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# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549** 

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

x Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

 $\mathbf{or}$ 

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 for the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-32352

# **NEWS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 26-0075658 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation or Organization)

Identification No.)

1211 Avenue of the Americas, New York, New York (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (212) 852-7000

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 "

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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No "

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

Large accelerated filer x Accelerated filer " Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

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

As of May 4, 2012, 1,623,066,699 shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and 798,520,953 shares of Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, were outstanding.

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## NEWS CORPORATION

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share amounts)

	For the three months ended March 31, 2012 2011		For the nin ended Ma 2012	
Revenues	\$ 8,402	\$ 8,256	\$ 25,336	\$ 24,443
Operating expenses	(5,216)	(5,322)	(15,552)	(15,470)
Selling, general and administrative	(1,580)	(1,588)	(4,721)	(4,638)
Depreciation and amortization	(294)	(283)	(869)	(837)
Impairment and restructuring charges	(27)	(3)	(154)	(285)
Equity earnings of affiliates	204	111	467	272
Interest expense, net	(258)	(244)	(773)	(706)
Interest income	26	31	91	85
Other, net	27	(19)	22	(41)
Income before income tax expense	1,284	939	3,847	2,823
Income tax expense	(281)	(257)	(931)	(657)
Net income	1,003	682	2,916	2,166
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(66)	(43)	(184)	(110)
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Net income attributable to News Corporation stockholders	\$ 937	\$ 639	\$ 2.732	\$ 2,056
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Weighted average shares:				
Basic	2,468	2,626	2,527	2,624
Diluted	2,475	2,631	2,534	2,628
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Net income attributable to News Corporation stockholders per share:	¢ 0.20	¢ 0.24	¢ 1.00	¢ 0.79
Basic	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.24	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.78
Diluted	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.24	\$ 1.08	\$ 0.78

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

# NEWS CORPORATION

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except share and per share amounts)

	At March 31, 2012 (unaudited)		2012		, At June 3 2011 (audited	
Assets:	(4.		,			
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,686	\$	12,680		
Receivables, net		6,616		6,330		
Inventories, net		2,864		2,332		
Other		689		442		
Total current assets		20,855		21,784		
Non-current assets:						
Receivables		398		350		
Investments		4,718		4,867		
Inventories, net		4,539		4,198		
Property, plant and equipment, net		5,959		6,542		
Intangible assets, net		8,341		8,587		
Goodwill		14,953		14,697		
Other non-current assets		1,134		955		
Total assets	\$	60,897	\$	61,980		
Liabilities and Equity:						
Current liabilities:						
Borrowings	\$	273	\$	32		
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities		5,668		5,773		
Participations, residuals and royalties payable		1,754		1,511		
Program rights payable		1,373		1,298		
Deferred revenue		976		957		
Total current liabilities		10,044		9,571		
Non-current liabilities:						
Borrowings		15,187		15,463		
Other liabilities		2,927		2,908		
Deferred income taxes		3,692		3,712		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		602		242		
Commitments and contingencies						
Equity:						
Class A common stock <sup>(1)</sup>		16		18		
Class B common stock <sup>(2)</sup>		8		8		
Additional paid-in capital		16,546		17,435		
Retained earnings and accumulated other comprehensive income		11,337		12,045		
Total News Corporation stockholders equity		27,907		29,506		
Noncontrolling interests		538		578		

Total equity	28,445	30,084
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 60,897	\$ 61,980

(1) **Class A common stock**, \$0.01 par value per share, 6,000,000,000 shares authorized, 1,646,535,979 shares and 1,828,315,242 shares issued and outstanding, net of 1,776,045,915 and 1,776,534,202 treasury shares at par at March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively.

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

Class B common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, 3,000,000,000 shares authorized, 798,520,953 shares issued and outstanding, net of 313,721,702 treasury shares at par at March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively.

# NEWS CORPORATION

# UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

## (in millions)

	For the nine mo March	
	2012	2011
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,166
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	869	837
Amortization of cable distribution investments	69	69
Equity earnings of affiliates	(467)	(272)
Cash distributions received from affiliates	313	178
Impairment charges	10	168
Other, net	(22)	41
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Receivables and other assets	(551)	(130)
Inventories, net	(577)	(747)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	161	168
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Net cash provided by operating activities	2,721	2,478
Investing activities:		
Property, plant and equipment, net of acquisitions	(651)	(817)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(532)	(408)
Investments in equity affiliates	(14)	(273)
Other investments	(198)	(265)
Proceeds from dispositions	408	363
Net cash used in investing activities	(987)	(1,400)
Financing activities:		
Borrowings		2,471
Repayment of borrowings	(32)	(417)
Issuance of shares	87	12
Repurchase of shares	(3,294)	
Dividends paid	(323)	(257)
Purchase of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interests		(116)
Sale of subsidiary shares to noncontrolling interests		50
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(3,562)	1,743
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,828)	2,821
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	12,680	8,709
Exchange movement on opening cash balance	(166)	254
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 10,686	\$ 11,784

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#### NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1 Basis of Presentation

News Corporation, a Delaware corporation, with its subsidiaries (together, News Corporation or the Company), is a diversified global media company, which manages and reports its businesses in six segments: Cable Network Programming, Filmed Entertainment, Television, Direct Broadcast Satellite Television (DBS), Publishing and Other.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments consisting only of normal recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation have been reflected in these unaudited consolidated financial statements. Operating results for the interim periods presented are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012.

These interim unaudited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on August 15, 2011 (the 2011 Form 10-K).

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

The Company has an unconsolidated investment in a variable interest entity (VIE) and the Company saggregate risk of loss related to this unconsolidated VIE was approximately \$550 million and \$544 million as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively, which consisted of debt and equity securities and a loan and was included in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company agreed to backstop financing measures that are being initiated by this VIE, of which 145 million (approximately \$195 million) remains as of March 31, 2012. In addition to the financing measures, the Company agreed to loan this VIE approximately \$70 million, which has not yet been requested by this VIE.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires that management make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Because of the use of estimates inherent in the financial reporting process, actual results could differ from those estimates.

The Company s fiscal year ends on the Sunday closest to June 30. Fiscal 2012 includes 52 weeks, while fiscal 2011 included 53 weeks with the 53<sup>rd</sup> week falling in the fourth fiscal quarter. All references to March 31, 2012 and March 31, 2011 relate to the three and nine months ended April 1, 2012 and March 27, 2011, respectively. For convenience purposes, the Company continues to date its financial statements as of March 31.

Certain fiscal 2011 amounts have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal 2012 presentation.

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#### Recently Adopted and Recently Issued Accounting Guidance

Adopted

The Company accounts for programming rights for its multi-year U.S. national sports agreements in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 920, Entertainment Broadcasters (ASC 920). Under ASC 920, programm rights are carried at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value. At the inception of these contracts, and at least annually, the Company evaluates the recoverability of the total remaining contract costs plus programming rights for each multi-year U.S. national sports agreement using estimated remaining revenues and expenses directly related to each agreement. If such evaluation indicates that an agreement would result in an ultimate loss, the programming rights would be written down to net realizable value. In addition, where the ultimate loss exceeds the recorded asset, an incremental liability would be recorded to currently recognize the estimated future loss.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company voluntarily changed its method of recognizing losses on its multi-year U.S. national sports agreements by no longer accruing for estimated future losses. The Company will, however, continue to recognize programming rights at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value in accordance with ASC 920. The Company believes that this method is preferable because the change will (1) align the Company spolicy with peer companies in the media industry; (2) result in better correspondence with the substance of the event being recognized as estimated future losses will no longer be recognized; and (3) limit the effect of judgment on any potential impairment loss because the impairment analysis, which involves significant judgment about future revenue and revenue allocations, will only affect programming rights on the balance sheet. Retrospective application of the change in accounting policy had no effect on the consolidated financial statements of the Company for any of the periods presented.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2012, the Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ( ASU ) 2011-04, Fair Value Measurement (Topic 820): Amendments to Achieve Common Fair Value Measurement and Disclosure Requirements in U.S. GAAP and IFRSs ( ASU 2011-04 ). Some of the amendments clarify the application of existing fair value measurement requirements, while other amendments change a particular principle in ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements ( ASC 820 ). In addition, ASU 2011-04 requires additional fair value disclosures. The prospective application of the amended accounting guidance resulted in additional financial statement disclosures.

#### Issued

In June 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-05, Comprehensive Income (Topic 220): Presentation of Comprehensive Income (ASU 2011-05), which eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Instead, an entity will be required to present either a continuous statement of net income and other comprehensive income or in two separate but consecutive statements. In December 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-12, Deferral of the Effective Date for Amendments to the Presentation of Reclassification of Items Out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income in Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05 (ASU 2011-12), to defer the requirement in ASU 2011-05 that companies present reclassification adjustments for each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (AOCI) in both other comprehensive income and net income on the face of the financial statements. ASU 2011-12 requires companies to continue to present amounts reclassified out of AOCI on the face of the financial statements or disclose them in the notes to the financial statements. These provisions are effective for the Company beginning July 1, 2012 and will be applied retrospectively. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard will have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements as it will only impact presentation.

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In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-08, Intangibles Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment (ASU 2011-08), which permits an entity to make a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit s fair value is less than its carrying value before applying the two-step goodwill impairment model that is currently in place. If it is determined through the qualitative assessment that a reporting unit s fair value is more likely than not greater than its carrying value, the remaining impairment steps would be unnecessary. The qualitative assessment is optional, allowing companies to go directly to the quantitative assessment. ASU 2011-08 is effective for the Company for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed beginning July 1, 2012, however, early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact ASU 2011-08 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU 2011-09, Compensation Retirement Benefits Multiemployer Plans (Subtopic 715-80): Disclosures about an Employer's Participation in a Multiemployer Plan (ASU 2011-09). ASU 2011-09 requires enhanced qualitative and quantitative disclosures about an employer's participation in multiemployer pension plans, including additional information about the plans, the level of an employer's participation in the plans and the financial health of significant plans. ASU 2011-09 is retrospectively effective for the Company for the annual periods presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The Company does not expect the adoption of this standard will have a significant impact on its consolidated financial statements as it will only impact presentation.

#### Note 2 Acquisitions, Disposals and Other Transactions

#### Fiscal 2012

Acquisitions

In October 2011, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire Thomas Nelson, Inc., one of the leading trade publishers in the United States, for approximately \$200 million. The acquisition is subject to regulatory clearances and other customary closing conditions.

In December 2011, the Company acquired a 67% equity interest in Fox Pan American Sports LLC (FPAS) for approximately \$400 million. The Company previously owned (i) an approximate 33% equity interest in FPAS, an international sports programming and production entity, which owns and operates Fox Sports Latin American network, a Spanish and Portuguese-language sports network distributed to subscribers in certain Caribbean and Central and South American nations, and (ii) partially through its ownership in FPAS, a 53% interest in Fox Deportes, a Spanish-language sports programming service distributed in the United States. As a result of this transaction, the Company now owns 100% of FPAS and Fox Deportes. Accordingly, the results of FPAS are included in the Company s consolidated results of operations beginning in December 2011.

The FPAS acquisition was accounted for in accordance with ASC 805, Business Combinations (ASC 805), which requires an acquirer to remeasure its previously held equity interest in an acquiree at its acquisition date fair value and recognize the resulting gain or loss in earnings. The carrying amount of the Company s previously held equity interest in FPAS was revalued to fair value at the acquisition date, resulting in a non-taxable gain of approximately \$158 million which was included in Other, net in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2012. In accordance with ASC 350, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other (ASC 350), the excess purchase price preliminarily allocated to goodwill will not be amortized for the FPAS acquisition. The amount allocated to goodwill is subject to change pending the completion of final valuations of certain assets and liabilities. A future reduction in goodwill for additional value to be assigned to identifiable finite-lived intangible assets or tangible assets could reduce future earnings as a result of additional amortization.

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#### Disposition

In July 2011, the Company sold its majority interest in its outdoor advertising businesses in Russia and Romania (News Outdoor Russia) for cash consideration of approximately \$360 million. In connection with the sale, the Company repaid \$32 million of News Outdoor Russia debt. (See Note 9 Borrowings) The Company recorded a gain related to the sale of this business, which was included in Other, net in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2012. The gain on the sale and the net income, assets, liabilities and cash flow attributable to the News Outdoor Russia operations were not material to the Company in any of the periods presented and, accordingly, have not been presented separately.

