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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
FORM 10-Q  
x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2016  
OR  
o 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: 1-35305  
Post Holdings, Inc.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Missouri 45-3355106  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
incorporation or organization)

2503 S. Hanley Road  
St. Louis, Missouri 63144  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)  
(314) 644-7600  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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 definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer o  
Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company o  
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No x

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Common stock, \$0.01 Par Value – 64,310,050 shares as of May 2, 2016

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION.

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.

## POST HOLDINGS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

(in millions, except per share data)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net Sales	\$1,271.1	\$1,052.7	\$2,519.9	\$2,126.6
Cost of goods sold	861.8	777.2	1,748.1	1,602.0
Gross Profit	409.3	275.5	771.8	524.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	205.6	176.4	392.6	343.6
Amortization of intangible assets	38.1	33.7	76.2	67.2
Other operating expenses, net	3.1	15.7	7.6	23.2
Operating Profit	162.5	49.7	295.4	90.6
Interest expense, net	77.2	59.8	155.0	119.9
Other expense	90.9	28.8	106.8	83.4
(Loss) Earnings before Income Taxes	(5.6 )	(38.9 )	33.6	(112.7 )
Income tax (benefit) expense	(10.5 )	(69.4 )	3.2	(45.9 )
Net Earnings (Loss)	4.9	30.5	30.4	(66.8 )
Preferred stock dividends (see Note 13)	(3.4 )	(4.2 )	(18.4 )	(8.5 )
Net Earnings (Loss) Available to Common Shareholders	\$1.5	\$26.3	\$12.0	\$(75.3 )
Earnings (Loss) per Common Share:				
Basic	\$0.02	\$0.48	\$0.18	\$(1.45 )
Diluted	\$0.02	\$0.45	\$0.17	\$(1.45 )
Weighted-Average Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	69.1	54.5	68.3	52.1
Diluted	70.5	67.6	69.7	52.1

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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POST HOLDINGS, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (Unaudited)  
 (in millions)

	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net Earnings (Loss)	\$4.9	\$30.5	\$30.4	\$(66.8 )
Pension and postretirement benefits adjustments:				
Unrealized pension and postretirement benefit obligations	1.6	—	1.6	—
Reclassifications to net earnings (loss)	—	0.2	0.5	0.5
Unrealized gain on plan amendment (see Note 15)	36.1	—	36.1	—
Foreign currency translation adjustments:				
Unrealized foreign currency translation adjustments	19.7	(26.8 )	9.9	(40.9 )
Reclassifications to net earnings (loss) (see Note 4)	(1.3 )	—	(1.3 )	—
Tax (expense) benefit on other comprehensive income (loss)	(14.4 )	0.2	(14.6 )	0.1
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$46.6	\$4.1	\$62.6	\$(107.1)

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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POST HOLDINGS, INC.  
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)  
 (in millions)

	March 31, September 30,	
	2016	2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 868.2	\$ 841.4
Restricted cash	8.4	18.8
Receivables, net	386.8	366.2
Inventories	491.5	465.3
Deferred income taxes	—	47.7
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	55.0	42.3
Total Current Assets	1,809.9	1,781.7
Property, net	1,341.9	1,333.2
Goodwill	3,081.4	3,072.8
Other intangible assets, net	2,911.3	2,969.3
Other assets	60.0	63.4
Total Assets	\$9,204.5	\$ 9,220.4
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current Liabilities		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 15.7	\$ 16.0
Accounts payable	224.3	265.2
Other current liabilities	316.6	329.8
Total Current Liabilities	556.6	611.0
Long-term debt	4,498.2	4,511.4
Deferred income taxes	774.4	831.8
Other liabilities	368.6	290.2
Total Liabilities	6,197.8	6,244.4
Shareholders' Equity		
Preferred stock	—	0.1
Common stock	0.7	0.6
Additional paid-in capital	3,506.9	3,538.8
Accumulated deficit	(390.6 )	(421.0 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(56.9 )	(89.1 )
Treasury stock, at cost	(53.4 )	(53.4 )
Total Shareholders' Equity	3,006.7	2,976.0
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$9,204.5	\$ 9,220.4

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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POST HOLDINGS, INC.  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)  
(in millions)

	Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015
<b>Cash Flows from Operating Activities</b>		
Net Earnings (Loss)	\$30.4	\$(66.8 )
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash flow provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	151.2	126.3
Unrealized loss on interest rate swaps	106.8	83.4
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount/premium, net	2.3	2.6
Loss on write-down of assets held for sale	8.4	22.5
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	8.4	16.7
Deferred income taxes	(25.1 )	(61.5 )
Other, net	(2.2 )	0.1
Other changes in current assets and liabilities, net of business acquisitions:		
(Increase) decrease in receivables, net	(4.8 )	77.7
Increase in inventories	(21.9 )	(49.5 )
Increase in prepaid expenses and other current assets	(9.1 )	(6.4 )
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and other current liabilities	(51.6 )	6.9
Increase in non-current liabilities	3.6	6.4
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	196.4	158.4
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>		
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(94.4 )	(187.9 )
Additions to property	(44.8 )	(45.6 )
Restricted cash	10.4	71.1
Proceeds from sale of property	0.6	—
Proceeds from sale of businesses	6.2	—
Insurance proceeds on property losses	—	1.8
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(122.0 )	(160.6 )
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs	—	341.4
Repayments of long-term debt	(8.1 )	(13.2 )
Payments of preferred stock dividends	(7.7 )	(8.5 )
Preferred stock conversion	(10.9 )	—
Payments of debt issuance costs	—	(3.7 )
Proceeds from exercise of stock awards	6.2	—
Cash paid in advance for stock repurchase contracts (see Note 13)	(28.3 )	—
Other, net	0.3	(1.7 )
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities	(48.5 )	314.3
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	0.9	(1.5 )
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	26.8	310.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	841.4	268.4

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Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$868.2	\$579.0
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See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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POST HOLDINGS, INC.

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)

(in millions, except per share information and where indicated otherwise)

NOTE 1 — BASIS OF PRESENTATION

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”), under the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”), and on a basis substantially consistent with the audited consolidated financial statements of Post Holdings, Inc. (herein referred to as “Post,” “the Company,” “us,” “our” or “we”) as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with such audited consolidated financial statements which are included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, filed with the SEC on November 25, 2015.

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments and accruals) that management considers necessary for a fair statement of the Company’s financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income (loss) and cash flows for the interim periods presented. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of the results for any other interim period or for the entire fiscal year. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform with the 2016 presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on Net Earnings (Loss) or Shareholders' Equity as previously reported.

NOTE 2 - RECENTLY ISSUED AND ADOPTED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2016-09, “Compensation - Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvement to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting.” The updated guidance changes the accounting for certain aspects of share-based payment awards to employees, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification of certain items in the statement of cash flows. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods therein (i.e., Post’s financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2018) and early application is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net).” The amendments are intended to improve the operability and understandability of the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations. The effective date for this ASU is the same as the effective date for ASU 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)” (i.e., Post’s financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2019). The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, “Leases (Topic 842).” This standards update requires a company to recognize right-of-use assets and lease liabilities on its balance sheet and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 offers specific accounting guidance for lessees, lessors and sale and leaseback transactions. Lessees and lessors are required to disclose qualitative and quantitative information about leasing arrangements to enable a user of the financial statements to assess the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods therein (i.e., Post’s financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2020), with early adoption permitted. At adoption, this update will be applied using a modified retrospective approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

In January 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-01, “Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities.” The standards update requires equity investments to be measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in net income; simplifies the impairment assessment of equity investments without readily determinable fair values by requiring a qualitative assessment to identify impairment; eliminates the requirement for public business entities to disclose the method(s) and significant assumptions used to estimate the fair value that is required to be disclosed for financial instruments measured at amortized cost on the balance sheet; requires public business entities to use the exit price notion when measuring the fair value of financial instruments for disclosure purposes; requires an

entity to present separately in other comprehensive income the portion of the total change in the fair value of a liability resulting from a change in the instrument-specific credit risk when the entity has elected to measure the liability at fair value in accordance with the fair value option for financial instruments; requires separate presentation of financial assets and financial liabilities by measurement category and form of financial assets on the balance sheet or the accompanying notes to the financial statements and clarifies that an entity should evaluate the need for a valuation allowance on a deferred tax asset related to available-for-sale securities in combination with the entity's other deferred tax assets. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, and interim periods therein (i.e., Post's financial statements for the year ending September 30, 2019). Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adopting this guidance.

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, “Income Taxes (Topic 740): Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes.” The standards update requires an entity to classify all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent. ASU 2015-17 is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted and can be applied either retrospectively or prospectively. The Company prospectively adopted this ASU at December 31, 2015 and is now presenting all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Balances at September 30, 2015 were not retrospectively adjusted as the Company chose to prospectively adopt this ASU.

#### NOTE 3 — RESTRUCTURING

In September 2015, the Company announced its plan to close its Dymatize manufacturing facility located in Farmers Branch, Texas and permanently transfer production to third party facilities under co-manufacturing agreements. Plant production ceased in the fourth quarter of 2015.

In May 2015, the Company announced its plan to consolidate its cereal business administrative offices in Lakeville, Minnesota. In connection with the consolidation, the Company closed its office located in Parsippany, New Jersey and relocated those functions as well as certain functions located in Battle Creek, Michigan to the Lakeville office. The Parsippany office closure was substantially completed in February 2016.

In March 2015, the Company announced its plan to close its facility in Boise, Idaho, which manufactured certain PowerBar products distributed in North America. Plant production ceased in June 2015 and the facility was sold in September 2015.

In April 2013, the Company announced management’s decision to close its cereal plant located in Modesto, California as part of a cost savings and capacity rationalization effort. The transfer of production capabilities and closure of the plant was completed during September 2014, and no additional restructuring costs were incurred in fiscal 2015 or 2016.

Restructuring charges and the related liabilities are shown in the following table.

	Employee-Related Costs	Pension Curtailment	Accelerated Depreciation	Total
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$ 0.7	\$ —	\$ —	\$0.7
Charge to expense	3.1	—	—	3.1
Cash payments	(0.5 )	—	—	(0.5 )
Non-cash charges	—	—	—	—
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ 3.3	\$ —	\$ —	\$3.3
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 10.5	\$ —	\$ —	\$10.5
Charge to expense	1.3	—	0.4	1.7
Cash payments	(6.1 )	—	—	(6.1 )
Non-cash charges	(0.6 )	—	(0.4 )	(1.0 )
Balance at March 31, 2016	\$ 5.1	\$ —	\$ —	\$5.1
Total expected restructuring charge	\$ 17.7	\$ 1.7	\$ 20.1	\$39.5
Cumulative restructuring charges incurred to date	17.7	1.7	20.1	39.5
Remaining expected restructuring charge	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$—

In the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, the Company incurred total restructuring charges of \$0.5 and \$1.7, respectively, which were reported in “Selling, general and administrative expenses” in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. In both the three and six months ended March 31, 2015, the Company incurred total restructuring charges of \$3.1, which were reported in “Selling, general and administrative expenses” in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. These expenses are not included in the measure of segment performance (see Note 16).

