

Edgar Filing: Discovery Communications, Inc. - Form 10-Q

Discovery Communications, Inc.
Form 10-Q
November 06, 2012

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

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-34177

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

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

35-2333914
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One Discovery Place
Silver Spring, Maryland
(Address of principal executive offices)
(240) 662-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

20910
(Zip Code)

Not Applicable
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.)

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

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

Edgar Filing: Discovery Communications, Inc. - Form 10-Q

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

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

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

Total number of shares outstanding of each class of the Registrant's common stock as of October 31, 2012:

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Series A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 144,968,328 |
| Series B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 6,563,538 |
| Series C Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share | 87,324,903 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
FORM 10-Q
TABLE OF CONTENTS

| | Page |
|---|-----------|
| <u>PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.</u> | <u>4</u> |
| <u>ITEM 1. Financial Statements.</u> | <u>4</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011.</u> | <u>4</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.</u> | <u>5</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.</u> | <u>6</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.</u> | <u>7</u> |
| <u>Consolidated Statements of Equity for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011.</u> | <u>9</u> |
| <u>Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.</u> | <u>10</u> |
| <u>ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.</u> | <u>39</u> |
| <u>ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.</u> | <u>50</u> |
| <u>ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures.</u> | <u>50</u> |
| <u>PART II. OTHER INFORMATION.</u> | <u>50</u> |
| <u>ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings.</u> | <u>51</u> |
| <u>ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.</u> | <u>51</u> |
| <u>ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.</u> | <u>51</u> |
| <u>ITEM 6. Exhibits.</u> | <u>52</u> |
| <u>SIGNATURES.</u> | <u>53</u> |

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(unaudited; in millions, except par value)

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,553 | \$ 1,048 |
| Receivables, net | 1,079 | 1,042 |
| Content rights, net | 107 | 93 |
| Deferred income taxes | 62 | 73 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 194 | 175 |
| Total current assets | 2,995 | 2,431 |
| Noncurrent content rights, net | 1,482 | 1,302 |
| Property and equipment, net | 368 | 379 |
| Goodwill | 6,314 | 6,291 |
| Intangible assets, net | 552 | 571 |
| Equity method investments | 821 | 807 |
| Other noncurrent assets | 155 | 132 |
| Total assets | \$ 12,687 | \$ 11,913 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 54 | \$ 53 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 618 | 554 |
| Deferred revenues | 133 | 113 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 21 | 26 |
| Total current liabilities | 826 | 746 |
| Long-term debt | 5,210 | 4,219 |
| Deferred income taxes | 260 | 337 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 124 | 92 |
| Total liabilities | 6,420 | 5,394 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 13) | | |
| Equity: | | |
| Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders' equity: | | |
| Series A convertible preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; 75 shares authorized; 71 shares issued | 1 | 1 |
| Series C convertible preferred stock: \$0.01 par value; 75 shares authorized; 57 shares issued | 1 | 1 |
| Series A common stock: \$0.01 par value; 1,700 shares authorized; 147 and 142 shares issued | 1 | 1 |
| Series B convertible common stock: \$0.01 par value; 100 shares authorized; 7 shares issued | — | — |
| Series C common stock: \$0.01 par value; 2,000 shares authorized; 142 shares issued | 2 | 2 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 6,665 | 6,505 |
| Treasury stock, at cost | (2,248 |) (1,102 |
| Retained earnings | 1,851 | 1,132 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (8 |) (23 |

Edgar Filing: Discovery Communications, Inc. - Form 10-Q

| | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Total Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders' equity | 6,265 | 6,517 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 2 | 2 |
| Total equity | 6,267 | 6,519 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 12,687 | \$ 11,913 |

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

4

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

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|-------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Distribution | \$ 549 | \$ 580 | \$ 1,665 | \$ 1,563 |
| Advertising | 468 | 442 | 1,455 | 1,328 |
| Other | 59 | 58 | 167 | 171 |
| Total revenues | 1,076 | 1,080 | 3,287 | 3,062 |
| Costs and expenses: | | | | |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | 296 | 328 | 890 | 860 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 314 | 293 | 932 | 855 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 27 | 29 | 87 | 88 |
| Restructuring charges | 1 | 2 | 4 | 7 |
| Gain on disposition | — | — | — | (129) |
| Total costs and expenses | 638 | 652 | 1,913 | 1,681 |
| Operating income | 438 | 428 | 1,374 | 1,381 |
| Interest expense | (68) | (56) | (184) | (154) |
| Other expense, net | (21) | (5) | (77) | (10) |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 349 | 367 | 1,113 | 1,217 |
| Provision for income taxes | (134) | (127) | (381) | (418) |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | 215 | 240 | 732 | 799 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (9) | (3) | (11) | (3) |
| Net income | 206 | 237 | 721 | 796 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (1) | — | (2) | — |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$ 205 | \$ 237 | \$ 719 | \$ 796 |
| Income per share from continuing operations available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.58 | \$0.60 | \$1.92 | \$1.98 |
| Diluted | \$0.57 | \$0.60 | \$1.91 | \$1.96 |
| Loss per share from discontinued operations available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$(0.02) | \$(0.01) | \$(0.03) | \$(0.01) |
| Diluted | \$(0.02) | \$(0.01) | \$(0.03) | \$(0.01) |
| Net income per share available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.55 | \$0.60 | \$1.89 | \$1.97 |
| Diluted | \$0.55 | \$0.59 | \$1.88 | \$1.95 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 372 | 398 | 380 | 404 |
| Diluted | 375 | 401 | 383 | 408 |

Income per share amounts may not sum since each is calculated independently.

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

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

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Net income | \$206 | \$237 | \$721 | \$796 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | 15 | (12) | 16 | 11 |
| Derivative and market value adjustments | — | — | (1) | — |
| Comprehensive income | 221 | 225 | 736 | 807 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (1) | — | (2) | — |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$220 | \$225 | \$734 | \$807 |

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

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

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net income | \$721 | \$796 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Equity-based compensation expense | 112 | 70 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 87 | 90 |
| Content amortization and impairment expense | 638 | 623 |
| Loss (gain) on disposition | 6 | (129) |
| Equity in losses and distributions from investee companies | 91 | 22 |
| Deferred income tax (benefit) expense | (60) |) 71 |
| Other, net | 26 | 36 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Receivables, net | (36) |) (127) |
| Content rights | (828) |) (653) |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 82 | 8 |
| Equity-based compensation liabilities | (39) |) (107) |
| Income tax receivable | — | 91 |
| Other, net | (29) |) (31) |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 771 | 760 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (53) |) (42) |
| Business acquisition, net of cash acquired | (20) |) — |
| Distribution from equity method investee | 17 | — |
| Investments in and advances to equity method investees | (115) |) (93) |
| Other investing activities, net | (24) |) — |
| Cash used in investing activities | (195) |) (135) |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Borrowings from long term debt, net of discount and issuance costs | 981 | 639 |
| Principal repayments of capital lease obligations | (17) |) (16) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (1,146) |) (732) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans | 76 | 43 |
| Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation | 37 | 18 |
| Other financing activities, net | (3) |) (7) |
| Cash used in financing activities | (72) |) (55) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 1 | (4) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 505 | 566 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 1,048 | 466 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$1,553 | \$1,032 |
| The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. | | |

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

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|------------------------------------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Supplemental Cash Flow Information | | |
| Cash paid for taxes, net | \$(354 |) \$(206 |
| Cash paid for interest | \$(136 |) \$(115 |
| Noncash Investing and Financing Transactions | | |
| Investment in OWN | \$7 | \$273 |
| Assets acquired under capital lease arrangements | \$10 | \$— |
| Acquisitions | | |
| Fair value of assets | \$32 | \$— |
| Fair value of liabilities | (12 |) — |
| Cash paid, net of cash acquired | \$20 | \$— |

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

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

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| | Discovery Stockholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity | Discovery Stockholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity | |
| Beginning balance | \$6,471 | \$ 2 | \$6,473 | \$6,513 | \$ 1 | \$6,514 | |
| Comprehensive income | 220 | 1 | 221 | 225 | — | 225 | |
| Equity-based compensation | 15 | — | 15 | 13 | — | 13 | |
| Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation | 4 | — | 4 | 1 | — | 1 | |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans | 9 | — | 9 | 5 | — | 5 | |
| Repurchases of common stock | (454 |) — | (454 |) (355 |) — | (355 |) |
| Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | (1 |) (1 |) — | — | — | |
| Ending balance | \$6,265 | \$ 2 | \$6,267 | \$6,402 | \$ 1 | \$6,403 | |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------|---|
| | Discovery Stockholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity | Discovery Stockholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total Equity | |
| Beginning balance | \$6,517 | \$ 2 | \$6,519 | \$6,225 | \$ 8 | \$6,233 | |
| Comprehensive income | 734 | 2 | 736 | 807 | — | 807 | |
| Equity-based compensation | 47 | — | 47 | 41 | — | 41 | |
| Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation | 37 | — | 37 | 18 | — | 18 | |
| Issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans | 76 | — | 76 | 43 | — | 43 | |
| Repurchases of common stock | (1,146 |) — | (1,146 |) (732 |) — | (732 |) |
| Cash distributions to noncontrolling interests | — | (2 |) (2 |) — | (7 |) (7 |) |
| Ending balance | \$6,265 | \$ 2 | \$6,267 | \$6,402 | \$ 1 | \$6,403 | |

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

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

NOTE 1. DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

Description of Business

Discovery Communications, Inc. (“Discovery” or the “Company”) is a leading nonfiction media and entertainment company that provides programming across distribution platforms throughout the world and owns and operates a diversified portfolio of website properties. The Company also develops and sells curriculum-based education products and services. The Company classifies its operations in three segments: U.S. Networks, consisting principally of domestic television networks, websites and other digital distribution services; International Networks, consisting principally of international television networks and websites; and Education, consisting principally of curriculum-based education product and service offerings. Financial information for Discovery’s reportable segments is discussed in Note 14.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Discovery and its majority-owned subsidiaries in which a controlling interest is maintained. Inter-company accounts and transactions between consolidated entities have been eliminated in consolidation.

Unaudited Interim Financial Statements

These consolidated financial statements are unaudited; however, in the opinion of management, they reflect all adjustments, consisting only of those of a normal recurring nature, necessary to state fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) applicable to interim periods. The results of operations for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year or future periods. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in Discovery’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (the “2011 Form 10-K”).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates, judgments and assumptions that affect the amounts and disclosures reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Management continually re-evaluates its estimates, judgments and assumptions, and management’s assessments could change. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

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

Accounting and Reporting Pronouncements Adopted

Fair Value Measurements

In May 2011, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) and the International Accounting Standards Board (“IASB”) issued guidance that results in a consistent definition between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards (“IFRS”) of fair value and common requirements for measurement and disclosure of fair value. There are several changes under the new guidance. The highest and best use valuation concepts are relevant only when measuring the fair value of nonfinancial assets. The prohibition of the application of a blockage factor extends to all financial measurements. The Company must disclose quantitative information about unobservable inputs used to assess fair value and provide a qualitative discussion about the sensitivity of the measurements for recurring Level 3 fair value measurements. The Company prospectively adopted the new guidance effective January 1, 2012. The adoption of the new guidance did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Comprehensive Income

In June 2011, the FASB issued guidance eliminating the option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Entities may elect to present items of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement or in two separate, but consecutive, statements. Under the new guidance, each component of net income

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

and each component of other comprehensive income, together with totals for comprehensive income and its two parts, net income and other comprehensive income, are required to be disclosed under either alternative. The Company retrospectively adopted the new guidance effective January 1, 2012 and elected to present comprehensive income in a separate statement.

Accounting and Reporting Pronouncements Not Yet Adopted

Testing Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets for Impairment

In July 2012, the FASB issued guidance that is intended to reduce the cost and complexity of the annual impairment test for indefinite-lived intangible assets other than goodwill by providing entities an option to perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether a quantitative impairment test is necessary. The revised standard is effective for annual and interim impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after September 15, 2012, but early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect that this guidance will have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

Concentrations Risk

Customers

The Company has long-term contracts with distributors, including the largest operators in the U.S. and major international distributors. In the U.S., approximately 90% of the Company's distribution revenue comes from the Company's top 10 distributors. Outside of the U.S., approximately 50% of the Company's distribution revenue comes from the Company's top 10 distributors. Agreements with the Company's major cable and satellite customers expire at various times beginning in 2012 through 2020. Failure to secure a renewal or a renewal on less favorable terms may have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations and financial condition. Not only could the Company experience a reduction in distribution revenue, but advertising revenue could decline due to lower affiliate subscriber levels and viewership.

