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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 30, 2015



MEREDITH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa

1-5128 (Commission file number)

42-0410230 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

organization)

1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa

(Address of principal executive offices)

50309-3023

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 284-3000

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On July 30, 2015, Meredith Corporation issued a news release reporting earnings for the fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 2015. That news release is attached as an exhibit.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits
 - 99 News release issued by Meredith Corporation dated July 30, 2015, reporting financial results for the fourth fiscal quarter and fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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.

MEREDITH CORPORATION Registrant

/s/ Joseph Ceryanec

Joseph Ceryanec Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)

Date: July 30, 2015

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MEREDITH REPORTS OVER 20 PERCENT GROWTH IN FISCAL 2015 EARNINGS PER SHARE

Local Media Group Delivers Record Revenue and Profit Performance

Company Generates Record Digital Advertising & Licensing Revenues

DES MOINES, IA (July 30, 2015) - Meredith Corporation (**NYSE:MDP**; <u>www.meredith.com</u>), the leading media and marketing company serving more than 100 million unduplicated American women and over 60 percent of U.S. millennial women, today reported fiscal 2015 earnings per share of \$3.02, compared to \$2.50 in the prior year, a 21 percent increase.

Excluding special items in both years, fiscal 2015 earnings per share were \$3.30, compared to \$2.80, an 18 percent increase. Fiscal 2015 revenues rose 9 percent to a record \$1.6 billion, including 15 percent growth in advertising revenues. (See Tables 1-2 for supplemental disclosures regarding non-GAAP financial measures.)

"Fiscal 2015 was a year of strong growth in revenues, profit and cash flow," said Meredith Chairman and CEO Stephen M. Lacy. "Our Local Media Group delivered the best financial performance in its over 65-year history, and our National Media Group set records in digital advertising and brand licensing revenues. We aggressively added to our portfolio, including acquiring great local television stations, powerful national brands, and cutting-edge digital properties. Importantly, we continued to deliver on our Total Shareholder Return strategy by returning cash to shareholders through increased dividends and our share repurchase program."

Looking at Meredith's fiscal year 2015 performance compared to the prior year:

- Local Media Group operating profit increased 44 percent to a record \$163 million. Growth was driven primarily by the addition of television stations KMOV in St. Louis and KTVK in Phoenix; a strong political cycle led by Meredith stations in Phoenix, Hartford and Kansas City; and a higher net retransmission contribution.
- National Media Group operating profit increased 8 percent, led by the additions of the Shape and Martha Stewart media properties; strong performance by the Allrecipes brand; growth in Brand Licensing and Meredith Xcelerated Marketing; and disciplined expense management.
- Total Company digital advertising revenues grew more than 45 percent, driven by recent acquisitions and organic growth. National Media Group digital advertising revenues increased nearly 50 percent, while Local Media Group digital advertising revenues increased nearly 40 percent.
- Cash flow from operations grew to more than \$190 million. Meredith returned over \$125 million to shareholders through dividends and share repurchases, consistent with the Company's successful Total Shareholder Return strategy.

For the fourth-quarter of fiscal 2015, Meredith's earnings per share were \$0.94, compared to \$0.89 in the prioryear period (\$0.88 excluding special items). Total revenues rose 9 percent to \$426 million, including 13 percent growth in advertising revenues.

FISCAL 2015 BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Meredith continued to execute **a series of well-defined strategic initiatives** in fiscal 2015 to accelerate profit and free cash flow growth. These included:

