact of the lower tax rate will be phased in resulting in a U.S. statutory federal tax rate of approximately 28% for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and a 21% U.S. statutory federal tax rate for fiscal years thereafter. The Tax Act also adds many new provisions, some of which do not apply until fiscal 2019, including changes to bonus depreciation, limits on the deductions for executive compensation and interest expense, a tax on global intangible low-taxed income ( GILTI ), the base erosion anti-abuse tax and a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income. The Company is assessing the impact of the provisions of the Tax Act which do not apply until fiscal 2019 and has elected to account for the tax on GILTI as a period cost and thus has not adjusted any net deferred tax assets of its foreign subsidiaries for the new tax.

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There are certain transitional impacts of the Tax Act. As part of the transition to the new territorial tax system, the Tax Act imposes a tax on the mandatory deemed repatriation of earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. In addition, the reduction of the U.S. statutory federal tax rate caused the Company to re-measure its U.S. deferred tax assets and liabilities. In accordance with ASC 740, *Income Taxes*, the Company recorded the effects of the tax law change during the quarter ended December 31, 2017, which resulted in a provisional charge of \$174 million comprised of an estimated deemed repatriation tax charge of \$34 million and an estimated deferred tax charge of \$140 million due to the re-measurement of the Company's net U.S. deferred tax assets.

The changes included in the Tax Act are broad and complex. In March 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-05 which provides guidance for companies related to the Tax Act. ASU 2018-05 allows for a measurement period of up to one year after the enactment date of the Tax Act to finalize the recording of the related tax impacts. The Company's accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act will be completed during this measurement period. The final transition impacts of the Tax Act may differ from the above estimate, possibly materially, due to, among other things, changes in interpretations of the Tax Act, any legislative action to address questions that arise because of the Tax Act, any changes in accounting standards for income taxes or related interpretations in response to the Tax Act, or any updates or changes to estimates the Company has utilized to calculate the transition impacts, including impacts from changes to current year earnings estimates and foreign exchange rates of foreign subsidiaries.

For the three months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$45 million on pre-tax income of \$45 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was higher than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The higher tax rate was primarily due to valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company recorded a tax charge of \$12 million on a pre-tax loss of \$207 million resulting in an effective tax rate that was lower than the U.S. statutory tax rate. The lower tax rate was primarily due to a lower net tax benefit of \$121 million on the non-cash write-down of assets and investments in Australia and valuation allowances being recorded against tax benefits in certain foreign jurisdictions with operating losses, offset by lower taxes on the sale of REA Group's European business.

Management assesses available evidence to determine whether sufficient future taxable income will be generated to permit the use of existing deferred tax assets. Based on management's assessment of available evidence, it has been determined that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets in certain foreign jurisdictions may not be realized and therefore, a valuation allowance has been established against those tax assets.

**Net loss** Net loss increased by \$1,110 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to higher equity losses of affiliates resulting from the \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of the Company's investment in Foxtel and non-cash impairment charges of \$225 million primarily at the News America Marketing and FOX SPORTS Australia reporting units.

Net loss for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 increased \$870 million as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to higher equity losses of affiliates resulting from the \$957 million non-cash write-down of the carrying value of the Company's investment in Foxtel, non-cash impairment charges of \$225 million primarily at the News America Marketing and FOX SPORTS Australia reporting units, the negative impact of the Tax Act and lower Other, net, partially offset by the absence of the non-cash impairment charge of approximately \$310 million primarily related to the write-down of fixed assets at the Australian newspapers and the \$227 million non-cash write-down of the Company's investment in Foxtel in the prior year period.

See Note 3 Impairment and Restructuring Charges in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

***Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests*** Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests increased by \$13 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to higher results at REA Group and the positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations.



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Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests decreased \$36 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to the absence of the gain on the sale of REA Group's European business in December 2016.

**Segment Analysis**

Segment EBITDA is defined as revenues less operating expenses and selling, general and administrative expenses. Segment EBITDA does not include: depreciation and amortization, impairment and restructuring charges, equity losses of affiliates, interest, net, other, net, income tax (expense) benefit and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. Segment EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies, since companies and investors may differ as to what items should be included in the calculation of Segment EBITDA.

Segment EBITDA is the primary measure used by the Company's chief operating decision maker to evaluate the performance of and allocate resources within the Company's businesses. Segment EBITDA provides management, investors and equity analysts with a measure to analyze the operating performance of each of the Company's business segments and its enterprise value against historical data and competitors' data, although historical results may not be indicative of future results (as operating performance is highly contingent on many factors, including customer tastes and preferences).