No individual customer accounted for more than 10% of total consolidated revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 or 2011. The Company's trade receivables do not represent a significant concentration of credit risk as of September 30, 2012 or December 31, 2011 due to the wide variety of customers and global markets in which the Company operates.

Financial Institutions

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with financial institutions such as banks and money market mutual funds. The Company has deposits, redeemable on demand, held with banks that exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. These deposits are maintained with financial institutions of reputable credit and, therefore, bear minimal credit risk.

Lender Counterparties

There is a risk that the counterparties associated with the Company's revolving credit facility will not be available to fund as obligated under the terms of the facility. If funding under the revolving credit facility is unavailable, the Company may have to acquire a replacement credit facility from a different counterparty at a higher cost or may be unable to find a suitable replacement. Typically, the Company seeks to manage these exposures by contracting with experienced large financial institutions and monitoring the credit quality of its lenders. As of September 30, 2012, the Company did not anticipate nonperformance by any of its counterparties.

NOTE 2. ACQUISITIONS AND DISPOSITIONS

Acquisitions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company acquired businesses for total consideration of \$31 million, net of cash acquired. Contingent consideration of up to \$13 million may be paid if certain performance targets are achieved. The Company recorded \$21 million of goodwill in connection with these acquisitions.

Dispositions

Postproduction Audio Business - Discontinued Operations

On September 17, 2012, the Company sold its postproduction audio business, CSS Studios, LLC, which resulted in a \$6 million loss, net of taxes. The results of the postproduction audio business are not material to the Company and have been

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

reflected in loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes, in the consolidated statements of operations for all periods presented. The postproduction audio business was an operating segment combined with Education as a reportable segment.

Discovery Health Network

On January 1, 2011, the Company contributed the domestic Discovery Health network to OWN LLC in connection with the launch of The Oprah Winfrey Network (“OWN”), which resulted in a pretax gain of \$129 million (see Note 3). As the Company continues to be involved in the operations of the Discovery Health network through its ownership interests in OWN LLC, the Company has not presented the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Discovery Health network as discontinued operations.

NOTE 3. VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

In the normal course of business, the Company makes investments that support its underlying business strategy and enable it to enter new markets and develop programming. In certain instances, an investment may qualify as a variable interest entity (“VIE”). As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company’s VIEs primarily consisted of Hub Television Networks LLC and OWN LLC, which operate pay-television networks.

The Company accounts for its interests in VIEs using the equity method. The aggregate carrying values of these equity method investments were \$811 million and \$807 million as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company recognized losses of \$24 million and \$81 million, respectively, for its portion of net losses generated by these VIEs. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, the Company recognized losses of \$3 million and \$10 million, respectively, for its portion of net losses generated by VIEs. The Company’s portion of net losses generated by VIEs were recorded in other expense, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

As of September 30, 2012, the Company’s estimated risk of loss for investments in VIEs was approximately \$839 million, which includes investment carrying values, unfunded contractual commitments and guarantees made on behalf of equity method investees. Actual amounts funded to OWN LLC have exceeded contractual funding commitments. The Company intends to continue funding OWN LLC, but has not recorded any obligations for future funding. The estimated risk of loss excludes the Company’s operating performance guarantee for Hub Television Networks LLC disclosed below.

Hub Television Networks LLC

Hub Television Networks LLC operates The Hub, which is a pay-television network that provides children’s and family entertainment and educational programming. The Company is obligated to provide The Hub with funding up to \$15 million; the Company has not provided funding as of September 30, 2012. The Company also provides services such as distribution, sales and administrative support for a fee (see Note 12).

Based upon the level of equity investment at risk, The Hub is a VIE. Discovery and its partner, Hasbro Inc. (“Hasbro”), share equally in voting control and jointly consent to decisions about programming and marketing strategy and thereby direct the activities of The Hub that most significantly impact its economic performance. Neither has special governance rights, and both are equally represented on the board of The Hub. The partners also share equally in the profits, losses and funding of The Hub. The Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of The Hub. Accordingly, the Company accounts for its investment in The Hub using the equity method.

Through December 31, 2015, the Company has guaranteed the performance of The Hub and is required to compensate Hasbro to the extent that distribution metrics decline versus levels historically achieved by the Discovery Kids channel. This guarantee extends on a declining basis through the period of guarantee. Upon inception of The Hub on May 22, 2009, the maximum amount potentially due under this guarantee was \$300 million. As of September 30, 2012, the maximum amount potentially due under this guarantee was less than \$125 million. The maximum exposure to loss is expected to decline to zero during 2015. As The Hub’s distribution is generally provided under long-term

contracts with stable subscriber levels, the Company believes the likelihood is remote that the guaranteed performance levels will not be achieved and, therefore, believes the performance guarantee is unlikely to have an adverse impact on the Company.

The carrying values of the Company's investment in The Hub were \$323 million and \$334 million as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. The value of the investment may decline if future results vary negatively from the current long range plan. The Company continues to monitor the valuation of its investment in accordance with GAAP, which requires an impairment charge when there is an other-than-temporary decline in the investment's value. No impairment was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

OWN LLC

OWN LLC operates OWN, which is a pay-television network and website that provides adult lifestyle content focused on self-discovery and self-improvement. Based upon the level of equity investment at risk, OWN is a VIE. While the Company and Harpo Inc. ("Harpo") are partners who share equally in voting control, power is not shared because certain activities that significantly impact OWN's economic performance are directed by Harpo. Harpo holds operational rights related to programming and marketing, as well as selection and retention of key management personnel. Accordingly, the Company has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary of OWN and accounts for its investment in OWN using the equity method.

In connection with the launch of OWN on January 1, 2011, the Company contributed the domestic Discovery Health network to the venture. The contribution did not impact the Company's ownership interest, voting control or governance rights related to OWN. Subsequent to the contribution, the Company no longer consolidates the domestic Discovery Health network, which was a component of its U.S. Networks segment. However, the Company provides OWN funding, content licenses and services such as distribution, sales and administrative support for a fee (see Note 12).

The Company recorded the contribution at fair value, which resulted in a pretax gain of \$129 million and tax expense of \$27 million. The fair value of the Company's retained equity interest in OWN was estimated to be \$273 million. The gain represents the fair value of the equity investment retained less the carrying values of contributed assets, which included goodwill and other identifiable assets with carrying values of \$136 million and \$8 million, respectively. The fair value of the contribution of the Discovery Health network to OWN was determined utilizing customary valuation methodologies including discounted cash flow valuation models. The underlying assumptions, such as future cash flows, weighted average costs of capital and long-term growth rates were generally not observable in the marketplace and therefore involved significant judgment.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company's advances to and note receivable from OWN were \$450 million and \$317 million, respectively. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the Company provided OWN with funding of \$112 million and accrued interest earned on the note receivable of \$21 million. The note receivable is secured by the net assets of OWN. While the Company has no further funding commitments, the Company expects to provide additional funding to OWN and to recoup amounts funded. The funding to OWN accrues interest at 7.5% compounded annually. There can be no event of default on the borrowing until 2023. However, borrowings are scheduled for repayment four years after the borrowing date to the extent that OWN has excess cash to repay the borrowings then due following such repayment, OWN's subsequent cash distributions will be shared equally between the Company and Harpo.

In accordance with the venture agreement, losses generated by OWN are generally allocated to both investors based on their proportionate ownership interests. However, the Company has recorded its portion of OWN's losses based upon accounting policies for equity method investments. Prior to the contribution of the Discovery Health network to OWN at its launch, the Company recognized \$104 million or 100% of OWN's net losses. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, accumulated operating losses at OWN exceeded the equity contributed to OWN, and Discovery began again to record 100% of OWN's net losses. The Company will continue to record 100% of OWN's operating losses as long as Discovery provides all funding to OWN and OWN's accumulated losses continue to exceed the equity contributed. Future net income generated by OWN will initially be recorded 100% by the Company until Discovery recovers losses absorbed in excess of Discovery's equity ownership interest.

The carrying value of the Company's investment in OWN, including its equity method investment and note receivable balance, was \$457 million and \$420 million as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. Given that the early results of OWN's operations have been below its initial business plan, there is a possibility that the results of OWN's future operations will fall below the revised long-term projections. The Company continues to

monitor the financial results of OWN along with other relevant business information to assess the recoverability of the OWN note receivable and determine whether there is impairment of the Company's equity investment in OWN. No impairment was recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Harpo has the right to require the Company to purchase all or part of Harpo's interest in OWN at fair market value up to a maximum put amount every two and one half years commencing January 1, 2016. The maximum put amount ranges from \$100 million on the first put exercise date up to \$400 million on the fourth put exercise date. The Company has recorded no amounts for the put right.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

NOTE 4. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

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

Level 1 – Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments

Level 2 – in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value drivers are observable in active markets.

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

The table below presents assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in millions).

| Category | Balance Sheet Location | September 30, 2012 | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Trading securities: | | | | | |
| Mutual funds | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$94 | \$— | \$— | \$94 |
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | | |
| Money market mutual funds | Cash and cash equivalents | 301 | — | — | 301 |
| U.S. Treasury securities | Cash and cash equivalents | — | 650 | — | 650 |
| Total assets | | \$395 | \$650 | \$— | \$1,045 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deferred compensation plan | Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$94 | \$— | \$— | \$94 |
| Total liabilities | | \$94 | \$— | \$— | \$94 |

| Category | Balance Sheet Location | December 31, 2011 | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|---------|-------|
| | | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
| Assets: | | | | | |
| Trading securities: | | | | | |
| Mutual funds | Prepaid expenses and other current assets | \$76 | \$— | \$— | \$76 |
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | | |
| Money market mutual funds | Cash and cash equivalents | 635 | — | — | 635 |
| Total assets | | \$711 | \$— | \$— | \$711 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | |
| Deferred compensation plan | Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$76 | \$— | \$— | \$76 |
| Total liabilities | | \$76 | \$— | \$— | \$76 |

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

Available-for-sale securities represent investments in highly liquid instruments with original maturities of 90 days or less. The fair value of Level 1 available-for-sale securities was determined by reference to the quoted market price per unit in active markets multiplied by the number of units held without consideration of transaction costs. The fair value of Level 2 available-for-sale securities was determined by reference to quoted market prices in active markets for similar assets.

In addition to the financial instruments listed in the tables above, the Company holds other financial instruments, including cash deposits, accounts receivable, accounts payable and debt. The carrying values for cash, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximated their fair values. The estimated fair value of the Company's outstanding senior notes using

14

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

quoted prices from over the counter markets, considered Level 2 inputs, was \$5.9 billion and \$4.6 billion as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively.

NOTE 5. CONTENT RIGHTS

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

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Produced content rights: | | |
| Completed | \$2,567 | \$2,257 |
| In-production | 315 | 221 |
| Coproduced content rights: | | |
| Completed | 507 | 491 |
| In-production | 95 | 80 |
| Licensed content rights: | | |
| Acquired | 434 | 346 |
| Prepaid | 17 | 21 |
| Content rights, at cost | 3,935 | 3,416 |
| Accumulated amortization | (2,346) | (2,021) |
| Total content rights, net | 1,589 | 1,395 |
| Current portion | (107) | (93) |
| Noncurrent portion | \$1,482 | \$1,302 |

Content expense consists of content amortization, impairments and other production charges and is included in cost of revenues in the consolidated statements of operations. Content expense was \$228 million and \$259 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$688 million and \$666 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Content impairments were \$12 million and \$33 million for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$26 million and \$43 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

NOTE 6. DEBT

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

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 3.70% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due June 2015 | \$850 | \$850 |
| 5.625% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due August 2019 | 500 | 500 |
| 5.05% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due June 2020 | 1,300 | 1,300 |
| 4.375% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due June 2021 | 650 | 650 |
| 3.30% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due May 2022 | 500 | — |
| 6.35% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due June 2040 | 850 | 850 |
| 4.95% Senior Notes, semi-annual interest, due May 2042 | 500 | — |
| Capital lease obligations | 98 | 106 |
| Total long-term debt | 5,248 | 4,256 |
| Unamortized discount | (17) | (11) |
| Long-term debt, net | 5,231 | 4,245 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | (21) | (26) |
| Noncurrent portion of long-term debt | \$5,210 | \$4,219 |

On May 17, 2012, Discovery Communications, LLC ("DCL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes consisting of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 3.30% Senior

15

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Notes due May 15, 2022 and \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 4.95% Senior Notes due May 15, 2042 (the "2022 and 2042 Notes"). DCL received net proceeds of approximately \$983 million from the offering after the \$8 million issuance discount and \$9 million of deferred financing costs.