- Increasing its powerful consumer connection Consumer engagement strengthened across Meredith's media platforms, including magazine readership, television news viewership, digital and mobile traffic, and sales of branded product at retail.
- Generating record political advertising revenues Meredith's television stations combined to generate \$44 million of political advertising revenues, an increase of 12 percent compared to fiscal 2013, the last election cycle.
- Continued expansion of the Company's media portfolio including:
 - In the Local Media Group, Meredith added WALA, the FOX affiliate in Mobile-Pensacola, and WGGB, the ABC affiliate in Springfield, Mass. WGGB is also the FOX affiliate, airing it on a digital tier, and Meredith already owned the CBS affiliate in Springfield. Meredith's 17 stations including five duopolies now reach 11 percent of U.S. television households.
 - In the National Media Group, Meredith acquired the Shape brand, the clear leader in the women's active lifestyle category. It also entered into a long-term partnership with the Martha Stewart media properties, and expanded into the wedding category with the addition of the Martha Stewart Weddings brand and leading digital destination mywedding.com. Meredith increased the rate bases of *Allrecipes* and *EatingWell* magazines, and launched *Parents Latina*, a new brand aimed at growing its reach to U.S. Hispanic millennial women.
- **Rapid growth in digital, mobile, video and social platforms -** Traffic across Meredith's digital properties is now averaging approximately 70 million unique visitors per month, ranking Meredith among the top 35 digital operators in the U.S. In addition to mywedding.com, Meredith acquired Selectable Media, a leading native and engagement-based advertising platform; and Qponix, a leading shopper marketing platform and network.
- Strong performance from non-advertising-related activities Brand Licensing delivered excellent performance, driven by strong sales of Better Homes and Gardens branded products at Walmart stores across the U.S. Meredith Xcelerated Marketing generated more than 20 percent growth in operating profit as the digital marketing agency leveraged its content marketing expertise on behalf of clients in the automotive, casual dining, consumer packaged goods, managed healthcare, and retail industries. Additionally, Meredith's Local Media Group delivered significant growth in retransmission revenues.
- Successful execution of its Total Shareholder Return Strategy Meredith increased its dividend by 6 percent to \$1.83 per share on an annualized basis, the 22nd consecutive year of dividend growth. The dividend is currently yielding approximately 4 percent.

OPERATING GROUP DETAIL

LOCAL MEDIA GROUP

Meredith's Local Media Group includes 17 owned or operated television stations reaching 11 percent of U.S. households. Meredith's portfolio is concentrated in large, fast-growing markets, including seven stations in the nation's Top 25 and 13 in Top 50 markets. Meredith's stations produce more than 660 hours of local news and entertainment content each week. Meredith expects to continue to grow its Local Media Group both organically and through strategic acquisitions.

Fiscal 2015 Local Media Group operating profit increased 44 percent to a record \$163 million. Excluding special items in both periods, operating profit and adjusted EBITDA grew more than 35 percent each to \$169 million and \$206 million, respectively. Adjusted EBITDA margin was 39 percent. Revenues increased 33 percent to \$534 million. (*See Tables 1-4.*)

Looking more closely at fiscal 2015 financial performance compared to the prior year:

- Total advertising revenues increased 35 percent to \$400 million, an all-time record.
- Non-political advertising revenues grew 23 percent to \$357 million. Results were led by acquired stations in Phoenix, St. Louis, Mobile and Springfield, along with strong digital advertising revenue performance.
- Political advertising revenues were \$44 million, a record high. Performance was led by newly acquired stations in St. Louis and Phoenix, along with Meredith's existing stations in Phoenix, Hartford and Kansas City.
- Other revenues and operating expenses increased, due primarily to growth in retransmission revenues from cable and satellite television operators and higher programming fees paid to affiliated networks, along with increases from recent acquisitions.

Meredith demonstrated its strong connection with viewers in the May ratings period, as eight of its stations were No. 1 or No. 2 in late news, and nine were No. 1 or No. 2 in morning news.

"Our television expansion strategy continues to drive growth in revenue and profit," said Meredith Local Media Group President Paul Karpowicz. "We have successfully integrated the four stations we acquired, while also delivering stronger financial performance from our existing stations. Looking ahead, we are focused on continued growth across our group - including from our digital and mobile platforms - while actively looking for opportunities to add to our portfolio."

For the fourth-quarter of fiscal 2015, Local Media Group operating profit was \$40 million compared to \$25 million in the prior-year period (\$32 million excluding special items, *See Tables 1-2*). Revenues increased 17 percent to \$130 million.

NATIONAL MEDIA GROUP

Meredith's National Media Group reaches a multi-channel audience of approximately 220 million consumers each month, including more than 100 million unduplicated American women, and over 60 percent of U.S. millennial women. Meredith is a leader at creating content across media platforms and life stages in key consumer interest areas such as food, home, parenthood and health. It also features robust brand licensing activities and innovative business-to-business marketing services. Meredith expects to continue to grow its National Media Group organically and through strategic acquisitions.