Total Segment EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure and should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, net income (loss), cash flow and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. In addition, this measure does not reflect cash available to fund requirements and excludes items, such as depreciation and amortization and impairment and restructuring charges, which are significant components in assessing the Company's financial performance. The Company believes that the presentation of Total Segment EBITDA provides useful information regarding the Company's operations and other factors that affect the Company's reported results. Specifically, the Company believes that by excluding certain one-time or non-cash items such as impairment and restructuring charges and depreciation and amortization, as well as potential distortions between periods caused by factors such as financing and capital structures and changes in tax positions or regimes, the Company provides users of its consolidated financial statements with insight into both its core operations as well as the factors that affect reported results between periods but which the Company believes are not representative of its core business. As a result, users of the Company's consolidated financial statements are better able to evaluate changes in the core operating results of the Company across different periods. The following table reconciles Net loss to Total Segment EBITDA for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

	For the three months ended		For the nine months ended	
	March 31, 2018	2017	March 31, 2018	2017
(in millions, except %)				
Net loss	\$ (1,110)	\$	\$ (1,089)	\$ (219)
Add:				
Income tax expense	3	45	292	12
Other, net	(29)	13	(6)	(127)
Interest, net	(2)	(8)	(9)	(30)
Equity losses of affiliates	974	23	1,002	276
Impairment and restructuring charges	246	33	273	409
Depreciation and amortization	100	109	297	349

Total Segment EBITDA	\$	182	\$	215	\$	760	\$	670
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The following tables set forth the Company's Revenues and Segment EBITDA for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017:

(in millions)	For the three months ended March 31,			
	2018		2017	
	Revenues	Segment EBITDA	Revenues	Segment EBITDA
News and Information Services	\$ 1,286	\$ 85	\$ 1,263	\$ 123
Book Publishing	398	43	374	37
Digital Real Estate Services	279	88	219	75
Cable Network Programming	129	16	122	34
Other	1	(50)		(54)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,093</b>	<b>\$ 182</b>	<b>\$ 1,978</b>	<b>\$ 215</b>

(in millions)	For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018		2017	
	Revenues	Segment EBITDA	Revenues	Segment EBITDA
News and Information Services	\$ 3,825	\$ 298	\$ 3,788	\$ 311
Book Publishing	1,268	173	1,229	160
Digital Real Estate Services	842	302	687	237
Cable Network Programming	394	76	354	99
Other	2	(89)	1	(137)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,331</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>	<b>\$ 6,059</b>	<b>\$ 670</b>

*News and Information Services* (61% and 63% of the Company's consolidated revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)

(in millions, except %)	For the three months ended March 31,				For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change	2018	2017	Change	% Change
			Better/(Worse)				Better/(Worse)	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Advertising	\$ 634	\$ 652	\$ (18)	(3)%	\$ 1,894	\$ 1,958	\$ (64)	(3)%
Circulation and subscription	536	503	33	7%	1,578	1,499	79	5%
Other	116	108	8	7%	353	331	22	7%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,286</b>	<b>1,263</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>3,825</b>	<b>3,788</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>1%</b>
Operating expenses	(738)	(726)	(12)	(2)%	(2,196)	(2,219)	23	1%
Selling, general and administrative	(463)	(414)	(49)	(12)%	(1,331)	(1,258)	(73)	(6)%
<b>Segment EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 85</b>	<b>\$ 123</b>	<b>\$ (38)</b>	<b>(31)%</b>	<b>\$ 298</b>	<b>\$ 311</b>	<b>\$ (13)</b>	<b>(4)%</b>

Revenues at the News and Information Services segment increased \$23 million, or 2%, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The revenue increase was primarily due to higher circulation and subscription revenues of \$33 million as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017, primarily due to the \$24 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, cover price and subscription price increases and digital subscriber growth, mainly at *The Wall Street Journal*, partially offset by single-copy volume declines in the U.K., mainly at *The Sun*. Advertising revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2018 decreased \$18 million as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017, primarily resulting from weakness in the print advertising market, mainly in Australia and the U.S. and lower revenues at News America Marketing of

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\$15 million, partially offset by the \$18 million positive impact from foreign currency fluctuations. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$50 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

Segment EBITDA at the News and Information Services segment decreased \$38 million, or 31%, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower contribution from News UK of \$18 million related to higher marketing and employee costs and the \$12 million impact from the absence of the adjustment to the deferred consideration accrual related to the acquisition of Unruly in the prior year period.

Revenues at the News and Information Services segment increased \$37 million, or 1%, for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The revenue increase was primarily due to higher circulation and subscription revenues of \$79 million as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 mainly due to the \$42 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, cover price and subscription price increases, digital subscriber growth, primarily at *The Wall Street Journal* and in Australia, higher professional information business revenues at Dow Jones and the \$13 million contribution from the acquisition of ARM. These increases were partially offset by lower single-copy sales in the U.K., primarily at *The Sun*, and in Australia. Advertising revenues for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 decreased \$64 million as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to weakness in the print advertising market across mastheads and lower revenues at News America Marketing of \$71 million, partially offset by the \$40 million and \$33 million contributions from the acquisitions of ARM and Wireless Group, respectively, the \$40 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations and digital advertising growth, primarily in Australia and the U.K. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$97 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

Segment EBITDA at the News and Information Services segment decreased \$13 million, or 4%, for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The decrease was primarily due to lower contribution from News America Marketing of \$9 million, primarily due to lower revenues, and the \$12 million impact from the absence of the adjustment to the deferred consideration accrual related to the acquisition of Unruly in the prior year period.

