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There were 316,000,338 shares of capital stock outstanding as of May 31, 2012.

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PART I.

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY Consolidated Statements of Earnings (unaudited) (millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Net sales	\$1,821	\$1,813	\$6,094	\$6,112	
Costs and expenses					
Cost of products sold	1,115	1,081	3,723	3,648	
Marketing and selling expenses	256	243	814	811	
Administrative expenses	144	148	441	442	
Research and development expenses	32	33	91	95	
Other expenses / (income)	6	1	7	6	
Restructuring charges	4		9	_	
Total costs and expenses	1,557	1,506	5,085	5,002	
Earnings before interest and taxes	264	307	1,009	1,110	
Interest expense	29	27	87	93	
Interest income	2	3	6	8	
Earnings before taxes	237	283	928	1,025	
Taxes on earnings	62	97	289	321	
Net earnings	175	186	639	704	
Less: Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling	(2) (1) (8	(1)	
interests	(2) (1) (0) (1	
Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company	\$177	\$187	\$647	\$705	
Per Share — Basic					
Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company	\$.56	\$.58	\$2.03	\$2.13	
Dividends	\$.29	\$.29	\$.87	\$.855	
Weighted average shares outstanding — basic	316	321	318	328	
Per Share — Assuming Dilution					
Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company	\$.55	\$.57	\$2.01	\$2.11	
Weighted average shares outstanding — assuming diluti	io n 18	323	320	331	
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Stat	ements.				
		343	320	331	

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY

Consolidated Balance Sheets

(unaudited)

(millions, except per share amounts)

	April 29, 2012	July 31, 2011
Current assets	2012	2011
Cash and cash equivalents	\$383	\$484
Accounts receivable	564	560
Inventories	673	767
Other current assets	147	152
Total current assets	1,767	1,963
	2,054	2,103
Plant assets, net of depreciation Goodwill	2,034	2,103
	2,047 511	2,133 527
Other intangible assets, net of amortization		
Other assets	113	136
Total assets	\$6,492	\$6,862
Current liabilities	Φ 751	Φ.6.5.7
Short-term borrowings	\$751	\$657
Payable to suppliers and others	507	585
Accrued liabilities	547	619
Dividend payable	93	95
Accrued income taxes	10	33
Total current liabilities	1,908	1,989
Long-term debt	2,006	2,427
Deferred taxes	439	367
Other liabilities	867	983
Total liabilities	5,220	5,766
Campbell Soup Company shareowners' equity		
Preferred stock; authorized 40 shares; none issued		
Capital stock, \$.0375 par value; authorized 560 shares; issued 542 shares	20	20
Additional paid-in capital	331	331
Earnings retained in the business	9,550	9,185
Capital stock in treasury, at cost	(8,144	(8,021)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(485	(427)
Total Campbell Soup Company shareowners' equity	1,272	1,088
Noncontrolling interests		8
Total equity	1,272	1,096
Total liabilities and equity	\$6,492	\$6,862
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.		

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited) (millions)

Cook flows from an artistical	Nine Mont April 29, 2012	hs Ended May 1, 2011	
Cash flows from operating activities:	¢ 620	¢704	
Net earnings	\$639	\$704	
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to operating cash flow	9		
Restructuring charges Stock based companyation		 69	
Stock-based compensation	62	69 194	
Depreciation and amortization Deferred income taxes	189		
	64	66	
Other, net	94	81	
Changes in working capital	(22	(50	`
Accounts receivable	*) (58)
Inventories	80	116	
Prepaid assets		25	`
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities) (153)
Pension fund contributions) (140)
Receipts from hedging activities	11	1	,
Other	•) (47)
Net cash provided by operating activities	838	858	
Cash flows from investing activities:	4.50	(100	
Purchases of plant assets) (133)
Sales of plant assets	1	9	
Other, net	6	1	
Net cash used in investing activities	(166) (123)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net short-term borrowings (repayments)	(302) 524	
Long-term borrowings		500	
Repayment of notes payable		(700)
Dividends paid	(281) (284)
Treasury stock purchases	(272) (696)
Treasury stock issuances	94	54	
Excess tax benefits on stock-based compensation	6	7	
Contribution from noncontrolling interest		9	
Other, net		(5)
Net cash used in financing activities	(755	(591)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(18	51	
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(101) 195	
Cash and cash equivalents — beginning of period	484	254	
Cash and cash equivalents — end of period	\$383	\$449	
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.			

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY

Consolidated Statements of Equity (unaudited) (millions, except per share amounts)

	Campbell Soup Company Shareowners' Equity Capital Stock						Accumulated					
	Issued		_		Additiona Paid-in	Retained	Other		Noncontrolli ve Interests		ing	
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Capital	in the Business	Income (Loss)				Total Equity	
Balance at August 1, 2010	542	\$ 20	(206)	\$(7,459)	\$ 341	\$8,760	\$ (736)	\$ 3		\$929	
Contribution from noncontrolling interest Comprehensive income (loss)									7		7	
Net earnings (loss)						705			(1)	704	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax							278		_		278	
Cash-flow hedges, net of tax Pension and							(3)			(3)
postretirement benefits, net of tax							28				28	
Other comprehensive income (loss)							303		_		303	
Total comprehensive income (loss)											1,007	
Dividends (\$.855 per share)						(285)					(285)
Treasury stock purchased Treasury stock issued			(20)	(696)							(696)
under management incentive and stock option plans			3	115	(6)						109	
Balance at May 1, 2011	542	\$ 20	(223)	\$(8,040)	\$ 335	\$9,180	\$ (433)	\$ 9		\$1,071	
Balance at July 31, 2011 Comprehensive	542	\$ 20	(222)	\$(8,021)	\$ 331	\$9,185	\$ (427)	\$ 8		\$1,096	
income (loss) Net earnings (loss) Foreign currency						647			(8)	639	
translation adjustments, net of tax							(108)	_		(108)
adjustification, fiet of tax	-						7				7	

Cash-flow hedges, net						
of tax						
Pension and						
postretirement			43		43	
benefits, net of tax						
Other comprehensive			(58)	(58	`
income (loss)			(36) —	(36	,
Total comprehensive					581	
income (loss)					301	
Dividends (\$.87 per		(282)			(282)
share)		(202)			(202	,
Treasury stock (8) (272)				(272)
purchased	,				(272	,
Treasury stock issued						
under management 4 149					149	
incentive and stock					117	
option plans						
Balance at April 29, 542 \$20 (226) \$(8,144	.) \$331	\$9,550	\$ (485) \$—	\$1,272	
2012		Ψ,550	Ψ (102) Ψ	Ψ1,272	
See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Sta	atements.					

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited) (currency in millions, except per share amounts)

1. Basis of Presentation and Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations, financial position, and cash flows for the indicated periods. The accounting policies used in preparing these financial statements are consistent with those applied in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2011. The results for the period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for other interim periods or the full year.

2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued additional authoritative guidance related to fair value measurements and disclosures. The guidance requires a roll forward, separately presenting information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis, rather than net, of the assets and liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 fair value measurements). The company adopted the guidance in the first quarter of 2012. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2010, the FASB issued additional authoritative guidance clarifying the required disclosures of supplementary pro forma information for business combinations. The guidance is effective prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010.

In December 2010, the FASB issued additional authoritative guidance on accounting for goodwill. The guidance clarifies the impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. The guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2011. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued further additional authoritative guidance related to fair value measurements and disclosures. The new guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The company adopted the guidance in the third quarter of 2012. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements. In June 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance requiring entities to present net income and other comprehensive income (OCI) in one continuous statement or two separate, but consecutive, statements of net income and comprehensive income. The option to present items of OCI in the statement of changes in equity has been eliminated. In December 2011, the FASB issued an amendment to defer indefinitely a requirement in the June 2011 standard that called for reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income to be measured and presented by income statement line item in net income and also in OCI. The new requirements are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and for interim reporting periods within those years. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements. In September 2011, the FASB issued revised guidance intended to simplify how an entity tests goodwill for impairment. The amendments will allow an entity first to assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. An entity will no longer be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The amendments are effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued guidance related to disclosures about offsetting (netting) of assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position. The guidance requires entities to disclose gross information and net information

about both instruments and transactions that are offset in the statement of financial position, and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. The scope includes financial instruments and derivative instruments. The disclosures are required for fiscal years and interim periods within those years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. Disclosures required under the guidance will be provided for all comparative periods presented. The company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance.