Fiscal 2015 National Media Group operating profit increased 8 percent to \$123 million. Excluding special items in both periods, operating profit increased 3 percent to \$137 million. Revenues were flat at \$1.1 billion. (*See Tables 1-2.*)

Looking more closely at fiscal 2015 advertising performance compared to the prior year:

- Total advertising revenues grew 3 percent to \$496 million. Performance was driven by the addition of *Shape* and *Martha Stewart Living*, along with food-oriented brands *Allrecipes*, *EatingWell* and *Family Circle*. In particular, the prescription drug, retail and food categories were stronger than the prior year.
- Digital advertising revenues increased nearly 50 percent, accounting for nearly 25 percent of total National Media Group advertising revenues. Growth was driven by Allrecipes.com, along with the addition of Marthastewart.com, Shape.com, mywedding.com and Selectable Media.

Circulation contribution and margin increased in fiscal 2015. Meredith continued to expand its digital consumer marketing activities, driving approximately one-third of magazine subscription acquisitions via digital sources over the last 12 months. During the year, Meredith increased the rate base of *Allrecipes* magazine to 1.1 million, more than doubling its size at launch in November 2013. Meredith also grew the rate base of *EatingWell* magazine to 1 million, up from 350,000 when acquired four years ago. Total circulation revenues declined 4 percent to \$314 million, primarily due to the *Ladies' Home Journal* transition to a quarterly newsstand title, partially offset by the additions of *Martha Stewart Living* and *Shape*.

Meredith's consumer engagement remained robust. According to the May year-to-date Magazine Media 360 audience report, Better Homes and Gardens was the 3rd largest brand in the industry, with a total monthly audience average of 48 million, and Allrecipes was No. 10, with a total monthly audience average of 36 million. Additionally, the EatingWell and FamilyFun brands delivered over 10 percent audience growth.

Meredith also delivered stronger results from businesses not dependent on advertising:

- Brand licensing revenues and operating profit increased, driven by sales of more than 3,000 SKUs of Better Homes and Gardens licensed products at over 4,000 Walmart stores nationwide. Meredith's licensing activities were named the world's third largest by *License!Global* magazine for the second straight year.
- Meredith Xcelerated Marketing delivered significantly higher operating profit and margin. MXM was named Content Marketing Agency of the Year by the Content Marketing Institute.

"We're pleased with our growth in operating profit, led by contributions from our newly acquired businesses, along with record digital and brand licensing performance," said Meredith National Media Group President Tom Harty. "Looking ahead, we will continue execution of the innovative and successful strategies that are driving rapid growth in our digital operations, and actively explore opportunities to add to our portfolio."

For the fourth-quarter of fiscal 2015, National Media Group operating profit increased to \$44 million. Revenues increased 6 percent to \$296 million, including 11 percent growth in advertising revenue.

OTHER FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Consistent with its Total Shareholder Return strategy, Meredith repurchased approximately 925,000 shares of stock in fiscal 2015, and \$97 million remained under the current repurchase authorization. Total debt was \$795 million, and the weighted average interest rate was 2.5 percent, with \$450 million effectively at a fixed rate. Meredith's debt-to-EBITDA ratio for the trailing 12 months was 2.5 to 1 (as defined in Meredith's credit agreements). All metrics are as of June 30, 2015.

Key elements of Meredith's Total Shareholder Return strategy are (1) An annual dividend of \$1.83 per share (yielding approximately 4 percent), a 6 percent increase over the prior year and a nearly 80 percent increase since Meredith launched its TSR strategy in October 2011; (2) An ongoing share repurchase program; and (3) Strategic investments to scale the business and increase shareholder value.

All earnings per share figures in the text of this release are diluted. Both basic and diluted earnings per share can be found in the attached Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings. All fiscal 2015 full-year and fourth-quarter comparisons are against the comparable prior-year period unless otherwise stated.

OUTLOOK

Meredith expects full year fiscal 2016 earnings per share to range from \$2.90 to \$3.25. Meredith will be cycling against a record \$44 million (or \$0.59 per share) in net political advertising revenues recorded by its Local Media Group in fiscal 2015.

Looking more closely at the first quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the prior-year period:

• Total Company revenues are expected to be up low-single digits.

- Total Local Media Group revenues are expected to be flat to up slightly.
- Total National Media Group revenues are expected to be up low- to mid-single digits.
- Meredith expects fiscal 2016 first quarter earnings per share to range from \$0.47 to \$0.52, compared to \$0.65 in the prior year period. Meredith will be cycling against \$13 million (or \$0.18 per share) in net political advertising revenues recorded in the prior-year period.