#### Assets Held for Sale

Related to the closures of its Modesto, California and Farmers Branch, Texas facilities, the Company has land, building, machinery and equipment classified as assets held for sale. The carrying value of the assets included in “Prepaid expenses and other current assets” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets was \$12.7 and \$11.4 as of

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March 31, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively. Held for sale losses of \$4.4 and \$8.4 were recorded in the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, respectively, to adjust the carrying value of the assets to their fair value less estimated selling costs. Held for sale losses of \$15.4 and \$22.5 were

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recorded in the three and six months ended March 31, 2015, respectively, to adjust the carrying value of the assets to their fair value less estimated selling costs. These losses are reported as “Other operating expenses, net” on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

**NOTE 4 — BUSINESS COMBINATIONS AND DIVESTITURES**

On October 3, 2015, the Company completed its acquisition of Willamette Egg Farms (“WEF”) for \$90.0, subject to working capital and other adjustments, resulting in a payment at closing of \$109.0. In December 2015, a final settlement of net working capital and other adjustments was reached, resulting in an additional amount paid by the Company of \$4.6. WEF is a producer, processor and wholesale distributor of eggs and egg products and is reported in Post’s Michael Foods Group segment (see Note 16). Based upon the preliminary purchase price allocation, the Company has recorded \$12.7 of customer relationships to be amortized over a weighted-average period of 20 years and \$2.5 to trademarks and brands to be amortized over a weighted-average period of 20 years. Net sales included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations was \$22.3 and \$52.0, for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, respectively. Operating profit included in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations was \$4.2 and \$12.6 for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, respectively.

On May 4, 2015, Post completed its acquisition of MOM Brands Company (“MOM Brands”), a manufacturer and distributor of ready-to-eat (“RTE”) cereals. MOM Brands is reported in the Post Consumer Brands segment (see Note 16). The closing purchase price of the transaction was \$1,181.5 and was partially paid by the issuance of 2.45 shares of the Company’s common stock to the former owners of MOM Brands. The shares were valued at the May 1, 2015 closing price of \$46.60 per share for a total issuance of \$114.4. In September 2015, a final settlement of net working capital and other adjustments was reached, resulting in an amount back to the Company of \$4.0.

On November 1, 2014, the Company completed its acquisition of American Blanching Company (“ABC”) for \$128.0. ABC is a manufacturer of peanut butter for national brands, private label retail and industrial markets and provider of peanut blanching, granulation and roasting services for the commercial peanut industry. ABC is reported in Post’s Private Brands segment (see Note 16).

On October 1, 2014, the Company completed its acquisition of the PowerBar and Musashi brands and related worldwide assets from Nestlé S.A (“PowerBar”) for \$150.0, subject to a working capital adjustment, which resulted in a payment at closing of \$136.1. In March 2015, a final settlement of net working capital and other adjustments was reached, resulting in an amount back to the Company of \$1.7. PowerBar is reported in the Active Nutrition segment (see Note 16).

Each of the acquisitions was accounted for using the acquisition method of accounting, whereby the results of operations are included in the financial statements from the date of acquisition. The respective purchase prices were allocated to acquired assets and assumed liabilities based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition, and any excess was allocated to goodwill, as shown in the table below. Goodwill represents the value the Company expects to achieve through the implementation of operational synergies and the expansion of the business into new or growing segments of the industry. The Company expects the final fair value of goodwill related to the acquisition of WEF to be deductible for U.S. income tax purposes.

Certain estimated values for the WEF acquisition, including goodwill, intangible assets, inventory and deferred taxes, are not yet finalized pending the final purchase price allocation and are subject to change once additional information is obtained.

The following table provides the preliminary allocation of the purchase price related to the fiscal 2016 acquisition of WEF based upon the fair value of assets and liabilities assumed.

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19.2
Receivables	11.1
Inventories	10.3
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	0.5
Property	56.2
Goodwill	4.2
Other intangible assets	15.2

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Other assets	0.1
Accounts payable	(2.2 )
Other current liabilities	(1.0 )
Total acquisition cost	\$113.6

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## Divestitures

In March 2016, the Company sold certain assets of the Michael Foods Canadian business, included in the Michael Foods Group segment (see Note 16), to a third party for \$6.9, subject to working capital and other adjustments estimated to be \$0.5, resulting in net cash received of \$6.4. The Company recorded a gain of \$2.0 related to the transaction in March 2016 which includes \$1.3 of foreign exchange gains that were previously included in accumulated other comprehensive income. This gain is included in “Other operating expenses, net” in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

On July 1, 2015, the Company sold the PowerBar Australia assets and Musashi trademark. In February 2016, a final settlement of net working capital was reached related to the sale of the PowerBar Australia assets and Musashi trademark, resulting in an amount paid by the Company of \$0.2.

## Transaction related costs

The Company incurred acquisition and divestiture related expenses of \$0.2 and \$2.2 during the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, respectively, and \$1.8 and \$6.8 during the three and six months ended March 31, 2015, respectively. The costs are recorded as “Selling, general and administrative expenses,” and include amounts for transactions that were signed, spending for due diligence on potential acquisitions that were not signed or announced at the time of the Company’s reporting, and spending for divestiture transactions.

## Pro Forma Information

The following unaudited pro forma information presents a summary of the results of operations of the Company combined with the aggregate results of WEF, MOM Brands, ABC and PowerBar for the periods presented as if the fiscal 2016 acquisition of WEF had occurred on October 1, 2014 and the fiscal 2015 acquisitions had occurred on October 1, 2013, along with certain pro forma adjustments. These pro forma adjustments give effect to the amortization of certain definite-lived intangible assets, adjusted depreciation based upon fair value of assets acquired, interest expense related to the financing of the business combinations, inventory revaluation adjustments on acquired business and related income taxes. The following unaudited pro forma information has been prepared for comparative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations as they would have been had the acquisitions occurred on the assumed dates, nor is it necessarily an indication of future operating results.

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Six Months Ended March 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Pro forma net sales	\$1,271.1	\$1,268.1	\$2,519.9	\$2,578.0
Pro forma net earnings (loss) available to common shareholders	1.5	29.9	13.2	(58.3 )
Pro forma basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.02	\$0.55	\$0.19	\$(1.12 )
Pro forma diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.02	\$0.44	\$0.19	\$(1.12 )

## NOTE 5 — GOODWILL

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment are noted in the following table.

	Post Consumer Brands	Michael Foods Group	Active Nutrition	Private Brands	Total
Balance, September 30, 2015					
Goodwill (gross)	\$ 1,993.9	\$ 1,341.6	\$ 180.7	\$ 254.0	\$ 3,770.2
Accumulated impairment losses (609.1 )	—	—	(88.3 )	—	(697.4 )
Goodwill (net)	\$ 1,384.8	\$ 1,341.6	\$ 92.4	\$ 254.0	\$ 3,072.8
Goodwill acquired	—	4.2	—	—	4.2
Currency translation adjustment 0.2	—	—	—	4.2	4.4
Balance, March 31, 2016					
Goodwill (gross)	\$ 1,994.1	\$ 1,345.8	\$ 180.7	\$ 258.2	\$ 3,778.8
Accumulated impairment losses (609.1 )	—	—	(88.3 )	—	(697.4 )

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Goodwill (net)	\$ 1,385.0	\$ 1,345.8	\$ 92.4	\$ 258.2	\$ 3,081.4
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NOTE 6 — INCOME TAXES

For the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, the effective income tax rate was 187.5% and 9.5%, respectively. In accordance with ASC Topic 740, the Company recorded tax (benefit) expense for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016

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using the estimated annual effective tax rate for the full fiscal year adjusted for the impact of discrete items occurring during the three and six month periods. Our effective tax rate differed significantly from our statutory rate as a result of discrete items occurring in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 primarily relating to the Company's decision to exit its Canadian egg business reported in the Michael Foods Group segment (see Note 4) and the expectation the Domestic Production Activities Deduction under the Internal Revenue Code ("DPAD") will have a favorable impact on the effective income tax rate.

For the three and six months ended March 31, 2015, the effective income tax rate was 178.4% and 40.7%, respectively. In accordance with ASC Topic 740, the Company's tax benefit recognized for the year-to-date loss was limited to the amount that would be recognized if the year-to-date ordinary loss was the anticipated ordinary loss for the fiscal year. The estimated annual effective tax rate differed from the statutory tax rate primarily due to the expectation that nondeductible merger and acquisition expenses and other permanently nondeductible expenses would have an unfavorable impact on the effective income tax rate and the expectation that the DPAD and tax planning strategies implemented for certain recent acquisitions would have a favorable impact on the effective income tax rate.

**NOTE 7 — INTANGIBLE ASSETS, NET**

Total intangible assets are as follows:

	March 31, 2016			September 30, 2015		
	Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount	Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount
<b>Subject to amortization:</b>						
Customer relationships	\$2,013.6	\$ (247.6 )	\$1,766.0	\$1,998.6	\$ (192.7 )	\$1,805.9
Trademarks/brands	795.4	(99.9 )	695.5	780.9	(79.1 )	701.8
Other intangible assets	21.9	(6.6 )	15.3	21.3	(5.4 )	15.9
	2,830.9	(354.1 )	2,476.8	2,800.8	(277.2 )	2,523.6
<b>Not subject to amortization:</b>						
Trademarks/brands	434.5	—	434.5	445.7	—	445.7
	\$3,265.4	\$ (354.1 )	\$2,911.3	\$3,246.5	\$ (277.2 )	\$2,969.3

**NOTE 8 — EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE**

Basic earnings (loss) per share is based on the average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is based on the average number of shares used for the basic earnings per share calculation, adjusted for the dilutive effect of stock options, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock equivalents using the "treasury stock" method. The impact of potentially dilutive convertible preferred stock is calculated using the "if-converted" method. The Company's tangible equity units ("TEUs") are assumed to be settled at the minimum settlement amount of 1.7114 shares per TEU for weighted-average shares for basic earnings (loss) per share. For diluted earnings (loss) per share, the shares, to the extent dilutive, are assumed to be settled at a conversion factor based on the Company's daily volume-weighted-average price per share of the Company's common stock not to exceed 2.0964 shares per TEU.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

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	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Six Months Ended March 31, 2016	
Net earnings (loss) for basic earnings (loss) per share	\$1.5	\$26.3	\$12.0	\$(75.3)
Net earnings (loss) for diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$1.5	\$30.5	\$12.0	\$(75.3)
Weighted-average shares outstanding	64.2	49.6	63.4	47.2
Effect of TEUs on weighted-average shares for basic earnings (loss) per share	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Weighted-average shares for basic earnings (loss) per share	69.1	54.5	68.3	52.1
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Stock options	1.0	0.6	1.0	—
Stock appreciation rights	0.1	0.1	0.1	—
Restricted stock awards	0.3	0.3	0.3	—
TEUs	—	1.1	—	—
Preferred shares conversion to common	—	11.0	—	—
Total dilutive securities	1.4	13.1	1.4	—
Weighted-average shares for diluted earnings (loss) per share	70.5	67.6	69.7	52.1
Basic earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.02	\$0.48	\$0.18	\$(1.45)
Diluted earnings (loss) per common share	\$0.02	\$0.45	\$0.17	\$(1.45)

The following table details the securities that have been excluded from the calculation of weighted-average shares for diluted earnings (loss) per share as they were anti-dilutive.

