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of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2015

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Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

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

As of October 23, 2015, there were outstanding 521,648,197 shares of common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, of the registrant.

INFORMATION CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements," as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These statements, which express management's current views concerning future events or results, use words like "anticipate," "assume," "believe," "continue," "estimate," "expect," "future," "intend," "plan," "project" and similar terms, and future or conditional tense verbs like "could," "may," "might," "should," "will" and "would." For example, we may use forward-looking statements when addressing topics such as: the outcome of contingencies; the expected impact of acquisitions and dispositions; the impact of competition; pension obligations; the impact of foreign currency exchange rates; our effective tax rates; changes in our business strategies and methods of generating revenue; the development and performance of our services and products; changes in the composition or level of our revenues; our cost structure, dividend policy, cash flow and liquidity; future actions by regulators; and the impact of changes in accounting rules.

Forward-looking statements are subject to inherent risks and uncertainties. Factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in our forward-looking statements include, among other things:

- our ability to maintain adequate safeguards to protect the security of confidential, personal or proprietary information, and the potential for the improper disclosure or use of such information, whether due to human error, improper action by employees, vendors or third parties, or as a result of a cyberattack;
- the impact of competition on our business, including the impact of our corporate tax rate, which is higher than the tax rate of our international competitors;
- the impact of fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly in light of the strength of the U.S. dollar against most other currencies worldwide;
- the impact on our global pension obligations of changes in discount rates and asset returns, as well as projected salary increases, mortality rates, demographics and inflation, and the impact of cash contributions required to be made to our global defined benefit pension plans due to changes in the funded status of those plans;
- our exposure to potential liabilities arising from errors and omissions claims against us;
- our exposure to potential civil remedies or criminal penalties if we fail to comply with foreign and U.S. laws that are applicable in the domestic and international jurisdictions in which we operate;
- the extent to which we are able to retain existing clients and attract new business, and our ability to effectively incentivize and retain key employees;
- our ability to make acquisitions and dispositions and to integrate, and realize expected synergies, savings or benefits from, the businesses we acquire;
- our ability to successfully recover should we experience a disaster or other business continuity problem;
- the impact of changes in interest rates and deterioration of counterparty credit quality on our cash balances and the performance of our investment portfolios;
- the impact of potential rating agency actions on our cost of financing and ability to borrow, as well as on our operating costs and competitive position;
- changes in applicable tax or accounting requirements; and

potential income statement effects from the application of FASB's ASC Topic No. 740 ("Income Taxes") regarding accounting treatment of uncertain tax benefits and valuation allowances, including the effect of any subsequent adjustments to the estimates we use in applying this accounting standard.

The factors identified above are not exhaustive. Marsh & McLennan Companies and its subsidiaries operate in a dynamic business environment in which new risks may emerge frequently. Accordingly, we caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, which are based only on information currently available to us and speak only as of the dates on which they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date on which it is made. Further information concerning Marsh & McLennan Companies and its businesses, including information about factors that could materially affect our results of operations and financial condition, is contained in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the "Risk Factors" section and the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section of our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(Unaudited)

| (In millions, except per share figures) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenue | \$3,115 | \$3,141 | \$9,555 | \$9,705 |
| Expense: | | | | |
| Compensation and benefits | 1,878 | 1,904 | 5,434 | 5,619 |
| Other operating expenses | 776 | 792 | 2,296 | 2,321 |
| Operating expenses | 2,654 | 2,696 | 7,730 | 7,940 |
| Operating income | 461 | 445 | 1,825 | 1,765 |
| Interest income | 3 | 6 | 9 | 16 |
| Interest expense | (41 |) (45 |) (117 |) (129 |
| Investment income (loss) | 34 | 26 | 39 | 37 |
| Income before income taxes | 457 | 432 | 1,756 | 1,689 |
| Income tax expense | 128 | 127 | 500 | 487 |
| Income from continuing operations | 329 | 305 | 1,256 | 1,202 |
| Discontinued operations, net of tax | 2 | (1 |) (1 |) (4 |
| Net income before non-controlling interests | 331 | 304 | 1,255 | 1,198 |
| Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests | 8 | 7 | 31 | 27 |
| Net income attributable to the Company | \$323 | \$297 | \$1,224 | \$1,171 |
| Basic net income per share – Continuing operations | \$0.61 | \$0.55 | \$2.29 | \$2.15 |
| – Net income attributable to the Company | \$0.61 | \$0.55 | \$2.29 | \$2.14 |
| Diluted net income per share – Continuing operations | \$0.60 | \$0.54 | \$2.27 | \$2.12 |
| – Net income attributable to the Company | \$0.61 | \$0.54 | \$2.27 | \$2.11 |
| Average number of shares outstanding – Basic | 528 | 544 | 534 | 547 |
| – Diluted | 533 | 551 | 540 | 554 |
| Shares outstanding at September 30 | 522 | 542 | 522 | 542 |