DCL has the option to redeem some or all of the 2022 and 2042 Notes at any time prior to their maturity by paying a make-whole premium plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any, through the date of repurchase. Interest on the 2022 and 2042 Notes is payable on May 15 and November 15 of each year. The 2022 and 2042 Notes are unsecured and rank equally in right of payment with all of DCL's other unsecured senior indebtedness and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on an unsecured and unsubordinated basis by Discovery.

On September 25, 2012, the Company modified its existing \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility agreement to extend the expiration date two years to October 12, 2017. The terms of the revolving credit facility otherwise remained substantially the same: DCL continues to be the borrower, Discovery continues to be the unconditional guarantor, the lenders named therein remained the same and the obligations under the credit agreement remain unsecured. There were no amounts drawn under the revolving credit facility as of September 30, 2012 or December 31, 2011. If the Company were to draw on the revolving credit facility, outstanding balances would bear interest at a variable rate determined pursuant to the lending agreement and would be due on the expiration date.

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company was in compliance with all covenants in, and there were no events of default under, its revolving credit agreement.

NOTE 7. EQUITY

Stock Repurchase Program

On April 25, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved an additional authorization of \$1.0 billion under the stock repurchase program, bringing the total authorization under the stock repurchase program to \$3.0 billion. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had remaining authorization of \$752 million for future repurchases of its common stock under the stock repurchase program, which will expire on April 25, 2014. Under the stock repurchase program, management is authorized to purchase shares through open market transactions or privately negotiated transactions at prevailing prices as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements and subject to stock price, business conditions, market conditions and other factors.

The stock repurchases are recorded in treasury stock on the consolidated balance sheet. All repurchases during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 were made through open market transactions and were funded using cash on hand. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had repurchased 1.6 million and 52.9 million shares of Series A and Series C common stock over the life of the program for the aggregate purchase price of \$86 million and \$2.2 billion, respectively. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had repurchased 30.1 million shares of Series C common stock over the life of the program for the aggregate purchase price of \$1.1 billion. There were no shares of Series A common stock repurchased as of December 31, 2011.

The table below presents a summary of stock repurchases (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Series A Common Stock: | | | | |
| Shares repurchased | 1.3 | — | 1.6 | — |
| Purchase price | \$71 | \$— | \$86 | \$— |
| Series C Common Stock: | | | | |
| Shares repurchased | 7.7 | 9.8 | 22.8 | 20.2 |
| Purchase price | \$383 | \$355 | \$1,060 | \$732 |
| Total shares repurchased | 9.0 | 9.8 | 24.4 | 20.2 |

| | | | | |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|
| Total purchase price | \$454 | \$355 | \$1,146 | \$732 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|

16

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The table below presents the activity within other comprehensive income (loss) (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | Pretax | Tax Benefit (Provision) | Net-of-tax | Pretax | Tax Benefit (Provision) | Net-of-tax |
| Currency translation adjustments | \$18 | \$ (3) | \$15 | \$ (18) | \$6 | \$ (12) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | \$18 | \$ (3) | \$15 | \$ (18) | \$6 | \$ (12) |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| | Pretax | Tax Benefit (Provision) | Net-of-tax | Pretax | Tax Benefit (Provision) | Net-of-tax |
| Currency translation adjustments | \$18 | \$ (2) | \$16 | \$18 | \$ (7) | \$11 |
| Derivative and market value adjustments | (2) | 1 | (1) | — | — | — |
| Other comprehensive income | \$16 | \$ (1) | \$15 | \$18 | \$ (7) | \$11 |

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

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Three Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments | Derivative and Market Value Adjustments | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Currency Translation Adjustments | Derivative and Market Value Adjustments | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss |
| Beginning balance | \$ (28) | \$5 | \$ (23) | \$ (16) | \$6 | \$ (10) |
| Current period other comprehensive income (loss) | 15 | — | 15 | (12) | — | (12) |
| Ending balance | \$ (13) | \$5 | \$ (8) | \$ (28) | \$6 | \$ (22) |

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011 | | |
|--|--|--|---|--|--|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments | Derivative and Market Value Adjustments | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Currency Translation Adjustments | Derivative and Market Value Adjustments | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss |
| Beginning balance | \$ (29) | \$6 | \$ (23) | \$ (39) | \$6 | \$ (33) |
| Current period other comprehensive income (loss) | 16 | (1) | 15 | 11 | — | 11 |
| Ending balance | \$ (13) | \$5 | \$ (8) | \$ (28) | \$6 | \$ (22) |

NOTE 8. EQUITY-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has various incentive plans under which unit awards, stock options, performance based restricted stock units (“PRSUs”), time based restricted stock units (“RSUs”) and stock appreciation rights (“SARs”) have been issued. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, the vesting and service requirements of equity-based awards granted were consistent with the arrangements disclosed in the 2011 Form 10-K.

17

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Equity-Based Compensation Expense

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

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Unit awards | \$ 19 | \$ 8 | \$ 52 | \$ 29 |
| Stock options | 7 | 8 | 24 | 26 |
| PRSUs and RSUs | 8 | 5 | 23 | 15 |
| SARs | 6 | — | 13 | — |
| Total equity-based compensation expense | \$ 40 | \$ 21 | \$ 112 | \$ 70 |
| Tax benefit recognized | \$ 15 | \$ 8 | \$ 42 | \$ 26 |

Compensation expense for all awards was recorded in selling, general and administrative expense in the consolidated statements of operations. As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the Company recorded total liabilities for cash-settled awards of \$62 million and \$37 million, respectively.

Equity-Based Award Activity

Unit Awards

The table below presents unit award activity (in millions, except years and weighted-average grant price).

| | Unit Awards | Weighted-Average Grant Price | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--|-------------|------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2011 | 5.5 | \$ 31.44 | | |
| Granted | — | — | | |
| Settled | (2.2 |) 27.50 | | \$ 38 |
| Forfeited | — | — | | |
| Outstanding as of September 30, 2012 | 3.3 | \$ 34.14 | 0.93 | \$ 82 |
| Vested and expected to vest as of September 30, 2012 | 3.1 | \$ 34.11 | 0.93 | \$ 78 |

Unit awards represent the contingent right to receive a cash payment for the amount by which the vesting price exceeds the grant price. Because unit awards are cash-settled, the Company remeasures the fair value and compensation expense of outstanding unit awards each reporting date until settlement. As of September 30, 2012, the weighted-average fair value of unit awards outstanding was \$25.58 per unit award. The Company made cash payments to settle vested unit awards totaling \$38 million and \$106 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. As of September 30, 2012, there was \$32 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to unit awards, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.70 years.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Stock Options

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

| | Stock Options | Weighted-Average Exercise Price | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Intrinsic Value |
|--|---------------|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2011 | 12.7 | \$ 22.52 | | |
| Granted | 1.2 | 48.42 | | |
| Exercised | (4.5) | 17.16 | | \$ 139 |
| Forfeited | (0.2) | 31.29 | | |
| Outstanding as of September 30, 2012 | 9.2 | \$ 28.20 | 5.52 | \$ 288 |
| Vested and expected to vest as of September 30, 2012 | 8.9 | \$ 27.69 | 5.52 | \$ 283 |
| Exercisable as of September 30, 2012 | 3.5 | \$ 21.36 | 5.12 | \$ 133 |

The Company received cash payments from the exercise of stock options totaling \$76 million and \$43 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The weighted average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was \$16.87 per option. As of September 30, 2012, there was \$43 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of expected forfeitures, related to stock options, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.03 years.

PRSUs and RSUs

The table below presents PRSU and RSU activity (in millions, except years and weighted-average grant price).

| | PRSUs and RSUs | Weighted-Average Grant Price | Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Term (years) | Aggregate Fair Value |
|--|----------------|------------------------------|---|----------------------|
| Outstanding as of December 31, 2011 | 2.2 | \$ 35.48 | | |
| Granted | 0.9 | 47.99 | | |
| Converted | (0.1) | 32.79 | | \$ 5 |
| Forfeited | (0.1) | 36.47 | | |
| Outstanding as of September 30, 2012 | 2.9 | \$ 39.62 | 1.62 | \$ 170 |
| Vested and expected to vest as of September 30, 2012 | 2.7 | \$ 39.56 | 1.59 | \$ 158 |

PRSUs represent the contingent right to receive shares of the Company's Series A common stock based on continuous service and whether the Company achieves certain operating performance targets. As of September 30, 2012, there were approximately 2 million outstanding PRSUs with a weighted-average grant price of \$39.23. As of September 30, 2012, unrecognized compensation cost, net of expected forfeitures, related to PRSUs was \$34 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.29 years.

RSUs represent the contingent right to receive shares of the Company's Series A common stock based on continuous service. As of September 30, 2012, there were approximately 1 million outstanding RSUs with a weighted-average grant price of \$40.68. As of September 30, 2012, there was \$20 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of expected forfeitures, related to RSUs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.52 years.

SARs

There were 2 million and zero SARs outstanding as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively. As of September 30, 2012, the weighted-average fair value of SARs outstanding was \$19.35 per award. The Company made cash payments of \$1 million to settle exercised SARs during both the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011. As of September 30, 2012, there was \$21 million of unrecognized compensation cost, net of estimated forfeitures, related to SARs, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 1.73 years.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

NOTE 9. INCOME TAXES

The Company's provisions for income taxes on income from continuing operations were \$134 million and \$381 million, and effective income tax rates were 38% and 34%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The Company's provisions for income taxes on income from continuing operations were \$127 million and \$418 million, and effective income tax rates were 35% and 34%, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively.

The following table reconciles the Company's effective income tax rate to the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%.

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--------|----|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 | |
| U.S. federal statutory income tax rate | 35 | % 35 | % 35 | % 35 | % |
| State and local income taxes, net of federal income taxes | 2 | % 2 | % 2 | % 2 | % |
| Effect of foreign operations | 3 | % — | % 3 | % — | % |
| Domestic production activity deductions | (2) |)% (2) |)% (3) |)% (2) |)% |
| Reorganization of operations | — | % — | % (2) |)% — | % |
| Other, net | — | % — | % (1) |)% (1) |)% |
| Effective income tax rate | 38 | % 35 | % 34 | % 34 | % |

In November 2011, the Company restructured certain of its foreign business operations and transferred certain assets from the U.S. to foreign affiliates. The "Effect of foreign operations" in the above table includes the U.S. tax cost of that transfer. In June 2012, the Company became certain that it would recognize a tax benefit from the legal restructuring of certain assets. The "Reorganization of operations" in the above table includes the U.S. tax benefit of that restructuring.

The Company is currently under examination by the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for its 2009 and 2008 consolidated federal income tax returns. The Company has not been advised of any material adjustments. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to audit by the IRS, state tax authorities, or foreign tax authorities for years prior to 2006.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

NOTE 10. NET INCOME PER SHARE

The table below sets forth the computation of the weighted-average number of shares outstanding utilized in determining basic and diluted net income per share (in millions, except per share amounts).