#### Other

In July 2011, the Company announced that it would close its publication, The News of the World, after allegations of phone hacking and payments to public officials. As a result of management s approval of the shutdown of *The News of the World*, the Company has reorganized portions of the U.K. newspaper business and has recorded restructuring charges in fiscal 2012 primarily for termination benefits and certain organizational restructuring at the U.K. newspapers. (See Note 4 Restructuring Programs) The Company is subject to several ongoing investigations by U.K. and U.S. regulators and governmental authorities, including investigations into whether similar conduct may have occurred at the Company s subsidiaries outside of the U.K. The Company is fully cooperating with these investigations. In addition, the Company has admitted liability in a number of civil cases related to the phone hacking allegations and has settled a number of cases. The Company has taken steps to solve the problems relating to The News of the World including the creation of an independently-chaired Management & Standards Committee (the MSC), which operates independently from NI Group Limited (News International) and has full authority to ensure complete cooperation with all relevant investigations and inquiries into The News of the World matters and all other related issues across News International. The MSC conducts its own internal investigation where appropriate. The MSC has an independent Chairman, Lord Grabiner QC, and reports directly to Joel Klein, Executive Vice President and a director of the Company. Mr. Klein reports to the independent members of the Board of Directors (the Board ) through their representative Viet Dinh, an independent director and Chairman of the Company s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The independent directors of the Board have retained independent outside counsel and are actively engaged in these matters. The MSC conducted an internal investigation of the three other titles at News International and engaged independent outside counsel to advise it on these investigations and all other matters it handles. News International has instituted governance reforms and issued certain enhanced policies to its employees. The Company has also engaged independent outside counsel to assist it in responding to U.S. governmental inquiries. (See Note 14 Contingencies for a summary of the costs of The News of the World Investigations and Litigation.)

The Company is actively marketing its former U.K. newspaper division headquarters located in East London, which it relocated from in August 2010. As of March 31, 2012, the estimated selling price, less the cost to sell this facility, was in excess of its book value. If the estimated selling price, less the costs to sell this facility, is less than its book value a loss would be recognized in an amount equal to that deficit. This asset held for sale, which is not material to the Company, has been reclassified from Property, plant and equipment, net to Other current assets and is no longer being depreciated. The Company expects to complete a sale of this facility within one year.

In fiscal 2012, the Company entered into an asset acquisition agreement with a third party in exchange for a noncontrolling ownership interest in one of the Company s majority-owned Regional Sports Networks (RSN). The noncontrolling shareholder has a put option related to its ownership interest that is exercisable beginning in fiscal 2015. Since redemption of the noncontrolling interest is outside of the control of the Company, the Company has accounted for this put option in accordance with ASC 480-10-S99-3A, Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity (ASC 480-10-S99-3A), and has recorded the put option at its fair value as a redeemable noncontrolling interest in the consolidated balance sheets.

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#### Fiscal 2011

During the first quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company acquired an additional interest in Asianet Communications Limited ( Asianet ), an Asian general entertainment television joint venture, for approximately \$92 million in cash. As a result of this transaction, the Company increased its interest in Asianet to 75% from the 51% it owned at June 30, 2010.

In November 2010, the Company formed a joint venture with China Media Capital ( CMC ), a media fund in China, to explore new growth opportunities. The Company transferred the equity and related assets of its STAR China business along with the Fortune Star Chinese movie library with a combined market value of approximately \$140 million and CMC paid cash of approximately \$74 million to the Company. Following this transaction, CMC holds a 53% controlling stake in the joint venture and the Company holds a 47% stake. The Company s interest in the joint venture was recorded at fair value of \$66 million, which was determined using a discounted cash flow valuation method and is now accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company recorded a gain on this transaction which was included in Other, net in the consolidated statements of operations. (See Note 17 Additional Financial Information)

In December 2010, the Company disposed of the Fox Mobile Group ( Fox Mobile ) and recorded a loss on the disposition which was included in Other, net in the consolidated statements of operations. (See Note 17 Additional Financial Information) The net income, assets, liabilities and cash flow attributable to the Fox Mobile operations were not material to the Company in any of the periods presented and, accordingly, have not been presented separately.

In fiscal 2011, the Company acquired Wireless Generation, an education technology company, for cash. Total consideration was approximately \$390 million, which included the equity purchase and the repayment of Wireless Generation s outstanding debt.

In April 2011, the Company acquired Shine Limited (Shine), an international television production company, for cash. The total consideration for this acquisition included (i) approximately \$480 million for the acquisition of the equity, of which approximately \$60 million has been set aside in escrow to satisfy any indemnification obligations, (ii) the repayment of Shine soutstanding debt of approximately \$135 million and (iii) net liabilities assumed. Elisabeth Murdoch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Shine, and daughter of Mr. K. R. Murdoch and sister of Messrs. Lachlan and James Murdoch, received approximately \$214 million in cash at closing in consideration for her majority ownership interest in Shine, and is entitled to her proportionate share of amounts that are released from escrow.

The aforementioned acquisitions were accounted for in accordance with ASC 805. In accordance with ASC 350, the excess purchase price that has been allocated or has been preliminarily allocated to goodwill is not being amortized for all of the acquisitions noted above. Where the allocation of the excess purchase price is not final, the amount allocated to goodwill is subject to change upon completion of final valuations of certain assets and liabilities. A future reduction in goodwill for additional value to be assigned to identifiable finite-lived intangible assets or tangible assets could reduce future earnings as a result of additional amortization.

In June 2011, the Company transferred the equity and related assets of Myspace to a digital media company in exchange for an equity interest in the acquirer. As a result of this transaction, the Company s interest in the acquirer, which is not material, was recorded at fair value and is now accounted for under the cost method of accounting. The loss on this transaction was approximately \$254 million, net of tax of \$61 million, or (\$0.10) per diluted share and was included in Loss on disposition of discontinued operations, net of tax in the consolidated statements of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The assets, liabilities and cash flow attributable

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to the Myspace operations were not material to the Company in any of the periods presented and, accordingly, have not been presented separately. Revenues attributable to Myspace for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2011 were \$15 million and \$95 million, respectively. Operating losses attributable to Myspace for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2011 were \$54 million and \$172 million, respectively.

#### Note 3 Receivables, net

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

The Company has receivables with original maturities greater than one year in duration principally related to the Company s sale of program rights in the television syndication markets within the Filmed Entertainment segment. Allowances for credit losses are established against these non-current receivables as necessary. As of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, these allowances were not material.

Receivables, net consisted of:

	At March 31, 2012	At June 30, 2011
	(in mi	llions)
Total receivables	\$ 8,128	\$ 7,779
Allowances for returns and doubtful accounts	(1,114)	(1,099)
Total receivables, net	7,014	6,680
Less: current receivables, net	(6,616)	(6,330)
Non-current receivables, net	\$ 398	\$ 350

## **Note 4 Restructuring Programs**

The Company recorded restructuring charges of approximately \$17 million and \$144 million in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012, respectively, of which \$12 million and \$132 million, respectively, related to the newspaper businesses. The Company reorganized portions of the newspaper businesses and recorded restructuring charges primarily for termination benefits as a result of the shutdown of *The News of the World*, certain organizational restructurings at other newspapers and the shutdown of a regional newspaper. As a result of the shutdown of the regional newspaper, the Company has written-off associated intangible assets of approximately \$10 million in the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012.

In fiscal 2011, the Company recorded restructuring charges of approximately \$145 million, of which \$3 million and \$117 million were recorded during the three and nine months ended March 31, 2011, respectively. The fiscal 2011 restructuring charges primarily consisted of a \$115 million charge related to the Company s digital media properties and \$25 million related to termination benefits recorded at the newspaper businesses. The charges at the Company s digital media properties were a result of an organizational restructuring to align resources more closely with business priorities and consisted of facility related costs of \$95 million, termination benefits of \$18 million and other associated costs of \$2 million.

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The Company expects to record an additional \$60 million of restructuring charges, principally related to accretion on facility termination obligations through fiscal 2021 and additional termination benefits related to the newspaper businesses. At March 31, 2012, restructuring liabilities of approximately \$72 million and \$156 million were included in the consolidated balance sheets in other current liabilities and other liabilities, respectively. Amounts included in other liabilities primarily relate to facility termination obligations, which are expected to be paid through fiscal 2021.

Changes in the program liabilities were as follows:

	For the three months ended March 31, 2012 For the One One				r the 1	he three months ended March 31, 2011					011				
	time termination benefits	re	cility lated osts (in n		her sts	,	Γotal	time terminat benefit		re	cility lated osts (in r		ther osts	1	otal
Beginning of period	\$ 59	\$	195	\$		\$	254	\$ 29		\$	229	\$	7	\$	265
Additions	8		3		6		17				3				3
Payments	(29)		(9)		(1)		(39)	(14	)		(9)		(6)		(29)
Other					(4)		(4)	(1	)		(1)		1		(1)
End of period	\$ 38	\$	189	\$	1	\$	228	\$ 14		\$	222	\$	2	\$	238

	For the One	,				ne nine months ended March 31, 2011				)11	
	time termination benefits	Facility related costs	Other costs	Total	time termination benefits	re	cility lated costs	co	her osts	T	Γotal
		(i	n millions)				(in m	illions	)		
Beginning of period	\$ 27	\$ 207	\$	\$ 234	\$ 32	\$	154	\$	6	\$	192
Additions	110	9	25	144	22		93		2		117
Payments	(94)	(27	(13)	(134)	(39)		(24)		(6)		(69)
Other	(5)		(11)	(16)	(1)		(1)				(2)
End of period	\$ 38	\$ 189	\$ 1	\$ 228	\$ 14	\$	222	\$	2	\$	238

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#### Note 5 Inventories, net

The Company s inventories were comprised of the following:

	At March 31, 2012 (in mi	At June 30, 2011
	,	/
Programming rights	\$ 4,431	\$ 3,512
Books, DVDs, Blu-rays, paper and other merchandise	372	373
Filmed entertainment costs:		
Films:		
Released (including acquired film libraries)	621	755
Completed, not released	72	31
In production	757	784
In development or preproduction	169	98
	1,619	1,668
Television productions:		
Released (including acquired libraries)	547	617
In production	430	356
In development or preproduction	4	4
	981	977
Total filmed entertainment costs, less accumulated amortization <sup>(a)</sup>	2,600	2,645
Total inventories, net Less: current portion of inventory, net <sup>(b)</sup>	7,403 (2,864)	6,530 (2,332)
Total noncurrent inventories, net	\$ 4,539	\$ 4,198

Does not include \$405 million and \$428 million of net intangible film library costs as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively, which are included in intangible assets subject to amortization in the consolidated balance sheets.

#### Note 6 Investments

The Company s investments were comprised of the following:

Ownership At At Percentage March 31, June 30,

<sup>(</sup>b) Current inventory as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011 was comprised of programming rights (\$2,525 million and \$1,995 million, respectively), books, DVDs, Blu-rays, paper and other merchandise.

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			2012	2011
			(in mi	illions)
Equity method investments:				
British Sky Broadcasting Group plc <sup>(a)</sup>	U.K. DBS operator	39%	\$ 1,774	\$ 1,532
NDS Group Limited	Digital technology company	49%	471	423
Sky Network Television Ltd. <sup>(a)</sup>	New Zealand media company	44%	383	424
Sky Deutschland AG <sup>(a)</sup>	German pay-TV operator	49.9%	251	304
Other equity method investments		various	863	1,107
Fair value of available-for-sale investments <sup>(b)</sup>		various	513	652
Other investments		various	463	425
			\$4,718	\$ 4,867

<sup>(</sup>a) The market value of the Company s investment in British Sky Broadcasting Group plc (BSkyB), Sky Deutschland AG (Sky Deutschland) and Sky Network Television Ltd. of \$7,240 million, \$1,076 million and \$720 million at March 31, 2012, respectively, were valued using quoted market prices.

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(b) Includes investments in publicly traded common stock, which were valued using quoted market prices, and the convertible bond issued by Sky Deutschland, which consists of the host and derivative financial instrument components. The convertible bond components were measured using the discounted cash flows and Black-Scholes valuation methods. Inputs to these valuation measures include observable market data such as stock prices and interest rates.