*Dow Jones*

Revenues were \$376 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$13 million, or 4%, as compared to revenues of \$363 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$23 million, primarily due to the \$14 million impact from digital subscriber growth and subscription price increases at *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as \$9 million of higher professional information business revenues led by Risk & Compliance. Advertising revenues decreased \$13 million, primarily due to weakness in the print advertising market and the decision to cease *The Wall Street Journal*'s international print editions in the second quarter of fiscal 2018. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

Revenues were \$1,127 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$22 million, or 2%, as compared to revenues of \$1,105 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$64 million, primarily due to the \$43 million impact from digital subscriber growth and subscription price increases at *The Wall Street Journal*, as well as \$23 million of higher professional information business revenues led by Risk & Compliance. Advertising revenues decreased \$44 million, primarily due to the

impact of weakness in the print advertising market and the decision to cease *The Wall Street Journal*'s international print editions. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$7 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

*News Corp Australia*

Revenues at the Australian newspapers were \$306 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, a decrease of \$8 million, or 3%, compared to revenues of \$314 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$11 million, or 3%, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

Advertising revenues decreased \$10 million, primarily due to the \$21 million impact of weakness in the print advertising market, partially offset by the \$8 million impact of digital advertising growth and the

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\$6 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$3 million primarily due to the \$4 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as cover price increases and digital subscriber growth were more than offset by the impact of print volume declines.

Revenues at the Australian newspapers were \$962 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$19 million, or 2%, compared to revenues of \$943 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$33 million, or 3%, for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$16 million due to the acquisition of ARM and the \$11 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as cover price increases and digital subscriber growth were more than offset by the impact of print volume declines. Advertising revenues were flat, including the \$18 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as the acquisition of ARM and \$13 million of digital advertising growth were more than offset by the \$64 million impact of weakness in the print advertising market and the \$8 million impact resulting from the sale of *Perth Sunday Times* in November 2016.

*News UK*

Revenues were \$277 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$25 million, or 10%, as compared to revenues of \$252 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. Advertising revenues increased \$11 million, primarily due to the \$9 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$7 million, primarily due to the \$16 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as the impact of single-copy volume declines, mainly at *The Sun*, more than offset the impact of cover price increases across mastheads. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$31 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

Revenues were \$813 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, an increase of \$28 million, or 4%, as compared to revenues of \$785 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. Advertising revenues increased \$12 million, primarily due to the \$15 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, as weakness in the print advertising market more than offset digital advertising growth. Circulation and subscription revenues increased \$3 million, primarily due to the \$24 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations and the \$12 million impact of cover price increases across mastheads, partially offset by the \$28 million impact of single-copy volume declines, mainly at *The Sun*. The impact of foreign currency fluctuations of the U.S. dollar against local currencies resulted in a revenue increase of \$48 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017.

*News America Marketing*

Revenues at News America Marketing were \$258 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018, a decrease of \$13 million, or 5%, as compared to revenues of \$271 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The decrease was primarily related to lower home delivered revenues of \$10 million, mainly due to lower volume, partially offset by one additional free-standing insert, and lower domestic in-store product revenues of \$8 million during the three months ended March 31, 2018.

Revenues at News America Marketing were \$704 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, a decrease of \$61 million, or 8%, as compared to revenues of \$765 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The decrease was primarily related to lower home delivered revenues of \$63 million, mainly due to three fewer free-standing inserts and lower custom publishing during the nine months ended March 31, 2018.





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**Book Publishing** (20% of the Company's consolidated revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017)

(in millions, except %)	For the three months ended March 31,				For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change	2018	2017	Change	% Change
			Better/(Worse)				Better/(Worse)	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Consumer	\$ 381	\$ 359	\$ 22	6%	\$ 1,220	\$ 1,183	\$ 37	3%
Other	17	15	2	13%	48	46	2	4%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>398</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>1,268</b>	<b>1,229</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3%</b>
Operating expenses	(275)	(267)	(8)	(3)%	(858)	(845)	(13)	(2)%
Selling, general and administrative	(80)	(70)	(10)	(14)%	(237)	(224)	(13)	(6)%
<b>Segment EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 43</b>	<b>\$ 37</b>	<b>\$ 6</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>\$ 173</b>	<b>\$ 160</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>8%</b>

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, revenues at the Book Publishing segment increased \$24 million, or 6%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase was primarily due to the \$10 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, strong frontlist and backlist sales in the general books category, including *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn, and the continued success of *The Subtle Art Of Not Giving A F\*ck* by Mark Manson, and higher sales in the Christian publishing category, including *The Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi* by Kathie Lee Gifford. Digital sales represented approximately 22% of Consumer revenues during the three months ended March 31, 2018. Digital sales increased approximately 5% as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to growth in downloadable audio books.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, Segment EBITDA at the Book Publishing segment increased \$6 million, or 16%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase was primarily due to the higher revenues discussed above and the mix of titles.