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

MARSH & McLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(Unaudited)

| (In millions) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|--------|-------------------|---------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net income before non-controlling interests | \$331 | \$304 | \$1,255 | \$1,198 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), before tax: | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | (278 |) (421 |) (458 |) (214 |
| Unrealized investment gain | 1 | — | 1 | — |
| Gain (loss) related to pension/post-retirement plans | 94 | 172 | 247 | (69 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, before tax | (183 |) (249 |) (210 |) (283 |
| Income tax expense (credit) on other comprehensive income | 16 | 39 | 65 | (9 |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax | (199 |) (288 |) (275 |) (274 |
| Comprehensive income | 132 | 16 | 980 | 924 |
| Less: comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interest | 8 | 7 | 31 | 27 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to the Company | \$124 | \$9 | \$949 | \$897 |

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MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)

| (In millions, except share and per share figures) | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 1,330 | \$ 1,958 |
| Receivables | | |
| Commissions and fees | 3,255 | 3,142 |
| Advanced premiums and claims | 60 | 50 |
| Other | 295 | 280 |
| | 3,610 | 3,472 |
| Less-allowance for doubtful accounts and cancellations | (93 |) (95 |
| Net receivables | 3,517 | 3,377 |
| Current deferred tax assets | 466 | 521 |
| Other current assets | 213 | 199 |
| Total current assets | 5,526 | 6,055 |
| Goodwill and intangible assets | 8,342 | 7,933 |
| Fixed assets | | |
| (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$1,657 at September 30, 2015 and \$1,639 at December 31, 2014) | 786 | 809 |
| Pension related assets | 1,182 | 967 |
| Deferred tax assets | 667 | 876 |
| Other assets | 1,221 | 1,200 |
| | \$ 17,724 | \$ 17,840 |

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MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Continued)
 (Unaudited)

| (In millions, except share and per share figures) | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Short-term debt | \$62 | \$11 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | 1,759 | 1,883 |
| Accrued compensation and employee benefits | 1,313 | 1,633 |
| Accrued income taxes | 107 | 178 |
| Dividends payable | 163 | — |
| Total current liabilities | 3,404 | 3,705 |
| Fiduciary liabilities | 4,374 | 4,552 |
| Less – cash and investments held in a fiduciary capacity | (4,374 |) (4,552 |
| | — | — |
| Long-term debt | 4,422 | 3,376 |
| Pension, post-retirement and post-employment benefits | 2,114 | 2,244 |
| Liabilities for errors and omissions | 358 | 341 |
| Other liabilities | 1,083 | 1,041 |
| Commitments and contingencies | — | — |
| Equity: | | |
| Preferred stock, \$1 par value, authorized 6,000,000 shares, none issued | — | — |
| Common stock, \$1 par value, authorized 1,600,000,000 shares, issued 560,641,640 shares at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014 | 561 | 561 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 851 | 930 |
| Retained earnings | 10,928 | 10,335 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (4,122 |) (3,847 |
| Non-controlling interests | 95 | 79 |
| | 8,313 | 8,058 |
| Less – treasury shares, at cost, 38,341,409 shares at September 30, 2015 and 20,499,596 shares at December 31, 2014 | (1,970 |) (925 |
| Total equity | 6,343 | 7,133 |
| | \$17,724 | \$17,840 |

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MARSH & McLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