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016		Six Months Ended March 31, 2015	
Stock options	0.3	1.3	0.3	4.6
Stock appreciation rights	—	0.1	—	0.3
Restricted stock awards	0.2	—	0.4	0.5
TEUs	—	—	—	1.1
Preferred shares conversion to common	9.1	—	9.1	11.0

## NOTE 9 — INVENTORIES

	March 31, 2016	September 30, 2015
Raw materials and supplies	\$126.0	\$ 142.5
Work in process	16.3	15.3
Finished products	317.9	286.8
Flocks	31.3	20.7
	\$491.5	\$ 465.3

## NOTE 10 — PROPERTY, NET

	March 31, 2016	September 30, 2015
Property, at cost	\$1,815.5	\$1,737.7

Accumulated depreciation (473.6 ) (404.5 )  
\$1,341.9 \$1,333.2

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## NOTE 11 — DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is exposed to commodity price risks relating to the acquisition of raw materials and supplies, interest rate risks relating to floating rate debt, and foreign currency exchange rate risks relating to its foreign subsidiaries. The Company utilizes derivative financial instruments, including (but not limited to) futures contracts, option contracts, forward contracts and swaps, to manage certain of these exposures by hedging when it is practical to do so. The Company does not hold or issue financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes.

The Company maintains options, futures contracts and interest rate swaps which have been designated as economic hedges of raw materials, energy purchases and variable rate debt.

At March 31, 2016, the notional amounts of commodity and energy contracts were \$32.6 and \$23.2, respectively. These contracts relate to inputs that generally will be utilized within the next 12 months. At March 31, 2016 and September 30, 2015, the Company had pledged collateral of \$6.7 and \$10.7, respectively, related to its commodity and energy contracts. These amounts are classified as “Restricted cash” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. At March 31, 2016, the Company had a liability of \$4.9 related to open and closed commodity and energy option contracts and associated fees that have not been cash settled. Of the total liability, \$3.0 is included in “Other current liabilities” and \$1.9 is included in “Other liabilities” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Payment for these contracts is due at the time the option is closed or expires.

As of March 31, 2016, the Company had interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$78.3 that obligate Post to pay a fixed rate of 3.1% and receive one-month LIBOR. These swaps have the effect of converting a portion of the Company’s variable interest rate term loan debt to fixed interest rates beginning in June 2016 and ending in May 2021. In addition, the Company has interest rate swaps with a \$750.0 notional amount that obligate Post to pay a weighted-average fixed rate of approximately 4.0% and receive three-month LIBOR and will result in a net lump sum settlement in July 2018, as well as interest rate swaps with a \$899.3 notional amount that obligate Post to pay a weighted-average fixed rate of approximately 3.7% and receive three-month LIBOR and will result in a net lump sum settlement in December 2019.

Commodity and energy derivatives are valued using an income approach based on index prices less the contract rate multiplied by the notional amount. The Company’s calculation of the fair value of interest rate swaps is derived from a discounted cash flow analysis based on the terms of the contract and the interest rate curve.

The following tables present the balance sheet location and fair value of the Company’s derivative instruments on a gross and net basis as of March 31, 2016 and September 30, 2015.

		Fair Value of Assets as of March 31, 2016	
Balance Sheet Location		Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets Sheets	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
		Amount	Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
Commodity contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$2.1	\$ —
Energy contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1.2	—
		\$3.3	\$ —
			2.1
			1.2
			3.3

  

		Fair Value of Liabilities as of March 31, 2016		
Balance Sheet Location		Gross Amounts of	Gross Amounts Offset in the	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in

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		Recognized	Condensed	the
		Liabilities	Consolidated	Condensed
		Balance	Balance	Consolidated
		Sheets	Sheets	Balance
				Sheets
Commodity contracts	Other current liabilities	\$0.9	\$	—\$ 0.9
Energy contracts	Other current liabilities	4.0	—	4.0
Interest rate swaps	Other current liabilities	1.4	—	1.4
Interest rate swaps	Other liabilities	238.2	—	238.2
		\$244.5	\$	—\$ 244.5

Table of ContentsFair Value of Assets as of  
September 30, 2015

Balance Sheet Location	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets Sheets	Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets Sheets	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
Commodity contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$0.4	\$	—\$ 0.4
Energy contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	0.2	—	0.2
		\$0.6	\$	—\$ 0.6

Fair Value of Liabilities as of  
September 30, 2015

Balance Sheet Location	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities Sheets	Offset in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities Sheets	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets
Commodity contracts	Other current liabilities	\$1.2	\$	—\$ 1.2
Energy contracts	Other current liabilities	4.7	—	4.7
Interest rate swaps	Other current liabilities	4.9	—	4.9
Interest rate swaps	Other liabilities	127.9	—	127.9
		\$138.7	\$	—\$ 138.7

The following table presents the recognized (gain) loss from derivative instruments that were not designated as qualified hedging instruments on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

Location of (Gain) Loss Recognized in Earnings (Loss)	(Gain) Loss Recognized in Earnings (Loss)				
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended		
	March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2016	March 31, 2015	
Commodity contracts	Cost of goods sold	\$(0.2)	\$(0.2)	\$4.2	\$(8.4)
Energy contracts	Cost of goods sold	0.8	(4.9)	4.9	3.6
Interest rate swaps	Other expense	90.9	28.8	106.8	83.4

## NOTE 12 — FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The following table represents Post's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and the basis for that measurement according to the levels in the fair value hierarchy in ASC Topic 820.

	March 31, 2016			September 30, 2015		
	Total	Level	Level	Total	Level	Level
		1	2		1	2
Assets:						
Deferred compensation investment	\$10.7	\$10.7	\$—	\$10.3	\$10.3	\$—
Derivative assets	3.3	—	3.3	0.6	—	0.6

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\$14.0 \$10.7 \$3.3 \$10.9 \$10.3 \$0.6

Liabilities:

Deferred compensation liabilities \$15.5 \$— \$15.5 \$14.2 \$— \$14.2

Derivative liabilities 244.5 — 244.5 138.7 — 138.7

\$260.0 \$— \$260.0 \$152.9 \$— \$152.9

The following table represents the fair value of Post's long-term debt which is classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy per ASC Topic 820:

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	March 31, 2016	September 30, 2015
Senior notes	\$4,349.7	\$ 4,112.5
Term loan	374.9	374.0
TEUs	22.8	28.6
4.57% 2012 Series Bond maturing September 2017	1.9	2.9
Capital leases	—	2.8
	\$4,749.3	\$ 4,520.8

The fair value hierarchy is based on inputs to valuation techniques that are used to measure fair value that are either observable or unobservable. Observable inputs reflect assumptions market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability based on market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect a reporting entity's pricing based upon its own market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy consists of three levels:

Level 1 — Inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 — Inputs are quoted prices of similar assets or liabilities in an active market, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, inputs other than quoted prices that are observable and market-corroborated inputs which are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data.

Level 3 — Inputs are derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or value drivers are unobservable.

The deferred compensation investment is invested primarily in mutual funds and its fair value is measured using the market approach. This investment is in the same funds and purchased in substantially the same amounts as the participants' selected investment options (excluding Post common stock equivalents), which represent the underlying liabilities to participants in the Company's deferred compensation plans. Deferred compensation liabilities are recorded at amounts due to participants in cash, based on the fair value of participants' selected investment options (excluding certain Post common stock equivalents to be distributed in shares) using the market approach. The Company utilizes the income approach to measure fair value for its derivative assets, which include options and futures contracts for commodities and energy. The income approach uses pricing models that rely on market observable inputs such as yield curves and forward prices. Changes in the deferred compensation investment and related liability are recorded as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses.

Refer to Note 11 for the classification of changes in fair value of derivative assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis within the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations.

As stated previously (see Note 3), the Company has land, building, machinery and equipment classified as assets held for sale related to the closure of its Modesto, California and Farmers Branch, Texas facilities. At March 31, 2016 and September 30, 2015, the carrying value and estimated fair value less estimated costs to sell the assets held for sale was \$12.7 and \$11.4, respectively, and is included in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The fair value of the assets held for sale were measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis based on third-party offers to purchase the assets, along with management's own assumptions. The fair value measurement was categorized as Level 3, as the fair values utilize significant unobservable inputs. The following table summarizes the Level 3 activity.

Balance, September 30, 2015	\$11.4
Transfers into held for sale	10.1
Losses on assets held for sale	(8.4 )
Cash received from sale of assets	(0.4 )
Balance, March 31, 2016	\$12.7

The carrying amounts reported on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash and cash equivalents, receivables and accounts payable approximate fair value because of the short maturities (less than 12 months) of these financial instruments.

## NOTE 13 — SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY



In December 2015, the Company and a holder of the Company's 3.75% Series B Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series B Preferred") entered into an exchange agreement pursuant to which the shareholder agreed to deliver 0.9 shares of the Series B Preferred to the Company in exchange for 2.0 shares of common stock and \$10.9 in cash. The number of shares of common stock exchanged in the transaction was based upon the current conversion rate, under the Certificate of Designation,

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Rights and Preferences for the Series B Preferred, of 2.1192 shares of common stock per share of Series B Preferred. The cash received was recorded as “Additional paid-in capital” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Company may, from time to time, enter into common stock structured repurchase arrangements with financial institutions using general corporate funds. Under such arrangements, the Company will pay a fixed sum of cash upon execution of each agreement in exchange for the right to receive either a pre-determined amount of cash or Post common stock. Upon expiration of each agreement, if the closing market price of Post’s common stock is above the pre-determined price, the Company will have the initial investment returned with a premium in cash. If the closing market price of Post’s common stock is at or below the pre-determined price, the Company will receive the number of shares specified in the agreement. In March 2016, the Company entered into a structured share repurchase arrangement which required cash payments totaling \$28.3, including transaction-related fees of \$0.2. This arrangement will settle in May 2016 and will result in the receipt of either 0.5 million shares of the Company’s common stock or cash of \$29.4. Under these arrangements, any prepayments or cash payments at settlement are recorded as “Additional paid-in capital” on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

## NOTE 14 — LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt as of the dates indicated consists of the following:

	March 31, 2016	September 30, 2015
7.375% Senior Notes maturing February 2022	\$1,375.0	\$ 1,375.0
6.75% Senior Notes maturing December 2021	875.0	875.0
6.00% Senior Notes maturing December 2022	630.0	630.0
7.75% Senior Notes maturing March 2024	800.0	800.0
8.00% Senior Notes maturing July 2025	400.0	400.0
Term Loan	374.4	374.4
TEUs	18.2	25.1
4.57% 2012 Series Bond maturing September 2017	1.9	2.9
Capital leases	—	2.8
	\$4,474.5	\$ 4,485.2
Less: Current Portion	(15.7 )	(16.0 )
Plus: Unamortized premiums, net of discounts	39.4	42.2
Total long-term debt	\$4,498.2	\$ 4,511.4

On January 29, 2014, the Company entered into a credit agreement (as subsequently amended, the “Credit Agreement”). The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving credit facility with an aggregate principal value of \$400.0 as well as an incremental term loan. The revolving credit facility has outstanding letters of credit of \$12.1 which reduced the available borrowing capacity to \$387.9 at March 31, 2016.