3. Comprehensive Income

Total comprehensive income is comprised of net earnings, net foreign currency translation adjustments, net unamortized pension and postretirement benefits adjustments, and net unrealized gains and losses on cash-flow hedges. Total comprehensive

income for the three-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011 was \$175 and \$348, respectively. Total comprehensive income for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011 was \$581 and \$1,007. The components of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) consisted of the following:

	April 29,	July 31,	
	2012	2011	
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax (1)	\$288	\$396	
Cash-flow hedges, net of tax (2)	(13) (20)
Unamortized pension and postretirement benefits, net of tax (3):			
Net actuarial loss	(769) (809)
Prior service credit	9	6	
Total Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$(485) \$(427)

⁽¹⁾ Includes a tax expense of \$16 as of April 29, 2012, and \$4 as of July 31, 2011. The amount related to noncontrolling interests was not material.

4. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The following table shows the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by business segment:

	U.S. Simple Meals	Global Baking and Snacking	International Simple Meals and Beverages	U.S. Beverages	North America Foodservice	Total	
Balance at July 31, 2011	\$322	\$914	\$ 639	\$112	\$146	\$2,133	
Foreign currency translation adjustment	_	(43)	(43)	_	_	(86)
Balance at April 29, 2012	\$322	\$871	\$ 596	\$112	\$146	\$2,047	

The following table sets forth balance sheet information for intangible assets, excluding goodwill, subject to amortization and intangible assets not subject to amortization:

	April 29,	July 31,	
	2012	2011	
Intangible Assets:			
Non-amortizable intangible assets	\$499	\$515	
Amortizable intangible assets	21	21	
	520	536	
Accumulated amortization	(9) (9)
Total net intangible assets	\$511	\$527	

Non-amortizable intangible assets consist of trademarks, which mainly include Pace, Royco, Liebig, Blå Band, and Touch of Taste.

Amortizable intangible assets consist substantially of process technology and customer intangibles. Amortization related to these assets was approximately \$1 for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011. The estimated aggregated amortization expense for each of the five succeeding fiscal years is less than \$1 per year. Asset useful lives range from one to twenty years.

⁽²⁾ Includes a tax benefit of \$9 as of April 29, 2012, and \$11 as of July 31, 2011.

⁽³⁾ Includes a tax benefit of \$435 as of April 29, 2012, and \$459 as of July 31, 2011.

5. Business and Geographic Segment Information

The company reports the results of operations in the following reportable segments: U.S. Simple Meals; Global Baking and Snacking; International Simple Meals and Beverages; U.S. Beverages; and North America Foodservice. The company has

eleven operating segments based on product type and geographic location and has aggregated the operating segments into the appropriate reportable segment based on similar economic characteristics; products; production processes; types or classes of customers; distribution methods; and regulatory environment. The segments are discussed in greater detail below.

The U.S. Simple Meals segment aggregates the following operating segments: U.S. Soup and U.S. Sauces. The U.S. Soup retail business includes the following products: Campbell's condensed and ready-to-serve soups; and Swanson broth and stocks. The U.S. Sauces retail business includes the following products: Prego pasta sauce; Pace Mexican sauce; Campbell's canned gravies, pasta and beans; and Swanson canned poultry.

The Global Baking and Snacking segment aggregates the following operating segments: Pepperidge Farm cookies, crackers, bakery and frozen products in U.S. retail; and Arnott's biscuits in Australia and Asia Pacific.

The International Simple Meals and Beverages segment aggregates the simple meals and beverages operating segments outside of the United States, including Europe, the retail business in Canada, and the businesses in Asia Pacific, Latin America and China.

The U.S. Beverages segment represents the U.S. retail beverages business, including the following products: V8 juices and beverages; and Campbell's tomato juice.

The North America Foodservice segment represents the distribution of products such as soup, specialty entrees, beverage products, other prepared foods and Pepperidge Farm products through various food service channels in the United States and Canada.

The company's accounting policies for measuring segment assets and earnings before interest and taxes are substantially consistent with those described in the company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The company evaluates segment performance before interest, taxes, and costs associated with restructuring activities. Beginning in 2012, unrealized gains and losses on commodity hedging activities are excluded from segment operating earnings and are recorded in Corporate expenses as these open positions represent hedges of future purchases. Upon closing of the contracts, the realized gain or loss is transferred to segment operating earnings, which allows the segments to reflect the economic effects of the hedge without exposure to quarterly volatility of unrealized gains and losses. In prior periods, unrealized gains and losses on commodity hedging activities were not material. The manufacturing, warehousing, distribution and selling activities of the company's U.S. retail business are operated as an integrated platform in order to maximize efficiency and productivity. As a result, assets and capital expenditures of the U.S. Simple Meals and U.S. Beverages segments are not discretely maintained. Depreciation expense associated with the integrated operations, however, is allocated to the U.S. Simple Meals and U.S. Beverages segments based on production hours. North America Foodservice products are principally produced by the tangible assets of the company's other segments, except for refrigerated soups, which are produced in a separate facility, and certain other products, which are produced under contract manufacturing agreements. Tangible assets of the company's other segments are not allocated to the North America Foodservice operations. Depreciation, however, is allocated to North America Foodservice based on production hours.

	Three Mont	Three Months Ended		s Ended
	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net sales				
U.S. Simple Meals	\$567	\$580	\$2,265	\$2,320
Global Baking and Snacking	543	527	1,637	1,597
International Simple Meals and Beverages	349	354	1,110	1,147
U.S. Beverages	208	198	593	583
North America Foodservice	154	154	489	465
Total	\$1,821	\$1,813	\$6,094	\$6,112

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Earnings before interest and taxes					
U.S. Simple Meals	\$120	\$139	\$554	\$556	
Global Baking and Snacking	73	82	232	263	
International Simple Meals and Beverages	37	41	138	161	
U.S. Beverages	45	54	109	152	
North America Foodservice	20	22	75	66	
Corporate(1)	(27	(31) (90) (88)
Restructuring charges(2)	(4) —	(9) —	
Total	\$264	\$307	\$1,009	\$1,110	

⁽¹⁾ Represents unallocated corporate expenses.

The company's global net sales based on product categories are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	April 29, May 1,		April 29,	May 1,
	2012	2011	2012	2011
Net Sales				
Simple Meals	\$985	\$991	\$3,618	\$3,657
Baked Snacks	576	569	1,735	1,723
Beverages	260	253	741	732
Total	\$1,821	\$1,813	\$6,094	\$6,112

Simple Meals include condensed and ready-to-serve soups, broths and sauces. Baked Snacks include cookies, crackers, biscuits, and other baked products.

6. Restructuring Charges

On June 28, 2011, the company announced a series of initiatives to improve supply chain efficiency and reduce overhead costs across the organization to help fund plans to drive the growth of the business. The company also announced its intent to exit the Russian market. Details of the initiatives include:

In Australia, the company will invest in a new system to automate packing operations at its biscuit plant in Virginia. This investment will occur through the second quarter of 2013 and will result in the elimination of approximately 190 positions. Further, the company improved asset utilization in the U.S. by shifting production of ready-to-serve soups from Paris, Texas, to other facilities in 2012. In addition, the manufacturing facility in Marshall, Michigan, was closed in 2011, and manufacturing of Campbell's Soup at Hand microwavable products was consolidated at the Maxton, North Carolina, plant in 2012.

The company streamlined its salaried workforce by approximately 510 positions around the world, including approximately 130 positions at its world headquarters in Camden, New Jersey. These actions were substantially completed in 2011. As part of this initiative, the company outsourced a larger portion of its U.S. retail merchandising activities to its current retail sales agent, Acosta Sales and Marketing, and eliminated approximately 190 positions. The company expects that this action will enhance merchandising effectiveness and coverage for its U.S. customers. In connection with exiting the Russian market, the company has eliminated approximately 50 positions. The exit process commenced in 2011 and was substantially completed in 2012.

In the third quarter of 2012, the company recorded a restructuring charge of \$4 (\$3 after tax or \$.01 per share) related to these initiatives, resulting in a year-to-date charge of \$9 (\$6 after tax or \$.02 per share). In the fourth quarter of 2011, the company recorded a restructuring charge of \$63 (\$41 after tax or \$.12 per share). A summary of the pre-tax charges and remaining costs associated with the initiatives is as follows:

⁽²⁾ See Note 6 for additional information.

	Total Program	Recognized as of April 29, 2012	Remaining Costs to be Recognized
Severance pay and benefits	\$43	\$(41)	\$2
Asset impairment/accelerated depreciation	23	(23)	_
Other exit costs	9	(8)	1
Total	\$75	\$(72)	\$3

Of the aggregate \$75 of pre-tax costs, the company expects approximately \$50 will be cash expenditures, the majority of which will be spent in 2012. In addition, the company expects to invest approximately \$40 in capital expenditures in connection with the actions. The initiatives are expected to be completed by the end of 2013.