A number of uncertainties remain that may affect Meredith's outlook as stated in this press release for the first quarter and full year fiscal 2016. These and other uncertainties are referenced below under "Safe Harbor" and in certain filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

CONFERENCE CALL WEBCAST

Meredith will host a conference call on July 30, 2015, at 11 a.m. EDT to discuss fiscal 2015 and fourth-quarter results. A live webcast will be accessible to the public on the Company's website, <u>www.meredith.com</u>, and a replay will be available for two weeks. A transcript will be available within 48 hours of the call at <u>www.meredith.com</u>.

RATIONALE FOR USE AND ACCESS TO NON-GAAP RESULTS

Management uses and presents GAAP and non-GAAP results to evaluate and communicate its performance. Non-GAAP measures should not be construed as alternatives to GAAP measures. EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, EBITDA margin and adjusted EBITDA margin are common supplemental measures of performance used by investors and financial analysts. Management believes that EBITDA provides an additional analytical tool to clarify the Company's results from core operations and delineate underlying trends. Management does not use EBITDA as a measure of liquidity or funds available for management's discretionary use because it includes certain contractual and non-discretionary expenditures. Adjusted EBITDA is defined as EBITDA before special items.

Results excluding special items are supplemental non-GAAP financial measures. While these adjusted results are not a substitute for reported results under GAAP, management believes this information is useful as an aid in better understanding Meredith's current performance, performance trends and financial condition. Reconciliations of non-GAAP to GAAP measures are attached to this press release and available at <u>www.meredith.com</u>.

SAFE HARBOR

This release contains certain forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. These statements are based on management's current knowledge and estimates of factors affecting the Company and its operations. Statements in this release that are forward-looking include, but are not limited to, the Company's revenue and earnings-per-share outlook for first-quarter and full-year fiscal 2016.

Actual results may differ materially from those currently anticipated. Factors that could adversely affect future results include, but are not limited to, downturns in national and/or local economies; a softening of the domestic advertising market; world, national or local events that could disrupt broadcast television; increased consolidation among major advertisers or other events depressing the level of advertising spending; the unexpected loss or insolvency of one or more major clients or vendors; the integration of acquired businesses; changes in consumer reading, purchasing and/or television viewing patterns; increases in paper, postage, printing, syndicated programming or other costs; changes in television network affiliation agreements; technological developments affecting products or methods of distribution; changes in government regulations affecting the Company's industries; increases in interest rates; and the consequences of acquisitions and/or dispositions. The Company undertakes no obligation to update any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

ABOUT MEREDITH CORPORATION

Meredith Corporation (NYSE: MDP; <u>www.meredith.com</u>) has been committed to service journalism for more than 110 years. Today, Meredith uses multiple distribution platforms - including broadcast television, print, digital, mobile, tablets and video - to provide consumers with content they desire and to deliver the messages of its advertising and marketing partners.

Meredith's Local Media Group includes 17 owned or operated television stations reaching 11 percent of U.S. television households. Meredith's portfolio is concentrated in large, fast-growing markets, with seven stations in the nation's Top 25 - including Atlanta, Phoenix, St. Louis and Portland - and 13 in Top 50 markets. Meredith's stations produce more than 660 hours of local news and entertainment content each week, and operate leading local digital destinations.

Meredith's National Media Group reaches a multi-channel audience of approximately 220 million consumers monthly, including more than 100 million unduplicated women and over 60 percent of American millennial women. Meredith is the leader in creating content across media platforms in key consumer interest areas such as food, home, parenthood and health through well-known brands such as Better Homes and Gardens, Parents, Allrecipes and Shape. The National Media Group features robust brand licensing activities, including more than 3,000 SKUs of branded products at 4,000 Walmart stores across the U.S. and at Walmart.com. Meredith Xcelerated Marketing is a leader at developing and delivering custom content and customer relationship marketing programs for many of the world's top brands, including Kraft, Lowe's and NBC Universal.

Meredith's balanced portfolio consistently generates substantial free cash flow, and the Company is committed to growing Total Shareholder Return through dividend payments, share repurchases and strategic business investments. Meredith's current annualized dividend of \$1.83 per share yields approximately 4 percent. Meredith has paid a dividend for 68 straight years and increased it for 22 consecutive years.