(In millions)

| | 2015 | 2014 | |
|---|---------|---------|---|
| Operating cash flows: | | | |
| Net income before non-controlling interests | \$1,255 | \$1,198 | |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operations: | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization of fixed assets and capitalized software | 233 | 225 | |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 79 | 64 | |
| Adjustments and payments related to contingent consideration liability | 15 | 5 | |
| Provision for deferred income taxes | 214 | 103 | |
| Gain on investments | (39 |) (37 |) |
| Loss on disposition of assets | 3 | 4 | |
| Share-based compensation expense | 67 | 74 | |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | | | |
| Net receivables | (118 |) (182 |) |
| Other current assets | 43 | (19 |) |
| Other assets | (65 |) 16 | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (96 |) (53 |) |
| Accrued compensation and employee benefits | (319 |) (128 |) |
| Accrued income taxes | (68 |) 59 | |
| Contributions to pension and other benefit plans in excess of current year expense/credit | (178 |) (141 |) |
| Other liabilities | (99 |) (75 |) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes | 53 | 28 | |
| Net cash provided by operations | 980 | 1,141 | |
| Financing cash flows: | | | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (1,325 |) (600 |) |
| Proceeds from debt | 1,099 | 1,393 | |
| Repayments of debt | (8 |) (327 |) |
| Shares withheld for taxes on vested units – treasury shares | (48 |) (56 |) |
| Issuance of common stock from treasury shares | 179 | 190 | |
| Payments of deferred and contingent consideration for acquisitions | (42 |) (28 |) |
| Distributions of non-controlling interests | (17 |) (13 |) |
| Dividends paid | (468 |) (429 |) |
| Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities | (630 |) 130 | |
| Investing cash flows: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (249 |) (285 |) |
| Net purchases of long-term investments | (63 |) (117 |) |
| Proceeds from sales of fixed assets | 2 | 2 | |
| Acquisitions | (431 |) (416 |) |
| Other, net | (2 |) — | |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (743 |) (816 |) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | (235 |) (109 |) |
| (Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents | (628 |) 346 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | 1,958 | 2,303 | |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$1,330 | \$2,649 | |

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MARSH & McLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(Unaudited)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

(In millions, except per share figures)

| | 2015 | 2014 | |
|--|----------------|----------------|---|
| COMMON STOCK | | | |
| Balance, beginning and end of period | \$561 | \$561 | |
| ADDITIONAL PAID-IN CAPITAL | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$930 | \$1,028 | |
| Change in accrued stock compensation costs | 1 | (26 |) |
| Issuance of shares under stock compensation plans and employee stock purchase plans and related tax impact | (80 |) (80 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$851 | \$922 | |
| RETAINED EARNINGS | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$10,335 | \$9,452 | |
| Net income attributable to the Company | 1,224 | 1,171 | |
| Dividend equivalents declared – (per share amounts: \$1.18 in 2015 and \$1.06 in 2014) | (3 |) (3 |) |
| Dividends declared – (per share amounts: \$1.18 in 2015 and \$1.06 in 2014) | (628 |) (578 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$10,928 | \$10,042 | |
| ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$(3,847 |) \$(2,621 |) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | (275 |) (274 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$(4,122 |) \$(2,895 |) |
| TREASURY SHARES | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$(925 |) \$(515 |) |
| Issuance of shares under stock compensation plans and employee stock purchase plans | 280 | 318 | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (1,325 |) (600 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$(1,970 |) \$(797 |) |
| NON-CONTROLLING INTERESTS | | | |
| Balance, beginning of year | \$79 | \$70 | |
| Net income attributable to non-controlling interests | 31 | 27 | |
| Other changes | (15 |) (15 |) |
| Balance, end of period | \$95 | \$82 | |
| TOTAL EQUITY | \$6,343 | \$7,915 | |

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

MARSH & MCLENNAN COMPANIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Nature of Operations

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (the "Company"), a global professional services firm, is organized based on the different services that it offers. Under this organizational structure, the Company's two business segments are Risk and Insurance Services and Consulting.

The Risk and Insurance Services segment provides risk management activities and insurance broking, reinsurance broking and insurance program management services for businesses, public entities, insurance companies, associations, professional services organizations, and private clients. The Company conducts business in this segment through Marsh and Guy Carpenter.

The Company conducts business in its Consulting segment through two main business groups. Mercer provides consulting expertise, advice, services and solutions in the areas of health, retirement, talent and investments. Within the investments business, Mercer provides delegated investment (fiduciary management) solutions to institutional investors (such as retirement plan sponsors and trustees) and to individual investors (primarily through the inclusion of funds managed by Mercer on defined contribution and wealth management platforms). As of September 30, 2015, Mercer had assets under management of \$138 billion worldwide. Oliver Wyman Group provides specialized management and economic and brand consulting services.

Acquisitions impacting the Risk and Insurance Services and Consulting segments are discussed in Note 7 to the consolidated financial statements.

2. Principles of Consolidation and Other Matters

The consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared by the Company pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. While certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations for interim filings, the Company believes that the information and disclosures presented are adequate to make such information and disclosures not misleading. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (the "2014 Form 10-K").