A summary of the restructuring activity and related reserves associated with these initiatives at April 29, 2012 is as follows:

		Nine Months Ended April 29, 2012					
	Accrued Balance at		Cash		Foreign Current Translation	ıcy	Accrued Balance at
	July 31, 2011	Charges	Payments		Adjustment		April 29, 2012
Severance pay and benefits	\$35	\$4	\$(20)	\$ (1)	\$18
Other exit costs	4	2	(3)	_		3
	\$39	6	\$(23)	\$ (1)	\$21
Asset impairment/accelerated depreciation		1					
Other non-cash exit costs		2					
Total charges		\$9					

A summary of restructuring charges incurred to date associated with each segment is as follows:

	U.S. Simple Meals	Global Baking and Snacking	International Simple Meals and Beverages	U.S. Beverages	North America Foodservice	Corporate	Total
Severance pay and benefits	\$10	\$13	\$12	\$3	\$1	\$2	\$41
Asset impairment/accelerated depreciation	20	_	3	_	_	_	23
Other exit costs	1 \$31	- \$13	3 \$ 18	- \$3	 \$1	4 \$6	8 \$72

The company expects to incur additional pre-tax costs of approximately \$3 by segment as follows: U.S. Simple Meals \$1 and Global Baking and Snacking \$2. Segment operating results do not include restructuring charges as segment performance is evaluated excluding such charges.

7. Earnings per Share

The accounting guidance for earnings per share provides that unvested share-based payment awards that contain non-forfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and

shall be included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings.

The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to common shareowners is as follows:

	Three Months	Ended	Nine Months Ended			
	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,		
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company	\$177	\$187	\$647	\$705		
Less: net earnings allocated to participating securities	(1)	(2)	(3)	(8)		
Net earnings available to Campbell Soup Company common shareowners	\$176	\$185	\$644	\$697		
Weighted average shares outstanding — basic	316	321	318	328		
Effect of dilutive securities: stock options and other share-based payment awards	2	2	2	3		
Weighted average shares outstanding — diluted	318	323	320	331		
Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company percommon share:	er					
Basic	\$.56	\$.58	\$2.03	\$2.13		
Diluted	\$.55	\$.56 \$.57	\$2.03	\$2.13 \$2.11		
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There were no antidilutive stock options for the three-month and nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011.

8. Noncontrolling Interests

The company owns a 60% controlling interest in a joint venture formed with Swire Pacific Limited to support the development of the company's business in China. The joint venture began operations on January 31, 2011, the beginning of the third quarter of 2011. The noncontrolling interest's share in the net loss was included in Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The company owns a 70% controlling interest in a Malaysian food products manufacturing company. The earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest have historically been less than \$1 annually and, prior to the third quarter of 2011, were included in Other expense/(income) in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Beginning in the third quarter of 2011, the earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest were included in Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. The earnings were not material in 2012 or 2011.

The noncontrolling interests in these entities were included in Total equity in the Consolidated Balance Sheets and Consolidated Statements of Equity.

9. Pension and Postretirement Benefits

The company sponsors certain defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefit plans for employees. Components of benefit expense were as follows:

					Nine Mont	ths Ended			
	Pension		Postretirer	nent	Pension		Postretiren	nent	
	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,	April 29,	May 1,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Service cost	\$14	\$15	\$ —	\$—	\$41	\$44	\$2	\$2	
Interest cost	31	30	4	5	92	91	13	14	
Expected return on plan assets	¹ (44)	(45)	_	_	(133)	(134)	_	_	
Amortization of prior service credit	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1)	(1)	
Recognized net actuarial loss	18	17	3	2	55	52	7	6	
Net periodic benefit expense	\$19	\$17	\$7	\$7	\$55	\$53	\$21	\$21	

A contribution of \$55 was made to U.S. pension plans and contributions of \$13 were made to non-U.S. pension plans during the nine-month period ended April 29, 2012. Additional contributions to U.S. pension plans are not expected this year. Contributions to non-U.S. pension plans are expected to be approximately \$3 during the remainder of the year.

10. Financial Instruments

The principal market risks to which the company is exposed are changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and commodity prices. In addition, the company is exposed to equity price changes related to certain deferred compensation obligations. In order to manage these exposures, the company follows established risk management policies and procedures, including the use of derivative contracts such as swaps, options, forwards and commodity futures. These derivative contracts are entered into for periods consistent with the related underlying exposures and do not constitute positions independent of those exposures. The company does not enter into derivative contracts for speculative purposes and does not use leveraged instruments. The company's derivative programs include both instruments that qualify and that do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment.

The company is exposed to credit risk from counterparties to derivative contracts who fail to meet their contractual obligations. The company minimizes the counterparty credit risk on these transactions by dealing only with leading, credit-worthy financial institutions having long-term credit ratings of "A" or better. In addition, the contracts are distributed among several financial institutions, thus minimizing credit-risk concentration. The company does not have credit-risk-related contingent features in its derivative instruments as of April 29, 2012. Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

The company is exposed to foreign currency exchange risk related to its international operations, including non-functional currency intercompany debt and net investments in subsidiaries. The company is also exposed to foreign exchange risk as a result of transactions in currencies other than the functional currency of certain subsidiaries. Principal currencies hedged include the Australian dollar, Canadian dollar, euro, Swedish krona, New Zealand dollar, British pound and Japanese yen. The company utilizes foreign exchange forward purchase and sale contracts as well as cross-currency swaps to hedge these exposures. The contracts are either designated as cash-flow hedging instruments or are undesignated. The company hedges portions of its forecasted foreign currency transaction exposure

with foreign exchange forward contracts for periods typically up to 18 months. To hedge currency exposures related to intercompany debt, cross-currency swap contracts are entered into for periods consistent with the underlying debt. As of April 29, 2012, cross-currency swap contracts mature in 2012 through 2015. The notional amount of foreign exchange forward and cross-currency swap contracts accounted for as cash-flow hedges was \$163 at April 29, 2012 and \$287 at July 31, 2011. The effective portion of the changes in fair value on these instruments is recorded in other comprehensive income (loss) and is reclassified into the Consolidated Statements of Earnings on the same line item and the same period in which the underlying hedged transaction affects earnings. The notional amount of foreign exchange forward and cross-currency swap contracts that are not designated as accounting hedges was \$976 and \$861 at

April 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011, respectively.

Interest Rate Risk

The company manages its exposure to changes in interest rates by optimizing the use of variable-rate and fixed-rate debt and by utilizing interest rate swaps in order to maintain its variable-to-total debt ratio within targeted guidelines. Receive fixed rate/pay variable rate interest rate swaps are accounted for as fair-value hedges. The notional amount of outstanding fair-value interest rate swaps totaled \$500 at April 29, 2012 and at July 31, 2011. These swaps mature in 2013 through 2014.

Commodity Price Risk

The company principally uses a combination of purchase orders and various short- and long-term supply arrangements in connection with the purchase of raw materials, including certain commodities and agricultural products. The company also enters into commodity futures, options and swap contracts to reduce the volatility of price fluctuations of diesel fuel, wheat, soybean oil, aluminum, natural gas, and cocoa, which impact the cost of raw materials. Commodity futures, options, and swap contracts are either accounted for as cash-flow hedges or are not designated as accounting hedges. The company hedges a portion of commodity requirements for periods typically up to 12 months. There were no commodity contracts accounted for as cash-flow hedges at April 29, 2012. The notional amount of commodity contracts accounted for as cash-flow hedges at July 31, 2011 was \$6. The notional amount of commodity contracts that are not designated as accounting hedges was \$76 at April 29, 2012 and \$81 at July 31, 2011. Equity Price Risk

The company hedges a portion of exposures relating to certain deferred compensation obligations linked to the total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the total return of the company's capital stock, the total return of the Vanguard International Stock Index and, beginning in April 2012, the total return of the Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index. Under these contracts, the company pays variable interest rates and receives from the counterparty either the total return of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index, the total return on company capital stock, the total return of the iShares MSCI EAFE Index, which is expected to approximate the total return of the Vanguard International Stock Index, or the total return of the Vanguard Short-Term Bond Index. These contracts were not designated as hedges for accounting purposes and are entered into for periods typically not exceeding 12 months. The notional amounts of the contracts as of April 29, 2012 and July 31, 2011 were \$75 and \$71, respectively.