Revenues at the Book Publishing segment increased \$39 million, or 3%, for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase was primarily due to the \$20 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations, strong frontlist and backlist sales in the general books category, including *The Subtle Art Of Not Giving A F\*ck* by Mark Manson, *The Pioneer Woman Cooks: Come and Get it!* by Ree Drummond and *The Woman in the Window* by A.J. Finn, and higher U.K. sales. These increases were partially offset by lower foreign language publishing revenues. Digital sales represented approximately 19% of Consumer revenues during the nine months ended March 31, 2018. Digital sales increased approximately 4% as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to growth in downloadable audio books.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2018, Segment EBITDA at the Book Publishing segment increased \$13 million, or 8%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase was primarily due to the higher revenues discussed above and the mix of titles, partially offset by higher employee costs.

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**Digital Real Estate Services** (13% and 11% of the Company's consolidated revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively)

(in millions, except %)	For the three months ended March 31,				For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change	2018	2017	Change	% Change
				Better/(Worse)			Better/(Worse)	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Advertising	\$ 34	\$ 36	\$ (2)	(6)%	\$ 104	\$ 107	\$ (3)	(3)%
Circulation and subscription	14	13	1	8%	42	44	(2)	(5)%
Real estate	208	168	40	24%	633	525	108	21%
Other	23	2	21	**	63	11	52	**
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>219</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>687</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>23%</b>
Operating expenses	(36)	(27)	(9)	(33)%	(101)	(85)	(16)	(19)%
Selling, general and administrative	(155)	(117)	(38)	(32)%	(439)	(365)	(74)	(20)%
<b>Segment EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 88</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>17%</b>	<b>\$ 302</b>	<b>\$ 237</b>	<b>\$ 65</b>	<b>27%</b>

\*\* not meaningful

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, revenues at the Digital Real Estate Services segment increased \$60 million, or 27%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. At REA Group, revenues increased \$41 million, or 35%, to \$158 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 from \$117 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The higher revenues were primarily due to an increase in Australian residential depth revenue, a \$15 million contribution from the acquisition of Smartline and the \$6 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. Revenues at Move increased \$15 million, or 15%, to \$115 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 from \$100 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to an increase in Connections<sup>SM</sup> for Buyers product revenues driven by improvement in yield optimization and growth in leads and customers.

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, Segment EBITDA at the Digital Real Estate Services segment increased \$13 million, or 17%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase in Segment EBITDA was primarily the result of higher contribution from REA Group of \$19 million, partially offset by lower contribution from Move of \$5 million as the higher revenues noted above were partially offset by \$13 million in higher costs associated with higher revenues and \$12 million of higher marketing costs, primarily at Move, to drive audience growth.

Revenues at the Digital Real Estate Services segment increased \$155 million, or 23%, for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. At REA Group, revenues increased \$104 million, or 27%, to \$494 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 from \$390 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The higher revenues were primarily due to an increase in Australian residential depth revenue, a \$41 million contribution from the acquisition of Smartline and the \$16 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. These increases were partially offset by the \$19 million impact resulting from the sale of REA Group's European business in December 2016. Revenues at Move increased \$46 million, or 16%, to \$332 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 from \$286 million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 primarily due to an increase in Connections<sup>SM</sup> for Buyers product revenues driven by improvement in yield

optimization and growth in leads and customers.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2018, Segment EBITDA at the Digital Real Estate Services segment increased \$65 million, or 27%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The increase in Segment EBITDA was the result of higher contributions from REA Group and Move of \$57 million and \$9 million, respectively, primarily due to the higher revenues noted above, partially offset by \$39 million in higher costs associated with higher revenues and \$19 million of higher marketing costs, primarily at Move, to drive audience growth.

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**Cable Network Programming** (6% of the Company's consolidated revenues in the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017)

(in millions, except %)	For the three months ended March 31,				For the nine months ended March 31,			
	2018	2017	Change	% Change	2018	2017	Change	% Change
			Better/(Worse)				Better/(Worse)	
<b>Revenues:</b>								
Advertising	\$ 18	\$ 17	\$ 1	6%	\$ 60	\$ 58	\$ 2	3%
Circulation and subscription	109	102	7	7%	327	291	36	12%
Other	2	3	(1)	(33)%	7	5	2	40%
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>394</b>	<b>354</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11%</b>
Operating expenses	(102)	(80)	(22)	(28)%	(284)	(234)	(50)	(21)%
Selling, general and administrative	(11)	(8)	(3)	(38)%	(34)	(21)	(13)	(62)%
<b>Segment EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 16</b>	<b>\$ 34</b>	<b>\$ (18)</b>	<b>(53)%</b>	<b>\$ 76</b>	<b>\$ 99</b>	<b>\$ (23)</b>	<b>(23)%</b>

\*\* not meaningful

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, revenues at the Cable Network Programming segment increased \$7 million, or 6%, and Segment EBITDA decreased \$18 million, or 53%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The revenue increase for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was primarily due to the \$4 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. The decrease in Segment EBITDA was mainly due to the timing of programming amortization related to the launch of a dedicated National Rugby League channel at FOX SPORTS Australia and higher National Rugby League programming rights costs.