The cost basis, unrealized gains, unrealized losses and fair market value of available-for-sale investments are set forth below:

	At March 31, 2012	At June 30, 2011 illions)
Cost basis of available-for-sale investments	\$ 269	\$ 269
Accumulated gross unrealized gain	244	383
Fair value of available-for-sale investments	\$ 513	\$ 652
Net deferred tax liability <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 90	\$ 132

<sup>(</sup>a) The net deferred tax liability includes \$97 million and \$113 million related to unrealized gains recorded in comprehensive income as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, respectively.

## BSkyB

During fiscal 2010, the Company announced that it had proposed to the board of directors of BSkyB, in which the Company currently has an approximate 39% interest, to make a cash offer for the BSkyB shares that the Company does not already own. On July 13, 2011, the Company announced that it no longer intended to make an offer for the BSkyB shares that the Company does not already own. As a result of the July 2011 announcement, the Company paid BSkyB a termination fee of approximately \$63 million in accordance with a cooperation agreement between the parties. The termination fee was reflected in Other, net in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended March 31, 2012.

In November 2011, BSkyB s shareholders and board of directors authorized a share repurchase program. The Company entered into an agreement with BSkyB under which, following any market purchases of shares by BSkyB, the Company will sell to BSkyB sufficient shares to maintain its approximate 39% interest subsequent to those market purchases, for a price equal to the price paid by BSkyB in respect of the relevant market purchases. BSkyB began repurchasing shares as part of this share repurchase program during the second quarter of fiscal 2012. As a result, the Company received cash consideration of approximately \$189 million during fiscal 2012 and recognized gains of approximately \$111 million and \$155 million which was included in Equity earnings of affiliates in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012, respectively.

#### Sky Deutschland

In fiscal 2011, the Company entered into an agreement with Sky Deutschland to backstop 400 million (approximately \$525 million) of financing measures that were being initiated by Sky Deutschland. The financing measures were executed in stages and completed in December 2011. The first capital increase was structured as a rights issue in which the Company purchased additional shares of Sky Deutschland for approximately \$150 million in September 2010. In the second capital increase, the Company purchased a convertible bond for

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approximately \$225 million in January 2011. In December 2011, as part of the third capital increase, the Company provided a loan of approximately \$80 million with a maturity date of March 2014.

The Company currently has the right to convert the bond from the second capital increase into 53.9 million underlying Sky Deutschland shares, subject to certain black-out periods. If not converted, the Company will have the option to redeem the bond for cash upon its maturity in January 2015. The convertible bond was separated into its host and derivative financial instrument components, both of which are recorded at their estimated fair value in Investments in the consolidated balance sheets. The change in estimated fair value of the derivative instrument of approximately \$(7) million and \$82 million was recorded in Other, net in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012, respectively.

In February 2012, the Company agreed to backstop 300 million (approximately \$395 million) of financing measures that are being initiated by Sky Deutschland. The first step of the financing was completed in February 2012, in which Sky Deutschland raised approximately 155 million, and the Company acquired 35.3 million additional shares of Sky Deutschland maintaining its ownership at 49.9%. The aggregate cost of the shares acquired by the Company was approximately 80 million (approximately \$100 million) and the shares were newly registered shares issued pursuant to the capital increase. The second capital increase of 145 million (approximately \$195 million) is expected to be raised by Sky Deutschland by the end of September 2012 and is planned through any or a combination of the following measures: a rights offering, a private placement, a loan provided by the Company and/or a convertible bond underlying Sky Deutschland shares. In the event that a convertible bond is issued, the remaining 145 million funding will be increased by the amount of interest payable on the bond from the date of issue until December 31, 2013. The Company s backstop commitment is subject to certain customary conditions such as the absence of a material adverse change in Sky Deutschland s business.

In addition to the financing measures noted above, the Company has also agreed to loan Sky Deutschland approximately \$70 million to support the launch of a sports news channel which it expects to fund within one year.

#### Other

In August 2010, the Company increased its investment in Tata Sky Ltd. ( Tata Sky ) for approximately \$88 million in cash. As a result of this transaction, the Company increased its interest in Tata Sky to approximately 30% from the 20% it owned at June 30, 2010.

In March 2012, the Company sold its 17% interest in Hathway Cable and Datacom Limited for approximately \$71 million. The Company recorded a gain of approximately \$23 million on this transaction which is included in Other, net in the unaudited statements of operations for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012.

In March 2012, the Company and funds advised by Permira Advisers LLP signed an agreement to sell NDS Group Limited (NDS) to Cisco Systems Inc. for approximately \$5 billion, including the assumption of debt. The Company owns approximately 49% of NDS. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including regulatory review in the U.S. and elsewhere, and is expected to close during the second half of calendar year 2012.

In April 2012, FOXTEL, a cable and satellite television service in Australia in which the Company currently owns a 25% interest, entered into an agreement to purchase Austar United Communications Ltd ( Austar ) to create a national subscription television service in Australia. The Company s contribution to this transaction is a subordinated shareholder note of approximately \$230 million, which was issued subsequent to March 31, 2012. The subordinated shareholder note is subject to the completion of the Austar acquisition and has a maximum

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term of 15 years, with interest payable on June 30<sup>th</sup> each year and at maturity. The subordinated shareholder note can be repaid in 10 years provided that FOXTEL s senior debt has been repaid. Upon maturity, the principal advanced will be repayable.

#### Note 7 Fair Value

In accordance with ASC 820, fair value measurements are required to be disclosed using a three-tiered fair value hierarchy which distinguishes market participant assumptions into the following categories: (i) inputs that are quoted prices in active markets (Level 1); (ii) inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable, including quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities (Level 2); and (iii) inputs that require the entity to use its own assumptions about market participant assumptions (Level 3). Additionally, in accordance with ASC 815, Derivatives and Hedging, the Company has included additional disclosures about the Company s derivatives and hedging activities (Level 2).

The tables below present information about financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value on a recurring basis:

			Measurements 1 31, 2012  Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
Description	Total	(Level 1)	(Level 2) nillions)	(Level 3)
Assets		(111 1	iniions)	
Available-for-sale securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 513	\$ 315	\$ 198	\$
Derivatives <sup>(2)</sup>	13		13	
Redeemable noncontrolling interests <sup>(3)</sup>	(602)			(602)
Total	\$ (76)	\$ 315	\$ 211	\$ (602)

	June 30, 2011								
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<u>Description</u>	Total	(Le	vel 1)		evel 2)	(L	evel 3)		
			(ın r	nillions)					
Assets									
Available-for-sale securities <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 652	\$	360	\$	292	\$			
Liabilities									
Derivatives <sup>(2)</sup>	(22)				(22)				
Redeemable noncontrolling interests <sup>(3)</sup>	(242)						(242)		
Total	\$ 388	\$	360	\$	270	\$	(242)		

- (1) See Note 6 Investments.
- (2) Represents derivatives associated with the Company s foreign exchange forward contracts designated as hedges.

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(3) The Company accounts for the redeemable noncontrolling interests in accordance with ASC 480-10-S99-3A because their exercise is outside the control of the Company and, accordingly, as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, has included the fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interests in the consolidated balance sheets. The majority of redeemable noncontrolling interests recorded at fair value are put arrangements held by the noncontrolling interests in two of the Company s majority-owned RSNs and in one of the Company s Asian general entertainment television joint ventures.

The Company utilizes the market, income or cost approaches or a combination of these valuation techniques for its Level 3 fair value measures. Inputs to such measures could include observable market data obtained from independent sources such as broker quotes and recent market transactions for similar assets. It is the Company s policy to maximize the use of observable inputs in the measurement of its Level 3 fair value measurements. To the extent observable inputs are not available, the Company utilizes unobservable inputs based upon the assumptions market participants would use in valuing the asset. Examples of utilized unobservable inputs are future cash flows, long term growth rates and applicable discount rates.

Significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company s redeemable noncontrolling interests are earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) growth rates (3%-4% range), discount rates (8%-9% range) and peer multiples (9x-16x range). Significant increases (decreases) in growth rates and multiples, assuming no change in discount rates, would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement. Significant decreases (increases) in discount rates, assuming no changes in growth rates and multiples, would result in a significantly higher (lower) fair value measurement.

The fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interests in the RSNs were primarily determined by (i) applying a multiples-based formula that is intended to approximate fair value for one of the RSNs and (ii) using a discounted EBITDA valuation model, assuming a 9% discount rate for the other RSN. At March 31, 2012, the minority shareholder s put right in one of the RSNs is currently exercisable.

The fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest in the Asian general entertainment television joint venture was determined using a market approach. At March 31, 2012, the minority shareholder s put right is exercisable.

The remaining redeemable noncontrolling interest is currently not exercisable and is not material.

The changes in redeemable noncontrolling interests classified as Level 3 measurements were as follows:

	For the nine n Marc	
	2012 (in mil	2011 llions)
Beginning of period	\$ (242)	\$ (325)
Total losses included in net income	(55)	(12)
Total gains (losses) included in other comprehensive income		
Issuance of redeemable noncontrolling interest	(273)	
Other	(32)	9
End of period	\$ (602)	\$ (328)

#### Financial Instruments

The carrying value of the Company s financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payables and cost investments, approximates fair value.

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The aggregate fair value of the Company s borrowings at March 31, 2012 was approximately \$17,917 million compared with a carrying value of \$15,460 million and, at June 30, 2011, was approximately \$17,152 million compared with a carrying value of \$15,495 million. Fair value is generally determined by reference to market values resulting from trading on a national securities exchange or in an over-the-counter market.

#### Foreign Currency Forward Contracts

The Company uses financial instruments designated as cash flow hedges primarily to hedge certain exposures to foreign currency exchange risks associated with the cost for producing or acquiring films and television programming abroad. The notional amount of foreign exchange forward contracts with foreign currency risk outstanding at March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011 was \$324 million and \$766 million, respectively. As of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, the fair values of the foreign exchange forward contracts of approximately \$13 million and \$(22) million, respectively, were recorded in the underlying hedged balances. The Company s foreign currency forward contracts are valued using an income approach based on the present value of the forward rate less the contract rate multiplied by the notional amount.

The effective changes in fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012 of \$(8) million and \$47 million, respectively, were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income with foreign currency translation adjustments. The ineffective changes in fair value of derivatives designated as cash flow hedges were immaterial. Amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income when the underlying hedged item is recognized in earnings. During the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company reclassified gains of approximately \$11 million and \$3 million, respectively, from other comprehensive income to net income. During the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, the Company reclassified gains of \$12 million from other comprehensive income to net income. The Company expects to reclassify the cumulative change in fair value included in other comprehensive income within the next 24 months. Cash flows from the settlement of foreign exchange forward contracts offset cash flows from the underlying hedged item and are included in operating activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

#### Concentrations of Credit Risk

Cash and cash equivalents are maintained with several financial institutions. The Company has deposits held with banks that exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. Generally, these deposits may be redeemed upon demand and are maintained with financial institutions of reputable credit and, therefore, bear minimal credit risk.

The Company s receivables did not represent significant concentrations of credit risk at March 31, 2012 or June 30, 2011 due to the wide variety of customers, markets and geographic areas to which the Company s products and services are sold.

The Company monitors its positions with, and the credit quality of, the financial institutions which are counterparties to its financial instruments. The Company is exposed to credit loss in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to the agreements. At March 31, 2012, the Company did not anticipate nonperformance by any of the counterparties.

#### Note 8 Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The increase in the carrying value of goodwill during the nine months ended March 31, 2012 was primarily due to the consolidation of FPAS in December 2011, partially offset by foreign currency adjustments and the News Outdoor Russia disposition in July 2011.

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During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, the Company performed an interim impairment review of its Digital Media Group reporting unit s goodwill as a result of lower than expected earnings and cash flows relative to the assumptions utilized in its fiscal 2010 annual impairment review, as well as the organizational restructuring at this reporting unit. As a result of the review performed, the Company recorded a non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$168 million during the nine months ended March 31, 2011.

The Company s goodwill impairment review was determined using a two-step process. The first step of the process was to compare the fair value of the reporting unit with its carrying amount, including goodwill. In performing the first step, the Company determined the fair value of the reporting unit by primarily using a discounted cash flow analysis and market-based valuation approach methodologies. Determining fair value required the exercise of significant judgments, including judgments about appropriate discount rates, perpetual growth rates, relevant comparable company earnings multiples and the amount and timing of expected future cash flows. The cash flows employed in the analyses were based on the Company s estimated outlook and various growth rates have been assumed for years beyond the long-term business plan period. Discount rate assumptions were based on an assessment of the risk inherent in the future cash flows of the respective reporting unit. In assessing the reasonableness of its determined fair values, the Company evaluated its results against other value indicators, such as comparable public company trading values. As the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeded its fair value, the second step of the goodwill impairment review was required to be performed to estimate the implied fair value of the reporting unit s goodwill. The implied fair value of goodwill was determined in the same manner as the amount of goodwill recognized in a business combination. That is, the estimated fair value of the reporting unit was allocated to all of the assets and liabilities of that unit (including any unrecognized intangible assets) as if the reporting unit had been acquired in a business combination and the estimated fair value of the reporting unit was the purchase price paid. The implied fair value of the reporting unit s goodwill was compared with the carrying amount of that goodwill. As the carrying amount of that excess.