The following table summarizes the fair value of derivative instruments recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of April 29, 2012, and July 31, 2011:

	Balance Sheet	April 29,	July 31,
	Classification	2012	2011
Asset Derivatives			
Derivatives designated as hedges:			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other current assets	\$1	\$ —
Interest rate swaps	Other current assets	7	
Interest rate swaps	Other assets	11	33
Total derivatives designated as hedges		\$19	\$33
Derivatives not designated as hedges:			
Commodity derivative contracts	Other current assets	\$2	\$3
Cross-currency swap contracts	Other assets	3	1
Total derivatives not designated as hedges		\$5	\$4
Total asset derivatives		\$24	\$37

	Balance Sheet	April 29,	July 31,
	Classification	2012	2011
Liability Derivatives			
Derivatives designated as hedges:			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Accrued liabilities	\$1	\$7
Cross-currency swap contracts	Accrued liabilities	_	8
Cross-currency swap contracts	Other liabilities	27	30
Total derivatives designated as hedges		\$28	\$45
Derivatives not designated as hedges:			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Accrued liabilities	\$1	\$2
Commodity derivative contracts	Accrued liabilities	3	2
Cross-currency swap contracts	Accrued liabilities	13	17
Deferred compensation derivative contracts	Accrued liabilities	_	3
Cross-currency swap contracts	Other liabilities	52	74
Total derivatives not designated as hedges		\$69	\$98
Total liability derivatives		\$97	\$143

The following tables show the effect of the company's derivative instruments designated as cash-flow hedges for the three- and nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011, in other comprehensive income (loss) (OCI) and the Consolidated Statements of Earnings:

Derivatives Designated as Cash-Flow Hedges

		Total Cash-Flow Hedge OCI Activity		
Three Months Ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011		2012	2011	
OCI derivative gain/(loss) at beginning of quarter		\$(19) \$(25)
Effective portion of changes in fair value recognized in				
OCI:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts		2	(7)
Cross-currency swap contracts		1		
Commodity derivative contracts		_	(1)
Amount of (gain) or loss reclassified from OCI to earnings:	Location in Earnings			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other expenses/income	_	1	
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Cost of products sold	(6) —	
Forward starting interest rate swaps	Interest expense	_	1	
Commodity derivative contracts	Cost of products sold	_	(1)
OCI derivative gain/(loss) at end of quarter		\$(22) \$(32)

		Total		
		Cash-Flow		
		Hedge		
		OCI Activity		
Nine Months Ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011		2012	2011	
OCI derivative gain/(loss) at beginning of year		\$(31) \$(28)
Effective portion of changes in fair value recognized in				
OCI:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts		7	(10)
Commodity derivative contracts		_	2	
Amount of (gain) or loss reclassified from OCI to	Location in Earnings			
earnings:	Location in Lannings			
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other expenses/income	_	1	
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Cost of products sold	_	2	
Forward starting interest rate swaps	Interest expense	2	2	
Commodity derivative contracts	Cost of products sold	_	(1)
OCI derivative gain/(loss) at end of quarter		\$(22) \$(32)

Based on current valuations, the amount expected to be reclassified from OCI into earnings within the next 12 months is not material. The ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing were not material. The following tables show the effect of the company's derivative instruments designated as fair-value hedges in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings:

		Amount of				Amount of	
		Gain or (Loss)					
		Recognized in Earnings on Derivatives				Recognized in E on Hedged Item	arnings
	Location of						
Derivatives Designated	Gain or (Loss)	April 29,		May 1,		April 29,	May 1,
as Fair-Value Hedges	Recognized in Earnings	2012		2011		2012	2011
Three Months Ended							
Interest rate swaps Nine Months Ended	Interest expense	\$(5)	\$(4)	\$5	\$4
Interest rate swaps	Interest expense	\$(15)	\$(11)	\$15	\$11

The following table shows the effects of the company's derivative instruments not designated as hedges in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings:

		Amount of Ga Recognized in on Derivative	n Earnings			
	Location of Gain	Three Months	Ended	Nine Months Ended		
Derivatives not Designated as Hedges	or(Loss) Recognized in Earnings	April 29, 2012	May 1, 2011	April 29, 2012	May 1, 2011	
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other expenses/income	\$ —	\$1	\$1	\$—	

Foreign exchange forward contracts	Cost of products sold	(4) —	_	(1)
Cross-currency swap contracts	Other expenses/income	1	(55) 40	(94)
Commodity derivative contracts	Cost of products sold	1	1	(6) 10	
Deferred compensation derivative contracts	Administrative expenses	4	_	3	2	
Total	•	\$2	\$(53) \$38	\$(83)
15						

11. Fair Value Measurements

The company is required to categorize financial assets and liabilities based on the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1: Observable inputs that reflect quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets.

Level 2: Inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability through corroboration with observable market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions.

Fair value is defined as the exit price, or the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants as of the measurement date. When available, the company uses unadjusted quoted market prices to measure the fair value and classifies such items as Level 1. If quoted market prices are not available, the company bases fair value upon internally developed models that use current market-based or independently sourced market parameters such as interest rates and currency rates. Included in the fair value of derivative instruments is an adjustment for credit and nonperformance risk.

The following table presents the company's financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of April 29, 2012, and July 31, 2011, consistent with the fair value hierarchy:

	Fair Value as of April 29,	of April 29, 2012 Using			Fair Value as of July 31,	Fair Value Measurements at July 31, 2011 Using Fair Value Hierarchy			
	2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets Interest rate swaps(1) Foreign	\$18	\$—	\$18	\$—	\$33	\$—	\$33	\$—	
exchange forward contracts(2)	1	_	1	_	_	_	_	_	
Cross-currenc swap contracts(3) Commodity	y 3	_	3	_	1	_	1	_	
derivative contracts(5)	2	2		_	3	3	_		
Total assets at fair value	\$24	\$2	\$22	\$	\$37	\$3	\$34	\$	
	Fair Value as of April 29,	April 29, 20	April 29, 2012 Using			Fair Value Fair Value Measurements at as of July 31, 2011 Using July 31, Fair Value Hierarchy			
	2012	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	2011	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Liabilities Foreign exchange forward contracts(2)	\$2	\$—	\$2	\$—	\$9	\$—	\$9	\$—	
Cross-currency swap contracts(3)	92	_	92	_	129	_	129	_	
20111110110(3)		_	_	_	3	_	3		

Deferred compensation derivative contracts(4) Commodity							
derivative 3	3	_	_	2	2	_	_
contracts(5) Deferred							
compensation 110	110			144	97	47	
obligation(6) Total liabilities \$207 at fair value	\$113	\$94	\$—	\$287	\$99	\$188	\$ —
16							

- (4) Based on LIBOR and equity index swap rates.
- (5) Based on quoted futures exchanges.
- (6) Based on the fair value of the participants' investments.

The carrying value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term borrowings, excluding the current portion of long-term debt, approximate fair value. Cash equivalents of \$235 at April 29, 2012 and \$35 at July 31, 2011 represent fair value as these highly liquid investments have an original maturity of three months or less. Fair value of cash equivalents is based on Level 2 inputs. The fair value of long-term debt, including the current portion of long-term debt in Short-term borrowings, was \$2,667 at April 29, 2012 and \$2,603 at July 31, 2011. The carrying value was \$2,414 at April 29, 2012 and \$2,427 at July 31, 2011. The fair value of long-term debt is principally estimated using Level 2 inputs based on quoted market prices or pricing models using current market rates.

12. Share Repurchase Programs

In June 2011, the Board authorized the purchase of up to \$1,000 of company stock. This program has no expiration date. In addition to this publicly announced program, the company repurchases shares to offset the impact of dilution from shares issued under the company's stock compensation plans.

During the nine-month period ended April 29, 2012, the company repurchased 8 million shares at a cost of \$272. Of this amount, \$181 was used to repurchase shares pursuant to the company's June 2011 publicly announced share repurchase program. Approximately \$819 remains available under this program as of April 29, 2012. During the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011, the company repurchased 20 million shares at a cost of \$696. Of this amount, \$543 was used to repurchase shares pursuant to the company's June 2008 publicly announced share repurchase program, which was completed in the fourth quarter of 2011.

13. Stock-based Compensation

The company provides compensation benefits by issuing unrestricted stock, restricted stock and restricted stock units (including time-lapse restricted stock units, EPS performance restricted stock units, total shareowner return (TSR) performance restricted stock units and strategic performance restricted stock units). In fiscal 2012, the company issued time-lapse restricted stock units, EPS performance restricted stock units and, for the first time, strategic performance restricted stock units. The company did not issue TSR performance restricted stock units in fiscal 2012. Awards of the strategic performance restricted stock units will be earned based upon the achievement of two key metrics, net sales and EPS growth, compared to strategic plan objectives during a two-year period. A recipient of strategic performance restricted stock units may earn a total award ranging from 0% to 200% of the initial grant. In previous fiscal years, the company also issued stock options and stock appreciation rights.

Total pre-tax stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings was \$17 and \$23 for the three-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, respectively. Tax-related benefits of \$6 and \$9 were also recognized for the three-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011. Total pre-tax stock-based compensation expense recognized in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings was \$62 and \$69 for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, respectively. Tax-related benefits of \$23 and \$26 were also recognized for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, respectively. Cash received from the exercise of stock options was \$94 and \$54 for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, respectively, and is reflected in cash flows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

⁽¹⁾Based on LIBOR swap rates.