The Credit Agreement contains customary financial covenants including (a) a quarterly maximum senior secured leverage ratio of 3.00 to 1.00, and (b) a quarterly minimum interest coverage ratio of 1.75 to 1.00. The Credit Agreement permits the Company to incur additional unsecured debt only if its consolidated interest coverage ratio, calculated as provided in the Credit Agreement, would be greater than 2.00 to 1.00 after giving effect to such new debt.

The Credit Agreement provides for customary events of default, including material breach of representations and warranties, failure to make required payments, failure to comply with certain agreements or covenants, failure to pay, or default under, certain other material indebtedness, certain events of bankruptcy and insolvency, inability to pay debts, the occurrence of one or more unstayed or undischarged judgments in excess of \$75.0 or attachments issued against a material part of the Company’s property, change in control, the invalidity of any loan document, the failure of the collateral documents to create a valid and perfected first priority lien and certain ERISA events. Upon the occurrence of an event of default, the maturity of the loans under the Credit Agreement may be accelerated and the agent and lenders under the Credit Agreement may exercise other rights and remedies available at law or under the loan documents, including with respect to the collateral and guarantees for the Company’s obligations under the Credit

Agreement.

Debt Covenants

Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, the Company is required to comply with certain financial covenants consisting of ratios for quarterly maximum senior secured leverage and minimum interest coverage. As of March 31, 2016, the Company was

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in compliance with such financial covenants. The Company does not believe non-compliance is reasonably likely in the foreseeable future.

**NOTE 15 — PENSION AND OTHER POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS**

The Company maintains qualified defined benefit plans in the United States and Canada for its Post Consumer Brands segment. Certain of the Company's employees are eligible to participate in the Company's qualified and supplemental noncontributory defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit plans (partially subsidized retiree health and life insurance) or separate plans for Post Foods Canada Inc. Amounts for the Canadian plans are included in these disclosures and are not disclosed separately because they do not constitute a significant portion of the combined amounts.

The following tables provide the components of net periodic benefit cost for the plans.

	Pension Benefits			
	Three		Six Months	
	Months		Ended	
	Ended	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	\$1.0	\$0.9	\$2.0	\$1.9
Interest cost	0.6	0.5	1.2	1.1
Expected return on plan assets	(0.6 )	(0.5 )	(1.3 )	(1.2 )
Recognized net actuarial loss	0.2	0.2	0.5	0.4
Recognized prior service cost	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1.3	\$1.2	\$2.6	\$2.4

	Other Benefits			
	Three		Six Months	
	Months		Ended	
	Ended	March 31,	March 31,	March 31,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Components of net periodic benefit cost				
Service cost	\$0.4	\$0.5	\$0.8	\$1.0
Interest cost	1.1	1.2	2.4	2.4
Recognized net actuarial loss	0.3	0.3	0.7	0.7
Recognized prior service credit	(0.6 )	(0.4 )	(0.9 )	(0.8 )
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1.2	\$1.6	\$3.0	\$3.3

In the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company finalized a new collective bargaining agreement that resulted in an amendment to its other postretirement benefit plan. As a result of this amendment, the Company remeasured its other benefits obligation using inputs as of February 29, 2016 and a gain of \$36.1 (\$22.3, net of tax) was recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) with an offsetting reduction in the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation.

**NOTE 16 — SEGMENTS**

The Company's reportable segments are as follows:

- Post Consumer Brands: primarily RTE cereals;
- Michael Foods Group: eggs, potatoes, cheese and pasta;
- Active Nutrition: protein shakes, bars and powders and nutritional supplements; and
- Private Brands: primarily peanut and other nut butters, dried fruit and nuts, and granola.

Management evaluates each segment's performance based on its segment profit, which is its operating profit before impairment of property and intangible assets, facility closure related costs, restructuring expenses, losses on assets held for sale, gain on sale of business and other unallocated corporate income and expenses. The following tables present information about the Company's reportable segments, including corresponding amounts for the prior year.

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	March 31,		March 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net Sales				
Post Consumer Brands	\$440.1	\$243.9	\$851.7	\$461.4
Michael Foods Group	557.7	550.3	1,144.1	1,149.6
Active Nutrition	143.8	134.6	259.6	265.0
Private Brands	129.7	124.9	265.3	252.7
Eliminations	(0.2 )	(1.0 )	(0.8 )	(2.1 )
Total	\$1,271.1	\$1,052.7	\$2,519.9	\$2,126.6
Segment Profit (Loss)				
Post Consumer Brands	\$74.7	\$50.8	\$137.6	\$88.4
Michael Foods Group	89.6	39.8	170.4	81.9
Active Nutrition	13.8	(4.5 )	24.3	(10.8 )
Private Brands	7.7	10.4	20.6	17.3
Total segment profit	185.8	96.5	352.9	176.8
General corporate expenses and other	23.3	46.8	57.5	86.2
Interest expense, net	77.2	59.8	155.0	119.9
Other expense	90.9	28.8	106.8	83.4
(Loss) earnings before income taxes	\$(5.6 )	\$(38.9 )	\$33.6	\$(112.7 )
Depreciation and amortization				
Post Consumer Brands	\$26.2	\$12.0	\$52.5	\$24.2
Michael Foods Group	36.1	36.5	70.5	73.1
Active Nutrition	6.2	6.9	12.4	13.8
Private Brands	6.2	6.5	12.4	12.5
Total segment depreciation and amortization	74.7	61.9	147.8	123.6
Corporate and accelerated depreciation	1.7	1.3	3.4	2.7
Total	\$76.4	\$63.2	\$151.2	\$126.3
Assets			March	September
			31, 2016	30, 2015
Post Consumer Brands			\$3,433.6	\$3,473.0
Michael Foods Group			3,535.4	3,506.0
Active Nutrition			641.8	645.4
Private Brands			653.3	651.6
Corporate			940.4	944.4
Total			\$9,204.5	\$9,220.4

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**NOTE 17 — CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF GUARANTORS**

All of the Company's senior notes (see Note 14) are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by each of our existing 100% owned domestic subsidiaries and future domestic subsidiaries, the "Guarantors." Our foreign subsidiaries, the "Non-Guarantors," do not guarantee the senior notes. These guarantees are subject to release in limited circumstances (only upon the occurrence of certain customary conditions).

Set forth below are the condensed consolidating financial statements presenting the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of the Parent Company (Post Holdings, Inc.), the Guarantors on a combined basis, the Non-Guarantors on a combined basis and eliminations necessary to arrive at the information for the Company as reported, on a consolidated basis. The Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements present the Parent Company's investments in subsidiaries using the equity method of accounting. Eliminations represent adjustments to eliminate investments in subsidiaries and intercompany balances and transactions between or among the Parent Company, the Guarantor and the Non-Guarantor subsidiaries. Post Holdings, Inc. and all of its domestic subsidiaries form a single consolidated tax group for U.S. income tax purposes. Accordingly, income tax expense has been presented on the Guarantors' Condensed Statements of Operations using the consolidated U.S. effective tax rate for the Company. Income tax payable and deferred tax items for the consolidated U.S. tax paying group reside solely on the Parent Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2016				
	Parent	Non-			
	Company	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$—	\$ 1,156.0	\$ 130.4	\$ (15.3 )	\$1,271.1
Cost of goods sold	—	765.0	112.1	(15.3 )	861.8
Gross Profit	—	391.0	18.3	—	409.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	4.9	189.9	10.8	—	205.6
Amortization of intangible assets	—	35.9	2.2	—	38.1
Other operating expenses (income), net	—	12.8	(9.7 )	—	3.1
Operating (Loss) Profit	(4.9 )	152.4	15.0	—	162.5
Interest expense (income), net	74.8	(0.3 )	2.7	—	77.2
Other expense	90.9	—	—	—	90.9
(Loss) Earnings before Income Taxes	(170.6)	152.7	12.3	—	(5.6 )
Income tax expense (benefit)	8.0	(19.7 )	1.2	—	(10.5 )
Net (Loss) Earnings before Equity in Subsidiaries	(178.6)	172.4	11.1	—	4.9
Equity earnings in subsidiaries	183.5	8.7	—	(192.2 )	—
Net Earnings	\$4.9	\$ 181.1	\$ 11.1	\$ (192.2 )	\$4.9
Total Comprehensive Income	\$46.6	\$ 203.1	\$ 21.0	\$ (224.1 )	\$46.6
	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015				
	Parent	Non-			
	Company	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$—	\$ 957.6	\$ 106.0	\$ (10.9 )	\$1,052.7
Cost of goods sold	—	699.8	88.3	(10.9 )	777.2
Gross Profit	—	257.8	17.7	—	275.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses	5.3	157.6	13.5	—	176.4
Amortization of intangible assets	—	31.3	2.4	—	33.7
Other operating expenses, net	—	15.5	0.2	—	15.7
Operating (Loss) Profit	(5.3 )	53.4	1.6	—	49.7
Interest expense (income), net	56.9	(0.2 )	3.1	—	59.8
Other expense	28.8	—	—	—	28.8
(Loss) Earnings before Income Taxes	(91.0 )	53.6	(1.5 )	—	(38.9 )
Income tax (benefit) expense	(121.9)	52.5	—	—	(69.4 )
Net Earnings (Loss) before Equity in Subsidiaries	30.9	1.1	(1.5 )	—	30.5
Equity loss in subsidiaries	(0.4 )	(0.6 )	—	1.0	—
Net Earnings (Loss)	\$30.5	\$ 0.5	\$ (1.5 )	\$ 1.0	\$30.5
Total Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$4.1	\$ 0.8	\$ (14.7 )	\$ 13.9	\$4.1





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	Six Months Ended March 31, 2016				
	Parent Company	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$—	\$ 2,278.2	\$ 272.7	\$ (31.0 )	\$ 2,519.9
Cost of goods sold	—	1,547.4	231.7	(31.0 )	1,748.1
Gross Profit	—	730.8	41.0	—	771.8
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9.5	363.7	19.4	—	392.6
Amortization of intangible assets	—	71.7	4.5	—	76.2
Other operating expenses (income), net	—	17.3	(9.7 )	—	7.6
Operating (Loss) Profit	(9.5 )	278.1	26.8	—	295.4
Interest expense (income), net	150.0	(0.5 )	5.5	—	155.0
Other expense	106.8	—	—	—	106.8
(Loss) Earnings before Income Taxes	(266.3)	278.6	21.3	—	33.6
Income tax (benefit) expense	(25.4 )	24.8	3.8	—	3.2
Net (Loss) Earnings before Equity in Subsidiaries	(240.9)	253.8	17.5	—	30.4
Equity earnings in subsidiaries	271.3	8.2	—	(279.5 )	—
Net Earnings	\$30.4	\$ 262.0	\$ 17.5	\$ (279.5 )	\$ 30.4
Total Comprehensive Income	\$62.6	\$ 284.3	\$ 22.4	\$ (306.7 )	\$ 62.6
	Six Months Ended March 31, 2015				
	Parent Company	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$—	\$ 1,918.5	\$ 229.4	\$ (21.3 )	\$ 2,126.6
Cost of goods sold	—	1,428.7	194.6	(21.3 )	1,602.0
Gross Profit	—	489.8	34.8	—	524.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	8.8	307.5	27.3	—	343.6
Amortization of intangible assets	—	62.1	5.1	—	67.2
Other operating expenses, net	—	23.0	0.2	—	23.2
Operating (Loss) Profit	(8.8 )	97.2	2.2	—	90.6
Interest expense (income), net	114.0	(0.5 )	6.4	—	119.9
Other expense	83.4	—	—	—	83.4
(Loss) Earnings before Income Taxes	(206.2 )	97.7	(4.2 )	—	(112.7 )
Income tax (benefit) expense	(84.0 )	38.6	(0.5 )	—	(45.9 )
Net (Loss) Earnings before Equity in Subsidiaries	(122.2 )	59.1	(3.7 )	—	(66.8 )
Equity earnings (loss) in subsidiaries	55.4	(1.1 )	—	(54.3 )	—
Net (Loss) Earnings	\$(66.8 )	\$ 58.0	\$ (3.7 )	\$ (54.3 )	\$(66.8 )
Total Comprehensive (Loss) Income	\$(107.1)	\$ 58.5	\$ (23.9 )	\$ (34.6 )	\$(107.1 )