#### Note 9 Borrowings

#### Notes due 2021 and 2041

In February 2011, News America Incorporated (NAI), a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, issued \$1.0 billion of 4.50% Senior Notes due 2021 and \$1.5 billion of 6.15% Senior Notes due 2041. The net proceeds of \$2.5 billion will be used for general corporate purposes, including the refinancing of near term maturities.

#### LYONs

In February 2001, NAI issued Liquid Yield Option<sup>TM</sup> Notes (LYONs) which paid no interest and had an aggregate principal amount at maturity of \$1,515 million, representing a yield of 3.5% per annum on the issue price. The notes were recorded at a discount and were being accreted using the effective interest rate method. On February 28, 2006, 92% of the LYONs were redeemed for cash at the specified redemption amount of \$594.25 per LYON. Accordingly, NAI paid an aggregate of approximately \$831 million to the holders of the LYONs that had exercised this redemption option.

The remaining notes were redeemable at the option of the holders on February 28, 2011 at a price of \$706.82 per LYON. During fiscal 2011, the outstanding LYONs were redeemed for cash of approximately \$82 million.

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#### Other

In August 2006, the Company entered into a loan agreement with Raiffeisen Zentralbank Österreich AG (RZB), which was subsequently amended in September 2009. As of June 30, 2011, \$32 million was outstanding under this loan agreement which was classified as current borrowings. The Company repaid this amount in July 2011 in connection with the disposal of News Outdoor Russia. (See Note 2 Acquisitions, Disposals and Other Transactions)

In February 2011, NAI completed a tender offer on a portion of the \$500 million of 9.25% Senior Debentures due February 1, 2013 and retired, at a premium, an aggregate principal amount of approximately \$227 million. The loss on early extinguishment of debt was approximately \$36 million which was included in Other, net in the consolidated statements of operations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. The remaining principle of \$273 million is included in Borrowings within current liabilities as of March 31, 2012.

#### **Note 10 Film Production Financing**

The Company enters into arrangements with third parties to co-produce certain of its theatrical productions. These arrangements, which are referred to as co-financing arrangements, take various forms. The parties to these arrangements include studio and non-studio entities, both domestic and international. In several of these agreements, other parties control certain distribution rights. The Filmed Entertainment segment records the amounts received for the sale of an economic interest as a reduction of the cost of the film, as the investor assumes full risk for that portion of the film asset acquired in these transactions. The substance of these arrangements is that the third-party investors own an interest in the film and, therefore, receive a participation based on the third-party investor s contractual interest in the profits or losses incurred on the film. Consistent with the requirements of ASC 926, Entertainment Films, the estimate of the third-party investor s interest in profits or losses incurred on the film is determined by reference to the ratio of actual revenue earned to date in relation to total estimated ultimate revenues. During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011, the Company bought out the ownership interests of a group of third party investors in an existing slate of films and extended its co-financing arrangement with such investors for an additional two years for production starts through August 1, 2012. The Company negotiated a buy out of the investors remaining interests in their underlying slate of films, at a price that was based on the then remaining projected future cash flows that the investors would have received from the slate.

# Note 11 Equity

The following table summarizes changes in equity:

	For the three months ended March 31,								
			2012						
	News	News			News				
	Corporation	Noncontrolling Interests		Total	Corporation	Noncontrolling Interests		Total	
	Stockholders			Equity	Stockholders			Equity	
				(in millions)					
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 27,454	\$	495	\$ 27,949	\$ 27,414	\$	451	\$ 27,865	
Net income	937		45 <sup>(a)</sup>	982	639		38 <sup>(a)</sup>	677	
Other comprehensive income	414		(b)	414	502		2 <sup>(b)</sup>	504	
(Cancellation) issuance of shares, net	(734)			(734)	22			22	
Dividends declared	(209)			(209)	(199)			(199)	
Other	45		$(2)^{(c)}$	43	35		3 <sup>(c)</sup>	38	
Balance, end of period	\$ 27,907	\$	538	\$ 28,445	\$ 28,413	\$	494	\$ 28,907	

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	For the nine months ended March 31,							
		2012						
	News			News				
	Corporation			Total	Corporation	Noncontrolling		Total
	Stockholders			Equity	•		terests	Equity
				(in m	illions)			
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 29,506	\$	578	\$ 30,084	\$ 25,113	\$	428	\$ 25,541
Net income	2,732		129 <sup>(a)</sup>	2,861	2,056		98 <sup>(a)</sup>	2,154
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(667)		$(4)^{(b)}$	(671)	1,613		10 <sup>(b)</sup>	1,623
(Cancellation) issuance of shares, net	(3,134)			(3,134)	75			75
Dividends declared	(455)			(455)	(396)			(396)
Other	(75)		$(165)^{(c)}$	(240)	(48)		$(42)^{(c)}$	(90)
Balance, end of period	\$ 27,907	\$	538	\$ 28,445	\$ 28,413	\$	494	\$ 28,907

- (a) Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests excludes \$21 million and \$5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$55 million and \$12 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, relating to redeemable noncontrolling interests which are reflected in temporary equity.
- (b) Other comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests excludes nil for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, relating to redeemable noncontrolling interests.
- Other activity attributable to noncontrolling interests excludes \$(6) million and \$3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and \$305 million and \$(9) million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, relating to redeemable noncontrolling interests.

#### Dividends

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.085 per share on both the Class A common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( Class A Common Stock ) and the Class B common stock, par value \$0.01 per share ( Class B Common Stock ) in the three months ended March 31, 2012, which was paid in April 2012 to stockholders of record on March 14, 2012. The related total aggregate dividend paid to stockholders in April 2012 was approximately \$209 million.

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.095 per share on both the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock in the three months ended September 30, 2011, which was paid in October 2011 to stockholders of record on September 14, 2011. The related total aggregate dividend paid to stockholders in October 2011 was approximately \$246 million.

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.075 per share on both the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock in the three months ended March 31, 2011, which was paid in April 2011 to stockholders of record on March 16, 2011. The related total aggregate dividend paid to stockholders in April 2011 was approximately \$199 million.

The Company declared a dividend of \$0.075 per share on both the Class A Common Stock and the Class B Common Stock in the three months ended September 30, 2010, which was paid in October 2010 to stockholders of record on September 8, 2010. The related total aggregate dividend paid to stockholders in October 2010 was approximately \$197 million.

# Stock Repurchase Program

The Board had authorized a total stock repurchase program of \$6 billion with a remaining authorized amount under the program of approximately \$1.8 billion, excluding commissions as of June 30, 2011. In July

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2011, the Company announced that the Board had authorized increasing the total amount of the stock repurchase program remaining by approximately \$3.2 billion to \$5 billion. The remaining authorized amount under the Company s stock repurchase program at March 31, 2012, excluding commissions, was approximately \$1.7 billion.

In May 2012, the Company announced that the Board approved a \$5 billion increase to the Company s stock repurchase program for the repurchase of Class A Common Stock. The Company is targeting to acquire the additional \$5 billion of Class A Common Stock from time to time by June 30, 2013.

#### Temporary Suspension of Voting Rights Affecting Non-U.S. Stockholders

On April 18, 2012, the Company announced that in order to ensure compliance with U.S. law, it has suspended 50% of the voting rights of the Class B Common Stock held by stockholders who are not U.S. citizens (Non-U.S. Stockholders). This suspension of voting rights was immediately effective and will remain in place for as long as the Company deems it necessary to maintain compliance with applicable U.S. law, which states that no broadcast station licensee may be owned by a corporation if more than 25% of that corporation s stock is owned or voted by Non-U.S. Stockholders. The Company had determined that as of April 18, 2012 approximately 36% of the Company s Class B Common Stock is owned by Non-U.S. Stockholders, and the combined ownership of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock by Non-U.S. Stockholders is approximately 22% of the combined outstanding shares of Class A Common Stock and Class B Common Stock. The Company owns broadcast station licensees in connection with its ownership and operation of 27 U.S. television stations. However, the suspension will not apply in connection with any vote on any matter on which holders of Class A Common Stock shall be entitled to vote together with holders of Class B Common Stock as described in the Company s Restated Certificate of Incorporation. The suspension will not impact the rights of Non-U.S. Stockholders of Class B Common Stock to receive dividends and distributions.

#### Voting Agreement with the Murdoch Family Interests

On April 18, 2012, the Murdoch Family Trust and K. Rupert Murdoch (together the Murdoch Family Interests ) entered into an agreement with the Company, whereby the Murdoch Family Interests agreed to limit their voting rights during the voting rights suspension period. Under this agreement, the Murdoch Family Interests will not vote or provide voting instructions with respect to a portion of their shares of Class B Common Stock to the extent that doing so would increase their percentage of voting power from what it was prior to the suspension of voting rights. Accordingly, after the suspension of voting rights, the aggregate percentage vote of the Murdoch Family Interests will remain initially at 39.7% of the outstanding shares of Class B Common Stock not subject to the suspension of voting rights, and the percentage vote may be adjusted as provided in the agreement with the Company.

#### Note 12 Equity-Based Compensation

The following table summarizes the Company s equity-based compensation transactions:

	For the three months ended March 31,		For the nine months ended March 31,		
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
		(in millions)			
Equity-based compensation	\$ 58	\$ 50	\$ 165	\$ 125	
Cash received from exercise of equity-based compensation	\$ 72	\$ 12	\$ 80	\$ 12	

At March 31, 2012, the Company s total compensation cost related to non-vested stock options, restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance stock units (PSUs) not yet recognized for all equity-based compensation plans was approximately \$228 million, the majority of which is expected to be recognized over the next three

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fiscal years. Compensation expense on all equity-based awards is generally recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the entire award. However, certain performance based awards are recognized on an accelerated basis.

The intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 was \$18 million and \$1 million, respectively. The intrinsic value of the stock options outstanding as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011 was \$26 million and \$11 million, respectively.

At March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011, the liability for cash-settled awards was approximately \$91 million and \$58 million, respectively.

The Company recognized a tax benefit (expense) on vested RSUs and stock options exercised of approximately \$13 million and \$(3) million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

#### Performance Stock Units

PSUs are fair valued on the date of grant and expensed using a straight-line method as the awards cliff vest at the end of the three year performance period. The Company also estimates the number of shares expected to vest which is based on management s determination of the probable outcome of the performance condition, which requires considerable judgment. The Company records a cumulative adjustment in periods that the Company s estimate of the number of shares expected to vest changes. Additionally, the Company ultimately adjusts the expense recognized to reflect the actual vested shares following the resolution of the performance conditions.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2012, certain executives of the Company responsible for various business units within the Company each received a grant of PSUs that has a three year performance measurement period beginning in July 2011. The awards are subject to the achievement of pre-defined goals for operating profit, cash flow and key divisional performance indicators for the applicable performance period. The majority of these awards will be settled in shares of Class A Common Stock.

In August 2011 and 2010, the Compensation Committee approved a grant of PSUs that has a three year performance measurement period beginning for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2012 and 2011, respectively. For executive directors of the Company, each PSU represents the right to receive the U.S. dollar value of one share of Class A Common Stock in cash after the completion of the three year performance period, subject to the satisfaction of one or more pre-established objective performance measures determined by the Compensation Committee. These awards have a graded vesting and the expense recognition is accelerated.

In fiscal 2012 and 2011, a total of 9.1 million and 1.8 million target PSUs were issued, respectively, of which 6.8 million and nil, respectively, will be settled in shares of Class A Common Stock.

#### Restricted Stock Units

During the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately 6.7 million and 13.2 million RSUs were issued, respectively, of which 6.5 million and 10.7 million, respectively, will be settled in shares of Class A Common Stock. RSUs granted to executive directors and certain awards granted to employees in certain foreign locations are settled in cash.