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$215 | \$240 | \$732 | \$799 |
| Less: | | | | |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (1 |) — | (2 |) — |
| Income from continuing operations available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | 214 | 240 | 730 | 799 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | (9 |) (3 |) (11 |) (3 |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$205 | \$237 | \$719 | \$796 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding — basic | 372 | 398 | 380 | 404 |
| Weighted average dilutive effect of equity awards | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding — diluted | 375 | 401 | 383 | 408 |
| Income (Loss) Per Share: | | | | |
| Income from continuing operations available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.58 | \$0.60 | \$1.92 | \$1.98 |
| Diluted | \$0.57 | \$0.60 | \$1.91 | \$1.96 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$(0.02 |) \$(0.01 |) \$(0.03 |) \$(0.01 |
| Diluted | \$(0.02 |) \$(0.01 |) \$(0.03 |) \$(0.01 |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.55 | \$0.60 | \$1.89 | \$1.97 |
| Diluted | \$0.55 | \$0.59 | \$1.88 | \$1.95 |

Income per share amounts may not sum since each is calculated independently.

The table below presents the details of the equity-based awards and preferred shares that were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per share (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Anti-dilutive stock options and RSUs | 1 | 3 | 1 | 2 |
| PRsUs whose performance targets are not achieved | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Contingently issuable preferred shares | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

Net income per share is calculated by dividing the applicable net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding. Diluted net income per share adjusts basic net

income per share for the dilutive effect of the assumed exercise of outstanding stock options and stock-settled SARs, the vesting of outstanding service based RSUs, and the expected shares issued under the Discovery Communications, Inc. 2011 Employee Stock Purchase Plan using the treasury stock method. Diluted net income per share also adjusts basic net income per share for

21

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

the dilutive effect of the assumed vesting of outstanding PRSUs whose performance targets have been achieved as of the last day of the most recent fiscal period.

At September 30, 2012 and 2011, the weighted average number of basic and diluted shares outstanding included the Company's outstanding Series A, Series B and Series C common stock, as well as its outstanding Series A and Series C convertible preferred stock, as the holder of each common and preferred series legally participates equally in any per share distributions.

NOTE 11. SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES

The table below presents the components of accrued expenses and other current liabilities (in millions).

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Accrued payroll and related benefits | \$ 236 | \$ 229 |
| Content rights payable | 85 | 86 |
| Accrued income taxes | 53 | 38 |
| Accrued interest | 78 | 25 |
| Current portion of equity-based compensation liabilities | 47 | 27 |
| Accrued other | 119 | 149 |
| Total accrued expenses and other current liabilities | \$ 618 | \$ 554 |

The table below presents the components of other expense, net (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Losses from equity investees, net | \$(22 |) \$(4 |) \$(76 |) \$(12 |
| Other, net | 1 | (1 |) (1 |) 2 |
| Total other expense, net | \$(21 |) \$(5 |) \$(77 |) \$(10 |

NOTE 12. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into transactions with related parties. The Company provides equity method investees, including unconsolidated VIEs, with content licenses and services such as distribution, sales and administrative support (see Note 3). Other related parties include entities that share common directorship or ownership. The majority of the revenue earned under contractual arrangements with other related parties relates to multi-year network distribution arrangements. The most significant of the Company's other related parties is Liberty Global, Inc. ("Liberty Global"). Discovery's Board of Directors includes three members who serve as directors of Liberty Global. John C. Malone is Chairman of the Board of Liberty Global and beneficially owns approximately 36% of the aggregate voting power with respect to the election of directors.

The table below presents a summary of the transactions with related parties (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| Revenues and service charges: | | | | |
| Equity method investees | \$ 22 | \$ 19 | \$ 70 | \$ 63 |
| Liberty Global | 8 | 9 | 23 | 26 |
| Other | — | 1 | — | 3 |
| Total revenues and service charges | \$ 30 | \$ 29 | \$ 93 | \$ 92 |
| Interest income ^(a) | \$ 8 | \$ 4 | \$ 21 | \$ 12 |
| Expenses | \$ 2 | \$ 5 | \$ 12 | \$ 16 |

^(a) The Company records interest earnings from loans to equity method investees as a component of losses from equity method investees, net, which is a component of other expense, net in the consolidated statements of operations.

22

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Of the revenues and other service charges earned from transactions with equity method investees, the Company provided funding for \$7 million and \$29 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, and \$7 million and \$23 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. The table below presents receivables due from related parties (in millions).

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Receivables | \$25 | \$14 |
| Note receivable (see Note 3) | \$450 | \$317 |

NOTE 13. COMMITMENTS, CONTINGENCIES, AND GUARANTEES

Commitments

In the normal course of business, the Company enters into various commitments, which primarily include programming and talent arrangements, operating and capital leases, employment contracts, sponsorship commitments, arrangements to purchase various goods and services, future funding commitments to equity method investees (see Note 3), and the obligation to issue additional shares of preferred stock under the anti-dilution provisions of its outstanding preferred stock.

Contingencies

Put Right

Harpo has the right to require the Company to purchase its interest in OWN for fair value at various dates (see Note 3). No amounts have been recorded for put right obligations.

Legal Matters

In the normal course of business, the Company experiences routine claims and legal proceedings. It is the opinion of the Company's management, based on information available at this time, that none of the current claims and proceedings will have a material adverse effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Guarantees

The Company has guaranteed a certain level of operating performance for The Hub (see Note 3). There were no amounts recorded for guarantees associated with equity method investees as of September 30, 2012 or December 31, 2011.

The Company may provide indemnities intended to protect others from certain business risks. Similarly, the Company may remain contingently liable for certain obligations in the event that a third party does not fulfill its obligations under an indemnification obligation. The Company records a liability for its indemnification obligations and other contingent liabilities when probable and estimable. There were no material amounts for indemnifications or other contingencies recorded as of September 30, 2012 or December 31, 2011.

NOTE 14. REPORTABLE SEGMENTS

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

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as the Company's, except that certain inter-segment transactions that are eliminated for consolidation are not eliminated at the segment level. In determining segment performance, inter-segment transactions are treated as third-party transactions. Inter-segment transactions, which primarily include advertising and content purchases between segments, were not significant for the periods presented. The Company evaluates the operating performance of its segments based on financial measures such as revenues and adjusted operating income before depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted OIBDA"). Adjusted OIBDA is defined as revenues less costs of revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses excluding: (i) mark-to-market

equity-based compensation, (ii) depreciation and amortization, (iii) amortization of deferred launch incentives, (iv) exit and restructuring charges, (v) certain impairment charges and (vi) gains and losses on business and asset dispositions. The Company uses this measure to assess the operating results and performance of its segments, perform analytical comparisons, identify strategies to

23

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

improve performance and allocate resources to each segment. The Company believes Adjusted OIBDA is relevant to investors because it allows them to analyze the operating performance of each segment using the same metric management uses. The Company excludes mark-to-market equity-based compensation, exit and restructuring charges, certain impairment charges, and gains and losses on business and asset dispositions from the calculation of Adjusted OIBDA due to their volatility. The Company also excludes depreciation of fixed assets, and amortization of intangible assets and deferred launch incentives as these amounts do not represent cash payments in the current reporting period. Adjusted OIBDA should be considered in addition to, but not a substitute for, operating income, net income and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. Certain corporate expenses are excluded from segment results to enable executive management to evaluate segment performance based upon the decisions of segment executives.

The tables below present summarized financial information for each of the Company's reportable segments (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | 2011 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | 2011 | |
|--|---|----------|----------|----------|--|--|-------------------|---|
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Networks | \$ 664 | \$ 695 | \$ 2,045 | \$ 1,942 | | | | |
| International Networks | 390 | 363 | 1,175 | 1,054 | | | | |
| Education | 25 | 22 | 70 | 66 | | | | |
| Corporate and inter-segment eliminations | (3) |) — | (3) |) — | | | | |
| Total revenues | \$ 1,076 | \$ 1,080 | \$ 3,287 | \$ 3,062 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | 2011 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | September 2011 | |
| Total Adjusted OIBDA: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Networks | \$ 386 | \$ 378 | \$ 1,207 | \$ 1,107 | | | | |
| International Networks | 173 | 156 | 520 | 473 | | | | |
| Education | 5 | 4 | 14 | 17 | | | | |
| Corporate and inter-segment eliminations | (66) |) (58) |) (191) |) (180) | | | |) |
| Total Adjusted OIBDA | \$ 498 | \$ 480 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,417 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| | Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | 2011 | | Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | 2011 | |
| Reconciliation of Total Adjusted OIBDA to Operating Income: | | | | | | | | |
| Total Adjusted OIBDA | \$ 498 | \$ 480 | \$ 1,550 | \$ 1,417 | | | | |
| Amortization of deferred launch incentives | (5) |) (13) |) (15) |) (39) | | | |) |
| Mark-to-market equity-based compensation | (27) |) (8) |) (70) |) (31) | | | |) |
| Depreciation and amortization | (27) |) (29) |) (87) |) (88) | | | |) |
| Restructuring charges | (1) |) (2) |) (4) |) (7) | | | |) |
| Gain on disposition | — | — | — | 129 | | | | |
| Operating income | \$ 438 | \$ 428 | \$ 1,374 | \$ 1,381 | | | | |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

| | September 30, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Total assets: | | |
| U.S. Networks | \$ 2,840 | \$ 2,679 |
| International Networks | 1,412 | 1,244 |
| Education ^(a) | 66 | 68 |
| Corporate and inter-segment eliminations | 8,369 | 7,922 |
| Total assets | \$ 12,687 | \$ 11,913 |

^(a) The December 31, 2011 Education balances include the assets of the Company's postproduction audio business, which is reported as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations (see Note 2). Total assets for corporate and inter-segment eliminations include goodwill that is allocated to the Company's segments to account for goodwill. The presentation of segment assets in the table above is consistent with the financial reports that are reviewed by the Company's CODM.

NOTE 15. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Overview

As of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the senior notes outstanding (see Note 6) have been issued by DCL, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to Registration Statements on Form S-3 filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Shelf Registration"). The Company fully and unconditionally guarantees the senior notes on an unsecured basis. The Company, DCL, and/or Discovery Communications Holding, LLC ("DCH"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company (collectively, the "Issuers"), may issue additional debt securities under the Shelf Registration that are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the other Issuers. Set forth below are condensed consolidating financial statements presenting the financial position, results of operations and comprehensive income, and cash flows of (i) the Company, (ii) DCH, (iii) DCL, (iv) the non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL on a combined basis, (v) the other non-guarantor subsidiaries of the Company on a combined basis and (vi) reclassifications and eliminations necessary to arrive at the consolidated financial statement balances for the Company. DCL and the non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL are the primary operating subsidiaries of the Company. DCL primarily includes Discovery Channel and TLC networks in the U.S. The non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL include the Company's other U.S. and international networks, education businesses, and most of the Company's websites and other digital media services. The non-guarantor subsidiaries of DCL are wholly-owned subsidiaries of DCL with the exception of certain equity method investments. DCL is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DCH. The Company wholly owns DCH through a 33 1/3% direct ownership interest and a 66 2/3% indirect ownership interest through Discovery Holding Company ("DHC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. DHC is included in the other non-guarantor subsidiaries of the Company.