⁽²⁾ Based on observable market transactions of spot currency rates and forward rates.

⁽³⁾ Based on observable local benchmarks for currency and interest rates.

The following table summarizes stock option activity as of April 29, 2012:

	Options		Weighted- Average Exercise Price	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	
	(Options in thousands)			(In years)		
Outstanding at July 31, 2011	8,706		\$26.23			
Granted	_		\$ —			
Exercised	(3,609)	\$26.11			
Terminated	(75)	\$26.62			
Outstanding at April 29, 2012	5,022		\$26.32	1.8	\$38	
Exercisable at April 29, 2012	5,022		\$26.32	1.8	\$38	

The total intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, was \$24 and \$19, respectively. As of January 2009, compensation related to stock options was fully expensed. The company measured the fair value of stock options using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The following table summarizes time-lapse restricted stock units, EPS performance restricted stock units and strategic performance restricted stock units as of April 29, 2012:

	Units	Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value		
	(Restricted stock units in thousand			
Nonvested at July 31, 2011	2,710	\$35.11		
Granted	2,620	\$32.38		
Vested	(1,154) \$35.74		
Forfeited	(174) \$33.37		
Nonvested at April 29, 2012	4,002	\$33.22		

The fair value of time-lapse restricted stock units, EPS performance restricted stock units, and strategic performance restricted stock units is determined based on the quoted price of the company's stock at the date of grant. Time-lapse restricted stock units are expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, except for awards issued to retirement-eligible participants, which are expensed on an accelerated basis. EPS performance restricted stock units are expensed on a graded-vesting basis, except for awards issued to retirement-eligible participants, which are expensed on an accelerated basis. There were approximately 300 thousand EPS performance target grants outstanding at April 29, 2012 with a weighted-average grant-date fair value of \$33.56. Strategic performance restricted stock units are expensed on a straight-line basis over the service period. There were approximately 1.31 million strategic performance target grants outstanding at April 29, 2012 with a grant-date fair value of \$32.37. The actual number of EPS performance restricted stock units and strategic performance restricted stock units issued at the vesting date could range from 0% to 100% and 0% to 200%, respectively, of the initial grant, depending on actual performance achieved. Expense is estimated based on the number of awards expected to vest.

On July 1, 2011, the company issued approximately 400 thousand special retention time-lapse restricted stock units to certain executives to support successful execution of the company's shift in strategic direction and leadership transition. These awards vest over a two-year period and are included in the table above. The grant-date fair value was

\$34.65.

As of April 29, 2012, total remaining unearned compensation related to nonvested time-lapse restricted stock units, EPS performance restricted stock units and strategic performance restricted stock units was \$63, which will be amortized over the weighted-average remaining service period of 1.6 years. The fair value of restricted stock units vested during the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012, and May 1, 2011, was \$37 and \$40, respectively. The weighted-average grant-date fair value of the restricted stock units granted during the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011, was \$36.01.

The following table summarizes TSR performance restricted stock units as of April 29, 2012:

	Units	Weighted- Average Grant-Date Fair Value
	(Restricted stock units in thousand	
Nonvested at July 31, 2011	3,431	\$40.78
Granted		\$—
Vested		\$—
Forfeited	(1,266) \$45.58
Nonvested at April 29, 2012	2,165	\$37.97

The company estimated the fair value of TSR performance restricted stock units at the grant date using a Monte Carlo simulation. Assumptions used in the 2011 Monte Carlo simulation were as follows:

	2011	
Risk-free interest rate	0.59	%
Expected dividend yield	3.00	%
Expected volatility	23.71	%
Expected term	3	yrs.

Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the service period. As of April 29, 2012, total remaining unearned compensation related to TSR performance restricted stock units was \$24, which will be amortized over the weighted-average remaining service period of 1.2 years. In the first quarter of 2012, recipients of TSR performance restricted stock units earned 0% of the initial grants based upon the company's TSR ranking in a performance peer group during a three-year period ended July 29, 2011. The total fair value of TSR performance restricted stock units vested during the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011, was \$38. The grant-date fair value of TSR performance restricted stock units granted during the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011, was \$43.18. There were no TSR performance restricted stock units granted during the nine-month period ended April 29, 2012. Prior to fiscal 2009, employees could elect to defer all types of restricted stock awards. These awards were classified as liabilities because of the possibility that they may be settled in cash. The fair value was adjusted quarterly. As of October 2010, these awards were fully vested. Total cash paid to settle the liabilities during the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011, was not material.

The excess tax benefits on the exercise of stock options and vested restricted stock presented as cash flows from financing activities for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011, were \$6 and \$7, respectively.

14. Inventories

	April 29,	July 31,
	2012	2011
Raw materials, containers and supplies	\$264	\$261
Finished products	409	506
Total inventories	\$673	\$767

15. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Other cash used in operating activities for the nine-month periods was comprised of the following:

	April 29,	May 1,	
	2012	2011	
Benefit related payments	\$(75) \$(41)
Other	(4) (6)
	\$(79) \$(47)

Item 2.

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF
FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

OVERVIEW

Description of the Company

Campbell Soup Company is a global manufacturer and marketer of high-quality, branded convenience food products. The company reports the results of operations in the following reportable segments: U.S. Simple Meals; Global Baking and Snacking; International Simple Meals and Beverages; U.S. Beverages; and North America Foodservice. Executive Summary

This Executive Summary provides significant highlights from the discussion and analysis that follows.

Net sales were \$1.821 billion in the quarter, comparable to a year ago.

Gross profit, as a percent of sales, decreased to 38.8% in the current quarter from 40.4% a year ago.

Net earnings per share for the quarter were \$.55, compared to \$.57 a year ago.

Net earnings attributable to Campbell Soup Company

Net earnings and net earnings per share were impacted by restructuring charges in 2012. In 2011, the company announced a series of initiatives to improve supply chain efficiency and reduce overhead costs across the organization to help fund plans to drive the growth of the business. The company also announced its intent to close its office in Moscow and exit the Russian market. In the third quarter of 2012, the company recorded pre-tax restructuring charges of \$4 million (\$3 million after tax or \$.01 per share) related to the initiatives. The year-to-date impact was \$9 million (\$6 million after tax or \$.02 per share).

Net earnings were \$177 million (\$.55 per share) in the quarter ended April 29, 2012 compared to \$187 million (\$.57 per share) in the year-ago quarter. The decline in net earnings and earnings per share was primarily due to a decline in gross margin percentage and higher advertising and consumer promotion expenses, mostly offset by a lower effective tax rate. Earnings per share benefited from a reduction in the weighted average diluted shares outstanding, which was primarily due to share repurchases under the company's strategic share repurchase programs.

Net earnings were \$647 million (\$2.01 per share) for the nine months ended April 29, 2012, compared to \$705 million (\$2.11 per share) for the year-ago period. The decline was primarily due to a decrease in gross margin percentage. Earnings per share benefited from a reduction in the weighted average diluted shares outstanding, which was primarily due to share repurchases under the company's strategic share repurchase programs.

Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests

The company owns a 60% controlling interest in a joint venture formed with Swire Pacific Limited to support the development of the company's business in China. The joint venture began operations on January 31, 2011, the beginning of the third quarter of 2011. The noncontrolling interest's share in the net loss was included in Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings.

The company also owns a 70% controlling interest in a Malaysian food products manufacturing company. Historically, the earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest were less than \$1 million annually and, prior to the third quarter of 2011, were included in Other expenses/(income) in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. Beginning in the third quarter of 2011, the earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest were included in Net earnings (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings. The earnings were not material for the nine-month periods ended April 29, 2012 and May 1, 2011.

THIRD-QUARTER DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Sales

An analysis of net sales by reportable segment follows:

	2012	2011	% Chang	ge
	(Millions)			
U.S. Simple Meals	\$567	\$580	(2)%
Global Baking and Snacking	543	527	3	
International Simple Meals and Beverages	349	354	(1)
U.S. Beverages	208	198	5	
North America Foodservice	154	154		
	\$1,821	\$1,813		%

An analysis of percent change of net sales by reportable segment follows:

	U.S. Simple Meals		Global Baking and Snacking		Internation Simple Mand Beverage	Ieals	U.S. Beverages	S	North America Foodserv	ice	Total	
Volume and Mix	(5)%	_	%	_	%	7	%	(2)%	(1)%
Price and Sales Allowances	4		6		4		_		3		3	
Increased Promotional Spending (1)	(1)	(4)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Currency			1		(3)	_		_			
	(2)%	3	%	(1)%	5	%		%		%

⁽¹⁾ Represents revenue reductions from trade promotion and consumer coupon redemption programs.