The financial information contained herein reflects all normal recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the Company's consolidated financial statements as of and for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents primarily consist of certificates of deposit and time deposits, with original maturities of three months or less, and money market funds. The estimated fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents approximates their carrying value. The Company is required to maintain operating funds of approximately \$203 million related to regulatory requirements outside the U.S. or as collateral under captive insurance arrangements.

Investments

The Company holds investments in private companies and private equity funds. Investments in private equity funds are accounted for under the equity method of accounting using a consistently applied three-month lag period adjusted for any known significant changes from the lag period to the reporting date of the Company. The underlying private equity funds follow investment company accounting, where investments within the fund are carried at fair value. The Company records in earnings, investment gains/losses for its proportionate share of the change in fair value of the funds. Investments using the equity method of accounting are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

The caption "Investment income (loss)" in the consolidated statements of income comprises realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments recognized in current earnings. It includes, when applicable, other than temporary declines in the value of debt and available-for-sale securities and equity method gains or losses on its investment in private equity funds. The Company's investments may include direct investments in insurance or consulting

companies and investments in private equity funds. The Company recorded investment income of \$34

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million and \$26 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$39 million and \$37 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, primarily related to our general partner carried interest in Trident III no longer subject to clawback. Stonepoint Capital, the investment manager of Trident III, harvested its remaining two investments in Trident III in the third quarter of 2015, which resulted in the Company recognizing its remaining deferred performance fees.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rate in the third quarter of 2015 was 27.9% compared with 29.6% in the third quarter of 2014. The effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2015 and 2014 was 28.4% and 28.9%, respectively. These rates reflect non-U.S. income taxed at rates below the U.S. statutory rate, including the effect of repatriation, as well as the impact of discrete tax matters such as tax legislation, changes in valuation allowances, the resolution of tax examinations and expirations of statutes of limitations.

The Company is routinely examined by tax authorities in the jurisdictions in which it has significant operations. The Company regularly considers the likelihood of assessments in each of the taxing jurisdictions resulting from examinations. When evaluating the potential imposition of penalties, the Company considers a number of relevant factors under penalty statutes, including appropriate disclosure of the tax return position, the existence of legal authority supporting the Company's position, and reliance on the opinion of professional tax advisors.

The Company reports a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in tax returns. The Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits decreased from \$97 million at December 31, 2014 to \$77 million at September 30, 2015. It is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will decrease between zero and approximately \$9 million within the next twelve months due to settlements of audits and expirations of statutes of limitation.

During the second quarter of 2015, the Company settled a U.S. federal tax audit with the IRS for the year 2013 and in the second quarter of 2014, settled a U.S. federal tax audit with the IRS for the year 2012.

3. Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

In its capacity as an insurance broker or agent, the Company collects premiums from insureds and, after deducting its commissions, remits the premiums to the respective insurance underwriters. The Company also collects claims or refunds from underwriters on behalf of insureds. Unremitted insurance premiums and claims proceeds are held by the Company in a fiduciary capacity. Risk and Insurance Services revenue includes interest on fiduciary funds of \$6 million in each of the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, and \$16 million and \$18 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The Consulting segment recorded fiduciary interest income of \$1 million and \$2 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and \$3 million and \$5 million for the nine-months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Since fiduciary assets are not available for corporate use, they are shown in the consolidated balance sheets as an offset to fiduciary liabilities.

Net uncollected premiums and claims and the related payables amounted to \$7.4 billion at September 30, 2015 and \$7.3 billion at December 31, 2014. The Company is not a principal to the contracts under which the right to receive premiums or the right to receive reimbursement of insured losses arises. Net uncollected premiums and claims and the related payables are, therefore, not assets and liabilities of the Company and are not included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

In certain instances, the Company advances premiums, refunds or claims to insurance underwriters or insureds prior to collection. These advances are made from corporate funds and are reflected in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as receivables.

Mercer manages approximately \$24 billion of assets in trusts or funds for which Mercer's management or trustee fee is considered a variable interest. Mercer is not the primary beneficiary of these trusts or funds. Mercer's only variable interest in any of these trusts or funds is its unpaid fees, if any. Mercer's maximum exposure to loss of its interests is, therefore, limited to collection of its fees.

4. Per Share Data

Basic net income per share attributable to the Company and income from continuing operations per share are calculated by dividing the respective after-tax income by the weighted average number of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock.