Basis of Presentation

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

Prior to the international reorganization that occurred in November 2011, all direct and indirect subsidiaries were included in the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return. Effective with the reorganization, the operations of certain of the Company's international subsidiaries are excluded from the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return. Tax expense related to permanent differences has been allocated to the entity that created the difference. Tax expense related to temporary differences has been allocated to the entity that created the difference, where identifiable. The remaining temporary differences are allocated to each entity included in the Company's consolidated U.S. income tax return based on each entity's relative pretax income. Deferred taxes have been allocated based upon the temporary differences between the carrying amounts of the respective assets and liabilities of the applicable entities.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

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

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
September 30, 2012
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|-----------|---------|----------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$— | \$1,410 | \$ 143 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1,553 |
| Receivables, net | — | — | 393 | 686 | — | — | 1,079 |
| Content rights, net | — | — | 7 | 100 | — | — | 107 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | 25 | 37 | — | — | 62 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 28 | — | 113 | 53 | — | — | 194 |
| Intercompany trade receivables, net | — | — | 158 | — | — | (158) | — |
| Total current assets | 28 | — | 2,106 | 1,019 | — | (158) | 2,995 |
| Investment in and advances to subsidiaries | 6,243 | 6,248 | 4,735 | — | 4,175 | (21,401) | — |
| Noncurrent content rights, net | — | — | 586 | 896 | — | — | 1,482 |
| Goodwill | — | — | 3,767 | 2,547 | — | — | 6,314 |
| Equity method investments | — | — | 337 | 484 | — | — | 821 |
| Other noncurrent assets | — | 20 | 503 | 572 | — | (20) | 1,075 |
| Total assets | \$6,271 | \$6,268 | \$12,034 | \$ 5,518 | \$ 4,175 | \$ (21,579) | \$ 12,687 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$— | \$— | \$7 | \$ 14 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 21 |
| Other current liabilities | 6 | 5 | 361 | 433 | — | — | 805 |
| Intercompany trade payables, net | — | — | — | 158 | — | (158) | — |
| Total current liabilities | 6 | 5 | 368 | 605 | — | (158) | 826 |
| Long-term debt | — | — | 5,146 | 64 | — | — | 5,210 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | — | — | 272 | 112 | 20 | (20) | 384 |
| Total liabilities | 6 | 5 | 5,786 | 781 | 20 | (178) | 6,420 |
| Equity attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. | 6,265 | 6,263 | 6,248 | 4,737 | 4,155 | (21,403) | 6,265 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Total equity | 6,265 | 6,263 | 6,248 | 4,737 | 4,155 | (21,401) | 6,267 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$6,271 | \$6,268 | \$12,034 | \$ 5,518 | \$ 4,175 | \$ (21,579) | \$ 12,687 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet
December 31, 2011
(in millions)

| | Discovery DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries | |
|---|---------------|---------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|-----------|
| ASSETS | | | | | | | |
| Current assets: | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$— | \$964 | \$ 83 | \$ — | \$ 1,048 | |
| Receivables, net | — | — | 423 | 608 | (2) | 1,042 | |
| Content rights, net | — | — | 7 | 86 | — | 93 | |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | 33 | 40 | — | 73 | |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 35 | — | 89 | 50 | — | 175 | |
| Total current assets | 35 | — | 1,516 | 867 | (2) | 2,431 | |
| Investment in and advances to consolidated subsidiaries | 6,482 | 6,460 | 4,569 | — | 4,317 | (21,828) | — |
| Noncurrent content rights, net | — | — | 559 | 743 | — | — | 1,302 |
| Goodwill | — | — | 3,767 | 2,524 | — | — | 6,291 |
| Equity method investments | — | — | 350 | 457 | — | — | 807 |
| Other noncurrent assets | — | 20 | 485 | 590 | 7 | (20) | 1,082 |
| Total assets | \$6,517 | \$6,480 | \$11,246 | \$ 5,181 | \$ 4,339 | \$ (21,850) | \$ 11,913 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities: | | | | | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$— | \$— | \$6 | \$ 20 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 26 |
| Other current liabilities | — | 5 | 320 | 390 | 6 | (1) | 720 |
| Total current liabilities | — | 5 | 326 | 410 | 6 | (1) | 746 |
| Long-term debt | — | — | 4,154 | 65 | — | — | 4,219 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | — | — | 306 | 135 | 8 | (20) | 429 |
| Total liabilities | — | 5 | 4,786 | 610 | 14 | (21) | 5,394 |
| Equity attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. | 6,517 | 6,475 | 6,460 | 4,571 | 4,325 | (21,831) | 6,517 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | 2 | 2 |
| Total equity | 6,517 | 6,475 | 6,460 | 4,571 | 4,325 | (21,829) | 6,519 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$6,517 | \$6,480 | \$11,246 | \$ 5,181 | \$ 4,339 | \$ (21,850) | \$ 11,913 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations
Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|-----------|-------|--------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$— | \$— | \$436 | \$ 645 | \$ — | \$ (5) | \$ 1,076 |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | — | — | 104 | 196 | 1 | (5) | 296 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 4 | — | 49 | 261 | — | — | 314 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 8 | 19 | — | — | 27 |
| Restructuring charges | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| Total costs and expenses | 4 | — | 161 | 477 | 1 | (5) | 638 |
| Operating (loss) income | (4) | — | 275 | 168 | (1) | — | 438 |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 193 | 209 | 102 | — | 141 | (645) | — |
| Interest expense | — | — | (65) | (3) | — | — | (68) |
| Other income (expense), net | 13 | 2 | 1 | (20) | — | (17) | (21) |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 202 | 211 | 313 | 145 | 140 | (662) | 349 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 3 | — | (104) | (42) | 9 | — | (134) |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | 205 | 211 | 209 | 103 | 149 | (662) | 215 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | — | — | — | — | (26) | 17 | (9) |
| Net income | 205 | 211 | 209 | 103 | 123 | (645) | 206 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | (1) | (1) |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$205 | \$211 | \$209 | \$ 103 | \$ 123 | \$ (646) | \$ 205 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations
Three Months Ended September 30, 2011
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|--|-----------|-------|-------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$— | \$— | \$431 | \$ 652 | \$ 1 | \$ (4) | \$ 1,080 |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | — | — | 127 | 203 | — | (2) | 328 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 2 | — | 92 | 200 | 1 | (2) | 293 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 10 | 19 | — | — | 29 |
| Restructuring charges | — | — | — | 2 | — | — | 2 |
| Total costs and expenses | 2 | — | 229 | 424 | 1 | (4) | 652 |
| Operating (loss) income | (2) | — | 202 | 228 | — | — | 428 |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 238 | 239 | 139 | — | 159 | (775) | — |
| Interest expense | — | — | (54) | (2) | — | — | (56) |
| Other expense, net | — | — | — | (5) | — | — | (5) |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 236 | 239 | 287 | 221 | 159 | (775) | 367 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 1 | — | (48) | (81) | 1 | — | (127) |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | 237 | 239 | 239 | 140 | 160 | (775) | 240 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | — | — | — | (1) | (2) | — | (3) |
| Net income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$237 | \$239 | \$239 | \$ 139 | \$ 158 | \$ (775) | \$ 237 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|-----------|-------|---------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$— | \$— | \$1,323 | \$ 1,975 | \$ — | \$ (11) | \$ 3,287 |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | — | — | 293 | 606 | — | (9) | 890 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 10 | — | 147 | 777 | — | (2) | 932 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 26 | 61 | — | — | 87 |
| Restructuring charges | — | — | 1 | 3 | — | — | 4 |
| Total costs and expenses | 10 | — | 467 | 1,447 | — | (11) | 1,913 |
| Operating (loss) income | (10) | — | 856 | 528 | — | — | 1,374 |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 712 | 729 | 281 | — | 488 | (2,210) | — |
| Interest expense | — | — | (179) | (5) | — | — | (184) |
| Other income (expense), net | 13 | 2 | 2 | (77) | — | (17) | (77) |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 715 | 731 | 960 | 446 | 488 | (2,227) | 1,113 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 4 | — | (231) | (163) | 9 | — | (381) |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | 719 | 731 | 729 | 283 | 497 | (2,227) | 732 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | — | — | — | — | (28) | 17 | (11) |
| Net income | 719 | 731 | 729 | 283 | 469 | (2,210) | 721 |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | (2) | (2) |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$719 | \$731 | \$729 | \$ 283 | \$ 469 | \$ (2,212) | \$ 719 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Operations
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|--|-----------|-------|---------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Revenues | \$— | \$— | \$1,301 | \$ 1,769 | \$ — | \$ (8) | \$ 3,062 |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | — | — | 321 | 545 | — | (6) | 860 |
| Selling, general and administrative | 8 | — | 271 | 578 | — | (2) | 855 |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | 29 | 59 | — | — | 88 |
| Restructuring charges | — | — | 4 | 3 | — | — | 7 |
| Gain on disposition | — | — | — | (129) | — | — | (129) |
| Total costs and expenses | 8 | — | 625 | 1,056 | — | (8) | 1,681 |
| Operating (loss) income | (8) | — | 676 | 713 | — | — | 1,381 |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 801 | 803 | 452 | — | 535 | (2,591) | — |
| Interest expense | — | — | (150) | (4) | — | — | (154) |
| Other income (expense), net | — | — | 3 | (13) | — | — | (10) |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 793 | 803 | 981 | 696 | 535 | (2,591) | 1,217 |
| Benefit from (provision for) income taxes | 3 | — | (178) | (243) | — | — | (418) |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$796 | \$803 | \$803 | \$ 453 | \$ 535 | \$ (2,591) | \$ 799 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | — | — | — | (1) | (2) | — | (3) |
| Net income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$796 | \$803 | \$803 | \$ 452 | \$ 533 | \$ (2,591) | \$ 796 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
 Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
 (in millions)

| | Discovery DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|---------------|-------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Net income | \$205 | \$211 | \$209 | \$ 103 | \$ (645) | \$ 206 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | | | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | (55) | 15 |
| Comprehensive income | 220 | 226 | 224 | 118 | (700) | 221 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | (1) | (1) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$220 | \$226 | \$224 | \$ 118 | \$ (701) | \$ 220 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
 Three Months Ended September 30, 2011
 (in millions)

| | Discovery DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries | |
|--|---------------|-------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|--------|
| Net income | \$237 | \$239 | \$239 | \$139 | \$158 | \$ (775) | \$ 237 |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax: | | | | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | (12) | (12) | (12) | (14) | (8) | 46 | (12) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$225 | \$227 | \$227 | \$125 | \$150 | \$ (729) | \$ 225 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|-----------|-------|-------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Net income | \$719 | \$731 | \$729 | \$ 283 | \$ 469 | \$ (2,210) | \$ 721 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | | | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 11 | (59) | 16 |
| Derivative and market value adjustments | (1) | (1) | (1) | — | (1) | 3 | (1) |
| Comprehensive income | 734 | 746 | 744 | 299 | 479 | (2,266) | 736 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — | (2) | (2) |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$734 | \$746 | \$744 | \$ 299 | \$ 479 | \$ (2,268) | \$ 734 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Comprehensive Income
 Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011
 (in millions)

| | Discovery DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassifications and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|---|---------------|-------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Net income | \$796 | \$803 | \$803 | \$452 | \$533 | \$ (2,591) \$796 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of tax: | | | | | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | 11 | 11 | 11 | 9 | 7 | (38) 11 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$807 | \$814 | \$814 | \$461 | \$540 | \$ (2,629) \$807 |

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|--|-----------|-----|--------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Operating Activities | | | | | | | |
| Cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$8 | \$— | \$210 | \$ 556 | \$ (3) | \$ — | \$ 771 |
| Investing Activities | | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | — | — | (16) | (36) | (1) | — | (53) |
| Business acquisition, net of cash acquired | — | — | — | (20) | — | — | (20) |
| Distribution from equity method investee | — | — | — | 17 | — | — | 17 |
| Investments in and advances to equity method investees | — | — | — | (115) | — | — | (115) |
| Other investing activities, net | — | — | (25) | — | 1 | — | (24) |
| Cash used in investing activities | — | — | (41) | (154) | — | — | (195) |
| Financing Activities | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings from long term debt, net of discounts and issuance costs | — | — | 981 | — | — | — | 981 |
| Principal repayments of capital lease obligations | — | — | (4) | (13) | — | — | (17) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (1,146) | — | — | — | — | — | (1,146) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans | 76 | — | — | — | — | — | 76 |
| Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation | 37 | — | — | — | — | — | 37 |
| Inter-company contributions and other financing activities, net | 1,025 | — | (700) | (330) | 2 | — | (3) |
| Cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (8) | — | 277 | (343) | 2 | — | (72) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | — | — | 446 | 60 | (1) | — | 505 |

Edgar Filing: Discovery Communications, Inc. - Form 10-Q

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|---------|--------|------|------|----------|
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | — | — | 964 | 83 | 1 | — | 1,048 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$— | \$— | \$1,410 | \$ 143 | \$ — | \$ — | \$ 1,553 |

37

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2011
(in millions)

| | Discovery | DCH | DCL | Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries of DCL | Other Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries of Discovery | Reclassification and Eliminations | Discovery and Subsidiaries |
|--|-----------|--------|--------|---|---|---|----------------------------------|
| Operating Activities | | | | | | | |
| Cash provided by (used in) operating activities | \$ 108 | \$(3) | \$255 | \$ 401 | \$ (1) | \$ — | \$ 760 |
| Investing Activities | | | | | | | |
| Purchases of property and equipment | — | — | (11) | (30) | (1) | — | (42) |
| Investments in and advances to equity method investees | — | — | — | (93) | — | — | (93) |
| Cash used in investing activities | — | — | (11) | (123) | (1) | — | (135) |
| Financing Activities | | | | | | | |
| Borrowings from long term debt, net of discounts and issuance costs | — | — | 639 | — | — | — | 639 |
| Principal repayments of capital lease obligations | — | — | (4) | (12) | — | — | (16) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (732) | — | — | — | — | — | (732) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock in connection with equity-based plans | 43 | — | — | — | — | — | 43 |
| Excess tax benefits from equity-based compensation | 18 | — | — | — | — | — | 18 |
| Inter-company contributions and other financing activities, net | 563 | 3 | (282) | (290) | (1) | — | (7) |
| Cash (used in) provided by financing activities | (108) | 3 | 353 | (302) | (1) | — | (55) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | — | — | — | (4) | — | — | (4) |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | — | — | 597 | (28) | (3) | — | 566 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | — | — | 369 | 93 | 4 | — | 466 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$— | \$— | \$966 | \$ 65 | \$ 1 | \$ — | \$ 1,032 |

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

Management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is a supplement to and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes. This section provides additional information regarding Discovery Communications, Inc.'s ("Discovery," "Company," "we," "us," or "our") business, current developments, results of operations, cash flows and financial condition. Additional context can also be found in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (the "2011 Form 10-K").

CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including statements regarding our business, marketing and operating strategies, integration of acquired businesses, new service offerings, financial prospects, and anticipated sources and uses of capital. Words such as "anticipates," "estimates," "expects," "projects," "intends," "plans," "believes," and "will" and terms of similar substance used in connection with any discussion of future operating or financial performance identify forward-looking statements. Where, in any forward-looking statement, we express an expectation or belief as to future results or events, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis, but there can be no assurance that the expectation or belief will result or be accomplished. The following is a list of some, but not all, of the factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those anticipated: the inability of advertisers or affiliates to remit payment to us in a timely manner or at all; general economic and business conditions; industry trends, including the timing of, and spending on, feature film, television and television commercial production; spending on domestic and foreign television advertising; market demand for foreign first-run and existing content libraries; the regulatory and competitive environment of the industries in which we, and the entities in which we have interests, operate; continued consolidation of broadband distribution and production companies; uncertainties inherent in the development of new business lines and business strategies; uncertainties regarding the financial performance of our equity method investees; integration of acquired businesses; uncertainties associated with product and service development and market acceptance, including the development and provision of programming for new television and telecommunications technologies; changes in the distribution and viewing of television programming, including the expanded deployment of personal video recorders, video on demand ("VOD"), internet protocol television, mobile personal devices and personal tablets and their impact on television advertising revenue; rapid technological changes; future financial performance, including availability, terms, and deployment of capital; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and political unrest in international markets; the ability of suppliers and vendors to deliver products, equipment, software, and services; the outcome of any pending or threatened litigation; availability of qualified personnel; the possibility or duration of an industry-wide strike or other job action affecting a major entertainment industry union; changes in, or failure or inability to comply with, government regulations, including, without limitation, regulations of the Federal Communications Commission and adverse outcomes from regulatory proceedings; changes in income taxes due to regulatory changes or changes in our corporate structure; changes in the nature of key strategic relationships with partners and equity method investee partners; competitor responses to our products and services and the products and services of the entities in which we have interests; threatened terrorist attacks and military action; reduced access to capital markets or significant increases in costs to borrow; a failure to secure affiliate agreements or renewal of such agreements on less favorable terms; and a reduction of advertising revenue associated with unexpected reductions in the number of subscribers. For additional risk factors, refer to Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our 2011 Form 10-K. These forward-looking statements and such risks, uncertainties, and other factors speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report, and we expressly disclaim any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement contained herein, to reflect any change in our expectations with regard thereto, or any other change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

We are a global nonfiction media and entertainment company that provides programming across distribution platforms throughout the world. We distribute customized programming, in over 40 languages, in the U.S. and over 200 other countries and territories. Our global portfolio of networks includes prominent television brands such as Discovery Channel, one of the first nonfiction networks and our most widely distributed global brand, TLC and Animal Planet. We also have a diversified portfolio of websites and other digital media services and develop and sell

curriculum-based products and services.

Our objectives are to invest in content for our networks to build viewership, optimize distribution revenue, capture advertising sales, and create or reposition additional branded channels and businesses that can sustain long-term growth and occupy a desired programming niche with strong consumer appeal. Our strategy is to optimize the distribution, ratings and profit potential of each of our branded networks. In addition to growing distribution and advertising revenues for our branded networks, we are extending content distribution across new platforms, including brand-aligned websites, on-line streaming,

mobile devices, VOD and broadband channels, which provide promotional platforms for our television programming and serve as additional outlets for advertising and distribution revenues.

Our content spans genres including science, exploration, survival, natural history, sustainability, technology, docu-series, anthropology, paleontology, history, space, archeology, health and wellness, engineering, adventure, lifestyles, forensics, civilizations, and current events. Our programming tends to maintain its relevance for an extended period of time and translates well across international borders. We have an extensive library of content and own all or most rights to the majority of our programming and footage, which enables us to exploit our library to launch new brands and services into new markets quickly. Our programming can be re-edited and updated in a cost-effective manner to provide topical versions of subject matter that can be utilized around the world. We make extensive use of dubbing and subtitles in local languages. We also create local programming tailored to individual market preferences. Substantially all of our programming is produced in high definition (“HD”) format.

Our media content is designed to target key audience demographics, and the popularity of our programming creates a reason for advertisers to purchase commercial time on our channels. Audience ratings are a key driver in generating advertising revenue and creating demand from cable television operators, direct-to-home (“DTH”) satellite operators, and other content distributors to deliver our programming to their customers.

We classify our operations in three segments: U.S. Networks, consisting principally of domestic television networks, websites, and other digital media services; International Networks, consisting principally of international television networks and websites; and Education, consisting principally of curriculum-based product and service offerings.

U.S. Networks

U.S. Networks generated revenues of \$664 million and \$2.0 billion during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, which represented 62% of our total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. This segment wholly owns and operates nine national television networks, including Discovery Channel, TLC, Animal Planet, Investigation Discovery, and Science. In addition, this segment holds our interests in The Oprah Winfrey Network (“OWN”), The Hub, and 3net, which are networks operated by equity method investees.

U.S. Networks generates revenues from fees charged to distributors of our television networks’ content, which include cable and DTH satellite service providers and digital distributors, from advertising sold on our television networks, and from other arrangements. Distribution fees are largely based on the number of subscribers receiving our programming. Advertising revenue is dependent upon a number of factors including the number of subscribers to our channels, viewership demographics, the popularity of our programming, and our ability to sell commercial time over a group of channels. U.S. Networks also generates income associated with providing affiliate and advertising sales representation and network services for equity method investee networks and the licensing of our brands for consumer products. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, distribution, advertising and other revenues were 46%, 52% and 2%, respectively, of total revenues for this segment. Discovery Channel, TLC and Animal Planet collectively generated 71% of U.S. Networks’ total revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

U.S. Networks’ largest single cost is content expense, including content amortization, content impairments, and production costs. U.S. Networks amortizes the cost of capitalized content rights based on the proportion that current estimated revenues bear to the estimated remaining total lifetime revenues, which results in either an accelerated method or a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the content of up to five years.

International Networks

International Networks generated revenues of \$390 million and \$1.2 billion during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, which represented 36% of our total revenues for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. International Networks consists of national and pan-regional television networks and a portfolio of websites. Discovery Channel, Animal Planet, and TLC lead the International Networks’ branded television networks, which are distributed in virtually every pay-television market in the world through operational centers in London, Singapore, and Miami. Of U.S. television companies, International Networks has one of the largest international television network distribution platforms with as many as twelve networks in more than 200 countries and territories. At September 30, 2012, International Networks operated over 170 unique distribution feeds in over 40 languages with channel feeds customized according to language needs and advertising sales opportunities.

International Networks also operates free to air networks in the U.K., Germany, Italy and Spain. International Networks continues to pursue expansion.

Similar to U.S. Networks, the primary sources of revenue for International Networks are fees charged to operators who distribute our networks, which primarily include cable and DTH satellite service providers, and advertising sold on our

40

television networks. Distribution fees are largely based on the number of subscribers receiving our programming. Distribution revenue is recognized net of incentives that we provide to operators in exchange for carrying our networks. Incentives may include cash payments to operators (“launch incentives”), providing the channel to the distributor for free for a predetermined length of time, or both.

International television markets vary in their stages of development. Some, notably the U.K., are more advanced digital multi-channel television markets, while others remain in the analog environment with varying degrees of investment from operators in expanding channel capacity or converting to digital. Advertising revenue is dependent upon a number of factors including the stage of development of pay television markets, number of subscribers to our channels, viewership demographics, the popularity of our programming, and our ability to sell commercial time over a group of channels. In developing pay television markets, we expect that advertising revenue growth will result from subscriber growth, our localization strategy, and the shift of advertising spending from broadcast to pay television. In relatively mature markets, such as Western Europe, increased market penetration and distribution are unlikely to drive rapid growth. Instead, growth in advertising revenue will come from increasing viewership, advertising pricing on our existing pay television networks and launching new services in pay television and free television environments. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, distribution, advertising and other revenues were 62%, 34% and 4%, respectively, of total net revenues for this segment.

International Networks’ largest cost is content expense. International Networks executes a localization strategy by offering programming from U.S. Networks, customized content and localized schedules via our distribution feeds. While our International Networks segment maximizes the use of programming from U.S. Networks, we also develop local programming that is tailored to individual market preferences. International Networks amortizes the cost of capitalized content rights based on the proportion that current estimated revenues bear to the estimated remaining total lifetime revenues, which results in either an accelerated method or a straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the content of up to five years.

Education

Education generated revenues of \$25 million and \$70 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, which represented 2% of our total revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012. Education is comprised of curriculum-based product and service offerings. Our education business generates revenues primarily from subscriptions charged to K-12 schools for access to an on-line suite of curriculum-based VOD tools, professional development services, student assessment tools, publication of hard-copy curriculum-based content, corporate partnerships, and global brand and content licensing.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Discontinued Operations

On September 17, 2012, we sold our postproduction audio business, whose results of operations have been reclassified to discontinued operations for all periods presented (see Note 2 to the accompanying financial statements). The postproduction audio business was an operating segment combined with Education as a reportable segment.

Edgar Filing: Discovery Communications, Inc. - Form 10-Q

Consolidated Results of Operations

The table below presents our consolidated results of operations (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|---|--|-------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change |
| Revenues: | | | | | | |
| Distribution | \$549 | \$580 | (5)% | \$1,665 | \$1,563 | 7% |
| Advertising | 468 | 442 | 6% | 1,455 | 1,328 | 10% |
| Other | 59 | 58 | 2% | 167 | 171 | (2)% |
| Total revenues | 1,076 | 1,080 | —% | 3,287 | 3,062 | 7% |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | | | | | | |
| Selling, general and administrative | 314 | 293 | 7% | 932 | 855 | 9% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 27 | 29 | (7)% | 87 | 88 | (1)% |
| Restructuring charges | 1 | 2 | (50)% | 4 | 7 | (43)% |
| Gain on disposition | — | — | NM | — | (129) | (100)% |
| Total costs and expenses | 638 | 652 | (2)% | 1,913 | 1,681 | 14% |
| Operating income | 438 | 428 | 2% | 1,374 | 1,381 | (1)% |
| Interest expense | (68) | (56) | 21% | (184) | (154) | 19% |
| Other expense, net | (21) | (5) | NM | (77) | (10) | NM |
| Income from continuing operations before income taxes | 349 | 367 | (5)% | 1,113 | 1,217 | (9)% |
| Provision for income taxes | (134) | (127) | 6% | (381) | (418) | (9)% |
| Income from continuing operations, net of taxes | 215 | 240 | (10)% | 732 | 799 | (8)% |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (9) | (3) | NM | (11) | (3) | NM |
| Net income | 206 | 237 | (13)% | 721 | 796 | (9)% |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (1) | — | NM | (2) | — | NM |
| Net income available to Discovery Communications, Inc. stockholders | \$205 | \$237 | (14)% | \$719 | \$796 | (10)% |

Revenues

Distribution revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$31 million and increased \$102 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, distribution revenue decreased 3%, or \$15 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2012, and increased 9%, or \$137 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The decrease for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was due to a decrease in digital distribution revenue of \$63 million that resulted from higher revenues in the prior year as a result of an agreement to extend and expand licenses of selected library titles entered into in the prior year, partially offset by contractual rate increases and growth of pay television subscribers. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was attributable to contractual rate increases and growth of pay television subscribers. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, revenue from digital distribution arrangements was consistent with the prior year.