Sales of ready-to-serve soups decreased 1%, reflecting declines in microwavable soups, partly offset by sales from the 4aunch in 2012 of Campbell's Slow Kettle soups. Canned ready-to-serve soup sales were comparable to a year ago. Promotional spending was increased on ready-to-serve soups to improve marketplace performance.

Broth sales decreased 4%, primarily due to declines in canned broth, partly offset by the introduction of Swanson Flavor Boost concentrated broth in 2012.

U.S. Sauces sales were comparable to the year-ago quarter. Sales of Prego pasta sauce increased 3% driven by strong volume gains benefiting from increased advertising support and new items. Sales of Pace Mexican sauces were comparable to the prior year. Sales of other simple meals declined.

In Global Baking and Snacking, sales increased 3% from the prior-year quarter. Sales at Pepperidge Farm increased, reflecting higher selling prices across the product portfolio, partly offset by increased promotional spending. Within Pepperidge Farm, sales of cookies and crackers increased, led by double-digit growth in Goldfish snack crackers, partly offset by declines in cookies. Pepperidge Farm bakery sales decreased slightly reflecting declines in the category. Excluding the favorable impact of currency, sales at Arnott's were comparable to the prior year as strong growth in Indonesia was offset by declines in Australia, where the company continues to face a difficult customer and consumer environment. Promotional spending was increased within the segment to improve marketplace performance. In International Simple Meals and Beverages, sales decreased 1% primarily due to currency. In Europe, sales declined due to currency. Excluding the impact of currency, sales in Europe increased due to volume-driven gains in France, partially offset by declines in Germany. In the Asia Pacific region, sales decreased primarily due to declines in soup in

In U.S. Simple Meals, sales declined 2%, reflecting a 3% decrease in U.S. Soup sales as lower volumes were partially offset by higher selling prices. Further details of U.S. Soup include:

Sales of Campbell's condensed soups decreased 5%, with declines in both cooking and eating varieties.

Australia, partially offset by the impact of currency and growth in Japan and Malaysia. In Canada, sales increased primarily due to increased soup sales, partly offset by the impact of currency and lower beverage sales. Promotional spending was increased within the

segment to improve marketplace performance.

In U.S. Beverages, sales increased 5%. Sales gains were driven by double-digit growth in V8 Splash beverages and gains in V8 V-Fusion beverages. Sales of V8 V-Fusion beverages benefited from a range of new products, including V8 V-Fusion Smoothies, Sparkling and Energy drinks, as well as increased promotional support.

In North America Foodservice, sales were comparable to the prior-year quarter as volume-driven gains in fresh chilled soup sold at retail were offset by declines in frozen and canned soup.

Gross Profit

Gross profit, defined as Net sales less Cost of products sold, decreased by \$26 million in 2012. As a percent of sales, gross profit decreased from 40.4% in 2011 to 38.8% in 2012. The 1.6 percentage-point decrease was due to the following factors:

	Margin	
	Impact	
Cost inflation and other factors	(3.4)	
Higher level of promotional spending	(1.3)	
Mix	(1.0)	
Higher selling prices	2.4	
Productivity improvements	1.7	
7 1	(1.6)	

Marketing and Selling Expenses

Marketing and selling expenses as a percent of sales were 14.1% in 2012 and 13.4% in 2011. Marketing and selling expenses increased 5% in 2012 from 2011. The increase was primarily due to higher advertising and consumer promotion expenses (approximately 6 percentage points), partly offset by lower selling expenses (approximately 1 percentage point). Advertising and consumer promotion expenses increased 13% in 2012 from 2011, reflecting brand-building investments across many key brands, especially within U.S. Simple Meals.

Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses as a percent of sales were 7.9% in 2012 and 8.2% in 2011. Administrative expenses decreased by 3% in 2012 from 2011, reflecting the benefit of cost savings primarily from restructuring initiatives and other factors (approximately 7 percentage points) and lower incentive compensation and benefit costs (approximately 1 percentage point), partially offset by an increase in general administrative costs and inflation (approximately 5 percentage points).

Operating Earnings

Segment operating earnings decreased 13% in 2012 from 2011.

An analysis of operating earnings by segment follows:

	2012	2011	% Change	e
	(Millions)		_	
U.S. Simple Meals	\$120	\$139	(14)%
Global Baking and Snacking	73	82	(11)
International Simple Meals and Beverages	37	41	(10)
U.S. Beverages	45	54	(17)
North America Foodservice	20	22	(9)
	295	338	(13)%
Corporate	(27) (31)	
Restructuring charges	(4) —		
	\$264	\$307		

Margin

Earnings from U.S. Simple Meals decreased 14%, reflecting declines in both U.S. Soup and U.S. Sauces. The decline in operating earnings was primarily due to lower volumes, cost inflation, and increased advertising and consumer promotion expenses, partly offset by higher selling prices and productivity improvements.

Earnings from Global Baking and Snacking decreased 11% primarily due to cost inflation and increased promotional spending, partly offset by higher selling prices and productivity improvements. Promotional spending was increased to support the businesses.

Earnings from International Simple Meals and Beverages decreased 10%. The decrease in operating earnings was primarily due to lower earnings in the Asia Pacific region.

Earnings from U.S. Beverages decreased 17% primarily due to cost inflation, increased promotional spending and advertising expense, partly offset by volume gains.

Earnings from North America Foodservice decreased 9% due to a decline in gross margin percentage.

Interest Expense/Income

Interest expense increased to \$29 million from \$27 million in the prior year, primarily due to higher levels of fixed-rate debt, partly offset by lower interest rates on fixed-rate debt.

Taxes on Earnings

The effective tax rate was 26.2% for the current quarter compared to 34.3% in the year-ago quarter. The decrease in the rate was primarily due to lower taxes on foreign earnings associated with intercompany dividend projections.

NINE-MONTH DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Sales

An analysis of net sales by reportable segment follows:

	2012	2011	% Chang	ge
	(Millions)			
U.S. Simple Meals	\$2,265	\$2,320	(2)%
Global Baking and Snacking	1,637	1,597	3	
International Simple Meals and Beverages	1,110	1,147	(3)
U.S. Beverages	593	583	2	
North America Foodservice	489	465	5	
	\$6,094	\$6,112	_	%

2012

2011

An analysis of percent change of net sales by reportable segment follows:

	U.S. Simple Meals		Global Baking and Snacking		Internation Simple M and Beverage	leals	U.S. Beverages	ł	North America Foodservi	ce	Total	
Volume and Mix	(6)%	(3)%	(4)%	4	%	2	%	(3)%
Price and Sales Allowances	4		6		2		_		3		4	
Increased Promotional Spending (1)	_		(2)	(1)	(2)	_		(1)
Currency			2						_			
·	(2)%	3	%	(3)%	2	%	5	%		%

⁽¹⁾ Represents revenue reductions from trade promotion and consumer coupon redemption programs.

In U.S. Simple Meals, sales decreased 2%, reflecting a decline in U.S. Soup. U.S. Soup sales decreased 3% as lower volumes were partially offset by higher selling prices and lower promotional spending. Promotional spending was reduced in the current year to improve price realization, partly offset by an increase in support of new products. Further details of U.S. Soup include:

Sales of Campbell's condensed soups decreased 1%, with declines in both eating and cooking varieties.

Sales of ready-to-serve soups decreased 9%. Ready-to-serve soup volumes were especially impacted by the company's shift to improve price realization through higher selling prices and reduced promotional spending. The introduction of Campbell's Slow Kettle soups positively impacted sales performance for the year.

Broth sales increased 3%, primarily due to a strong holiday performance and the benefit from new item launches. U.S. Sauces sales were comparable to the prior year. Sales of Prego pasta sauce increased 4% due to volume-driven sales gains, partially offset by increased promotional spending. Sales of Pace Mexican sauce declined 3% reflecting the impact of increased private label competitive activity. Sales of other simple meals declined. In U.S. Sauces, promotional spending was increased to improve marketplace performance.

In Global Baking and Snacking, sales increased 3%. Sales at Pepperidge Farm increased, primarily due to an increase in cracker sales, driven by growth in Goldfish snack crackers and the launch of Cracker Chips in 2011, partly offset by declines in cookies. Sales at Arnott's increased due to currency. Excluding the impact of currency, sales at Arnott's declined primarily due to increased promotional spending and lower volumes, partially offset by higher selling prices. The company continues to face a difficult customer and consumer environment in Australia. Promotional spending was increased within the segment to improve marketplace performance.

In International Simple Meals and Beverages, sales decreased 3%, primarily due to lower sales performance in Europe and Canada, partly offset by gains in the Asia Pacific region. In Europe, sales decreased primarily due to volume declines in Germany and France. In Canada, sales decreased primarily due to declines in soup sales.