During the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, approximately 8.4 million and 9.4 million RSUs vested, respectively, of which approximately 7.2 million and 7.8 million, respectively, were settled in shares of

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Class A Common Stock, before statutory tax withholdings. The fair value of RSUs settled in shares of Class A Common Stock was approximately \$119 million and \$105 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. The remaining 1.2 million and 1.6 million RSUs settled during the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, were settled in cash of approximately \$19 million and \$23 million, respectively, before statutory tax withholdings.

#### **Note 13 Commitments and Guarantees**

#### **Commitments**

The Company has commitments under certain firm contractual arrangements (firm commitments) to make future payments. These firm commitments secure the future rights to various assets and services to be used in the normal course of operations. The total firm commitments and future debt repayments as of March 31, 2012 and June 30, 2011 were \$60 billion and \$49 billion, respectively. The increase from June 30, 2011 was primarily due to the new agreement with the National Football League, renewals of certain rights at the Company s RSNs and international sports programming rights. Subsequent to March 31, 2012, the Company entered into an agreement for the rights to broadcast cricket matches organized by the Board of Control for Cricket in India through fiscal 2018. Under the terms of the agreement, the Company is required to obtain a bank guarantee covering the programming rights obligation.

#### Guarantees

The Company s guarantees have not changed significantly from the disclosures included in the 2011 Form 10-K.

#### **Note 14 Contingencies**

#### Intermix

On August 26, 2005 and August 30, 2005, two purported class action lawsuits captioned, respectively, Ron Sheppard v. Richard Rosenblatt et. al., and John Friedmann v. Intermix Media, Inc. et al., were filed in the California Superior Court, County of Los Angeles. Both lawsuits named as defendants all of the then incumbent members of the board of directors of Intermix Media, Inc. ( Intermix ), including Mr. Rosenblatt, Intermix s former Chief Executive Officer, and certain entities affiliated with VantagePoint Venture Partners ( VantagePoint ), a former major Intermix stockholder. The complaints alleged that, in pursuing the transaction whereby Intermix was to be acquired by Fox Interactive Media, a subsidiary of the Company (the FIM Transaction ), and approving the related merger agreement, the director defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Intermix stockholders by, among other things, engaging in self-dealing and failing to obtain the highest price reasonably available for Intermix and its stockholders. The complaints further alleged that the merger agreement resulted from a flawed process and that the defendants tailored the terms of the merger to advance their own interests. The FIM Transaction was consummated on September 30, 2005. The Friedmann and Sheppard lawsuits were subsequently consolidated and, on January 17, 2006, a consolidated amended complaint was filed (the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation ). The plaintiffs in the consolidated action sought various forms of declaratory relief, damages, disgorgement and fees and costs. On March 20, 2006, the court ordered that substantially identical claims asserted in a separate state action filed by Brad Greenspan, captioned Greenspan v. Intermix Media, Inc., et al., be severed and related to the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation. The defendants filed demurrers seeking dismissal of all claims in the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation and the severed Greenspan claims. On October 6, 2006, the court sustained the demurrers without leave to amend. On December 13, 2006, the court dismissed the complaints and entered judgment for the defendants. Greenspan and plaintiffs in the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation filed notices of appeal. The Court of Appeal heard arguments on the fully briefed appeal on October 23, 2008. On November 11, 2008, the Court of Appeal issued

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an unpublished opinion affirming the lower court s dismissal on all counts. On December 19, 2008, stockholder appellants filed a Petition for Review with the California Supreme Court. The California Supreme Court denied review on February 18, 2009 and the judgment is now final.

In November 2005, plaintiff in a derivative action captioned LeBoyer v. Greenspan et al. pending against various former Intermix directors and officers in the United States District Court for the Central District of California filed a First Amended Class and Derivative Complaint (the Amended Complaint ). The original derivative action was filed in May 2003 and arose out of Intermix s restatement of quarterly financial results for its fiscal year ended March 31, 2003. A substantially similar derivative action filed in Los Angeles Superior Court was dismissed based on the inability of the plaintiffs to plead adequately demand futility. The Amended Complaint added various allegations and purported class claims arising out of the FIM Transaction that are substantially similar to those asserted in the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation. The Amended Complaint also added as defendants the individuals and entities named in the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation that were not already defendants in the matter. On October 16, 2006, the court dismissed the fourth through seventh claims for relief, which related to the 2003 restatement, finding that the plaintiff is precluded from relitigating demand futility. At the same time, the court asked for further briefing regarding plaintiffs standing to assert derivative claims based on the FIM Transaction, including for alleged violation of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), the effect of the state judge s dismissal of the claims in the Greenspan case and the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation on the remaining direct class action claims alleging breaches of fiduciary duty and other common law claims leading up to the FIM Transaction. The parties filed the requested additional briefing in which the defendants requested that the court stay the direct LeBoyer claims pending the resolution of any appeal in the Greenspan case and the Intermix Media Shareholder Litigation. By order dated May 22, 2007, the court granted defendants motion to dismiss the derivative claims arising out of the FIM Transaction, and denied the defendants request to stay the two remaining direct claims. As explained in more detail in the next paragraph, the court subsequently consolidated this case with the Brown v. Brewer action also pending before the court. On July 11, 2007, plaintiffs filed the consolidated first amended complaint under the Brown case title. See the discussion of the Brown case below for the subsequent developments in the consolidated case.

On June 14, 2006, a purported class action lawsuit, captioned Jim Brown v. Brett C. Brewer, et al., was filed against certain former Intermix directors and officers in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The plaintiff asserted claims for alleged violations of Section 14(a) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 14a-9, as well as control person liability under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The plaintiff alleged that certain defendants disseminated false and misleading definitive proxy statements on two occasions: one on December 30, 2003 in connection with the stockholder vote on January 29, 2004 on the election of directors and ratification of financing transactions with certain entities of VantagePoint; and another on August 25, 2005 in connection with the stockholder vote on the FIM Transaction. The complaint named as defendants certain VantagePoint related entities, the former general counsel and the members of the Intermix Board who were incumbent on the dates of the respective proxy statements. Intermix was not named as a defendant, but has certain indemnity obligations to the former officer and director defendants in connection with these claims and allegations. On August 25, 2006, plaintiff amended his complaint to add certain investment banks (the Investment Banks ) as defendants. Intermix has certain indemnity obligations to the Investment Banks as well. Plaintiff amended his complaint again on September 27, 2006, which defendants moved to dismiss. On February 9, 2007, the case was transferred to Judge George H. King, the judge assigned to the LeBoyer action, on the grounds that it raises substantially related questions of law and fact as LeBoyer, and would entail substantial duplication of labor if heard by different judges. On June 11, 2007, Judge King ordered the Brown case be consolidated with the LeBoyer action, ordered plaintiffs counsel to file a consolidated first amended complaint, and further ordered the parties to file a joint brief on defendants contemplated motion to dismiss the consolidated first amended complaint. On July 11, 2007, plaintiffs filed the consolidated first amended

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complaint, which defendants moved to dismiss. By order dated January 17, 2008, Judge King granted defendants motion to dismiss the 2003 proxy claims (concerning VantagePoint transactions) and the 2005 proxy claims (concerning the FIM Transaction), as well as a claim against the VantagePoint entities alleging unjust enrichment. The court found it unnecessary to rule on dismissal of the remaining claims, which are related to the 2005 FIM Transaction, because the dismissal disposed of those claims. On February 8, 2008, plaintiffs filed a consolidated second amended complaint, which defendants moved to dismiss on February 28, 2008. By order dated July 15, 2008, the court granted in part and denied in part defendants motion to dismiss. The 2003 claims and the claims against the Investment Banks were dismissed with prejudice. The Section 14(a), Section 20(a) and the breach of fiduciary duty claims related to the FIM Transaction remain against the officer and director defendants and the VantagePoint defendants. On November 14, 2008, plaintiff filed a motion for class certification to which defendants filed their opposition on January 14, 2009. On June 22, 2009, the court granted plaintiff s motion for class certification, certifying a class of all holders of Intermix common stock from July 18, 2005 through consummation of the FIM Transaction, who were allegedly harmed by defendants improper conduct as set forth in the complaint. On June 17, 2010, the court granted in part and denied in part defendants summary judgment motion filed on October 19, 2009. Specifically, the court denied plaintiff s motion for summary adjudication of a factual issue and denied defendants motion to exclude plaintiff s damages expert, which was filed on November 30, 2009. In the court s June 17, 2010 order, the court found that plaintiff could not proceed on any fiduciary duty claim based upon alleged violations of the duty of care, but found material issues of fact prohibiting summary judgment on alleged violations of fiduciary duty of loyalty. On plaintiff s Section 14(a) claim, the court found material issues of fact that prohibited summary judgment on the entire claim, but granted defendants motion as to certain purported omissions, finding the allegedly omitted information immaterial. Further, the court granted defendants motion as to two damage theories for the Section 14(a) claim, finding benefit of the bargain damages not viable and lost opportunity damages too speculative, and permitting plaintiff to proceed only based upon a theory of out-of-pocket damages. No trial date was set. On October 21, 2010, the parties agreed to a settlement of the action, which is subject to approval by the court. A formal stipulation of settlement was submitted to the court for its approval on December 28, 2010 and the Company recognized the terms of this settlement in its results of operations. The terms of this settlement were not material to the Company. On February 18, 2011, the court granted preliminary approval of the settlement. Plaintiff s counsel supervised notice of the settlement to the class. The notice provided class members with an opportunity to object. Two shareholders filed objections to the settlement with the court in April 2011. Both objectors had counsel appear on their behalf at a hearing on May 16, 2011 where the court considered plaintiff s motion for final approval of the settlement and plaintiff s counsel s motion for attorneys fees, which will come out of the settlement funds. At the hearing, the court did not rule on the motions and instead ordered that plaintiff, objector Trafelet & Co., and defendants submit joint briefing with respect to certain of Trafelet s objections. The joint brief was filed on June 10, 2011. The joint brief narrowed the objections to allocation of the settlement amount and sufficiency of the notice as it pertains to how the settlement funds will be allocated. The joint brief contained no objection to the settlement itself. On September 29, 2011, the court entered an order rejecting the settlement in so far as the court found that the proposed plan of allocation was not fair, adequate and reasonable because certain members of the certified class are releasing their claims under the settlement, but under the proposed plan, they will not be receiving any of the settlement proceeds. The court ordered the parties to submit a new plan of allocation within 30 days and stated that it will issue appropriate orders after reviewing the new plan. The court order had no effect on the settlement amount. Plaintiff and Trafelet submitted competing revised plans of allocation of the settlement proceeds. On December 19, 2011, the court set a hearing for January 12, 2012 to consider these plans and whether further notice should be provided to the class if the court were to approve a revised plan of allocation. The court heard argument on the issues of allocation and notice on January 12, 2012. On January 18, 2012, the court issued an order rejecting certain aspects of the plaintiff s revised plan of allocation, providing that plaintiff give supplemental notice of the revised plan of allocation with a period for objections, and setting March 19, 2012 as

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the hearing date for final approval of the settlement. Thereafter, two shareholders filed motions seeking to intervene in the action. The court rejected those motions. One shareholder submitted written objections to the revised plan of allocation and settlement. At the hearing on March 19, 2012, the court (a) approved the settlement and revised plan of allocation after considering, and rejecting, all of the objections that the court had received, including those submitted prior to the May 16, 2011 hearing, (b) denied an attempt by James Nelson, a purported shareholder, to assert additional oral objections during the hearing upon finding that such objections would be untimely, and (c) awarded attorneys fees, which are taken out of the settlement amount, paid per the terms of the settlement agreement. That same day, the court entered judgment dismissing the case with prejudice. On April 19, 2012, Mr. Nelson filed a notice of appeal in which he appealed from an order dated March 19, 2012 denying Mr. Nelson s request to assert additional oral objections to the settlement during the hearing on final approval of the settlement.

## Shareholder Litigation

On March 16, 2011, a complaint seeking to compel the inspection of the Company s books and records pursuant to 8 Del. C. § 220, captioned Central Laborers Pension Fund v. News Corporation, was filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery. The plaintiff requested the Company s books and records to investigate alleged possible breaches of fiduciary duty by the directors of the Company in connection with the Company s purchase of Shine (the Shine Transaction). The Company moved to dismiss the action. On November 30, 2011, the court issued an order granting the Company s motion and dismissing the complaint. The plaintiff filed a notice of appeal on December 13, 2011. The Delaware Supreme Court heard argument on the fully-briefed appeal on April 18, 2012. No decision on the appeal has been issued yet.