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS (Unaudited)

	March 31, 2016				
	Parent		Non-		
	Company	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$817.2	\$ 30.5	\$ 27.1	\$ (6.6	) \$868.2
Restricted cash	1.1	6.6	0.7	—	8.4
Receivables, net	5.2	330.7	59.8	(8.9	) 386.8
Inventories	—	422.2	69.3	—	491.5
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	15.0	38.9	1.1	—	55.0
Total Current Assets	838.5	828.9	158.0	(15.5	) 1,809.9
Property, net	—	1,302.6	39.3	—	1,341.9
Goodwill	—	2,949.0	132.4	—	3,081.4
Other intangible assets, net	—	2,816.7	94.6	—	2,911.3
Intercompany receivable	1,166.3	—	—	(1,166.3	) —
Intercompany notes receivable	151.1	—	—	(151.1	) —
Investment in subsidiaries	6,381.9	24.1	—	(6,406.0	) —
Other assets	52.9	6.0	1.1	—	60.0
Total Assets	\$8,590.7	\$ 7,927.3	\$ 425.4	\$ (7,738.9	) \$9,204.5
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$14.4	\$ 1.3	\$ —	\$ —	\$15.7
Accounts payable	—	205.5	34.3	(15.5	) 224.3
Other current liabilities	61.3	228.6	26.7	—	316.6
Total Current Liabilities	75.7	435.4	61.0	(15.5	) 556.6
Long-term debt	4,497.6	0.6	—	—	4,498.2
Intercompany payable	—	1,161.0	5.3	(1,166.3	) —
Intercompany notes payable	—	—	151.1	(151.1	) —
Deferred income taxes	750.1	—	24.3	—	774.4
Other liabilities	260.6	99.6	8.4	—	368.6
Total Liabilities	5,584.0	1,696.6	250.1	(1,332.9	) 6,197.8
Total Shareholders' Equity	3,006.7	6,230.7	175.3	(6,406.0	) 3,006.7
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$8,590.7	\$ 7,927.3	\$ 425.4	\$ (7,738.9	) \$9,204.5

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	September 30, 2015				
	Parent		Non-		
	Company	Guarantors	Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$809.6	\$ 30.5	\$ 19.2	\$ (17.9)	) \$841.4
Restricted cash	1.1	17.0	0.7	—	) 18.8
Receivables, net	8.5	310.0	61.7	(14.0)	) 366.2
Inventories	—	396.1	69.2	—	) 465.3
Deferred income taxes	47.5	—	0.2	—	) 47.7
Intercompany notes receivable	7.7	—	—	(7.7)	) —
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12.7	27.9	1.7	—	) 42.3
Total Current Assets	887.1	781.5	152.7	(39.6)	) 1,781.7
Property, net	—	1,286.0	47.2	—	) 1,333.2
Goodwill	—	2,944.8	128.0	—	) 3,072.8
Other intangible assets, net	—	2,873.3	96.0	—	) 2,969.3
Intercompany receivable	1,129.8	—	—	(1,129.8)	) —
Intercompany notes receivable	146.2	—	—	(146.2)	) —
Investment in subsidiaries	6,311.9	21.9	—	(6,333.8)	) —
Other assets	57.4	5.3	0.7	—	) 63.4
Total Assets	\$8,532.4	\$ 7,912.8	\$ 424.6	\$ (7,649.4)	) \$9,220.4
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>					
Current Liabilities					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$14.1	\$ 1.6	\$ 0.3	\$ —	) \$16.0
Accounts payable	—	254.0	43.1	(31.9)	) 265.2
Intercompany notes payable	—	—	7.7	(7.7)	) —
Other current liabilities	76.1	225.7	28.0	—	) 329.8
Total Current Liabilities	90.2	481.3	79.1	(39.6)	) 611.0
Long-term debt	4,507.7	1.3	2.4	—	) 4,511.4
Intercompany payable	—	1,124.2	5.6	(1,129.8)	) —
Intercompany notes payable	—	—	146.2	(146.2)	) —
Deferred income taxes	807.0	—	24.8	—	) 831.8
Other liabilities	151.5	130.9	7.8	—	) 290.2
Total Liabilities	5,556.4	1,737.7	265.9	(1,315.6)	) 6,244.4
Total Shareholders' Equity	2,976.0	6,175.1	158.7	(6,333.8)	) 2,976.0
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$8,532.4	\$ 7,912.8	\$ 424.6	\$ (7,649.4)	) \$9,220.4



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## POST HOLDINGS, INC.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended March 31, 2016				
	Parent	Non-	Non-	Eliminations	Total
	Company	Guarantors	Guarantors		
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$80.9	\$ 356.0	\$ 10.2	\$ (250.7 )	\$ 196.4
Cash Flows from Investing Activities					
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	(94.4 )	—	—	(94.4 )
Additions to property	—	(43.2 )	(1.6 )	—	(44.8 )
Restricted cash	—	10.4	—	—	10.4
Proceeds from sale of property	—	0.6	—	—	0.6
Proceeds from sale of businesses	(0.2 )	—	6.4	—	6.2
Capitalization of subsidiaries	(123.2 )	—	—	123.2	—
Proceeds from equity distributions	89.8	0.2	—	(90.0 )	—
Net receipts from intercompany revolver	7.7	—	—	(7.7 )	—
Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Investing Activities	(25.9 )	(126.4 )	4.8	25.5	(122.0 )
Cash Flows from Financing Activities					
Repayments of long-term debt	(7.0 )	(1.0 )	(0.1 )	—	(8.1 )
Payment of preferred stock dividend	(7.7 )	—	—	—	(7.7 )
Preferred stock conversion	(10.9 )	—	—	—	(10.9 )
Proceeds from exercise of stock awards	6.2	—	—	—	6.2
Net cash paid in advance for stock repurchase contracts	(28.3 )	—	—	—	(28.3 )
Proceeds from Parent capitalization	—	113.6	—	(113.6 )	—
Payments for equity distributions	—	(342.2 )	(0.2 )	342.4	—
Net payments for intercompany revolver	—	—	(7.7 )	7.7	—
Other, net	0.3	—	—	—	0.3
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	(47.4 )	(229.6 )	(8.0 )	236.5	(48.5 )
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	—	—	0.9	—	0.9
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	7.6	—	7.9	11.3	26.8
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	809.6	30.5	19.2	(17.9 )	841.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$817.2	\$ 30.5	\$ 27.1	\$ (6.6 )	\$868.2

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## Six Months Ended March 31, 2015

	Parent Company	Guarantors	Non- Guarantors	Eliminations	Total
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$14.0	\$ 203.7	\$ 4.6	\$ (63.9 )	\$158.4
<b>Cash Flows from Investing Activities</b>					
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(3.5 )	(183.2 )	(1.2 )	—	(187.9 )
Additions to property	—	(43.7 )	(1.9 )	—	(45.6 )
Restricted cash	—	68.4	2.7	—	71.1
Insurance proceeds on property losses	—	1.8	—	—	1.8
Proceeds from equity distributions	121.5	—	—	(121.5 )	—
Capitalization of subsidiaries	(138.6 )	—	—	138.6	—
Net receipts from intercompany revolver	0.6	—	—	(0.6 )	—
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	(20.0 )	(156.7 )	(0.4 )	16.5	(160.6 )
<b>Cash Flows from Financing Activities</b>					
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	341.4	—	—	—	341.4
Repayments of long term-debt	(11.0 )	(2.0 )	(0.2 )	—	(13.2 )
Payments of preferred stock dividends	(8.5 )	—	—	—	(8.5 )
Payments of debt issuance costs	(3.7 )	—	—	—	(3.7 )
Payments for equity distributions	—	(171.0 )	—	171.0	—
Proceeds from Parent capitalization	—	128.0	1.0	(129.0 )	—
Net receipts from intercompany revolver	—	—	(0.6 )	0.6	—
Other, net	(1.7 )	—	—	—	(1.7 )
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities	316.5	(45.0 )	0.2	42.6	314.3
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	—	—	(1.5 )	—	(1.5 )
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	310.5	2.0	2.9	(4.8 )	310.6
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	246.6	15.7	10.0	(3.9 )	268.4
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Period	\$557.1	\$ 17.7	\$ 12.9	\$ (8.7 )	\$579.0

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## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS.

The following discussion summarizes the significant factors affecting the consolidated operating results, financial condition, liquidity and capital resources of Post Holdings, Inc. This discussion should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto of Post Holdings, Inc. included herein and our audited Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015. The terms “our,” “we,” “us,” “Company” and “Post” as used herein refer to Post Holdings, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Please note these discussions are subject to discussion under “Cautionary Statements Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” included below.

## OVERVIEW

We are a consumer packaged goods holding company operating in four reportable segments: Post Consumer Brands, Michael Foods Group, Active Nutrition and Private Brands. Our products are sold through a variety of channels such as grocery, club and drug stores, mass merchandisers, foodservice, ingredient and via the internet.

## RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

## Acquisitions

We completed the following acquisitions in fiscal 2016 and 2015:

- Willamette Egg Farms (“WEF”), acquired October 3, 2015;
- MOM Brands Company (“MOM Brands”), acquired May 4, 2015;
- American Blanching Company (“ABC”), acquired November 1, 2014; and
- PowerBar and Musashi brands (“PowerBar”), acquired October 1, 2014.

## Divestitures

We completed the following divestitures in fiscal 2016 and 2015:

- Certain assets of our Michael Foods Canadian business, sold March 1, 2016 and
- PowerBar Australia assets and Musashi trademark, sold July 1, 2015.