In U.S. Beverages, sales increased 2% primarily due to increases in sales of both V8 Splash and V8 V-Fusion beverages, while sales of V8 vegetable juice declined. Sales of V8 V-Fusion beverages benefited from new product launches. In response to intensified competition, the company increased promotional spending.

In North America Foodservice, sales increased 5% primarily due to volume-driven gains in fresh chilled soup sold at retail.

Gross Profit

Gross profit, defined as Net sales less Cost of products sold, decreased by \$93 million in 2012. As a percent of sales, gross profit decreased from 40.3% in 2011 to 38.9% in 2012. The 1.4-percentage-point decrease was due to the following factors:

	Margin	
	Impact	
Cost inflation and other factors	(4.3)
Higher level of promotional spending	(0.6)
Mix	(0.4)
Higher selling prices	2.1	
Productivity improvements	1.8	
	(1.4)

Marketing and Selling Expenses

Marketing and selling expenses as a percent of sales were 13.4% in 2012 and 13.3% in 2011. Marketing and selling expenses in 2012 were comparable to 2011. An increase in advertising and consumer promotion expenses (approximately 1 percentage point) was offset by lower selling expenses (approximately 1 percentage point). Administrative Expenses

Administrative expenses as a percent of sales were 7.2% in 2012 and 2011. Administrative expenses in 2012 were comparable to 2011. The benefit of cost savings primarily from restructuring initiatives and other factors (approximately 7 percentage points) was offset by higher incentive compensation and benefit costs (approximately 4 percentage points); an increase in general administrative costs and inflation (approximately 2 percentage points); and the impact of currency (approximately 1 percentage point).

Operating Earnings

Segment operating earnings decreased 8% in 2012 from 2011.

An analysis of operating earnings by segment follows:

	2012	2011	% Chang	e
	(Millions)		_	
U.S. Simple Meals	\$554	\$556	_	%
Global Baking and Snacking	232	263	(12)
International Simple Meals and Beverages	138	161	(14)
U.S. Beverages	109	152	(28)
North America Foodservice	75	66	14	
	1,108	1,198	(8)%
Corporate	(90) (88)	
Restructuring charges	(9) —		
	\$1,009	\$1,110		

Earnings from U.S. Simple Meals were \$554 million in 2012 compared to \$556 million in 2011. The slight decrease in operating earnings reflected lower earnings in U.S. Sauces, mostly offset by earnings gains in U.S. Soup. For the segment, lower volumes and cost inflation were mostly offset by higher selling prices, productivity improvements, and lower promotional spending.

Earnings from Global Baking and Snacking decreased 12% primarily due to cost inflation, increased promotional spending and higher advertising expense, partially offset by higher selling prices and productivity improvements. Earnings from International Simple Meals and Beverages decreased 14%. The decrease was primarily due to lower earnings in the Asia Pacific region and increased costs associated with the company's market expansion in China. Earnings from U.S. Beverages decreased 28%, primarily due to cost inflation, increased promotional spending and higher advertising expense, partly offset by productivity improvements.

Earnings from North America Foodservice increased 14%. The increase was primarily due to higher selling prices, productivity improvements, and volume gains, partly offset by cost inflation.

Interest Expense/Income

Interest expense decreased to \$87 million from \$93 million in the prior year, primarily due to lower interest rates on fixed-rate debt.

Taxes on Earnings

The effective tax rate was 31.1% for the current period compared to 31.3% for the year-ago period.

Restructuring Charges

On June 28, 2011, the company announced a series of initiatives to improve supply chain efficiency and reduce overhead costs across the organization to help fund plans to drive the growth of the business. The company also announced its intent to exit the Russian market. Details of the initiatives include:

In Australia, the company will invest in a new system to automate packing operations at its biscuit plant in Virginia. This investment will occur through the second quarter of 2013 and will result in the elimination of approximately 190 positions. Further, the company improved asset utilization in the U.S. by shifting production of ready-to-serve soups from Paris, Texas, to other facilities in 2012. In addition, the manufacturing facility in Marshall, Michigan, was closed in 2011, and manufacturing of Campbell's Soup at Hand microwavable products was consolidated at the Maxton, North Carolina, plant in 2012.

The company streamlined its salaried workforce by approximately 510 positions around the world, including approximately 130 positions at its world headquarters in Camden, New Jersey. These actions were substantially completed in 2011. As part of this initiative, the company outsourced a larger portion of its U.S. retail merchandising activities to its current retail sales agent, Acosta Sales and Marketing, and eliminated approximately 190 positions. The company expects that this action will enhance merchandising effectiveness and coverage for its U.S. customers. In connection with exiting the Russian market, the company has eliminated approximately 50 positions. The exit process commenced in 2011 and was substantially completed in 2012.

In the third quarter of 2012, the company recorded a restructuring charge of \$4 million (\$3 million after tax or \$.01 per share) related to these initiatives, resulting in a year-to-date charge of \$9 million (\$6 million after tax or \$.02 per share). In the fourth quarter of 2011, the company recorded a restructuring charge of \$63 million (\$41 million after tax or \$.12 per share). A summary of the pre-tax charges and remaining costs associated with the initiatives is as follows:

	Total	Recognized	Remaining	
(Millions)		as of	Costs to be	
	Program	April 29, 2012	Recognized	
Severance pay and benefits	\$43	\$(41)	\$2	
Asset impairment/accelerated depreciation	23	(23)		
Other exit costs	9	(8	1	
Total	\$75	\$(72)	\$3	

Of the aggregate \$75 million of pre-tax costs, the company expects approximately \$50 million will be cash expenditures, the majority of which will be spent in 2012. In addition, the company expects to invest approximately \$40 million in capital expenditures in connection with the actions. The cash outflows related to these programs are not expected to have a material adverse impact on the company's liquidity. The initiatives are expected to be completed by the end of 2013. See also Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The initiatives included in this program are expected to generate annual pre-tax cash savings of approximately \$60 million beginning in 2012 and increasing to approximately \$70 million in 2014.

The total pre-tax costs of \$75 million associated with each segment are expected to be as follows: U.S. Simple Meals \$32 million, Global Baking and Snacking \$15 million, International Simple Meals and Beverages \$18 million, U.S. Beverages \$3 million, North America Foodservice \$1 million, and Corporate \$6 million. Segment operating results do not include restructuring charges as segment performance is evaluated excluding such charges.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

The company expects that foreseeable liquidity and capital resource requirements, including cash outflows to repurchase shares, pay dividends and fund pension plan contributions, will be met through anticipated cash flows from operations; long-term borrowings under its shelf registration statement; short-term borrowings, including commercial paper; and cash and cash equivalents. The company believes that its sources of financing will be adequate to meet its future liquidity and capital resource requirements.

The company generated cash from operations of \$838 million in 2012, compared to \$858 million last year. The decline was primarily due to lower cash earnings, partially offset by the benefit of lower cash payments associated with pension and other benefit plans in 2012.

Capital expenditures were \$173 million in 2012 compared to \$133 million a year ago. To date, capital expenditures in 2012 include the packing automation and capacity expansion projects at one of the company's Australian biscuit plants (approximately \$23 million), an advanced planning system in North America (approximately \$10 million), capacity expansion at Pepperidge Farm (approximately \$6 million), the ongoing initiative to simplify the soup-making process in North America (also known as the soup common platform initiative) (approximately \$5 million), continued enhancement of the company's corporate headquarters (approximately \$9 million), and Pepperidge Farm's 34,000-square-foot innovation center (approximately \$7 million). Capital expenditures are expected to total approximately \$325 million in 2012.

Dividend payments were \$281 million in 2012 and \$284 million in 2011. Year-to-date dividends declared were \$.87 per share in 2012 and \$.855 per share in 2011.

Excluding shares owned and tendered by employees to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of restricted shares and for stock option exercises, the company repurchased approximately 8 million shares at a cost of \$272 million during the nine-month period ended April 29, 2012 and approximately 20 million shares at a cost of \$696 million during the nine-month period ended May 1, 2011. In the current year, approximately \$181 million was used to repurchase shares pursuant to the company's June 2011 publicly announced share repurchase program.

Approximately \$819 million remains available under the June 2011 repurchase program as of April 29, 2012. Approximately \$543 million was used in the prior-year period to repurchase shares pursuant to the company's June 2008 publicly announced share repurchase program, which was completed in the fourth quarter of 2011. In addition to the publicly announced share repurchase programs, the company also purchased shares to offset the impact of dilution from shares issued under the company's stock compensation plans. The company expects to continue this practice in the future. See "Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds" for more information.