For the nine months ended March 31, 2018, revenues at the Cable Network Programming segment increased \$40 million, or 11%, and Segment EBITDA decreased \$23 million, or 23%, as compared to the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. The revenue increase was primarily due to the acquisition of ANC, which contributed \$20 million of revenue to the increase for the nine months ended March 31, 2018, higher affiliate revenues at FOX SPORTS Australia, and the \$10 million positive impact of foreign currency fluctuations. The decrease in Segment EBITDA was primarily due to the timing of programming amortization related to the launch of a dedicated National Rugby League channel at FOX SPORTS Australia, higher National Rugby League programming rights costs and \$5 million of transaction costs related to the combination of Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia, partially offset by lower other sports programming rights costs.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Current Financial Condition**

The Company's principal source of liquidity is internally generated funds and cash and cash equivalents on hand. As of March 31, 2018, the Company's cash and cash equivalents were \$2,112 million. The Company expects these elements of liquidity will enable it to meet its liquidity needs in the foreseeable future. As described in greater detail below, in October 2013, the Company established a revolving credit facility of \$650 million, which terminates on October 23, 2020. The Company may request that the commitments be extended under certain circumstances as set forth in the

credit agreement and may also request increases in the amount of the facility up to a maximum amount of \$900 million. In addition, the Company expects to have access to the worldwide capital markets, subject to market conditions, in order to issue debt if needed or desired. Although the Company believes that its cash on hand and future cash from operations, together with its access to the capital markets, will provide adequate resources to fund its operating and financing needs, its access to, and the availability of, financing on acceptable terms in the future will be affected by many factors, including: (i) the Company's performance, (ii) its credit rating or absence of a credit rating, (iii) the liquidity of the overall capital markets and (iv) the current state of the economy. There can be no assurances that the Company will continue to have access to the capital markets on acceptable terms. See Part II, Item 1A. Risk Factors for further discussion.

As of March 31, 2018, the Company's consolidated assets included \$1,082 million in cash and cash equivalents that was held by its foreign subsidiaries. \$150 million of this amount is cash not readily accessible by the Company as it is held by REA Group, a majority

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owned but separately listed public company. REA Group must declare a dividend in order for the Company to have access to its share of REA Group's cash balance. The Company earns income outside the U.S., which is deemed to be permanently reinvested in certain foreign jurisdictions. The Company does not currently intend to repatriate these earnings. Should the Company require more capital in the U.S. than is generated by and/or available to its domestic operations, the Company could elect to transfer funds held in foreign jurisdictions. The transfer of funds from foreign jurisdictions may be cumbersome due to local regulations, foreign exchange controls and taxes. Additionally, the transfer of funds from foreign jurisdictions may result in higher effective tax rates and higher cash paid for income taxes for the Company. The Tax Act was enacted on December 22, 2017. As part of the transition to the new territorial tax system, the Tax Act imposes a one-time tax on the mandatory deemed repatriation of earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries. It is estimated that the deemed repatriation tax will be approximately \$34 million, which was recorded to income tax expense. The estimate may change, possibly materially, due to among other things, further refinement of the Company's calculations, changes in interpretations and assumptions the Company has made, guidance that may be issued and actions the Company may take as a result of the Tax Act.

The principal uses of cash that affect the Company's liquidity position include the following: operational expenditures including employee costs and paper purchases; capital expenditures; income tax payments; investments in associated entities and acquisitions. In addition to the acquisitions and dispositions disclosed elsewhere, the Company has evaluated, and expects to continue to evaluate, possible future acquisitions and dispositions of certain businesses. Such transactions may be material and may involve cash, the issuance of the Company's securities or the assumption of indebtedness.

In April 2018, News Corp and Telstra completed the Transaction to combine Foxtel and FOX SPORTS Australia. The combined company includes Foxtel's total debt of \$1.7 billion as of March 31, 2018, as well as programming and other commitments, including the Australian Cricket Rights acquired in April 2018. The principal sources of liquidity of the new combined company are internally generated funds and Foxtel's available credit facilities.

***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

In May 2013, the Company's Board of Directors (the Board of Directors) authorized the Company to repurchase up to an aggregate of \$500 million of its Class A Common Stock. On May 10, 2015, the Company announced it had begun repurchasing shares of Class A Common Stock under the stock repurchase program. No stock repurchases were made during the nine months ended March 31, 2018. Through May 4, 2018, the Company cumulatively repurchased approximately 5.2 million shares of Class A Common Stock for an aggregate cost of approximately \$71 million. The remaining authorized amount under the stock repurchase program as of May 4, 2018 was approximately \$429 million. All decisions regarding any future stock repurchases are at the sole discretion of a duly appointed committee of the Board of Directors and management. The committee's decisions regarding future stock repurchases will be evaluated from time to time in light of many factors, including the Company's financial condition, earnings, capital requirements and debt facility covenants, other contractual restrictions, as well as legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice, market volatility and other factors that the committee may deem relevant. The stock repurchase authorization may be modified, extended, suspended or discontinued at any time by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors cannot provide any assurances that any additional shares will be repurchased.