Due to the level of integration within existing businesses, certain discrete financial data for businesses acquired in fiscal 2015 is not available for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,			
	2016	2015	\$	%	2016	2015	\$	%
			Change	Change			Change	Change
Net Sales	\$1,271.1	\$1,052.7	\$218.4	21 %	\$2,519.9	\$2,126.6	\$393.3	18 %
Operating Profit	\$162.5	\$49.7	\$112.8	227 %	\$295.4	\$90.6	\$204.8	226 %
Interest expense, net	77.2	59.8	17.4	29 %	155.0	119.9	35.1	29 %
Other expense	90.9	28.8	62.1	216 %	106.8	83.4	23.4	28 %
Income tax (benefit) expense	(10.5 )	(69.4 )	58.9	(85 )%	3.2	(45.9 )	49.1	(107 )%
Net Earnings (Loss)	\$4.9	\$30.5	\$(25.6 )	(84 )%	\$30.4	\$(66.8 )	\$97.2	(146 )%
Net Sales								

Net sales increased \$218.4 million, or 21%, during the three months ended March 31, 2016, and \$393.3 million, or 18%, during the six months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. These increases were primarily due to the inclusion of incremental contributions from current and prior year acquisitions, as well as net sales growth in our ready-to-eat (“RTE”) cereal business and our Premier Protein ready-to-drink shake products, as well as our pasta, peanut butter and dried fruit and nut products. The net sales growth was partially offset by reduced net sales in our egg, potato, cheese and other protein powder and bar brands and other nut butter products. For further discussion, refer to “Segment Results” within this section.





Table of Contents**Operating Profit**

Operating profit increased \$112.8 million, or 227%, during the three months ended March 31, 2016, and \$204.8 million, or 226%, during the six months ended March 31, 2016, compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. These increases were primarily due to the inclusion of incremental segment profit contributions from current and prior year acquisitions, as well as increased segment profit within our Post Consumer Brands, Michael Foods Group and Active Nutrition segments for both the three and six months ended March 31, 2016. Segment profit within the Private Brands segment increased in the six month period. In addition, general corporate expenses and other were significantly lower for both the three and six months ended March 31, 2016. For further discussion, refer to “Segment Results” within this section.

**Interest Expense, Net**

Interest expense increased 29% for both the three and six months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the corresponding periods in the prior year. The increase was driven primarily by the increase in the principal balance of outstanding debt due to various debt issuances in 2015, as well as an increase in our weighted-average interest rate. Our weighted-average interest rate on our total outstanding debt was 6.9% and 6.1% at March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. For additional information on our debt, refer to Note 14 within the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk within Item 3.

**Other Expense**

During the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, we recognized losses of \$90.9 million and \$106.8 million, respectively, on non-cash mark-to-market adjustments related to our interest rate swaps, compared to losses of \$28.8 million and \$83.4 million in the three months and six months ended March 31, 2015, respectively. For additional information on our interest rate swaps, refer to Note 11 within the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk within Item 3.

**Income Taxes**

For the three and six months ended March 31, 2016, our effective income tax rate was 188% and 10%, respectively. In accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) Topic 740, we recorded tax (benefit) expense for the three and six months ended March 31, 2016 using the estimated annual effective tax rate for the full fiscal year adjusted for the impact of discrete items occurring during the three and six month periods. Our effective tax rate differed significantly from our statutory rate as a result of discrete items occurring in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 primarily relating to the decision to exit our Canadian egg business reported in the Michael Foods Group segment (see Note 4) and the expectation the Domestic Production Activities Deduction under the Internal Revenue Code (“DPAD”) will have a favorable impact on the effective income tax rate.

For the three and six months ended March 31, 2015, the effective income tax rate was 178% and 41%, respectively. In accordance with ASC Topic 740, our tax benefit recognized for the year-to-date loss was limited to the amount that would be recognized if the year-to-date ordinary loss were the anticipated ordinary loss for the fiscal year. The estimated annual effective tax rate differed from the statutory tax rate primarily due to the expectation that nondeductible merger and acquisition expenses and other permanently nondeductible expenses would have an unfavorable impact on the effective income tax rate and the expectation that the DPAD and tax planning strategies implemented for certain recent acquisitions would have a favorable impact on the effective income tax rate.

**SEGMENT RESULTS**

Our reportable segments are as follows:

- Post Consumer Brands: primarily RTE cereals;
- Michael Foods Group: eggs, potatoes, cheese and pasta;
- Active Nutrition: protein shakes, bars and powders and nutritional supplements; and
- Private Brands: primarily peanut and other nut butters, dried fruit and nuts, and granola.

We evaluate each segment’s performance based on its segment profit, which is its operating profit before impairment of property and intangible assets, plant closure related costs, restructuring expenses, losses on assets held for sale, gain on sale of plant and other unallocated corporate income and expenses.



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## Post Consumer Brands

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,			
	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change
Net Sales	\$440.1	\$243.9	\$ 196.2	80 %	\$851.7	\$461.4	\$ 390.3	85 %
Segment Profit	\$74.7	\$50.8	\$ 23.9	47 %	\$137.6	\$88.4	\$ 49.2	56 %
Segment Profit Margin	17 %	21 %			16 %	19 %		

Net sales for the Post Consumer Brands segment increased \$196.2 million, or 80%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the acquisition of MOM Brands in May 2015 which contributed net sales of \$194.5 million in the three months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding this impact, net sales increased \$1.7 million, or 1%. This increase was primarily driven by higher average net selling prices resulting from lower trade spending and lower coupon redemption, partially offset by slightly lower volumes (less than 1% decrease). Volume decreases were primarily the result of declines in Great Grains, Shredded Wheat, Grape-Nuts and Honeycomb, partially offset by an increase in Pebbles volumes. Net sales were also negatively impacted by unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates of \$2.1 million. Compared to the prior year pre-acquisition period, net sales for our MOM Brands business were up slightly, driven by lower levels of trade spending, partially offset by lower volumes.

Net sales for the Post Consumer Brands segment increased \$390.3 million, or 85%, for the six months ended March 31, 2016. The increase was primarily due to the acquisition of MOM Brands in May 2015 which contributed net sales of \$377.6 million in the six months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding this impact, net sales for the Post Foods business increased \$12.7 million, or 3%. This increase was primarily driven by 3% higher volumes. Volume increases were primarily the result of higher volumes for Pebbles as well as higher comanufacturing volumes. Average net selling prices were relatively flat for the six months ended March 31, 2016 as an unfavorable change in sales mix with a current year shift to larger package sizes which sell at a lower average selling price per pound and higher comanufacturing volumes, was offset by lower trade spending and coupon redemption. Net sales were also negatively impacted by unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates of \$5.5 million. Compared to the prior year pre-acquisition period, net sales for our MOM Brands business were down on reduced volumes. Volume declines for MOM Brands were primarily the result of lapping a high promotional period in the prior year and reduced distribution of Malt-O-Meal branded boxes and licensed brands, partially offset by growth in Malt-O-Meal permanent branded bags.

Segment profit for the three months ended March 31, 2016 increased \$23.9 million, or 47%, when compared to the prior year. The increase was primarily the result of the acquisition of MOM Brands as well as increased sales in our Post Foods business, as previously discussed. Segment profit margin for the three months ended March 31, 2016 decreased to 17% from 21% in the prior year primarily from the inclusion of the lower margin MOM Brands business, partially offset by synergies achieved through the combination of the Post Foods and MOM Brands businesses. Segment profit was also negatively impacted in the three months ended March 31, 2016 by \$5.8 million of integration costs.

Segment profit for the six months ended March 31, 2016 increased \$49.2 million, or 56%, when compared to the prior year. The increase was primarily the result of the acquisition of MOM Brands as well as increased sales in our Post Foods business, as previously discussed. Segment profit margin for the six months ended March 31, 2016 decreased to 16% from 19% in the prior year primarily from the inclusion of the lower margin MOM Brands business, partially offset by synergies achieved through the combination of the Post Foods and MOM Brands businesses. Segment profit was also negatively impacted in the six months ended March 31, 2016 by \$13.7 million of integration costs.

## Michael Foods Group

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,			
	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change
Net Sales	\$557.7	\$550.3	\$ 7.4	1 %	\$1,144.1	\$1,149.6	\$ (5.5 )	— %
Segment Profit	\$89.6	\$39.8	\$ 49.8	125 %	\$170.4	\$81.9	\$ 88.5	108 %

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Segment Profit Margin 16 % 7 % 15 % 7 %

Net sales for the Michael Foods Group segment increased \$7.4 million, or 1%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding the impact of the current year acquisition of WEF, net sales decreased \$14.9 million, or 3%. Excluding the current year impact of WEF, egg product sales were down 4%, with volume down 17%. Lower volumes were due to the impacts of the spring 2015 outbreak of avian influenza (“AI”) which reduced our egg supply available for sale in the three months ended March 31, 2016. Despite the significantly lower volumes, revenues decreased far less as a result of higher sales prices from price increases taken to offset higher costs incurred as a result of AI. Refrigerated potato products sales were down 2%, with volume down 6%,

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and cheese and other dairy case products sales were down 3%, with volume down 5%. These declines were partially offset by 3% higher pasta sales on 12% higher volumes.

Net sales for the Michael Foods Group segment decreased \$5.5 million for the six months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding the impact of the current year acquisition of WEF, net sales decreased \$57.5 million, or 5%. Excluding the current year impact of WEF, egg product sales were down 6%, with volume down 22%. Lower volumes were due to the impacts of the spring 2015 outbreak of AI which reduced our egg supply available for sale in the six months ended March 31, 2016. Despite the significantly lower volumes, revenues decreased far less as a result of price increases taken to offset higher costs incurred as a result of AI. Refrigerated potato products sales were down 2%, with volume down 8%, and cheese and other dairy case products sales were down 7%, with volume down 6%. These declines were partially offset by 4% higher pasta sales on 9% higher volumes.

Segment profit increased \$49.8 million, or 125%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding the impact of the current year acquisition of WEF, segment profit increased \$45.6 million, or 115%. The increase in segment profit in the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to the prior year resulted from improvements in most businesses within the segment. Egg results improved compared to fiscal 2015, despite the impacts of AI. The improvement was driven by aggressive cost containment and price increases taken to offset AI related costs as well as an unexpected decline in market egg prices. Cheese and dairy results improved due to increased pricing relative to the underlying commodity costs as compared to the prior year period. Potato results were down slightly in the current year as a result of volume declines and increased advertising and promotional spending on retail potato products. Pasta results were flat compared to a strong prior year quarter.

Segment profit increased \$88.5 million, or 108%, for the six months ended March 31, 2016. Excluding the impact of the current year acquisition of WEF, segment profit increased \$75.9 million, or 93%. The increase in segment profit resulted from improvements in all businesses within the segment. Egg results improved compared to fiscal 2015, despite the impacts of AI. The improvement was driven by aggressive cost containment and price increases taken to offset AI related costs as well as an unexpected decline in market egg prices. In addition, prior year results for our egg business were negatively impacted by \$5.1 million of accrued costs for corrective actions in connection with isolated product quality issues. Pasta results were strong year over year, driven by volume increases, higher pricing relative to underlying commodity costs and a favorable mix with increased retail volumes and a decrease in governmental bid volumes. Cheese and dairy results improved with favorable pricing relative to the underlying commodity costs as compared to the prior year period. Potato results improved in the current year as a result of a favorable channel mix with increased retail volumes and a decrease in foodservice volumes. Improved raw potato quality also contributed to improved costs within the potato manufacturing operation.