Diluted net income per share attributable to the Company and income from continuing operations per share are calculated by dividing the respective after-tax income by the weighted average number of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock, which have been adjusted for the dilutive effect of potentially issuable common shares. Reconciliations of the applicable income components used for diluted EPS - Continuing operations and basic weighted average common shares outstanding to diluted weighted average common shares outstanding are presented below. The reconciling items related to the calculation of diluted weighted average common shares outstanding are the same for net income attributable to the Company.

| Basic and Diluted EPS Calculation - Continuing Operations (In millions, except per share figures) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net income from continuing operations | \$329 | \$305 | \$1,256 | \$1,202 |
| Less: Net income attributable to non-controlling interests | 8 | 7 | 31 | 27 |
| | \$321 | \$298 | \$1,225 | \$1,175 |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding | 528 | 544 | 534 | 547 |
| Dilutive effect of potentially issuable common shares | 5 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | 533 | 551 | 540 | 554 |
| Average stock price used to calculate common stock equivalents | \$55.80 | \$52.15 | \$56.64 | \$49.89 |

There were 15.5 million and 19.3 million stock options outstanding as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

5. Supplemental Disclosures to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

The following schedule provides additional information concerning acquisitions, interest and income taxes paid for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

| (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | 2014 |
|--|--------|--------|
| Assets acquired, excluding cash | \$636 | \$598 |
| Liabilities assumed | (51) | (45) |
| Contingent/deferred purchase consideration | (154) | (147) |
| Net cash outflow for acquisitions | \$431 | \$406 |
| (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | 2014 |
| Interest paid | \$126 | \$126 |
| Income taxes paid | \$335 | \$306 |

The Company paid deferred purchase consideration related to prior years' acquisitions of \$30 million and \$10 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Company had non-cash issuances of common stock of \$68 million and \$105 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, primarily related to its share-based payment plans. The Company recorded share-based compensation expense related to equity awards (excluding stock options) of \$49 million and \$60 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The consolidated statement of cash flows includes the cash flow impact of discontinued operations related to indemnification payments from the Putnam disposition, that reduced the net cash flow provided by operations by \$82 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015.

6. Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The changes in the balances of each component of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income ("AOCI") for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, including amounts reclassified out of AOCI, are as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | Unrealized Investment Gains | Pension/Post-Retirement Plans Gains (Losses) | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Total |
|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|------------|
| Balance as of July 1, 2015 | \$5 | \$ (3,289) | \$(639) | \$(3,923) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications | 1 | 31 | (276) | (244) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | — | 45 | — | 45 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss) | 1 | 76 | (276) | (199) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2015 | \$6 | \$ (3,213) | \$(915) | \$(4,122) |
| (In millions of dollars) | Unrealized Investment Gains | Pension/Post-Retirement Plans Gains (Losses) | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Total |
| Balance as of July 1, 2014 | \$5 | \$ (2,883) | \$271 | \$(2,607) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications | — | 94 | (419) | (325) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | — | 37 | — | 37 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss) | — | 131 | (419) | (288) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2014 | \$5 | \$ (2,752) | \$(148) | \$(2,895) |
| (In millions of dollars) | Unrealized Investment Gains | Pension/Post-Retirement Plans Gains (Losses) | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Total |
| Balance as of January 1, 2015 | \$5 | \$ (3,393) | \$(459) | \$(3,847) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications | 1 | 33 | (456) | (422) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | — | 147 | — | 147 |
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss) | 1 | 180 | (456) | (275) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2015 | \$6 | \$ (3,213) | \$(915) | \$(4,122) |
| (In millions of dollars) | Unrealized Investment Gains | Pension/Post-Retirement Plans Gains (Losses) | Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments | Total |
| Balance as of January 1, 2014 | \$5 | \$ (2,682) | \$56 | \$(2,621) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications | — | (174) | (204) | (378) |
| Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income | — | 104 | — | 104 |

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|--|-----|-----------|---|--------|---|----------|---|
| Net current period other comprehensive income (loss) | — | (70 |) | (204 |) | (274 |) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2014 | \$5 | \$ (2,752 |) | \$(148 |) | \$(2,895 |) |