Also on March 16, 2011, two purported shareholders of the Company, one of which was Central Laborers Pension Fund, filed a derivative action in the Delaware Court of Chancery, captioned The Amalgamated Bank v. Murdoch, et al. (the Amalgamated Bank Litigation). The plaintiffs alleged that both the directors of the Company and Rupert Murdoch as a controlling shareholder breached their fiduciary duties in connection with the Shine Transaction. The suit named as defendants all directors of the Company, and named the Company as a nominal defendant. Similar claims against the same group of defendants were filed in the Delaware Court of Chancery by a purported shareholder of the Company, New Orleans Employees Retirement System, on March 25, 2011 (the New Orleans Employees Retirement Litigation). Both the Amalgamated Bank Litigation and the New Orleans Employees Retirement Litigation were consolidated on April 6, 2011 (the Consolidated Action), with The Amalgamated Bank s complaint serving as the operative complaint. The Consolidated Action was captioned In re News Corp. Shareholder Derivative Litigation. On April 9, 2011, the court entered a scheduling order governing the filing of an amended complaint and briefing on potential motions to dismiss.

Thereafter, the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action filed a Verified Consolidated Shareholder Derivative and Class Action Complaint (the Consolidated Complaint ) on May 13, 2011, seeking declaratory relief and damages. The Consolidated Complaint largely restated the claims in The Amalgamated Bank s initial complaint and also raised a direct claim on behalf of a purported class of Company shareholders relating to the possible addition of Elisabeth Murdoch to the Company s Board. The defendants filed opening briefs in support of motions to dismiss the Consolidated Complaint on June 10, 2011, as contemplated by the court s scheduling order. On July 8, 2011, the plaintiffs filed a Verified Amended Consolidated Shareholder Derivative and Class Action Complaint (the Amended Complaint ). In addition to the claims that were previously raised in the Consolidated Complaint, the Amended Complaint brought claims relating to the alleged acts of voicemail interception at *The News of the World* (the NoW Matter). Specifically, the plaintiffs claimed in the Amended Complaint that the directors of the Company failed in their duty of oversight regarding the NoW Matter.

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On September 29, 2011, the plaintiffs filed a Verified Second Amended Consolidated Shareholder Derivative and Class Action Complaint (Second Amended Complaint). In the Second Amended Complaint, the plaintiffs removed their claims involving the possible addition of Elisabeth Murdoch to the Company s Board, added some factual allegations to support their remaining claims and added a claim seeking to enjoin a buyback of Common B shares to the extent it would result in a change of control. The Second Amended Complaint seeks declaratory relief, an injunction preventing the buyback of Class B shares, damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, fees and costs.

The defendants filed a motion to dismiss the Second Amended Complaint. The motion is fully briefed and the hearing is scheduled for May 21, 2012.

On July 15, 2011, another purported stockholder of the Company filed a derivative action captioned Massachusetts Laborers Pension & Annuity Funds v. Murdoch, et al., in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the Mass. Laborers Litigation). The complaint names as defendants the directors of the Company and the Company as a nominal defendant. The plaintiffs claims are substantially similar to those raised by the Amended Complaint in the Consolidated Action. Specifically, the plaintiff alleged that the directors of the Company have breached their fiduciary duties by, among other things, approving the Shine Transaction and for failing to exercise proper oversight in connection with the NoW Matter. The plaintiff also brought a breach of fiduciary duty claim against Rupert Murdoch as controlling shareholder, and a waste claim against the directors of the Company. The action seeks as relief damages, injunctive relief, fees and costs. On July 25, 2011, the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Action requested that the court consolidate the Mass. Laborers Litigation into the Consolidated Action. On August 24, 2011, the Mass. Laborers Litigation was consolidated with the Consolidated Action.

On March 2, 2012, another purported stockholder of the Company filed a derivative action captioned Belle M. Cohen v. Murdoch, et al., in the Delaware Court of Chancery (the Cohen Litigation). The complaint names as defendants the directors of the Company and the Company as a nominal defendant. The complaint is claims and allegations pertain to the NoW Matter and are substantially similar to the NoW Matter allegations raised in the Second Amended Complaint in the Consolidated Action. The complaint asserts causes of action against the defendants for alleged breach of fiduciary duty, gross mismanagement, contribution and indemnification, abuse of control, and waste of corporate assets. The action seeks as relief damages, fees and costs. On March 20, 2012, the Cohen Litigation was consolidated with the Consolidated Action.

On July 18, 2011, a purported shareholder of the Company filed a derivative action captioned Shields v. Murdoch, et al. (Shields Litigation), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The plaintiff alleged violations of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, as well as state law claims for breach of fiduciary duty, gross mismanagement, waste, abuse of control and contribution/indemnification arising from, and in connection with, the NoW Matter. The complaint names the directors of the Company as defendants and names the Company as a nominal defendant, and seeks damages and costs. On August 4, 2011, the plaintiff filed an amended complaint. The plaintiff seeks compensatory damages, an order declaring the October 15, 2010 shareholder vote on the election of the Company s directors void; an order setting an emergency shareholder vote date for election of new directors; an order requiring the Company to take certain specified corporate governance actions; and an order (i) putting forward a shareholder vote resolution for amendments to the Company s Article of Incorporation and (ii) taking such other action as may be necessary to place before shareholders for a vote on corporate governance policies that: (a) appoint a non-executive Chair of the Board who is not related to the Murdoch family or extended family; (b) appoint an independent Chair of the Board s Audit Committee; (c) appoint at least three independent directors to the Governance and Nominating Committees; (d) strengthen the Board s supervision of financial reporting processes and implement procedures for greater shareholder input into the policies and guidelines of the Board; and (e) appropriately test and strengthen the internal and audit control functions.

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On July 19, 2011, a purported class action lawsuit captioned Wilder v. News Corp., et al. (Wilder Litigation), was filed on behalf of all purchasers of the Company s common stock between March 3, 2011 and July 11, 2011, in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The plaintiff brought claims under Section 10(b) and Section 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act, alleging that false and misleading statements were issued regarding the NoW Matter. The suit names as defendants the Company, Rupert Murdoch, James Murdoch and Rebekah Brooks, and seeks compensatory damages, rescission for damages sustained, and costs.

On July 22, 2011, a purported shareholder of the Company filed a derivative action captioned Stricklin v. Murdoch, et al. (Stricklin Litigation), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The plaintiff brought claims for breach of fiduciary duty, gross mismanagement, and waste of corporate assets in connection with, among other things, (i) the NoW Matter; (ii) News America s purported payments to settle allegations of anti-competitive behavior; and (iii) the Shine Transaction. The action names as defendants the Company, Les Hinton, Rebekah Brooks, Paul Carlucci and the directors of the Company. On August 3, 2011, the plaintiff served a motion for expedited discovery and to appoint a conservator over the Company, which defendants objected to. The motion has not been formally calendared and there is no briefing schedule yet. On August 16, 2011, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint. The plaintiff seeks various forms of relief including compensatory damages, injunctive relief, disgorgement, the award of voting rights to Class A shareholders, the appointment of a conservator over the Company to oversee the Company s responses to investigations and litigation related to the NoW Matter, fees and costs.

On August 10, 2011, a purported shareholder of the Company filed a derivative action captioned Iron Workers Mid-South Pension Fund v. Murdoch, et. al. ( Iron Workers Litigation ), in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York. The plaintiff brought claims for breach of fiduciary duty, waste of corporate assets, unjust enrichment and alleged violations of Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act in connection with the NoW Matter. The action names as defendants the Company, Les Hinton, Rebekah Brooks and the directors of the Company. The plaintiff seeks various forms of relief including compensatory damages, voiding the election of the director defendants, an order requiring the Company to take certain specified corporate governance actions, injunctive relief, restitution, fees and costs.

The Wilder Litigation, the Stricklin Litigation and the Iron Workers Litigation are all now before the judge in the Shields Litigation. On November 21, 2011, the court issued an order setting a briefing schedule for the defendants motion to stay the Stricklin Litigation, the Iron Workers Litigation and the Shields Litigation pending the outcome of the consolidated action pending in the Delaware Court of Chancery. On December 8, 2011, the defendants and the Company, as a nominal defendant, served their motion to stay. Opposition briefs were served by Stricklin, Iron Workers and Shields. Reply briefs in support of the motion to stay were filed on January 24, 2012. No hearing date is set. In the Wilder Litigation, there are competing motions for appointment of lead plaintiff and lead counsel pending.

The Company and its Board of Directors believe these shareholder claims are entirely without merit, and intend to vigorously defend these actions.

# The News of the World Investigations and Litigation

U.K. and U.S. regulators and governmental authorities are conducting investigations initiated in 2011 after allegations of phone hacking and inappropriate payments to public officials at our former publication, *The News of the World*, and other related matters, including investigations into whether similar conduct may have occurred at the Company s subsidiaries outside of the U.K. The Company is cooperating fully with these investigations. It is possible that these proceedings could damage our reputation and might impair our ability to conduct our business.

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The Company is not able to predict the ultimate outcome or cost associated with these investigations. Violations of law may result in civil, administrative or criminal fines or penalties. The Company has admitted liability in a number of civil cases related to the phone hacking allegations and has settled a number of cases. As of March 31, 2012, the Company has provided for its best estimate of the liability for the claims that have been filed. The Company has announced a process under which parties can pursue claims against the Company, and management believes that it is probable that additional claims will be filed. It is not possible to estimate the liability for such additional claims given the information that is currently available to the Company. If more claims are filed and additional information becomes available, the Company will update the liability provision for such matters. Any fees, expenses, fines, penalties, judgments or settlements which might be incurred by the Company in connection with the various proceedings could affect the Company s results of operations and financial condition. The Company incurred \$63 million and \$167 million in legal and professional fees related to *The News of the World* investigations and litigation described above and costs for related civil settlements for the three and nine months ended March 31, 2012, respectively, which were included in Selling, general and administrative expenses in the unaudited consolidated statements of operations.

## **HarperCollins**

Commencing on August 9, 2011, twenty-nine purported consumer class actions have been filed in the U.S. District Courts for the Southern District of New York and for the Northern District of California, which relate to the decisions by certain publishers, including HarperCollins Publishers L.L.C. (HarperCollins), to begin selling their eBooks pursuant to an agency relationship. The cases all involve allegations that certain named defendants in the book publishing and distribution industry, including HarperCollins, violated the antitrust and unfair competition laws by virtue of the switch to the agency model for eBooks. The actions seek as relief treble damages, injunctive relief and attorneys fees. The Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (JPML) has transferred the various class actions to the Honorable Denise L. Cote in the Southern District of New York. That motion to transfer and consolidate was heard by the JPML on December 1, 2011. Shortly thereafter, the JPML transferred twenty-seven of the cases to the Honorable Denise L. Cote in the Southern District of New York. On January 20, 2012, plaintiffs filed a consolidated amended complaint, again alleging that certain named defendants, including HarperCollins, violated the antitrust and unfair competition laws by virtue of the switch to the agency model for eBooks. Defendants filed a motion to dismiss on March 2, 2012. On March 30, 2012, plaintiffs filed their opposition to defendants motion to dismiss. On April 13, 2012, certain defendants, not including HarperCollins, filed a reply in support of their motion to dismiss. On April 18, 2012, Judge Cote held a status conference to assess the impact on the consolidated class actions of the actions brought by United States Department of Justice (the DOJ) and sixteen state Attorneys General led by Texas and Connecticut (the AGs) (discussed below). On April 24, 2012, Judge Cote issued a case management order regarding discovery issues and scheduled a status conference for June 22, 2012.

Following an investigation, on April 11, 2012, the DOJ filed an action in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against certain publishers, including HarperCollins, and Apple, Inc. The DOJ s complaint alleges antitrust violations relating to defendants decisions to begin selling eBooks pursuant to an agency relationship. This case was assigned to Judge Cote. Simultaneously, the DOJ announced that it had reached a proposed settlement with three publishers, including HarperCollins, and filed a Proposed Final Judgment and related materials detailing that agreement. Among other things, the Proposed Final Judgment requires that HarperCollins terminate its agreements with certain eBook retailers and places certain restrictions on any agreements subsequently entered into with such retailers. Pursuant to the Antitrust Procedures and Penalties Act, the Proposed Final Judgment cannot be entered by Judge Cote for at least sixty days while the DOJ receives public comments. Additional information about the Proposed Final Judgment can be found on the DOJ s website.