## Active Nutrition

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,			
	2016	2015	\$	%	2016	2015	\$	%
			Change	Change			Change	Change
Net Sales	\$143.8	\$134.6	\$ 9.2	7 %	\$259.6	\$265.0	\$ (5.4 )	(2 )%
Segment Profit (Loss)	\$13.8	\$(4.5 )	\$ 18.3	407 %	\$24.3	\$(10.8 )	\$ 35.1	325 %
Segment Profit (Loss) Margin	10 %	(3 )%			9 %	(4 )%		

Net sales for the Active Nutrition segment increased \$9.2 million, or 7%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was primarily attributable to strong growth in our Premier Protein branded products, where net sales were up 39%, fueled by increased consumption and distribution of shakes, as well as new product introductions. This increase was partially offset by 29% lower net sales within our Dymatize business, driven by the prior year decision to close our manufacturing facility and exit Dymatize's private label business. Sales were also negatively impacted by volume declines in our North American PowerBar business as well as the absence of sales for Musashi branded products in the current year (\$5.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015) as the Australian Musashi business was sold in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015.

Net sales for the Active Nutrition segment decreased \$5.4 million, or 2%, for the six months ended March 31, 2016, partially due to the absence of sales for Musashi branded products in the current year (\$12.1 million for the six months

ended March 31, 2015) as the Musashi trademark and related assets were sold in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. Excluding this impact, sales increased \$6.7 million, or 3%, primarily attributable to strong growth in our Premier Protein branded products, where net sales were up 28%, fueled by increased consumption and distribution of shakes, as well as new product introductions. This increase was partially offset by 36% lower net sales within our Dymatize business, driven by the prior year decision to close our manufacturing facility and exit Dymatize's private label business. Sales were also negatively impacted by volume declines in our North American PowerBar business. Segment profit (loss) increased \$18.3 million, to \$13.8 million, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was driven by higher protein shake volumes, as previously described, favorable raw material costs of \$4.2 million, lower manufacturing costs of \$0.8 million, largely resulting from the prior year closure of our Boise, Idaho and Farmers Branch, Texas

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facilities, and \$1.5 million lower advertising, promotion and marketing spending. Segment profit was negatively impacted in the prior year by \$1.5 million of PowerBar integration costs and a \$1.4 million loss attributable to the Australian Musashi business which was sold in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015.

Segment profit (loss) increased \$35.1 million, to \$24.3 million, for the six months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was driven by higher protein shake volumes, as previously described, favorable raw material costs of \$7.6 million, lower manufacturing costs of \$4.1 million, largely resulting from the prior year closure of our Boise, Idaho and Farmers Branch, Texas facilities, and \$3.4 million lower advertising and promotion spending. Segment profit was negatively impacted in the prior year by \$3.5 million of PowerBar integration costs, a \$1.9 million acquisition accounting related inventory valuation adjustment and a \$2.6 million loss attributable to the Australian Musashi business which was sold in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015.

## Private Brands

(dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended March 31,				Six Months Ended March 31,			
	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change	2016	2015	\$ Change	% Change
Net Sales	\$ 129.7	\$ 124.9	\$ 4.8	4 %	\$ 265.3	\$ 252.7	\$ 12.6	5 %
Segment Profit	\$ 7.7	\$ 10.4	\$ (2.7 )	(26 )%	\$ 20.6	\$ 17.3	\$ 3.3	19 %
Segment Profit Margin	6 %	8 %			8 %	7 %		

Net sales for the Private Brands segment increased \$4.8 million, or 4%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016 (including reduced intercompany sales of \$0.8 million to the Post Consumer Brands segment). This increase was driven by a 9% increase in sales volume for the three months ended March 31, 2016. Volume increases were driven by traditional and organic peanut butter and dried fruit and nut sales, partially offset by declines in tree nut butter, cereal and granola. Net sales growth, driven by an increase in volume, was partially offset by an unfavorable sales mix resulting from lower sales of higher-priced tree nut butters as compared to the prior year and unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates.

Net sales for the Private Brands segment increased \$12.6 million, or 5%, for the six months ended March 31, 2016 (including reduced intercompany sales of \$1.3 million to the Post Consumer Brands segment). This increase was primarily due to the inclusion of an additional month of results in the six months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the prior year, related to the November 1, 2014 acquisition of ABC. Excluding this impact, sales for the Private Brands segment increased slightly due to volume increases in traditional and organic peanut butter and dried fruit and nut sales, partially offset by declines in tree nut butter, cereal and granola. Net sales growth, driven by an increase in volume, was partially offset by an unfavorable sales mix resulting from lower sales of higher-priced tree nut butters as compared to the prior year and unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates.

Segment profit decreased \$2.7 million, or 26%, for the three months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates, higher compensation costs as the result of increased headcount and losses of \$0.6 million on disposals of fixed assets. This negative impact was partially offset by an overall increase in volumes, as previously discussed, as well as improved margins on dried fruit and nut items and lower traditional peanut costs in the three months ended March 31, 2016.

Segment profit increased \$3.3 million, or 19%, for the six months ended March 31, 2016. This increase was primarily due to the inclusion of an additional month of results for ABC in the six months ended March 31, 2016, as compared to the prior year, as previously discussed. Segment profit was positively impacted by increased volumes, as previously discussed, improved margins on dried fruit and nut items and lower traditional peanut costs, partially offset by unfavorable changes in foreign exchange rates, higher compensation costs as the result of increased headcount and losses of \$0.6 million on the disposal of fixed assets in the six months ended March 31, 2016. Segment profit was negatively impacted in the six months ended March 31, 2015 by an acquisition accounting related inventory valuation adjustment of \$1.3 million.

## General Corporate Expenses and Other

	Three Months Ended March 31,	Six Months Ended March 31,
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(dollars in millions)	2016	2015	\$	%	2016	2015	\$	%
			Change	Change			Change	Change
General corporate expenses and other	\$23.3	\$46.8	\$(23.5)	(50)%	\$57.5	\$86.2	\$(28.7)	(33)%

General corporate expenses and other decreased \$23.5 million, or 50%, during the three months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease was primarily due to lower stock-based compensation expense of \$5.1 million, increased gains related to mark-to-market adjustments on commodity hedges of \$2.5 million, lower restructuring and plant closure costs of \$3.0 million and reduced third party acquisition related costs of \$1.6 million. In addition, losses on assets held for sale of \$4.4 million to adjust the carrying value

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of the assets to their estimated fair value less estimated selling costs were recorded in the three months ended March 31, 2016 compared to \$15.4 million in the prior year.

Of the total restructuring and plant closure costs of \$0.8 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016, \$0.5 million related to the Active Nutrition segment and \$0.3 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment. Of the total losses on assets held for sale for the three months ended March 31, 2016, \$3.0 million related to the Active Nutrition segment and \$1.4 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment. Of the \$3.8 million of restructuring and plant closure costs for the three months ended March 31, 2015, \$3.5 million related to the Active Nutrition segment and \$0.3 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment, and the \$15.4 million of losses on assets held for sale related to the Private Brands segment. These amounts are excluded from the measure of segment profit.

General corporate expenses and other decreased \$28.7 million, or 33%, during the six months ended March 31, 2016. The decrease was due to lower stock-based compensation expense of \$7.3 million, reduced third party acquisition related costs of \$4.6 million, and decreased losses related to mark-to-market adjustments on commodity hedges of \$3.8 million. In addition, losses on assets held for sale of \$8.4 million to adjust the carrying value of the assets to their estimated fair value less estimated selling costs were recorded in the six months ended March 31, 2016 compared to \$22.5 million in the prior year. These lower costs were partially offset by an increase in restructuring and plant closure costs of \$0.7 million.

Of the total restructuring and plant closure costs of \$5.3 million for the six months ended March 31, 2016, \$4.5 million related to the Active Nutrition segment and \$0.8 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment. Of the total losses on assets held for sale for the six months ended March 31, 2016, \$5.0 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment and \$3.4 million related to the Active Nutrition segment. The restructuring and plant closure costs of \$4.6 million for the six months ended March 31, 2015 related to the Active Nutrition segment. Of the total losses on assets held for sale for the six months ended March 31, 2016, \$15.4 million related to the Private Brands segment and \$7.1 million related to the Post Consumer Brands segment. These amounts are excluded from the measure of segment profit.

**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES**

The following table shows select cash flow data, which is discussed below.

	Six Months	
	Ended	
	March 31,	
(dollars in millions)	2016	2015
Cash provided by operating activities	\$196.4	\$158.4
Cash used in investing activities	(122.0 )	(160.6 )
Cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(48.5 )	314.3
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	0.9	(1.5 )
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$26.8	\$310.6

Historically, we have generated and expect to continue to generate positive cash flows from operations. We believe our cash on hand, cash flows from operations and our current and possible future credit facilities will be sufficient to satisfy our future working capital requirements, interest payments, research and development activities, capital expenditures, pension contributions and other financing requirements for the foreseeable future. Our ability to generate positive cash flows from operations is dependent on general economic conditions, competitive pressures and other business risk factors. If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flows from operations, or otherwise to comply with the terms of our credit facilities, we may be required to seek additional financing alternatives or waivers under our credit agreement and indentures governing our senior notes in order to generate additional cash. There can be no assurance that we would be able to obtain additional financing or any such waivers on terms acceptable to us or at all. Short-term financing needs primarily consist of working capital requirements, principal and interest payments on our long-term debt and dividend payments on our cumulative preferred stock. Long-term financing needs will depend largely on potential growth opportunities, including acquisition activity and repayment or refinancing of our long-term debt obligations.

Cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended March 31, 2016 increased \$38.0 million compared to the prior year period. This increase was driven by incremental cash flows from the operations of our 2016 and 2015 acquisitions, partially offset by \$116.1 million of unfavorable working capital changes during the six months ended March 31, 2016 when compared to working capital changes in the prior year. The unfavorable change in working capital was primarily due to higher payments for income taxes in the six months ended March 31, 2016, as well as the collection of a \$55.5 million income tax receivable in the six months ended March 31, 2015.

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Cash used in investing activities for the six months ended March 31, 2016 decreased \$38.6 million compared to the prior year period. The decrease was driven by the reduction of cash paid for acquisitions of \$93.5 million, net proceeds received from the sale of businesses of \$6.2 million and a decrease in capital expenditures of \$0.8 million. Cash used in investing activities was also impacted in fiscal 2015 by escrow deposits of \$55.0 million and \$14.0 million, classified as restricted cash, related to the acquisitions of PowerBar and ABC, respectively.

Cash used in financing activities for the six months ended March 31, 2016 was \$48.5 million compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$314.3 million in the prior year period. The current year outflow was driven by \$28.3 million net cash paid in advance for stock repurchase contracts (see Note 13) and a \$10.9 million payment related to the December 2015 conversion of 0.9 million shares of our 3.75% Series B Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (see Note 13), partially offset by lower repayments of long-term debt of \$5.1 million. The prior year inflow was driven by net proceeds from the issuance of common stock of \$341.4 million.

**Debt Covenants**

Under the terms of the credit agreement, we are required to comply with certain financial covenants consisting of ratios for quarterly maximum senior secured leverage and minimum interest expense coverage. As of March 31, 2016, we were in compliance with such financial covenants. We do not believe non-compliance is reasonably likely in the foreseeable future.