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Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Unaudited)

		Three I	Mon	ths		Twelve	e Months		
Years ended June 30,		2015		2014		2015		2014	
(In thousands except per share data)									
Revenues									
Advertising	\$	231,085	\$	204,138	\$	896,548	\$	778,391	
Circulation		92,295		87,669		313,685		327,214	
All other		102,528		98,987		383,943		363,103	
Total revenues		425,908		390,794	_	1,594,176		1,468,708	
Operating expenses									
Production, distribution, and editorial		162,323		149,265		598,941		567,024	
Selling, general, and administrative		174,176		167,442		695,319		655,241	
Depreciation and amortization		16,117		13,510		57,804		59,928	
Total operating expenses		352,616		330,217	_	1,352,064		1,282,193	
Income from operations		73,292		60,577	_	242,112		186,515	
Interest expense, net		(5,146)		(3,500)		(19,352)		(12,176)	
Earnings before income taxes		68,146		57,077	_	222,760		174,339	
Income taxes		(25,567)		(16,632)		(85,969)		(60,798)	
Net earnings	\$	42,579	\$	40,445	\$	136,791	\$	113,541	
Basic earnings per share	\$	0.95	\$	0.91	\$	3.07	\$	2.54	
Basic average shares outstanding	-	44,596		44,551		44,522		44,636	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	0.94	\$	0.89	\$	3.02	\$	2.50	
Diluted average shares outstanding	*	45,416	}	45,250	•	45,323	}	45,410	
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Dividends paid per share	\$	0.4575	\$	0.4325	\$	1.7800	\$	1.6800	

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Segment Information (Unaudited)

		Three I	Mon	ths		Twelve N		Months	
Years ended June 30,		2015		2014		2015		2014	
(In thousands)									
Revenues									
National media									
Advertising	\$	136,219	\$	122,734	\$	496,204	\$	482,808	
Circulation		92,295		87,669		313,685		327,214	
Other revenues		67,333		69,222		249,963		255,876	
Total national media		295,847		279,625		1,059,852		1,065,898	
Local media									
Non-political advertising		93,633		78,280		356,547		290,698	
Political advertising		1,233		3,124		43,797		4,885	
Other revenues		35,195		29,765		133,980		107,227	
Total local media		130,061		111,169		534,324		402,810	
Total revenues	\$	425,908	\$	390,794	\$	1,594,176	\$	1,468,708	
Operating profit									
National media	\$	44,219	\$	43,353	\$	122,681	\$	113,113	
Local media		39,959		25,463		162,677		113,060	
Unallocated corporate		(10,886)		(8,239)		(43,246)		(39,658)	
Income from operations	\$	73,292	\$	60,577	\$	242,112	\$	186,515	
Depreciation and amortization									
National media	\$	5,705	\$	4,100	\$	17,186	\$	29,455	
Local media		9,853		8,974		38,779		28,815	
Unallocated corporate		559		436		1,839		1,658	
Total depreciation and amortization	\$	16,117	\$	13,510	\$	57,804	\$	59,928	
EBITDA ¹	¢		<i>~</i>		*		<i>•</i>	1 10 5 11	
National media	\$	49,924	\$	47,453	\$	139,867	\$	142,568	
Local media		49,812		34,437		201,456		141,875	
Unallocated corporate		(10,327)		(7,803)		(41,407)		(38,000)	
Total EBITDA ¹	\$	89,409	\$	74,087	\$	299,916	\$	246,443	

¹ EBITDA is net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization.

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

Assets		June 30, 2015		June 30, 2014
(In thousands)				
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents		22,833	\$	36,587
Accounts receivable, net		284,646		257,644
Inventories		24,681		24,008
Current portion of subscription acquisition costs		122,350		96,893
Current portion of broadcast rights		4,516		4,551
Assets held for sale				56,010
Other current assets		23,505		17,429
Total current assets		482,531		493,122
Property, plant, and equipment		527,622		501,106
Less accumulated depreciation		(313,886)		(296,168)
Net property, plant, and equipment		213,736		204,938
Subscription acquisition costs		103,842		101,533
Broadcast rights		1,795		3,114
Other assets		67,750		86,935
Intangible assets, net		972,382		813,297
Goodwill		1,001,246		840,861
Total assets	\$	2,843,282	\$	2,543,800
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity Current liabilities	¢	(2.500	¢	87.500
Current portion of long-term debt		62,500	\$	87,500
Current portion of long-term broadcast rights payable		4,776		4,511
Accounts payable		93,944		81,402
Accrued expenses and other liabilities		163,655		136,047
Current portion of unearned subscription revenues		206,126		173,643
Total current liabilities		531,001		483,103
Long-term debt		732,500		627,500
Long-term broadcast rights payable		2,998		4,327
Unearned subscription revenues		151,221		151,533
Deferred income taxes		311,645		277,477
Other noncurrent liabilities		162,067		108,208
		1,891,432		1,652,148
Shareholders' equity		27 (57		26 776
Common stock		37,657		36,776
Class B stock		6,963 40.010		7,700
Additional paid-in capital		49,019		41,884
Retained earnings		870,859		814,050
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(12,648)		(8,758)
Total shareholders' equity		951,850	¢	891,652
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	2,843,282	\$	2,543,800