***Dividends***

In August 2017, the Board of Directors declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. This dividend was paid on October 18, 2017 to stockholders of record at the close of business on September 13, 2017. In February 2018, the Board of Directors declared a semi-annual cash dividend of \$0.10 per share for Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. This dividend was paid on April 18, 2018 to

stockholders of record as of March 14, 2018. The timing, declaration, amount and payment of future dividends to stockholders, if any, is within the discretion of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors' decisions regarding the payment of future dividends will depend on many factors, including the Company's financial condition, earnings, capital requirements and debt facility covenants, other contractual restrictions, as well as legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice, market volatility and other factors that the Board of Directors deems relevant.

**Table of Contents*****Sources and Uses of Cash For the nine months ended March 31, 2018 versus the nine months ended March 31, 2017***

Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows (in millions):

<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations	\$ 465	\$ 224

Net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations increased by \$241 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the nine months ended March 31, 2017. The increase was primarily due to the absence of NAM Group's settlement payments of \$256 million during the nine months ended March 31, 2017, lower restructuring payments of \$29 million and higher Total Segment EBITDA, partially offset by higher working capital primarily due to the reversal of a portion of the previously accrued net liability related to the U.K. Newspaper Matters as a result of an agreement reached with the relevant tax authority and certain timing related items, as well as higher net tax payments of \$22 million.

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows (in millions):

<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations	\$ (144)	\$ (49)

Net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations was \$144 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations of \$49 million for the corresponding period of fiscal 2017. During the nine months ended March 31, 2018, the Company used \$62 million of cash for acquisitions, primarily for the acquisition of Smartline, and \$200 million for capital expenditures. The net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 was partially offset by proceeds from the sale of the SEEKAsia cost method investment of \$122 million. Capital expenditures for the year ending June 30, 2018 are expected to be higher than the prior year due to additional technology spending and office relocations to drive future savings.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2017, the Company used \$345 million of cash for acquisitions, primarily for the acquisitions of Wireless Group and ARM. The Company also had capital expenditures of \$168 million. The net cash used in investing activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2017 was partially offset by the utilization of restricted cash for the Wireless Group acquisition of \$315 million and proceeds from the sale of REA Group's European business of approximately \$140 million.

Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 was as follows (in millions):

<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations	\$ (234)	\$ (152)



The increase in net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 as compared to the net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017 was primarily due to repayment of REA Group's facility that was due December 2017 of \$93 million during the nine months ended March 31, 2018.

***Reconciliation of Free Cash Flow Available to News Corporation***

Free cash flow available to News Corporation is a non-GAAP financial measure defined as net cash provided by operating activities from continuing operations, less capital expenditures ( free cash flow ), less REA Group free cash flow, plus cash dividends received from REA Group. Free cash flow available to News Corporation excludes cash flows from discontinued operations. Free cash flow available to News Corporation should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, cash flows from continuing operations and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. Free cash flow available to News Corporation may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies, since companies and investors may differ as to what items should be included in the calculation of free cash flow.

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The Company considers free cash flow available to News Corporation to provide useful information to management and investors about the amount of cash that is available to be used to strengthen the Company's balance sheet and for strategic opportunities including, among others, investing in the Company's business, strategic acquisitions, dividend payouts and repurchasing stock. The Company believes excluding REA Group's free cash flow and including dividends received from REA Group provides users of its consolidated financial statements with a measure of the amount of cash flow that is readily available to the Company, as REA Group is a separately listed public company in Australia and must declare a dividend in order for the Company to have access to its share of REA Group's cash balance. The Company believes free cash flow available to News Corporation provides a more conservative view of the Company's free cash flow because this presentation includes only that amount of cash the Company actually receives from REA Group, which has generally been lower than the Company's unadjusted free cash flow.

A limitation of free cash flow available to News Corporation is that it does not represent the total increase or decrease in the cash balance for the period. Management compensates for the limitation of free cash flow available to News Corporation by also relying on the net change in cash and cash equivalents as presented in the Statements of Cash Flows prepared in accordance with GAAP which incorporate all cash movements during the period.

The following table presents a reconciliation of net cash provided by continuing operating activities to free cash flow available to News Corporation:

	<b>For the nine months ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
	<b>(in millions)</b>	
Net cash provided by continuing operating activities	\$ 465	\$ 224
Less: Capital expenditures	(200)	(168)
	265	56
Less: REA Group free cash flow	(144)	(128)
Plus: Cash dividends received from REA Group	63	53
Free cash flow available to News Corporation	\$ 184	\$ (19)

Free cash flow available to News Corporation increased \$203 million in the nine months ended March 31, 2018 to \$184 million from (\$19) million in the corresponding period of fiscal 2017, primarily due to higher cash provided by operating activities as discussed above, partially offset by higher capital expenditures.

***Revolving Credit Facility***

The Company's Credit Agreement (as amended, the Credit Agreement) provides for an unsecured \$650 million revolving credit facility (the Facility) that can be used for general corporate purposes. The Facility has a sublimit of \$100 million available for issuances of letters of credit. Under the Credit Agreement, the Company may request increases in the amount of the Facility up to a maximum amount of \$900 million.