At April 29, 2012, the company had \$751 million of short-term borrowings due within one year and \$44 million of standby letters of credit issued on behalf of the company. In September 2011, the company entered into committed revolving credit facilities totaling \$2.0 billion. The facilities are comprised of a \$1.5 billion facility that matures in September 2016, and a \$500 million, 364-day facility that contains a one-year term-out feature. The facilities remained unused at April 29, 2012, except for \$3 million of standby letters of credit issued on behalf of the company. These revolving credit agreements support the company's commercial paper programs and other general corporate purposes.

In November 2011, the company filed a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission that registered an indeterminate amount of debt securities. This registration statement replaces the 2008 registration statement, which expired in November 2011. Under the registration statement, the company may issue debt securities, depending on market conditions.

The company is in compliance with the covenants contained in its revolving credit facilities and debt securities.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The consolidated financial statements of the company are prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires the use of estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the periods presented. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions. The significant accounting policies of the company are described in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The significant accounting estimates are described in Management's Discussion and Analysis included in the 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The impact of new accounting standards is discussed in the following section. There have been no other changes in the company's accounting policies in the current period that had a material impact on the company's consolidated financial condition or results of operation.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued additional authoritative guidance related to fair value measurements and disclosures. The guidance requires a roll forward, separately presenting information about purchases, sales, issuances and settlements on a gross basis, rather than net, of the assets and liabilities measured using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 fair value measurements). The company adopted the guidance in the first quarter of 2012. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In November 2010, the FASB issued additional authoritative guidance clarifying the required disclosures of supplementary pro forma information for business combinations. The guidance is effective prospectively for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2010.

In December 2010, the FASB issued additional authoritative guidance on accounting for goodwill. The guidance clarifies the impairment test for reporting units with zero or negative carrying amounts. The guidance is effective for fiscal years and interim periods within those years beginning after December 15, 2011. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In May 2011, the FASB issued further additional authoritative guidance related to fair value measurements and disclosures. The new guidance results in a consistent definition of fair value and common requirements for measurement of and disclosure about fair value between accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). The company adopted the guidance in the third quarter of 2012. The adoption did not have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements. In June 2011, the FASB issued authoritative guidance requiring entities to present net income and other comprehensive income (OCI) in one continuous statement or two separate, but consecutive, statements of net income and comprehensive income. The option to present items of OCI in the statement of changes in equity has been eliminated. In December 2011, the FASB issued an amendment to defer indefinitely a requirement in the June 2011 standard that called for reclassification adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive income to be measured

and presented by income statement line item in net income and also in OCI. The new requirements are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2011 and for interim reporting periods within those years. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements. In September 2011, the FASB issued revised guidance intended to simplify how an entity tests goodwill for impairment. The amendments will allow an entity first to assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. An entity will no longer be required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment, that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The amendments are effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years

beginning after December 15, 2011. Early adoption is permitted. The company does not expect the adoption to have a material impact on the company's consolidated financial statements.

In December 2011, the FASB issued guidance related to disclosures about offsetting (netting) of assets and liabilities in the statement of financial position. The guidance requires entities to disclose gross information and net information about both instruments and transactions that are offset in the statement of financial position, and instruments and transactions subject to an agreement similar to a master netting arrangement. The scope includes financial instruments and derivative instruments. The disclosures are required for fiscal years and interim periods within those years beginning on or after January 1, 2013. Disclosures required under the guidance will be provided for all comparative periods presented. The company is currently assessing the impact of the guidance.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report contains "forward-looking" statements that reflect the company's current expectations regarding future results of operations, economic performance, financial condition and achievements of the company. The company tries, wherever possible, to identify these forward-looking statements by using words such as "anticipate," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "will" and similar expressions. One can also identify them by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. These statements reflect the company's current plans and expectations and are based on information currently available to it. They rely on a number of assumptions regarding future events and estimates which could be inaccurate and which are inherently subject to risks and uncertainties.

The company wishes to caution the reader that the following important factors and those important factors described in other Securities and Exchange Commission filings of the company, or in the company's 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K, could affect the company's actual results and could cause such results to vary materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements made by, or on behalf of, the company:

the impact of strong competitive response to the company's efforts to leverage its brand power with product innovation, promotional programs and new advertising, and of changes in consumer demand for the company's products;

the risks in the marketplace associated with trade and consumer acceptance of product improvements, shelving initiatives, new product introductions, and pricing and promotional strategies;

the company's ability to achieve sales and earnings guidance, which is based on assumptions about sales volume, product mix, the development and success of new products, the impact of marketing, promotional and pricing actions, product costs and currency;

the company's ability to realize projected cost savings and benefits;

the company's ability to successfully manage changes to its business processes, including selling, distribution, manufacturing, information management systems and the integration of acquisitions;

the practices and increased significance of certain of the company's key trade customers;

the impact of inventory management practices by the company's trade customers;

• the impact of fluctuations in the supply of and inflation in energy, raw and packaging materials cost:

the impact associated with portfolio changes and completion of acquisitions and divestitures;

the uncertainties of litigation described from time to time in the company's Securities and Exchange Commission filings;

the impact of changes in currency exchange rates, tax rates, interest rates, debt and equity markets, inflation rates, economic conditions and other external factors; and

the impact of unforeseen business disruptions in one or more of the company's markets due to political instability, civil disobedience, armed hostilities, natural disasters or other calamities.

This discussion of uncertainties is by no means exhaustive but is designed to highlight important factors that may impact the company's outlook. The company disclaims any obligation or intent to update forward-looking statements made by the company in order to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date they are made.

For information regarding the company's exposure to certain market risk, see Item 7A, Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk, in the 2011 Annual Report on Form 10-K. There have been no significant changes in the company's portfolio of financial instruments or market risk exposures from the fiscal 2011 year-end.

Item 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

a. Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The company, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President — Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the company's disclosure controls and procedures (as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of April 29, 2012 (Evaluation Date). Based on such evaluation, the President and Chief Executive Officer and the Senior Vice President — Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer have concluded that, as of the Evaluation Date, the company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

b. Changes in Internal Controls

During the quarter ended April 29, 2012, there were no changes in the company's internal control over financial reporting that materially affected, or were likely to materially affect, such control over financial reporting.

PART II

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)		Average Price Paid Per Share (2)		Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans of Programs (3)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that may yet be Purchased r Under the Plans or Programs (\$ in Millions) (3)
1/30/2012 - 2/29/2012	672,896	(4)	\$32.21	(4)	447,852	\$871
3/1/2012 - 3/31/2012	1,751,886	(5)	\$32.94	(5)	1,167,227	\$832
4/1/2012 - 4/29/2012	585,177	(6)	\$33.44	(6)	389,177	\$819
Total	3,009,959		\$32.87		2,004,256	\$819

Includes (i) 772,612 shares repurchased in open-market transactions to offset the dilutive impact to existing shareowners of issuances under the company's stock compensation plans, (ii) 6,999 shares owned and tendered by employees to satisfy tax withholding obligations on the vesting of restricted shares and (iii) 681,000 shares

(2) Average price paid per share is calculated on a settlement basis and excludes commission.

During the third quarter of fiscal 2012, the company had one publicly announced share repurchase program. Under this program, which was announced on June 23, 2011, the company's Board of Directors authorized the purchase of

- (3) up to \$1 billion of company stock. The program has no expiration date. Of the 681,000 Hedge Shares, 454,908 shares were allocated against the share repurchase program. In addition to the publicly announced share repurchase program, the company expects to continue to purchase shares, under separate authorization, as part of its practice of buying back shares sufficient to offset shares issued under incentive compensation plans.

 Includes (i) 222,308 shares repurchased in open-market transactions at an average price of \$32.21 to offset the
- (4) dilutive impact to existing shareowners of issuances under the company's stock compensation plans, and (ii) 2,736 shares owned and tendered by employees at an average price per share of \$31.71 to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of restricted shares.
- Includes (i) 356,881 shares repurchased in open-market transactions at an average price of \$32.98 to offset the dilutive impact to existing shareowners of issuances under the company's stock compensation plans, (ii) 1,686 shares owned and tendered by employees at an average price per share of \$33.16 to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of restricted shares, and (iii) the Hedge Shares at an average price per share of \$32.88. Includes (i) 193,423 shares repurchased in open-market transactions at an average price of \$33.44 to offset the
- dilutive impact to existing shareowners of issuances under the company's stock compensation plans, and (ii) 2,577 shares owned and tendered by employees at an average price per share of \$33.85 to satisfy tax withholding requirements on the vesting of restricted shares.

⁽¹⁾ purchased from the counterparty of a deferred compensation hedge that was settled during the third quarter of fiscal 2012 (the "Hedge Shares"). Unless otherwise indicated, shares owned and tendered by employees to satisfy tax withholding obligations were purchased at the closing price of the company's shares on the date of vesting.

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SIGNATURES

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.

Date: June 6, 2012

CAMPBELL SOUP COMPANY

By: /s/ B. Craig Owens

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