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Following an investigation, on April 11, 2012, the AGs filed a similar action against certain publishers and Apple, Inc. in the Western District of Texas. As a result of a memorandum of understanding agreed upon with the AGs for Texas and Connecticut, which is subject to finalizing a settlement agreement, HarperCollins was not named as a defendant in this action. Any settlement reached with any state attorneys general is subject to court approval and would, subject to court approval, also resolve the damage claims of individual citizens from those states.

While the Proposed Final Judgment of the DOJ has not been entered and the memorandum of understanding agreed upon with the AGs is still subject to finalization and court approval, the Company believes that these proposed settlements, as currently drafted, will not have a material impact on the results of operations or the financial position of the Company. However, the Company can make no assurances that these proposed settlements will be finalized or that they will receive court approval.

The European Commission is conducting an investigation into whether certain companies in the book publishing and distribution industry, including HarperCollins, violated the antitrust and unfair competition laws by virtue of the switch to the agency model for eBooks. Following discussions with the European Commission, the Office of Fair Trading closed its investigation in favor of the European Commission s investigation on December 6, 2011. HarperCollins currently is cooperating with the European Commission and working towards resolving its investigation.

While a proposed resolution has not been finalized with the European Commission, the Company believes that such a resolution, as currently contemplated, would not have a material impact on the results of operations or the financial position of the Company. However, the Company can make no assurances that such a resolution will be finalized.

## News America Marketing

Insignia Systems, Inc

On September 23, 2004, Insignia Systems, Inc. (Insignia) filed an action against News America Marketing In-Store Inc. (News America) in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The operative complaint alleges, among other things, disparagement of Insignia by News America in violation of the Lanham Act and Minnesota state law and various federal and state antitrust violations arising out of Insignia s and News America s competition in the domestic in-store advertising market. The trial began on February 8, 2011. On February 9, 2011, the parties settled the lawsuit. Under the terms of the settlement, which included no admission of liability, News America paid Insignia \$125 million, which was recorded in Selling, general and administrative expenses during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2011. In addition, Insignia paid News America \$4 million in relation to a 10-year exclusive business arrangement between the companies.

## Other

Other than previously disclosed in the notes to these consolidated financial statements, the Company is party to several purchase and sale arrangements which become exercisable over the next ten years by the Company or the counter-party to the agreement. None of these arrangements that become exercisable in the next twelve months are material. Purchase arrangements that are exercisable by the counter-party to the agreement, and that are outside the sole control of the Company are accounted for in accordance with ASC 480-10-S99-3A. Accordingly, the fair values of such purchase arrangements are classified in Redeemable noncontrolling interests.

The Company s operations are subject to tax in various domestic and international jurisdictions and as a matter of course, the Company is regularly audited by federal, state and foreign tax authorities. The Company believes it has appropriately accrued for the expected outcome of all pending tax matters and does not currently anticipate that the ultimate resolution of pending tax matters will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial condition, future results of operations or liquidity.

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The Company establishes an accrued liability for legal claims when the Company determines that a loss is both probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Once established, accruals are adjusted from time to time, as appropriate, in light of additional information. The amount of any loss ultimately incurred in relation to matters for which an accrual has been established may be higher or lower than the amounts accrued for such matters. Legal fees associated with litigation and similar proceedings that are not expected to provide a benefit in future periods are expensed as incurred. Any fees, expenses, fines, penalties, judgments or settlements which might be incurred by the Company in connection with the various proceedings could affect the Company s results of operations and financial condition. For the contingencies disclosed above for which there is at least a reasonable possibility that a loss may be incurred, the Company was unable to estimate the amount of loss or range of loss.

## Note 15 Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

The Company sponsors non-contributory pension plans and retiree health and life insurance benefit plans covering specific groups of employees which are closed to new participants (with the exception of groups covered by collective bargaining agreements). The benefits payable for the Company s non-contributory pension plans are based primarily on a formula factoring both an employee s years of service and pay near retirement. Participant employees are vested in the pension plans after five years of service. The Company s policy for all pension plans is to fund amounts, at a minimum, in accordance with statutory requirements. Plan assets consist principally of common stocks, marketable bonds and government securities. The retiree health and life insurance benefit plans offer medical and/or life insurance to certain full-time employees and eligible dependents that retire after fulfilling age and service requirements.

The components of net periodic benefits costs were as follows:

	Pension F	Postretirer ths ended March	Postretirement Bene ended March 31,			
	2012	20	011	2012	20	)11
			(in m	illions)		
Service cost benefits earned during the period	\$ 25	\$	25	\$ 1	\$	2
Interest costs on projected benefit obligation	44		44	4		4
Expected return on plan assets	(46)		(44)			
Amortization of deferred losses	12		15			
Other	3		1	(5)		(5)
Net periodic benefit costs	\$ 38	\$	41	\$	\$	1
Cash contributions	\$ 16	\$	15	\$ 4	\$	5

	2012	For the nine month 2011	ns ended March 31 2012 Illions)	/	011
Service cost benefits earned during the period	\$ 73	\$ 73	\$ 4	\$	4
Interest costs on projected benefit obligation	133	129	12	Ψ	12
Expected return on plan assets	(139)	(128)			
Amortization of deferred losses	36	44			
Other	8	3	(14)		(13)
			, ,		
Net periodic benefit costs	\$ 111	\$ 121	\$ 2	\$	3

Cash contributions \$ 45 \$ 39 \$ 14 \$ 14

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### **Note 16 Segment Information**

The Company is a diversified global media company, which manages and reports its businesses in the following six segments:

**Cable Network Programming**, which principally consists of the production and licensing of programming distributed through cable television systems and direct broadcast satellite operators primarily in the United States, Latin America, Europe and Asia.

**Filmed Entertainment**, which principally consists of the production and acquisition of live-action and animated motion pictures for distribution and licensing in all formats in all entertainment media worldwide, and the production and licensing of television programming worldwide.

**Television**, which principally consists of the broadcasting of network programming in the United States and the operation of 27 full power broadcast television stations, including 9 duopolies, in the United States (of these stations, 17 are affiliated with the FOX Broadcasting Company (FOX) and 10 are affiliated with Master Distribution Service, Inc. (MyNetworkTV)).

**Direct Broadcast Satellite Television**, which consists of the distribution of basic and premium programming services via satellite and broadband directly to subscribers in Italy.

**Publishing**, which principally consists of the Company s newspapers and information services, book publishing and integrated marketing services businesses. The newspapers and information services business principally consists of the publication of national newspapers in the United Kingdom, the publication of approximately 140 newspapers in Australia, the publication of a metropolitan newspaper and a national newspaper (with international editions) in the United States and the provision of information services. The book publishing business consists of the publication of English language books throughout the world and the integrated marketing services business consists of the publication of free-standing inserts and the provision of in-store marketing products and services in the United States and Canada.

**Other**, which principally consists of the Company s digital media properties and Wireless Generation, the Company s education technology business.

The Company s operating segments have been determined in accordance with the Company s internal management structure, which is organized based on operating activities. The Company evaluates performance based upon several factors, of which the primary financial measures are segment operating income (loss) and segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization.

Segment operating income (loss) does not include: Impairment and restructuring charges, equity earnings of affiliates, interest expense, net, interest income, other, net, income tax expense and net income attributable to noncontrolling interests. The Company believes that information about segment operating income (loss) assists all users of the Company s consolidated financial statements by allowing them to evaluate changes in the operating results of the Company s portfolio of businesses separate from non-operational factors that affect net income, thus providing insight into both operations and the other factors that affect reported results.

Segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization is defined as segment operating income (loss) plus depreciation and amortization and the amortization of cable distribution investments and eliminates the variable effect across all business segments of depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization expense includes the depreciation of property and equipment, as well as

amortization of finite-lived intangible assets. Amortization of cable distribution investments represents a reduction against revenues over the term of a carriage arrangement and, as such, it is excluded from segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization.

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Total segment operating income and segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization are non-GAAP measures and should be considered in addition to, not as a substitute for, net income (loss), cash flow and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. In addition, these measures do not reflect cash available to fund requirements. These measures exclude items, such as impairment and restructuring charges, which are significant components in assessing the Company s financial performance. Segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization also excludes depreciation and amortization which are also significant components in assessing the Company s financial performance.

Management believes that total segment operating income and segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization are appropriate measures for evaluating the operating performance of the Company s business. Total segment operating income and segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization provide management, investors and equity analysts measures to analyze operating performance of the Company s business and its enterprise value against historical data and competitors data, although historical results, including total segment operating income and segment operating income (loss) before depreciation and amortization, may not be indicative of future results (as operating performance is highly contingent on many factors, including customer tastes and preferences).

		months ended ch 31,		e months ended rch 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
Revenues:		(in mil	llions)		
Cable Network Programming	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,040	\$ 6,656	\$ 5.886	
Filmed Entertainment	1,722	1,554	5,563	4,866	
Television	1,722	1,438	3,651	3,658	
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	923	923	2,792	2,723	
Publishing	2,025	2,084	6,224	6,476	
Other	149	2,084	450	834	
Other	149	217	430	034	
Total revenues	\$ 8,402	\$ 8,256	\$ 25,336	\$ 24,443	
Segment operating income (loss):					
Cable Network Programming	\$ 846	\$ 735	\$ 2,503	\$ 2,129	
Filmed Entertainment	272	248	1,012	717	
Television	171	192	493	448	
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	40	17	165	87	
Publishing	130	36	458	594	
Other	(147)	(165)	(437)	(477)	
Total segment operating income	1,312	1,063	4,194	3,498	
Impairment and restructuring charges	(27)	(3)	(154)	(285)	
Equity earnings of affiliates	204	111	467	272	
Interest expense, net	(258)	(244)	(773)	(706)	
Interest income	26	31	91	85	
Other, net	27	(19)	22	(41)	
Income before income tax expense	1,284	939	3,847	2,823	
Income tax expense	(281)	(257)	(931)	(657)	
Net income	1,003	682	2,916	2,166	

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Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(66)	(43)	(184)	(110)
Net income attributable to News Corporation stockholders	\$ 937	\$ 639	\$ 2,732	\$ 2,056

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Intersegment revenues, generated primarily by the Filmed Entertainment segment, of approximately \$291 million and \$236 million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and of approximately \$824 million and \$683 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, have been eliminated within the Filmed Entertainment segment. Intersegment operating profit (loss) generated primarily by the Filmed Entertainment segment of approximately \$17 million and \$(8) million for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, and of approximately \$64 million and \$21 million for the nine months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively, have been eliminated within the Filmed Entertainment segment.