In October 2015, the Company entered into an amendment to the Credit Agreement (the Amendment) which, among other things, extended the original term of the Facility by two years and lowered the commitment fee payable by the Company. As a result of the Amendment, the lenders' commitments now terminate on October 23, 2020, and any borrowings will be due at that time. The Company may request that the commitments be extended under certain

circumstances as set forth in the Credit Agreement for up to two additional one-year periods.

The Credit Agreement contains customary affirmative and negative covenants and events of default, with customary exceptions, including limitations on the ability of the Company and its subsidiaries to engage in transactions with affiliates, incur liens, merge into or consolidate with any other entity, incur subsidiary debt or dispose of all or substantially all of its assets or all or substantially all of the stock of its subsidiaries. In addition, the Credit Agreement requires the Company to maintain an adjusted operating income leverage ratio of not more than 3.0 to 1.0 and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 3.0 to 1.0. If any of the events of default occur and are

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not cured within applicable grace periods or waived, any unpaid amounts under the Credit Agreement may be declared immediately due and payable. As of March 31, 2018, the Company was in compliance with all of the applicable debt covenants.

Interest on borrowings under the Facility is based on either (a) a Eurodollar Rate formula or (b) the Base Rate formula, each as set forth in the Credit Agreement. The applicable margin and the commitment fee are based on the pricing grid in the Credit Agreement, which varies based on the Company's adjusted operating income leverage ratio. As of March 31, 2018, the Company was paying a commitment fee of 0.225% on any undrawn balance and an applicable margin of 0.50% for a Base Rate borrowing and 1.50% for a Eurodollar Rate borrowing.

As of the date of this filing, the Company has not borrowed any funds under the Facility.

***REA Group Unsecured Revolving Loan Facility***

REA Group entered into an A\$480 million unsecured syndicated revolving loan facility agreement in connection with the acquisition of iProperty (the REA Facility). The REA Facility consists of three sub facilities of A\$120 million, A\$120 million and A\$240 million which are due in December 2017, December 2018 and December 2019, respectively. In February 2016, REA Group drew down the full A\$480 million (approximately \$340 million as of such date) available under the REA Facility, and the proceeds, less lenders' fees of \$1 million, were used to fund the iProperty acquisition. During the three months ended December 31, 2017, REA Group repaid A\$120 million (approximately \$93 million) for its sub facility due December 2017. Remaining borrowings under the REA Facility were A\$360 million (approximately \$280 million). Borrowings under the REA Facility bear interest at a floating rate of the Australian BBSY plus a margin in the range of 0.85% and 1.45% depending on REA Group's net leverage ratio. As of March 31, 2018, REA Group was paying a margin of between 0.95% and 1.05%. REA Group paid approximately \$2 million and \$7 million in interest for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018, respectively, at a weighted average interest rate of 2.8% and 2.7%, respectively.

The REA Facility requires REA Group to maintain a net leverage ratio of not more than 3.25 to 1.0 and an interest coverage ratio of not less than 3.0 to 1.0. As of March 31, 2018, REA Group was in compliance with all of the applicable debt covenants.

***Commitments***

The Company has commitments under certain firm contractual arrangements (firm commitments) to make future payments. These firm commitments secure the future rights to various assets and services to be used in the normal course of operations. The Company's commitments as of March 31, 2018 have not changed significantly from the disclosures included in the 2017 Form 10-K.

***Contingencies***

The Company routinely is involved in various legal proceedings, claims and governmental inspections or investigations, including those discussed in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The outcome of these matters and claims is subject to significant uncertainty, and the Company often cannot predict what the eventual outcome of pending matters will be or the timing of the ultimate resolution of these matters. Fees, expenses, fines, penalties, judgments or settlement costs which might be incurred by the Company in connection with the various proceedings could adversely affect its results of operations and financial condition.

The Company establishes an accrued liability for legal claims when it determines that a loss is both probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Once established, accruals are adjusted from time to time, as appropriate, in light of additional information. The amount of any loss ultimately incurred in relation to matters for which an accrual has been established may be higher or lower than the amounts accrued for such matters. Legal fees associated with litigation and similar proceedings are expensed as incurred. The Company recognizes gain contingencies when the gain becomes realized or realizable. See Note 9 Commitments and Contingencies in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

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The Company's tax returns are subject to on-going review and examination by various tax authorities. Tax authorities may not agree with the treatment of items reported in the Company's tax returns, and therefore the outcome of tax reviews and examinations can be unpredictable. The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of uncertain tax matters and believes such liabilities represent a reasonable provision for taxes ultimately expected to be paid; however, these liabilities may need to be adjusted as new information becomes known and as tax examinations continue to progress. As subsidiaries of 21st Century Fox prior to the Separation, the Company and each of its domestic subsidiaries have joint and several liability with 21st Century Fox for the consolidated U.S. federal income taxes of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group relating to any taxable periods during which the Company or any of the Company's domestic subsidiaries were a member of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group. Consequently, the Company could be liable in the event any such liability is incurred, and not discharged, by any other member of the 21st Century Fox consolidated group. In conjunction with the Separation, the Company entered into the Tax Sharing and Indemnification Agreement with 21st Century Fox, which requires 21st Century Fox to indemnify the Company for any such liability. Disputes or assessments could arise during future audits by the Internal Revenue Service ( IRS ) or other taxing authorities in amounts that the Company cannot quantify.