Advertising revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$26 million and \$127 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, advertising revenue increased 8%, or \$34 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2012, and increased 11%, or \$150 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increases were primarily due to increases in pricing and delivery at U.S. Networks and additional revenue from international free to air networks.

Other revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was consistent with prior year amounts. Other revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$4 million due to a change in classification of earnings for services provided to certain of our equity method investees from other revenue to selling, general, and administrative

expenses

42

beginning January 1, 2012, offset by additional revenue from a production company acquired during the fourth quarter of 2011. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates did not significantly impact other revenues.

Costs of Revenues

Costs of revenues, which consist primarily of content expense, distribution costs, and sales commissions, decreased \$32 million and increased \$30 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, costs of revenues decreased 9%, or \$28 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2012, and increased 5%, or \$39 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

The decrease in costs of revenues for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was primarily due to decreases in content impairments and expenses associated with licensing of select library titles at U.S. Networks, partially offset by increased content expense and distribution costs at International Networks. The increase in costs of revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was principally related to higher content amortization and distribution and production costs partially offset by lower content impairments and sales commissions.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses, which consist principally of employee costs, marketing costs, research costs, occupancy and back office support fees, increased \$21 million and \$77 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, selling, general and administrative expenses increased 12%, or \$33 million, for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and increased 11%, or \$96 million, for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 was due to higher personnel costs and equity-based compensation expense, offset by a change in the classification of earnings for services provided to certain of our equity method investees from other revenue to selling, general, and administrative expenses beginning January 1, 2012. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, equity-based compensation expense increased \$19 million and \$42 million, respectively, due to an increase in the value of outstanding cash-settled unit awards.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense, which includes depreciation of fixed assets and amortization of finite-lived intangible assets, was consistent compared to the prior year.

Restructuring Charges

We incurred restructuring charges of \$1 million and \$4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. We incurred restructuring charges of \$2 million and \$7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2011, respectively. Restructuring charges related to employee terminations and other exit activities.

Gain on Disposition

In connection with the contribution of the Discovery Health network to OWN on January 1, 2011, we recorded a pretax gain of \$129 million, which represents the fair value of the investment retained less the book basis of contributed assets.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$12 million and \$30 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due to an increase in outstanding debt.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net, which consists primarily of losses from our equity method investees, increased \$16 million and \$67 million due to increases of \$18 million and \$64 million in losses from equity method investees for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2012, accumulated losses at OWN exceeded the equity contribution to OWN, and we began to record 100% of OWN's incremental net losses. We recognized 50% of OWN's net losses throughout 2011 (see Note 3 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements).

Provision for Income Taxes

Our provisions for income taxes on income from continuing operations were \$134 million and \$127 million, and the effective tax rates were 38% and 35% for the three months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. Our provisions for income taxes on income from continuing operations were \$381 million and \$418 million, and the effective tax rates were 34% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 (see Note 9 to the accompanying financial statements).

Segment Results of Operations

We evaluate the operating performance of our segments based on financial measures such as revenues and adjusted operating income before depreciation and amortization (“Adjusted OIBDA”). Adjusted OIBDA is defined as revenues less costs of revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses excluding: (i) mark-to-market equity-based compensation, (ii) depreciation and amortization, (iii) amortization of deferred launch incentives, (iv) exit and restructuring charges, (v) certain impairment charges, and (vi) gains (losses) on business and asset dispositions. We use this measure to assess the operating results and performance of our segments, perform analytical comparisons, identify strategies to improve performance, and allocate resources to each segment. We believe Adjusted OIBDA is relevant to investors because it allows them to analyze the operating performance of each segment using the same metric management uses. We exclude mark-to-market equity-based compensation, exit and restructuring charges, certain impairment charges, and gains and losses on business and asset dispositions from the calculation of Adjusted OIBDA due to their volatility. We also exclude the depreciation of fixed assets, and amortization of intangible assets and deferred launch incentives as these amounts do not represent cash payments in the current reporting period. Adjusted OIBDA should be considered in addition to, but not a substitute for, operating income, net income, cash flows provided by operating activities and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”).

Additionally, certain corporate expenses are excluded from segment results to enable executive management to evaluate segment performance based upon the decisions of segment executives. Additional financial information for our reportable segments is set forth in Note 14 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The table below presents the calculation of total Adjusted OIBDA (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
|--|--|-------|----------|------------------------------------|---------|----------|--|--|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Networks | \$664 | \$695 | (4)% | \$2,045 | \$1,942 | 5% | | |
| International Networks | 390 | 363 | 7% | 1,175 | 1,054 | 11% | | |
| Education | 25 | 22 | 14% | 70 | 66 | 6% | | |
| Corporate and inter-segment eliminations | (3) | — | NM | (3) | — | NM | | |
| Total revenues | 1,076 | 1,080 | —% | 3,287 | 3,062 | 7% | | |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | (296) | (328) | (10)% | (890) | (860) | 3% | | |
| Selling, general and administrative ^(a) | (287) | (285) | 1% | (862) | (824) | 5% | | |
| Add: Amortization of deferred launch incentives ^(b) | 5 | 13 | (62)% | 15 | 39 | (62)% | | |
| Adjusted OIBDA | \$498 | \$480 | 4% | \$1,550 | \$1,417 | 9% | | |

^(a) Selling, general and administrative expenses exclude mark-to-market equity-based compensation, restructuring charges and gains (losses) on dispositions.

^(b) Amortization of deferred launch incentives are included as a reduction of distribution revenue for reporting in accordance with GAAP but are excluded from Adjusted OIBDA.

The table below presents our Adjusted OIBDA by segment, with a reconciliation of total Adjusted OIBDA to consolidated operating income (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | | |
| Adjusted OIBDA: | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. Networks | \$386 | \$378 | 2 | % \$1,207 | \$1,107 | 9 | % | |
| International Networks | 173 | 156 | 11 | % | 520 | 473 | 10 | % |
| Education | 5 | 4 | 25 | % | 14 | 17 | (18) |)% |
| Corporate and inter-segment eliminations | (66 |) (58 |) 14 | % | (191 |) (180 |) 6 | % |
| Total Adjusted OIBDA | 498 | 480 | 4 | % | 1,550 | 1,417 | 9 | % |
| Amortization of deferred launch incentives | (5 |) (13 |) (62 |)% | (15 |) (39 |) (62 |)% |
| Mark-to-market equity-based compensation | (27 |) (8 |) NM | | (70 |) (31 |) NM | |
| Depreciation and amortization | (27 |) (29 |) (7 |)% | (87 |) (88 |) (1 |)% |
| Restructuring charges | (1 |) (2 |) (50 |)% | (4 |) (7 |) (43 |)% |
| Gain on dispositions | — | — | NM | | — | 129 | (100) |)% |
| Operating income | \$438 | \$428 | 2 | % | \$1,374 | \$1,381 | (1 |)% |

U.S. Networks

The table below presents our U.S. Networks segment revenues by type, certain operating expenses, contra revenue amounts, Adjusted OIBDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
|--|----------------------------------|--------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | | |
| Distribution | \$300 | \$350 | (14 |)% | \$934 | \$898 | 4 | % |
| Advertising | 343 | 322 | 7 | % | 1,059 | 973 | 9 | % |
| Other | 21 | 23 | (9 |)% | 52 | 71 | (27 |)% |
| Total revenues | 664 | 695 | (4 |)% | 2,045 | 1,942 | 5 | % |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | (172 |) (207 |) (17 |)% | (511 |) (508 |) 1 | % |
| Selling, general and administrative | (108 |) (113 |) (4 |)% | (334 |) (334 |) — | % |
| Add: Amortization of deferred launch incentives | 2 | 3 | (33 |)% | 7 | 7 | — | % |
| Adjusted OIBDA | 386 | 378 | 2 | % | 1,207 | 1,107 | 9 | % |
| Amortization of deferred launch incentives | (2 |) (3 |) (33 |)% | (7 |) (7 |) — | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | (3 |) (4 |) (25 |)% | (9 |) (12 |) (25 |)% |
| Restructuring charges | (1 |) — | NM | | (2 |) (3 |) (33 |)% |
| Gain on disposition | — | — | NM | | — | 129 | (100) |)% |
| Operating income | \$380 | \$371 | 2 | % | \$1,189 | \$1,214 | (2 |)% |

Revenues

Distribution revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$50 million and increased \$36 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of agreements to extend and expand the license of selected library titles, distribution revenue increased \$14 million and \$39 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due to contractual rate increases and increases in paying subscribers for our networks carried on the digital tier.

Advertising revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$21 million and \$86 million, respectively, driven by increased pricing and delivery.

Other revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$2 million and \$19 million, respectively, due to a change in the classification of earnings for services provided to certain of our equity method investees from other revenue to selling, general and administrative expenses beginning January 1, 2012, as well as a reduction in revenue for sales representation services provided to third-party networks.

Costs of Revenues

Costs of revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$35 million and increased \$3 million, respectively. The decrease for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was due to a decrease in content impairments and expenses associated with the licensing of select library titles. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was attributable to an increase in content investment partially offset by a decrease in content impairments. Content impairments decreased \$22 million and \$23 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due to refinement of programming strategy in the third quarter of 2011.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$5 million due to a change in the classification of earnings for services provided to certain of our unconsolidated equity method investees from other revenue to selling, general and administrative expenses beginning January 1, 2012 and lower marketing expenses, partially offset by higher personnel costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, selling, general and administrative expenses were further impacted by higher research expenses which resulted in consistent year over year results.

Adjusted OIBDA

Adjusted OIBDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$8 million and \$100 million, respectively, primarily due to contractual rate increases with our affiliates, higher advertising revenues and lower content impairments and marketing costs, partially offset by higher personnel costs. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was further offset by a decrease in revenue from the licensing of selected library titles.

International Networks

The table below presents our International Networks segment revenues by type, certain operating expenses, contra revenue amounts, Adjusted OIBDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|--|--------|----------|------------------------------------|--------|----------|---|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | |
| Revenues: | | | | | | | |
| Distribution | \$249 | \$230 | 8 | % \$731 | \$665 | 10 | % |
| Advertising | 124 | 120 | 3 | % 395 | 354 | 12 | % |
| Other | 17 | 13 | 31 | % 49 | 35 | 40 | % |
| Total revenues | 390 | 363 | 7 | % 1,175 | 1,054 | 11 | % |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | (116) | (112) | 4 | % (359) | (330) | 9 | % |
| Selling, general and administrative | (104) | (105) | (1) | % (304) | (283) | 7 | % |
| Add: Amortization of deferred launch incentives | 3 | 10 | (70) | % 8 | 32 | (75) | % |
| Adjusted OIBDA | 173 | 156 | 11 | % 520 | 473 | 10 | % |
| Amortization of deferred launch incentives | (3) | (10) | (70) | % (8) | (32) | (75) | % |
| Depreciation and amortization | (9) | (11) | (18) | % (34) | (33) | 3 | % |
| Restructuring charges | — | — | NM | (1) | (2) | (50) | % |
| Operating income | \$161 | \$135 | 19 | % \$477 | \$406 | 17 | % |

Revenues

Distribution revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$19 million and \$66 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, distribution revenue increased 16%, or \$35 million, and

increased 16%, or \$101 million, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The increases are attributable to continued growth of pay television services and subscribers in Latin America and Central and Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa ("CEEMEA"), as well as decreased amortization of deferred launch incentives.

Advertising revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$4 million and \$41 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, advertising revenue increased 10%, or \$12 million, and increased 19%, or \$64 million, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

The increases were due to improved pricing across most regions, particularly at free to air networks in Western Europe, and revenues from new and rebranded networks.

Other revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$4 million and \$14 million, respectively. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was due to revenue from a production company acquired during the fourth quarter of 2011. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates did not significantly impact other revenues.