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The components of other comprehensive income (loss) for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

| Three Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | | | 2014 | | |
|---|---------|-------|------------|---------|-------|------------|
| | Pre-Tax | Tax | Net of Tax | Pre-Tax | Tax | Net of Tax |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | \$(278) | \$(2) | \$(276) | \$(421) | \$(2) | \$(419) |
| Unrealized investment gains (losses) | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Pension/post-retirement plans: | | | | | | |
| Amortization of losses (gains) included in net periodic pension cost: | | | | | | |
| Prior service losses (gains) (a) | 1 | — | 1 | (3) | (1) | (2) |
| Net actuarial losses (a) | 67 | 23 | 44 | 57 | 18 | 39 |
| Subtotal | 68 | 23 | 45 | 54 | 17 | 37 |
| Effect of remeasurement | (89) | (30) | (59) | (1) | (1) | — |
| Effect of curtailment | 4 | — | 4 | — | — | — |
| Effect of settlement | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 105 | 24 | 81 | 119 | 25 | 94 |
| Other | 5 | 1 | 4 | — | — | — |
| Pension/post-retirement plans gains (losses) | 94 | 18 | 76 | 172 | 41 | 131 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | \$(183) | \$16 | \$(199) | \$(249) | \$39 | \$(288) |

(a) Components of net periodic pension cost are included in compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Tax on prior service gains and net actuarial losses is included in income tax expense.

| Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | | | 2014 | | |
|---|---------|-------|------------|---------|--------|------------|
| | Pre-Tax | Tax | Net of Tax | Pre-Tax | Tax | Net of Tax |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | \$(458) | \$(2) | \$(456) | \$(214) | \$(10) | \$(204) |
| Unrealized investment gains (losses) | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Pension/post-retirement plans: | | | | | | |
| Amortization of losses (gains) included in net periodic pension cost: | | | | | | |
| Prior service losses (gains) (a) | 1 | — | 1 | (8) | (3) | (5) |
| Net actuarial losses (a) | 220 | 74 | 146 | 157 | 48 | 109 |
| Subtotal | 221 | 74 | 147 | 149 | 45 | 104 |
| Effect of remeasurement | (92) | (31) | (61) | (167) | (34) | (133) |
| Effect of curtailment | 4 | — | 4 | (65) | (13) | (52) |
| Effect of settlement | 2 | — | 2 | — | — | — |
| Plan Termination | (6) | (2) | (4) | — | — | — |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 113 | 25 | 88 | 11 | 3 | 8 |
| Other | 5 | 1 | 4 | 3 | — | 3 |
| Pension/post-retirement plans gains (losses) | 247 | 67 | 180 | (69) | 1 | (70) |
| Other comprehensive (loss) income | \$(210) | \$65 | \$(275) | \$(283) | \$(9) | \$(274) |

(a) Components of net periodic pension cost are included in compensation and benefits in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Tax on prior service gains and net actuarial losses is included in income tax expense.

7. Acquisitions

The Risk and Insurance Services segment completed 11 acquisitions during the first nine months of 2015.

January – Marsh acquired INGESEG S.A., an insurance brokerage located in Argentina.

May – Marsh acquired Sylvite Financial Services, Inc., a Canada-based insurance consulting firm and Sumitomo Life Insurance Agency America, Inc., an employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm providing employee benefit and other services to U.S.-based subsidiaries of Japanese companies.

June – Marsh & McLennan Agency ("MMA") acquired MHBT, Inc., a Texas-based insurance broker and Marsh acquired SIS Co. Ltd, a Korea-based insurance broker and advisor.

July – MMA acquired Vezina, a Canada-based independent insurance brokerage firm, Tequesta Insurance Advisors, an employee benefits insurance provider based in Florida, Cline Wood Agency, a Kansas City-based independent specialty insurance agency and J.W. Terrill, a Missouri-based independent insurance agency. Marsh acquired SMEI Group Ltd., a U.K.-based insurance broker providing specialist commercial insurance to small and medium-sized firms.

August – Marsh acquired Dovetail Insurance, a leading provider of insurance technology services to the U.S. small commercial market.

The Consulting segment completed 5 acquisitions during the first nine months of 2015.

February – Oliver Wyman acquired TeamSAI, a Georgia-based provider of consulting and technical services to the transportation industry, and Mercer acquired Strategic Capital Management AG, a Switzerland-based institutional investment advisor.

June – Mercer acquired Kepler Associates, a U.K.-based executive remuneration specialist.

August – OWG acquired the Hong Kong and Shanghai franchises of OC&C Strategy Consultants.

September – Mercer acquired Comptryx, a global pay and workforce metrics business specializing in the technology sector.