The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of uncertain tax matters and believes such liabilities represent a reasonable provision for taxes ultimately expected to be paid, however, the Company may need to accrue additional income tax expense and our liability may need to be adjusted as new information becomes known and as these tax examinations continue to progress, or as settlements or litigations occur.

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The Company has exposure to different types of market risk including changes in foreign currency rates and stock prices. The Company neither holds nor issues financial instruments for trading purposes.

The following sections provide quantitative information on the Company's exposure to foreign currency rate risk and stock price risk. The Company makes use of sensitivity analyses that are inherently limited in estimating actual losses in fair value that can occur from changes in market conditions.

**Foreign Currency Rates**

The Company conducts operations in three principal currencies: the U.S. dollar; the Australian dollar; and the British pound sterling. These currencies operate primarily as the functional currency for the Company's U.S., Australian and U.K. operations, respectively. Cash is managed centrally within each of the three regions with net earnings reinvested locally and working capital requirements met from existing liquid funds. To the extent such funds are not sufficient to meet working capital requirements, funding in the appropriate local currencies is made available from intercompany capital. The Company does not hedge its investments in the net assets of its Australian and U.K. operations.

Because of fluctuations in exchange rates, the Company is subject to currency translation exposure on the results of its operations. Foreign currency translation risk is the risk that exchange rate gains or losses arise from translating foreign entities' statements of earnings and balance sheets from functional currency to the Company's reporting currency (the U.S. dollar) for consolidation purposes. The Company does not hedge translation risk because it generally generates positive cash flows from its international operations that are typically reinvested locally. Exchange rates with the most significant impact to its translation include the Australian dollar and British pound sterling. As exchange rates fluctuate, translation of its Statements of Operations into U.S. dollars affects the comparability of revenues and expenses between years.

The table below details the percentage of revenues and expenses by the three principal currencies for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017:

	U.S. Dollars	Australian Dollars	British Pound Sterling
<b>Fiscal year ended June 30, 2017</b>			
Revenues	47%	29%	19%
Operating and Selling, general, and administrative expenses	47%	26%	20%

Based on the year ended June 30, 2017, a one cent change in each of the U.S. dollar/Australian dollar and the U.S. dollar/British pound sterling exchange rates would have impacted revenues by approximately \$32 million and \$12 million, respectively, for each currency on an annual basis, and would have impacted Total Segment EBITDA by approximately \$6 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, on an annual basis.

**Stock Prices**

The Company has common stock investments in publicly traded companies that are subject to market price volatility. These investments had an aggregate fair value of approximately \$97 million as of June 30, 2017. A hypothetical decrease in the market price of these investments of 10% would result in a decrease in comprehensive income of approximately \$10 million before tax. Any changes in fair value of the Company's common stock investments are not recognized unless deemed other-than-temporary.

**Credit Risk**

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with multiple financial institutions. Deposits held with banks may 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.



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The Company's receivables did not represent significant concentrations of credit risk as of June 30, 2017 or June 30, 2016 due to the wide variety of customers, markets and geographic areas to which the Company's products and services are sold.

The Company monitors its positions with, and the credit quality of, the financial institutions which are counterparties to its financial instruments. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the agreements. As of June 30, 2017, the Company did not anticipate nonperformance by any of the counterparties.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The Company's management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15(d)-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on such evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of such period, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective in recording, processing, summarizing and reporting, on a timely basis, information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act and were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**(b) Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There has been no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15(d)-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the Company's third quarter of fiscal 2018 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

There have been no material changes to the discussion set forth under "Legal Proceedings" in the Company's 2017 Form 10-K, as supplemented by the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, as supplemented by the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2017 and December 31, 2017.

**ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**

None.

**ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES**

Not applicable.

**ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION**

Not applicable.

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**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

(a) Exhibits.

- 10.1 Amendment No. 3, dated as of March 29, 2018, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of October 23, 2013, among the Company, as borrower, the lenders from time to time party thereto, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Citibank, N.A., as co-administrative agents, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as designated agent, and the other parties thereto.\*
- 10.2 NC Transaction, Inc. Restoration Plan, amended and restated as of February 28, 2018.\*
- 31.1 Chief Executive Officer Certification required by Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.\*
- 31.2 Chief Financial Officer Certification required by Rules 13a-14 and 15d-14 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.\*
- 32.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of Sarbanes Oxley Act of 2002.\*\*
- 101 The following financial information from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2018 formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language: (i) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 (unaudited); (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive (Loss) Income for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 (unaudited); (iii) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2018 (unaudited) and June 30, 2017 (audited); (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 (unaudited); and (v) Notes to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.\*

\* Filed herewith.

\*\* Furnished herewith

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

NEWS CORPORATION

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Susan Panuccio  
Susan Panuccio  
Chief Financial Officer

Date: May 11, 2018