Our credit agreement permits us to incur additional unsecured debt only if our pro forma consolidated interest coverage ratio, calculated as provided in the credit agreement, would be greater than or equal to 2.00 to 1.00 after giving effect to such new debt. As of March 31, 2016, our pro forma consolidated interest coverage ratio exceeded this threshold.

**CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES**

The following discussion is presented pursuant to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission's Financial Reporting Release No. 60, "Cautionary Advice Regarding Disclosure About Critical Accounting Policies." The policies below are both important to the presentation of Post's financial condition and results and require management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments.

Under generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, we make estimates and assumptions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses as well as the disclosure of contingent liabilities. We base estimates on past experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Those estimates form the basis for making judgments about carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Our critical accounting policies and estimates are more fully described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2015 as filed with the SEC on November 25, 2015. There have been no significant changes to our critical accounting policies and estimates since September 30, 2015.

**CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

Forward-looking statements, within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), are made throughout this report. These forward-looking statements are sometimes identified by the use of terms and phrases such as "believe," "should," "expect," "project," "estimate," "anticipate," "aim," "intend," "plan," "will," "can," "may," or similar elsewhere in this report. Our results of operations and financial condition may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. Such statements are based on management's current views and assumptions, and involve risks and uncertainties that could affect expected results. Those risks and uncertainties include but are not limited to the following:

- our ability to realize the synergies contemplated by the acquisition of MOM Brands Company ("MOM Brands");
- our ability to promptly and effectively integrate the MOM Brands and Post Foods businesses;
- our high leverage and substantial debt, including covenants that restrict the operation of our business;
- our ability to service our outstanding debt or obtain additional financing, including both secured and unsecured debt;
- our ability to continue to compete in our product markets and our ability to retain our market position;

- our ability to identify and complete acquisitions, manage our growth and integrate acquisitions;
- changes in our cost structure, management, financing and business operations;
- significant volatility in the costs of certain raw materials, commodities, packaging or energy used to manufacture our products;

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our ability to maintain competitive pricing, introduce new products or successfully manage our costs;

our ability to successfully implement business strategies to reduce costs;

impairment in the carrying value of goodwill or other intangibles;

the loss or bankruptcy of a significant customer;

allegations that our products cause injury or illness, product recalls and product liability claims and other litigation;

our ability to anticipate and respond to changes in consumer preferences and trends;

changes in economic conditions and consumer demand for our products;

disruptions in the U.S. and global capital and credit markets;

labor strikes, work stoppages or unionization efforts;

legal and regulatory factors, including advertising and labeling laws, changes in food safety and laws and regulations governing animal feeding operations;

our ability to comply with increased regulatory scrutiny related to certain of our products and/or international sales;

the ultimate impact litigation may have on us, including the lawsuit (to which Michael Foods is a party) alleging violations of federal and state antitrust laws in the egg industry;

our reliance on third party manufacturers for certain of our products;

disruptions or inefficiencies in supply chain;

our ability to recognize the expected benefits of the closing of our Farmers Branch, Texas manufacturing facility as well as our Parsippany, New Jersey office;

our ability to satisfy the requirements of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, including with respect to acquired businesses;

business disruptions caused by information technology failures and/or technology hacking;

fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates;

consolidations in the retail grocery and foodservice industries;

change in estimates in critical accounting judgments and changes to or new laws and regulations affecting our business;

losses or increased funding and expenses related to our qualified pension and other post-retirement plans;

loss of key employees;

our ability to protect our intellectual property;

changes in weather conditions, natural disasters, disease outbreaks and other events beyond our control;

our ability to successfully operate our international operations in compliance with applicable laws and regulations;

and

other risks and uncertainties included under “Risk Factors” in this document and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, filed with the SEC on November 25, 2015.

You should not rely upon forward-looking statements as predictions of future events. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee that the future results, levels of activity, performance or events and circumstances reflected in the forward-looking statements will be achieved or occur. Moreover, we undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements for any reason after the date of this document to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations.

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**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

**Interest Rate Risk**

As of March 31, 2016, we had outstanding principal value of indebtedness of \$4,474.5 million related to our various senior notes issuances, our term loan, our 5.25% tangible equity units, \$1.9 million of debt assumed in the acquisition of Michael Foods and a revolving credit facility with a \$400.0 million borrowing capacity. The revolving credit facility has outstanding letters of credit of \$12.1 million which reduced the available borrowing capacity to \$387.9 million at March 31, 2016. Of the total \$4,474.5 million outstanding indebtedness, approximately \$4,100.1 million bears interest at fixed rates with a weighted-average interest rate of 7.2% and is not subject to change based on changes in market interest rates.

The remaining \$374.4 million is variable rate debt comprised of the unpaid principal balance of our term loan which bears interest at the greater of LIBOR or a 0.75% floor plus a 3% spread. As of March 31, 2016, we had interest rate swaps with a notional amount of \$78.3 million that obligate us to pay a fixed rate of 3.1% and receive one-month LIBOR. These swaps have the effect of converting a portion of our variable interest rate term loan debt to fixed interest rates beginning in June 2016 and ending in May 2021. In addition, we have interest rate swaps with a \$750.0 million notional amount that obligate us to pay a weighted-average fixed rate of approximately 4.0% and receive three-month LIBOR and will result in a lump sum net settlement in July 2018, as well as interest rate swaps with a \$899.3 million notional amount that obligate us to pay a weighted-average fixed rate of approximately 3.7% and receive three-month LIBOR and will result in a lump sum net settlement in December 2019. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at either the Eurodollar Rate or the Base Rate (as such terms are defined in the Credit Agreement) plus an applicable margin ranging from 2.00% to 2.50% for Eurodollar Rate-based loans and from 1.00% to 1.50% for Base Rate-based loans, depending upon our senior secured leverage ratio.

There have been no material changes in our assessment of market risk sensitivity since our presentation of “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk,” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as filed with the SEC on November 25, 2015.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our management, with the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of the Company, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company’s disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In connection with the Company’s acquisitions in fiscal 2015 and 2016, management is in the process of analyzing, evaluating and, where necessary, implementing changes in controls and procedures. As a result, the process may result in additions or changes to the Company’s internal control over financial reporting. The Company’s fiscal 2016 acquisition will be excluded from management’s assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2016.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS.

Antitrust claims: In late 2008 and early 2009, some 22 class-action lawsuits were filed in various federal courts against Michael Foods, Inc. and approximately 20 other defendants (producers of shell eggs, manufacturers of processed egg products, and egg industry organizations), alleging violations of federal and state antitrust laws in connection with the production and sale of shell eggs and egg products, and seeking unspecified damages. In December 2008, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation ordered the transfer of all cases to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for coordinated and/or consolidated pretrial proceedings. Between late 2010 and early 2012, a number of companies, each of which would be part of the purported class in the antitrust action, brought separate actions against defendants. These “opt-out” cases, brought primarily by various grocery chains and food companies, assert essentially the same allegations as in the main action. The opt-out cases are also pending in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, where they are being treated as related to the main action. On September 18, 2015, the court denied the motion of the Indirect Purchaser Plaintiffs for class certification. On September 21, 2015, the court granted the motion of the Direct Purchaser Plaintiffs to certify a shell-egg subclass, but denied their motion to certify an egg-products subclass. Michael Foods received a Civil Investigative Demand (“CID”) issued by the Florida Attorney General on November 27, 2008, regarding an investigation of possible anticompetitive activities “relating to the production and sale of eggs or egg products.” The CID requested information and documents related to the pricing and supply of shell eggs and egg products, as well as participation in various programs of United Egg Producers. The Florida Attorney General’s Office has not taken any further enforcement action during the pendency of the civil antitrust litigation referenced above. We do not believe it is possible to estimate the loss in connection with these litigated matters. Accordingly, we cannot predict what impact, if any, these matters and any results from such matters could have on our future results of operations.

Other: We are subject to various other legal proceedings and actions arising in the normal course of our business. In the opinion of management, based upon the information presently known, the ultimate liability, if any, arising from such pending legal proceedings, as well as from asserted legal claims and known potential legal claims which are likely to be asserted, taking into account established accruals for estimated liabilities (if any), are not expected to be material individually or in the aggregate to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. In addition, while it is difficult to estimate the potential financial impact of actions regarding expenditures for compliance with regulatory matters, in the opinion of management, based upon the information currently available, the ultimate liability arising from such compliance matters is not expected to be material to our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors we previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on November 25, 2015, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015.



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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS.

The following exhibits are either provided with this Form 10-Q or are incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit No. Description

- 3.1 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 2, 2012)
- 3.2 Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2016)
- 4.1 Indenture, dated as of February 3, 2012, by and among the Company, the Guarantors (as defined) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 8, 2012)
- 4.2 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of 3.75% Series B Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 26, 2013)
- 4.3 Indenture, dated as of November 18, 2013, by and among the Company, the Guarantors (as defined) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on November 18, 2013)
- 4.4 Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of 2.5% Series C Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on December 16, 2013)
- 4.5 Senior Indenture, dated May 28, 2014, between Post Holdings, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on May 28, 2014)
- 4.6 First Supplemental Indenture, dated May 28, 2014, between Post Holdings, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on May 28, 2014)
- 4.7 Purchase Contract Agreement, dated May 28, 2014, between Post Holdings, Inc. and U.S. Bank National Association (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on May 28, 2014)
- 4.8 Indenture, dated as of June 2, 2014, by and among the Company, the Guarantors (as defined) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on June 2, 2014)
- 4.9 Indenture (2024 Notes), dated as of August 18, 2015, by and among Post Holdings, Inc., the Guarantors (as defined therein) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2015)
- 4.10 Indenture (2025 Notes), dated as of August 18, 2015, by and among Post Holdings, Inc., the Guarantors (as defined therein) and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as trustee (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Form 8-K/A filed on August 21, 2015)

- 10.53† Post Holdings, Inc. 2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2016)
- 10.54† Post Holdings, Inc. Form of Non-Employee Director Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2016)
- 10.55† Post Holdings, Inc. Form of Stock-Settled Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2016)
- 10.56† Post Holdings, Inc. Form of Cash-Settled Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2016)
- 10.57† Post Holdings, Inc. Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 1, 2016)
- 10.58† Third Amendment to and Termination of Employment Agreement with William P. Stiritz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 8-K filed on February 4, 2016)
- 31.1 Certification of Robert V. Vitale pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated May 6, 2016
- 31.2 Certification of Jeff A. Zadoks pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated May 6, 2016
- 32.1 Certification of Robert V. Vitale and Jeff A. Zadoks, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, dated May 6, 2016
- 101 Interactive Data File (Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016 filed in XBRL). The financial information contained in the XBRL-related documents is "unaudited" and "unreviewed."

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Schedules and exhibits have been omitted pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. The Company hereby  
\*undertakes to furnish copies of any of the omitted schedules and exhibits upon request by the U.S. Securities and  
Exchange Commission.

† These exhibits constitute management contracts, compensatory plans and arrangements.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, Post Holdings, Inc. has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

POST HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: May 6, 2016 By: /s/ Jeff A. Zadoks

Jeff A. Zadoks

SVP and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)