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

Twelve months ended June 30,	2015	2014
(In thousands)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 192,347	\$ 178,090
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisitions of and investments in businesses	(257,030)	(417,461)
Additions to property, plant, and equipment	(33,245)	(24,822)
Proceeds from disposition of assets		—
Net cash used in investing activities	(206,841)	(442,283)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt		666,000
Repayments of long-term debt	(390,000)	(301,000)
Dividends paid	(79,982)	(75,392)
Purchases of Company stock		(78,226)
Proceeds from common stock issued	41,251	58,885
Excess tax benefits from share-based payments		4,855
Other		(2,016)
Net cash provided by financing activities		273,106
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		8,913
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		27,674
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year		\$ 36,587

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Supplemental Disclosures Regarding Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Special Items - The following table shows results of operations excluding special items and as reported with the difference being the special items. Results of operations excluding special items are non-GAAP measures. Management's rationale for presenting non-GAAP measures is included in the text of this earnings release.

Twelve months ended June 30, 2015	National Media					nallocated Corporate	Total
(In thousands except per share data)							
Operating profit excluding special items (non-GAAP)	\$	136,860	\$	168,722	\$	(42,740) \$	262,842
Special items							
Severance and related benefits costs		(11,853))	(2,311))	(506)	(14,670)
Write-down of impaired assets		(1,692))	(1,259))		(2,951)
Acquisition and disposal transaction costs		(564))	(2,284))		(2,848)
Other		(70))	(191))		(261)
Total special items		(14,179))	(6,045))	(506)	(20,730)
Operating profit	\$	122,681	\$	162,677	\$	(43,246) \$	242,112
Earnings per share excluding special items (non-GAAP)						\$	3.30
Per share impact of special items of \$20,730 (\$12,749 after ta	x).						(0.28)
Diluted earnings per share						\$	3.02

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Three months ended June 30, 2014	-	ational Media	Local Media	llocated porate	Total
(In thousands except per share data)					
Operating profit excluding special items (non-GAAP)	\$	43,353	\$ 31,558	\$ (8,239) \$	66,672
Special items					
Severance costs			(3,366)		(3,366)
Acquisition transaction costs			(2,409)		(2,409)
Other			(320)		(320)
Total special items			(6,095)		(6,095)
Operating profit		43,353	\$ 25,463	\$ (8,239) \$	60,577
Earnings per share excluding special items (non-GAAP)			 	 \$	0.88
Per share impact of operating special items of \$6,095 (\$3,749	afte	er tax)	 	 	(0.08)
Per share impact of tax benefit special item of \$4,291			 	 	0.09
Diluted earnings per share			 	 \$	0.89

Twelve months ended June 30, 2014	National Media	Local Media	Unallocated Corporate	Total
(In thousands except per share data)			·	
Operating profit excluding special items (non-GAAP)	\$ 132,880	\$ 122,230	\$ (39,964) \$	215,146
Special items				
Write-down of impaired intangible assets	(10,322)	—		(10,322)
Severance costs	(8,549)	(3,366)		(11,915)
Write-down of other impaired assets	(1,125)	—		(1,125)
Acquisition transaction costs		(5,484)		(5,484)
Other	229	(320)	306	215
Total non-GAAP adjustments	(19,767)	(9,170)	306	(28,631)
Operating profit	\$ 113,113	\$ 113,060	\$ (39,658) \$	186,515
Earnings per share excluding special items (non-GAAP)			\$	2.80
Per share impact of operating special items of \$28,631 (\$17,60				(0.38)
Per share impact of interest expense special item of \$636 (\$39	1 after tax)			(0.01)
Per share impact of tax benefit special item of \$4,291				0.09
Diluted earnings per share				2.50

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Segment EBITDA is a measure of segment earnings before depreciation and amortization.