Total purchase consideration for acquisitions made during the first nine months of 2015 was \$602 million, which consisted of cash paid of \$448 million and deferred purchase and estimated contingent consideration of \$154 million. Contingent consideration arrangements are primarily based on EBITDA and revenue targets over periods ranging from two to four years. The fair value of the contingent consideration was based on projected revenue and earnings of the acquired entities. The estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are subject to adjustment when purchase accounting is finalized. The Company also paid \$30 million of deferred purchase consideration and \$39 million of contingent consideration related to acquisitions made in prior years. In addition, the Company purchased other intangible assets in the amount of \$2 million.

The following table presents the preliminary allocation of the acquisition cost to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed during 2015 based on their fair values:

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

(In millions of dollars)

| | |
|---|-------|
| Cash | \$448 |
| Estimated fair value of deferred/contingent consideration | 154 |
| Total Consideration | \$602 |
| Allocation of purchase price: | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$17 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 22 |
| Other current assets | 3 |
| Property, plant, and equipment | 5 |
| Intangible assets | 247 |
| Goodwill | 356 |
| Other assets | 3 |
| Total assets acquired | 653 |
| Current liabilities | 34 |
| Other liabilities | 17 |
| Total liabilities assumed | 51 |
| Net assets acquired | \$602 |
| Prior Year Acquisitions | |

The Risk and Insurance Services segment completed fifteen acquisitions during 2014.

January – MMA acquired Barney & Barney, LLC, a San Diego-based insurance broking firm that provides insurance, risk management and employee benefits solutions to businesses and individuals throughout the U.S. and abroad, Great Lakes Employee Benefits Services, Inc., an employee group benefits consulting and brokerage firm based in Michigan, and Bond Network, Inc., a surety bonding agency based in North Carolina.

February – Marsh acquired Central Insurance Services, an independent insurance broker in Scotland that provides insurance broking and risk advisory services to companies of all sizes across industry sectors.

March – MMA acquired Capstone Insurance Services, LLC, an agency that provides property-casualty insurance and risk management solutions to businesses and individuals throughout South Carolina.

May – MMA acquired Kinker-Eveleigh Insurance Agency, an Ohio-based agency specializing in property-casualty and employee benefits solutions, VISICOR, a full-service employee benefits brokerage and consulting firm based in Texas, and Senn Dunn Insurance, a full-service insurance brokerage located in North Carolina.

August – Marsh acquired Seguros Morrice y Urrutia S.A., an insurance broker based in Panama City, Panama.

September – Marsh acquired Kocisko Insurance Brokers, Inc., a full-service commercial insurance brokerage located in Montreal, Quebec.

October – MMA acquired NuWest Insurance Services, Inc., a California-based property-casualty agency.

November – Marsh acquired Torrent Technologies, Inc., a Montana-based flood insurance specialist.

December – Marsh acquired Seafire Insurance Services, LLC, a Kansas-based managing general underwriter, and Trade Insure NV, a leading distributor of credit insurance policies in Belgium, and MMA acquired The Benefit Planning Group, Inc., a North Carolina-based employee benefit consulting firm.

The Consulting segment completed six acquisitions during 2014.

February – Mercer acquired Transition Assist, a retiree exchange specializing in helping retirees in employer-sponsored plans select Medicare supplemental health care insurance.

September – Oliver Wyman acquired Bonfire Communications, an agency specializing in employee engagement and internal communications based in San Francisco, California.

November – Mercer acquired AUSREM, a remuneration research and workforce consulting specialist based in Australia, and Jeitosa Group International, a global HR business consultancy and IT systems integration firm.

December – Mercer acquired Denarius, a compensation and benefits survey and information products consulting firm based in Chile, and Oliver Wyman acquired OC&C Strategy Consultants (Boston) LLC (part of the OC&C network), a Boston-based consulting firm specializing in the business media, information services and education sectors.

Total purchase consideration for acquisitions made during the first nine months of 2014 was \$573 million, which consisted of cash paid of \$426 million and deferred purchase and estimated contingent consideration of \$147 million. Contingent consideration arrangements are primarily based on EBITDA and revenue targets over periods ranging from two to four years. The fair value of the contingent consideration was based on projected revenue and earnings of the acquired entities. The estimated fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are subject to adjustment when purchase accounting is finalized. In the first nine months of 2014, the Company also paid \$10 million of deferred purchase consideration and \$40 million of contingent consideration related to acquisitions made in prior years.