	Segment operating income (loss)	For the Deprecia amorti	tion and zation				nt operating me (loss) efore reciation and rtization
Cable Network Programming	\$ 846	\$	42	\$	22	\$	910
Filmed Entertainment	272		33				305
Television	171		21				192
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	40		76				116
Publishing	130		106				236
Other	(147)		16				(131)
Total	\$ 1.312	\$	294	\$	22.	\$	1.628

	Segment operating income (loss)	Depreci	ne three mon ation and tization (in	Amor of d	arch 31, 20 tization cable bution tments	Segmen incor bo depr	t operating ne (loss) efore eciation and rtization
Cable Network Programming	\$ 735	\$	36	\$	21	\$	792
Filmed Entertainment	248		23				271
Television	192		22				214
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	17		75				92
Publishing	36		96				132
Other	(165)		31				(134)
Total	\$ 1,063	\$	283	\$	21	\$	1,367

For the nine months ended March 31, 2012									
Segment operating	Depreciation and	Amortization	Segment operating						
income	amortization	of cable	income (loss)						
(loss)		distribution	before						
		investments	depreciation						

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					and rtization
		(in	millions)		
Cable Network Programming	\$ 2,503	\$ 117	\$	69	\$ 2,689
Filmed Entertainment	1,012	95			1,107
Television	493	63			556
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	165	228			393
Publishing	458	319			777
Other	(437)	47			(390)
Total	\$ 4,194	\$ 869	\$	69	\$ 5,132

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For the	nine	months	ended	March	31	2011

	Segment operating income (loss)	Depreci	ation and tization (in	Amor of distri	tization cable ibution tments	Segmer inco b depr	nt operating me (loss) before reciation and rtization
Cable Network Programming	\$ 2,129	\$	111	\$	69	\$	2,309
Filmed Entertainment	717		68				785
Television	448		64				512
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	87		207				294
Publishing	594		285				879
Other	(477)		102				(375)
Total	\$ 3,498	\$	837	\$	69	\$	4,404

	At March 31, 2012	At June 30, 2011 llions)
Total assets:	(111 1111)	mons)
Cable Network Programming	\$ 14,460	\$ 12,666
Filmed Entertainment	8,074	8,015
Television	6,406	6,062
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	2,663	3,098
Publishing	13,840	14,915
Other	10,736	12,357
Investments	4,718	4,867
Total assets	\$ 60,897	\$61,980
Goodwill and Intangible assets, net:		
Cable Network Programming	\$ 7,329	\$ 6,808
Filmed Entertainment	2,501	2,552
Television	4,318	4,320
Direct Broadcast Satellite Television	584	636
Publishing	7,276	7,377
Other	1,286	1,591
Total goodwill and intangible assets, net	\$ 23,294	\$ 23,284

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# **Note 17 Additional Financial Information**

Supplemental Cash Flows Information

	For the nine months ended March 31,		
	2012	2011	
	(in m	illions)	
Supplemental cash flows information:			
Cash paid for income taxes	\$ (957)	\$ (843)	
Cash paid for interest	(782)	(678)	
Sale of other investments	5	56	
Purchase of other investments	(203)	(321)	
Supplemental information on businesses acquired:			
Fair value of assets acquired	862	518	
Cash acquired	21	12	
Liabilities assumed	(72)	(91)	
Noncontrolling interest decrease (increase)	15	(19)	
Cash paid	(553)	(420)	
Fair value of equity instruments issued to third parties	273		
Issuance of subsidiary units	(273)		
Fair value of equity instruments consideration	\$	\$	

# Other, net

Other, net consisted of the following:

			For the n	ine months	
		e months ended		nded	
	Ma	rch 31,	Mai	rch 31,	
	2012	2011	2012	2011	
		(in m	illions)		
Gain on Hathway Cable transaction <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 23	\$	\$ 23	\$	
Gain on FPAS transaction <sup>(b)</sup>			158		
Change in fair value of Sky Deutschland convertible securities <sup>(a)</sup>	7		(82)		
BSkyB termination fee <sup>(a)</sup>			(63)		
Gain on STAR China transaction <sup>(b)</sup>				57	
Loss on disposal of Fox Mobile <sup>(b)</sup>				(28)	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt(c)		(36)		(36)	
Other	(3)	17	(14)	(34)	
Total Other, net	\$ 27	\$ (19)	\$ 22	\$ (41)	

- (a) See Note 6 Investments.
- (b) See Note 2 Acquisitions, Disposals and Other Transactions.
- (c) See Note 9 Borrowings.

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### Comprehensive Income

In accordance with ASC 220, Comprehensive Income, total comprehensive income for the Company consisted of the following:

		months ended		months ended ch 31,
	2012	2011	2012	2011
		(in mi	llions)	
Net income, as reported	\$ 1,003	\$ 682	\$ 2,916	\$ 2,166
Other comprehensive income:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	361	467	(659)	1,518
Unrealized holding gains (losses) on securities, net of tax	53	38	(30)	92
Benefit plan adjustments		(1)	18	13
Total comprehensive income	1,417	1,186	2,245	3,789
Less: net income attributable to noncontrolling interests <sup>(a)</sup>	(66)	(43)	(184)	(110)
Less: foreign currency translation adjustments attributable to noncontrolling interests <sup>(a)</sup>		(2)	4	(10)
Comprehensive income attributable to News Corporation stockholders	\$ 1,351	\$ 1,141	\$ 2,065	\$ 3,669

# **Note 18 Supplemental Guarantor Information**

In May 2007, NAI, a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company as defined in Rule 3-10(h) of Regulation S-X, entered into a credit agreement (the Credit Agreement), among NAI as Borrower, the Company as Parent Guarantor, the lenders named therein (the Lenders), Citibank, N.A. as Administrative Agent and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Syndication Agent. The Credit Agreement provides a \$2.25 billion unsecured revolving credit facility with a sub-limit of \$600 million available for the issuance of letters of credit and has a maturity date of May 2012. Borrowings are in U.S. dollars only, while letters of credit are issuable in U.S. dollars or Euros. The significant terms of the agreement include the requirement that the Company maintain specific leverage ratios and limitations on secured indebtedness. NAI pays a facility fee of 0.08% regardless of facility usage. NAI pays interest for borrowings at LIBOR plus 0.27% and pays commission fees on letters of credit at 0.27%. NAI pays an additional fee of 0.05% if borrowings under the facility exceed 50% of the committed facility. The interest and fees are based on the Company s current debt rating.

In May 2012, the Company refinanced the Credit Agreement with a new \$2 billion unsecured revolving credit facility with a sub-limit of \$400 million (or its equivalent in Euros) available for the issuance of letters of credit and a maturity date of May 2017 (the New Credit Agreement). Under the New Credit Agreement, the Company may request an increase in the amount of the credit facility up to a maximum amount of \$2.5 billion and the Company may request that the maturity date be extended for up to two additional one-year periods. Borrowings are issuable in U.S. dollars only, while letters of credit are issuable in U.S. dollars or Euros. Fees under the New Credit Agreement will be based on the Company s long-term senior unsecured non-credit enhanced debt ratings. Given the current debt ratings, NAI will pay a facility fee of 0.125% and an initial drawn cost of LIBOR plus 1.125%. All other terms and conditions under the New Credit Agreement will be substantially similar to those under the Credit Agreement.

<sup>(</sup>a) Includes amounts relating to noncontrolling interests classified as equity and redeemable noncontrolling interests.

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The Parent Guarantor presently guarantees the senior public indebtedness of NAI and the guarantee is full and unconditional. The supplemental condensed consolidating financial information of the Parent Guarantor should be read in conjunction with these consolidated financial statements.

In accordance with rules and regulations of the SEC, the Company uses the equity method to account for the results of all of the non-guarantor subsidiaries, representing substantially all of the Company s consolidated results of operations, excluding certain intercompany eliminations.

The following condensed consolidating financial statements present the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of NAI, the Company and the subsidiaries of the Company and the eliminations and reclassifications necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a consolidated basis.

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# For the three months ended March 31, 2012

(in millions)

	Aı	News nerica rporated	ews oration	Non-	Guarantor	 sifications and inations	Cor	News poration and sidiaries
Revenues	\$	1	\$	\$	8,401	\$	\$	8,402
Expenses		(104)			(7,013)			(7,117)
Equity earnings (losses) of affiliates		(1)			205			204
Interest expense, net		(375)	373		(3)	(253)		(258)
Interest income		1	1		(229)	253		26
Earnings (losses) from subsidiary entities		128	563			(691)		
Other, net		15			12			27
Income (loss) before income tax expense		(335)	937		1,373	(691)		1,284
Income tax (expense) benefit		73			(284)	(70)		(281)
•								
Net income (loss)		(262)	937		1,089	(761)		1,003
Less: Net income attributable to								
noncontrolling interests					(66)			(66)
								. ,
Net income (loss) attributable to News								
Corporation stockholders	\$	(262)	\$ 937	\$	1,023	\$ (761)	\$	937

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(in millions)

	An	News nerica rporated	ews oration	Non-	Guarantor	sifications and inations	Cor	News poration and osidiaries
Revenues	\$		\$	\$	8,256	\$	\$	8,256
Expenses		(103)			(7,093)			(7,196)
Equity earnings (losses) of affiliates		(1)			112			111
Interest expense, net		(349)	(280)		(3)	388		(244)
Interest income		1	2		416	(388)		31
Earnings (losses) from subsidiary entities		53	903			(956)		
Other, net		(34)	14		34	(33)		(19)
Income (loss) before income tax expense		(433)	639		1,722	(989)		939
Income tax (expense) benefit		112			(469)	100		(257)
•								
Net income (loss)		(321)	639		1,253	(889)		682
Less: Net income attributable to								
noncontrolling interests					(43)			(43)
Net income (loss) attributable to News								
Corporation stockholders	\$	(321)	\$ 639	\$	1,210	\$ (889)	\$	639

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(in millions)

	Aı	News nerica rporated	News poration	Non-	-Guarantor	ssifications and ninations	News rporation and bsidiaries
Revenues	\$	1	\$ •	\$	25,335	\$	\$ 25,336
Expenses		(309)			(20,987)		(21,296)
Equity earnings (losses) of affiliates		(5)			472		467
Interest expense, net		(1,121)	(299)		(10)	657	(773)
Interest income		3	5		740	(657)	91
Earnings (losses) from subsidiary entities		290	3,090			(3,380)	
Other, net		24	(64)		62		22
Income (loss) before income tax expense		(1,117)	2,732		5,612	(3,380)	3,847
Income tax (expense) benefit		271			(1,359)	157	(931)
Net income (loss)		(846)	2,732		4,253	(3,223)	2,916
Less: Net income attributable to							
noncontrolling interests					(184)		(184)
					. ,		
Net income (loss) attributable to News							
Corporation stockholders	\$	(846)	\$ 2,732	\$	4,069	\$ (3,223)	\$ 2,732

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(in millions)

	Am	ews nerica porated		News poration	Non-	Guarantor		ssifications and ninations		News rporation and bsidiaries
Revenues	\$		\$		\$	24,443	\$		\$	24,443
Expenses		(268)				(20,962)				(21,230)
Equity earnings (losses) of affiliates		(4)				276				272
Interest expense, net		(1,034)		(816)		(10)		1,154		(706)
Interest income		2		5		1,232		(1,154)		85
Earnings (losses) from subsidiary entities		367		2,868				(3,235)		
Other, net		(42)		(1)		55		(53)		(41)
Income (loss) before income tax expense		(979)		2,056		5,034		(3,288)		2,823
Income tax (expense) benefit		228				(1,172)		287		(657)
•										
Net income (loss)		(751)		2,056		3,862		(3,001)		2,166
Less: Net income attributable to										
noncontrolling interests						(110)				(110)
Net income (loss) attributable to News Corporation stockholders	\$	(751)	\$	2,056	\$	3,752	\$	(3,001)	\$	2,056
Corporation stockholders	Ф	(751)	Ф	2,030	Φ	3,732	Ф	(3,001)	Φ	2,030

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# **Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

# At March 31, 2012

(in millions)

	Ar	News nerica rporated		News poration	Non-	-Guarantor		lassifications and iminations		News rporation and osidiaries
ASSETS:										
Current assets:										
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	755	\$	6,844	\$	3,087	\$		\$	10,686
Receivables, net		17		5		6,594				6,616
Inventories, net						2,864				2,864
Other		24		11		654				689
Total current assets		796		6,860		13,199				20,855
Non-current assets:										
Receivables						398				398
Inventories, net						4,539				4,539
Property, plant and equipment, net		81				5,878				5,959
Intangible assets, net						8,341				8,341
Goodwill						14,953				14,953
Other		333		1		800				1,134
Investments										
Investments in associated companies and										
other investments		115		39		4,564				4,718
Intragroup investments		49,387		50,917				(100,304)		
Total investments		49,502		50,956		4,564		(100,304)		4,718
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	50,712	\$	57,817	\$	52,672	\$	(100,304)	\$	60,897
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY Current liabilities:										
Borrowings	\$	273	\$		\$		\$		\$	273
Other current liabilities	Ψ	91	Ψ.	209	Ψ.	9,471	Ψ.		Ψ.	9,771
		, -				,,				2,1.12
Total current liabilities		364		209		9,471				10,044
Non-current liabilities:		JU <del>T</del>		209		J, <del>T</del> /1				10,077
Borrowings		15,184				3				15,187
Other non-current liabilities		212				6,407				6,619
Intercompany		27,244		29,701		(56,945)				0,017
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		2,,211		27,701		602				602
Equity Equity		7,708		27,907		93,134		(100,304)		28,445

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY \$ 50,712 \$ 57,817 \$ 52,672 \$ (100,304) \$ 60,897

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# **Supplemental Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet**

At June 30, 2011

(in millions)

	News America Incorporated Co		News Corporation		Guarantor	Reclassifications and Eliminations	News rporation and osidiaries
ASSETS							
Current Assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	360	\$ 7,816	\$	4,504	\$	\$ 12,680
Receivables, net		14			6,316		6,330
Inventories, net					2,332		2,332
Other		15			427		442
Total current assets		389	7,816		13,579		21,784
Non-current assets:							
Receivables					350		350
Inventories, net							