Segment EBITDA margin is defined as segment EBITDA divided by segment revenues.

Adjusted EBITDA

Consolidated adjusted EBITDA, which is reconciled to net earnings in the following tables, is defined as net earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, and special items.

Segment adjusted EBITDA is a measure of segment earnings before depreciation, amortization, and special items. Segment adjusted EBITDA margin is defined as segment adjusted EBITDA divided by segment revenues.

Three months ended June 30, 2015	National Local Media Media			nallocated Corporate	Total		
(In thousands)							
Revenues	\$	295,847	\$	130,061	\$	— \$	425,908
Operating profit	\$	44,219	\$	39,959	\$	(10,886) \$	73,292
Depreciation and amortization		5,705		9,853		559	16,117
EBITDA	\$	49,924	\$	49,812	\$	(10,327)	89,409
Less							
Depreciation and amortization							(16,117)
Net interest expense							(5,146)
Income taxes							(25,567)
Net earnings						\$	42,579
Segment EBITDA margin		16.9%	ó	38.3%	ó		

Twelve months ended June 30, 2015	National Media				nallocated forporate	Total	
(In thousands)							
Revenues	\$ 1,059,852	\$	534,324	\$	— \$	1,594,176	
Operating profit	\$ 122,681	\$	162,677	\$	(43,246) \$	242,112	
Depreciation and amortization	17,186		38,779		1,839	57,804	
EBITDA	139,867		201,456		(41,407)	299,916	
Special items							
Severance costs	11,853		2,311		506	14,670	
Write-down of impaired assets	1,692					1,692	
Acquisition and disposal transaction costs	564		2,284			2,848	
Other	70		191			261	
Total special items	14,179		4,786		506	19,471	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 154,046	\$	206,242	\$	(40,901)	319,387	
Less							
Depreciation and amortization						(57,804)	
Total special items						(19,471)	
Net interest expense						(19,352)	
Income taxes						(85,969)	
Net earnings					\$	136,791	
Segment EBITDA margin	13.2%	6	37.7%	Ď			
Segment adjusted EBITDA margin	14.5%	6	38.6%	, D			

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Three months ended June 30, 2014]	National Media		Local Media	-	nallocated Corporate	Total
(In thousands)							
Revenues	\$	279,625	\$	111,169	\$	— \$	390,794
Operating profit	\$	43,353	\$	25,463	\$	(8,239) \$	60,577
Depreciation and amortization		4,100		8,974		436	13,510
EBITDA		47,453		34,437		(7,803)	74,087
Special items							
Severance costs		—		3,366		—	3,366
Acquisition transaction costs				2,409		—	2,409
Other				320		—	320
Total special items				6,095			6,095
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	47,453	\$	40,532	\$	(7,803)	80,182
Less							
Depreciation and amortization							(13,510)
Total special items							(6,095)
Net interest expense							(3,500)
Income taxes							(16,632)
Net earnings						\$	40,445
Segment EBITDA margin		17.0%	6	31.0%	ó		
Segment adjusted EBITDA margin		17.0%	6	36.5%	/ 0		

Twelve months ended June 30, 2014	Nationa Media				nallocated Corporate	Total	
(In thousands)							
Revenues	\$ 1,065,89	8 5	\$ 402,810	\$	— \$	1,468,708	
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Operating profit			\$ 113,060	\$	(39,658) \$	186,515	
Depreciation and amortization	29,45	55	28,815		1,658	59,928	
EBITDA	142,56	58	141,875		(38,000)	246,443	
Special items							
Severance costs	8,54	9	3,366			11,915	
Write-down of other impaired assets	24	5	_			245	
Acquisition transaction costs	-	_	5,484			5,484	
Other	(22	.9)	320		(306)	(215)	
Total special items	8,50	55	9,170		(306)	17,429	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 151,13	3 5	\$ 151,045	\$	(38,306)	263,872	
Less							
Depreciation and amortization						(59,928)	
Total special items						(17,429)	
Net interest expense						(12,176)	
Income taxes						(60,798)	
Net earnings					\$	113,541	
Segment EBITDA margin	13	.4%	35.2%	6			
Segment adjusted EBITDA margin	14	.2%	37.5%	6			