Costs of Revenues

Costs of revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$4 million and \$29 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, costs of revenues increased 7%, or \$8 million, and increased 12%, or \$38 million, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The increases were due to increased investment in content as well as higher distribution costs partially offset by cost savings from the vertical integration of sales functions in select markets. The increase for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 was further driven by increased production costs and higher content impairments for the rebranding of a cable network in Latin America in the second quarter of 2012.

Selling, General and Administrative

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$1 million and increased \$21 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, selling, general and administrative expenses increased 12%, or \$11 million, and 15%, or \$40 million, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The increases were attributable to increased personnel costs across all regions and higher marketing costs primarily in Latin America.

Adjusted OIBDA

Adjusted OIBDA for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 increased \$17 million and \$47 million, respectively. Excluding the impact of foreign currency fluctuations, Adjusted OIBDA increased 16%, or \$25 million, and increased 17%, or \$79 million, for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The increases were primarily due to the growth of television services, which resulted in higher distribution and advertising revenues, offset by higher costs of revenues and selling, general and administrative expenses. Variances due to foreign currency resulted from unfavorable revenue impacts in Europe, Brazil and India as a result of the strengthening of the U.S. dollar compared to the Euro, Brazilian real and Indian rupee, as well as the weakening of the Euro compared to the British pound.

Education

The following table presents our Education segment revenues, certain operating expenses, Adjusted OIBDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating income (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|--|-------|----------|------------------------------------|-------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change |
| Revenues | \$25 | \$22 | 14 % | \$70 | \$66 | 6 % |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | (8) | (8) | — % | (20) | (20) | — % |
| Selling, general and administrative | (12) | (10) | 20 % | (36) | (29) | 24 % |
| Adjusted OIBDA | 5 | 4 | 25 % | 14 | 17 | (18)% |
| Depreciation and amortization | — | — | NM | (1) | (2) | (50)% |
| Operating income | \$5 | \$4 | 25 % | \$13 | \$15 | (13)% |

Adjusted OIBDA for the three months ended September 30, 2012 was consistent with the prior year. Adjusted OIBDA for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 decreased \$3 million due to increased employee costs for product development initiatives.

Corporate and Inter-segment Eliminations

The following table presents our unallocated corporate amounts including certain operating expenses, Adjusted OIBDA and a reconciliation of Adjusted OIBDA to operating loss (in millions).

| | Three Months Ended September 30, | | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | |
|--|--|---------|----------|------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | % Change | 2012 | 2011 | % Change |
| Revenues | \$(3) | \$— | NM | \$(3) | \$— | NM |
| Costs of revenues, excluding depreciation and amortization | — | (1) | (100)% | — | (2) | (100)% |
| Selling, general and administrative | (63) | (57) | 11 % | (188) | (178) | 6 % |
| Adjusted OIBDA | (66) | (58) | 14 % | (191) | (180) | 6 % |
| Mark-to-market equity-based compensation | (27) | (8) | NM | (70) | (31) | NM |
| Depreciation and amortization | (15) | (14) | 7 % | (43) | (41) | 5 % |
| Restructuring charges | — | (2) | (100)% | (1) | (2) | (50)% |
| Operating loss | \$(108) | \$(82) | 32 % | \$(305) | \$(254) | 20 % |

Corporate operations primarily consist of executive management, administrative support services and substantially all of our equity-based compensation.

Adjusted OIBDA decreased \$8 million and \$11 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively, due to increased personnel costs.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

Sources and Uses of Cash

Our principal sources of cash are cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash flows from operating activities, available borrowing capacity under our revolving credit facility, and access to capital markets. As of September 30, 2012, we had \$2.6 billion of available capital resources, which were comprised of \$1.6 billion of cash and cash equivalents on hand and approximately \$1.0 billion available to borrow under our revolving credit facility. On September 25, 2012, we modified our existing \$1.0 billion revolving credit facility agreement to extend the expiration date two years to October 12, 2017. The terms of the revolving credit facility otherwise remained substantially the same. As a public company, we may have access to other sources of capital, such as the public bond and equity markets. On May 17, 2012, Discovery Communications, LLC ("DCL"), a wholly-owned subsidiary, issued \$1.0 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes consisting of \$500 million aggregate principal amount of 3.30% Senior Notes due May 15, 2022 and \$500 million of aggregate principal amount of 4.95% Senior Notes due May 15, 2042. DCL received net proceeds of approximately \$983 million from the offering after deducting underwriting discounts and expenses related to the offering. We maintain an effective Registration Statement on Form S-3 that allows us to conduct registered offerings of securities, including debt securities, common stock and preferred stock. In total, we have issued approximately \$5.2 billion of senior notes. Access to sufficient capital from the public market is not assured. Our primary uses of cash include the creation and acquisition of new content, repurchases of treasury stock, personnel costs, payments for income taxes and interest on our outstanding senior notes and funding various equity method investments. On April 25, 2012, our Board of Directors authorized an additional \$1.0 billion under our stock repurchase program. The additional authorization of \$1.0 billion will expire on April 25, 2014. We have been funding and expect to continue to fund stock repurchases through a combination of cash on hand, cash generated by operations, borrowings under our revolving credit facility and future financing transactions. Under the program, management is authorized to purchase shares through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions at prevailing prices as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements and subject to stock price, business conditions, market conditions and other factors. As of September 30, 2012, there was remaining authorization of \$752 million for future purchases. In addition, we expect to continue to provide funding to our equity method investees and over time to recoup amounts funded.

We believe our financial condition is sound and anticipate that our existing cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash generated by operating activities and cash available to us, considered together, will meet our anticipated operating cash requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Cash Flows

The following table presents changes in cash and cash equivalents (in millions).

| | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | \$1,048 | \$466 |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 771 | 760 |
| Cash used in investing activities | (195 |) (135 |
| Cash used in financing activities | (72 |) (55 |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 1 | (4 |
| Net change in cash and cash equivalents | 505 | 566 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$1,553 | \$1,032 |

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities increased \$11 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was primarily due to improved operating results and decreases in cash-settled equity-based compensation payments of \$68 million, which were partially offset by increases in programming content investment of \$175 million and taxes paid of \$148 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, taxes paid increased due to a non-recurring tax overpayment in 2010, which resulted in a \$39 million tax refund and decreases in tax payments during the nine months ended September 30, 2011.

Investing Activities

Cash flows used in investing activities increased \$60 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was primarily attributable to business acquisitions (see Note 2 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements) and increases in investments in equity method and other investees of \$46 million, partially offset by investment proceeds from an equity method investee during the first quarter of 2012.

Financing Activities

Cash flows used in financing activities increased \$17 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 compared to the nine months ended September 30, 2011. The increase was principally due to a \$414 million increase in repurchases of our Series A and Series C common stock pursuant to our stock repurchase program offset by a \$342 million increase in financing cash flows from the issuance of senior notes during the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2012, we had approximately \$2.6 billion of total capital resources available comprised of the following (in millions).

| | September 30, 2012 | | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| | Total Capacity | Outstanding Letters of Credit | Outstanding Indebtedness | Unused Capacity |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$1,553 | \$— | \$— | \$1,553 |
| Revolving credit facility | 1,000 | 1 | — | 999 |
| Senior notes ^(a) | 5,150 | — | 5,150 | — |
| Total | \$7,703 | \$1 | \$5,150 | \$2,552 |

^(a) Interest on senior notes is paid semi-annually. Our senior notes outstanding as of September 30, 2012 had interest rates that ranged from 3.30% to 6.35% and will mature between 2015 and 2042.

As of September 30, 2012, we held \$98 million of our \$1.6 billion of cash and cash equivalents in our foreign corporations. We intend to permanently reinvest these funds outside of the U.S. Our current plans do not demonstrate a need to repatriate them to fund our U.S. operations. However, if these funds are needed for our U.S. operations, we would be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes to repatriate them.

COMMITMENTS AND OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

In the normal course of business, we enter into various commitments for the purchase of goods or services that require us to make payments or provide funding in the event certain circumstances occur. Information regarding our commitments and off-balance sheet arrangements is set forth in Note 13 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

In the ordinary course of business we enter into transactions with related parties, primarily our equity method investees and Liberty Global, Inc. Information regarding transactions and amounts with related parties is set forth in Note 12 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our critical accounting policies and estimates have not changed since December 31, 2011. Disclosure about our critical accounting policies and estimates is set forth in Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," in the 2011 Form 10-K.

NEW ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

We adopted certain accounting and reporting standards during the nine months ended September 30, 2012. Information regarding our adoption of new accounting and reporting standards is set forth in Note 1 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our exposures to market risk have not changed materially since December 31, 2011. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about our existing market risk are set forth in Item 7A, "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk," in the 2011 Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2012. The term "disclosure controls and procedures," as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), means controls and other procedures of a company that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by a company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives and management necessarily applies its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. Based on the evaluation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2012, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the three months ended September 30, 2012, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

In the normal course of business, we experience routine claims and legal proceedings. It is the opinion of our management, based on information available at this time, that none of the current claims and proceedings will have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Our risk factors have not changed materially since December 31, 2011. Disclosure about our existing risk factors is set forth in Item A, "Risk Factors," in the 2011 Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

There were no sales of unregistered securities during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

The following table presents information about our repurchases of common stock that were made through open market transactions during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

| Period | Total Number of Series A Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share: Series A ^(a) | Total Number of Series C Shares Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share: Series C ^(a) | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs ^(b) | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ^{(a)(b)} |
|--|---|---|---|---|--|---|
| July 1, 2012 - July 31, 2012 | 270,000 | \$50.66 | 2,801,900 | \$47.57 | 3,071,900 | \$1,059,532,040 |
| August 1, 2012 - August 31, 2012 | 446,700 | \$52.45 | 2,908,300 | \$49.37 | 3,355,000 | \$892,534,730 |
| September 1, 2012 - September 30, 2012 | 611,300 | \$56.63 | 1,979,700 | \$53.47 | 2,591,000 | \$752,062,349 |
| Total | 1,328,000 | \$54.01 | 7,689,900 | \$49.77 | 9,017,900 | \$752,062,349 |

(a) The amounts do not give effect to any fees, commissions or other costs associated with repurchases of shares.

On April 25, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors approved an additional authorization of \$1.0 billion under the stock repurchase program, bringing the total authorized under the stock repurchase program to \$3.0 billion. As of September 30, 2012, the Company had remaining authorization of \$752 million for future repurchases of its common stock under the stock repurchase program, which will expire on April 25, 2014. Under the program,

(b) management is authorized to purchase shares from time to time through open market purchases or privately negotiated transactions at prevailing prices as permitted by securities laws and other legal requirements, and subject to stock price, business and market conditions and other factors. The above repurchases were funded using cash on hand. We expect to fund stock repurchases through a combination of cash on hand, cash generated by operations, borrowings under our revolving credit facility and future financing transactions. There were no repurchases of our Series B common stock during the three months ended September 30, 2012.

ITEM 6. Exhibits.

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|---|
| 4.1 | Amendment No. 2, dated as of September 24, 2012, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2010, among Discovery Communications, LLC, as borrower, Discovery Communications, Inc., as guarantor, the Lenders party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the 8-K filed on September 27, 2012, SEC File No. 1-34177) |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Amended, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith) |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Amended, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith) |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith) |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith) |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (v) Consolidated Statements of Equity for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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.

DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.
(Registrant)

Date: November 6, 2012

By: /s/ David M. Zaslav
David M. Zaslav
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: November 6, 2012

By: /s/ Andrew Warren
Andrew Warren
Senior Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Description |
|-------------|--|
| 4.1 | Amendment No. 2, dated as of September 24, 2012, to the Credit Agreement, dated as of October 13, 2010, among Discovery Communications, LLC, as borrower, Discovery Communications, Inc., as guarantor, the Lenders party thereto, and Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, Swing Line Lender and L/C Issuer (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the 8-K filed on September 27, 2012, SEC File No. 1-34177) |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Amended, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith) |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) and Rule 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as Amended, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith) |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith) |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith) |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (filed herewith) |
| | Attached as Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2012 and December 31, 2011, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, (v) Consolidated Statements of Equity for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 and 2011, and (vi) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. |