Pro-Forma Information

While the Company does not believe its acquisitions in the aggregate are material, the following unaudited pro-forma financial data gives effect to the acquisitions made by the Company during 2015 and 2014. In accordance with accounting guidance related to pro-forma disclosures, the information presented for current year acquisitions is as if they occurred on January 1, 2014 and reflects acquisitions made in 2014 as if they occurred on January 1, 2013. The unaudited pro-forma information adjusts for the effects of amortization of acquired intangibles. The unaudited pro-forma financial data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have been achieved if such acquisitions had occurred on the dates indicated, nor is it necessarily indicative of future consolidated results.

| (In millions, except per share figures) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|-------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|---------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenue | \$3,120 | \$3,207 | \$9,659 | \$9,938 |
| Income from continuing operations | \$331 | \$305 | \$1,271 | \$1,207 |
| Net income attributable to the Company | \$326 | \$298 | \$1,239 | \$1,177 |
| Basic net income per share: | | | | |
| – Continuing operations | \$0.61 | \$0.55 | \$2.32 | \$2.16 |
| – Net income attributable to the Company | \$0.62 | \$0.55 | \$2.32 | \$2.15 |
| Diluted net income per share: | | | | |
| – Continuing operations | \$0.61 | \$0.54 | \$2.30 | \$2.13 |
| – Net income attributable to the Company | \$0.61 | \$0.54 | \$2.30 | \$2.12 |

The consolidated statements of income include the results of operations of acquired companies since their respective acquisition dates. The consolidated statements of income for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 include approximately \$48 million and \$66 million of revenue, respectively, and \$3 million and \$4 million of operating income, respectively, related to acquisitions made in 2015.

Pending Acquisition

On September 10, 2015, Marsh and Jelf Group plc ("Jelf") announced their agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash acquisition of 100% of the issued and to be issued share capital of Jelf for total consideration (excluding assumed indebtedness) of approximately \$400 million (£258 million). The acquisition will be effected by means of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement in the U.K. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval of Jelf shareholders and the Financial Conduct Authority, and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2015.

8. Goodwill and Other Intangibles

The Company is required to assess goodwill and any indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually, or more frequently if circumstances indicate impairment may have occurred. The Company performs the annual impairment test for each of its reporting units during the third quarter of each year. In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, the Company assesses qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test. The Company considers numerous factors, which include whether the fair value of each reporting unit exceeded its carrying value by a substantial margin in its most recent estimate of reporting unit fair values, whether significant acquisitions or dispositions occurred which might alter the fair value of its reporting units, macroeconomic conditions and their potential impact on reporting unit fair values, actual performance compared with budget and prior projections used in its estimation of reporting unit fair values, industry and market conditions, and the year-over-year change in the Company's share price. The Company completed its qualitative assessment in the third quarter of 2015 and concluded that a two-step goodwill impairment test was not required in 2015 and that goodwill was not impaired.

Other intangible assets that are not deemed to have an indefinite life are amortized over their estimated lives and reviewed for impairment upon the occurrence of certain triggering events in accordance with applicable accounting literature.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill are as follows:

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|
| September 30, | | |
| (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | 2014 |
| Balance as of January 1, as reported | \$7,241 | \$6,893 |
| Goodwill acquired | 356 | 350 |
| Other adjustments ^(a) | (91 |) (64 |
| Balance at September 30, | \$7,506 | \$7,179 |

^(a) Primarily reflects the impact of foreign exchange in each period.

Goodwill allocable to the Company's reportable segments at September 30, 2015 is as follows: Risk & Insurance Services, \$5.3 billion and Consulting, \$2.2 billion.

Amortized intangible assets consist of the cost of client lists, client relationships and trade names acquired. The gross cost and accumulated amortization are as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | September 30, 2015 | | | December 31, 2014 | | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Gross Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount | Gross Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Net Carrying Amount |
| Amortized intangibles | \$1,377 | \$541 | \$836 | \$1,177 | \$485 | \$692 |

Aggregate amortization expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 was \$79 million and \$64 million, respectively. The estimated future aggregate amortization expense is as follows:

For the Years Ending December 31,

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| (In millions of dollars) | Estimated Expense |
| 2015 (excludes amortization through September 30, 2015) | \$32 |
| 2016 | 107 |
| 2017 | 102 |
| 2018 | 98 |
| 2019 | 97 |
| Subsequent years | 400 |
| | \$836 |

9. Fair Value Measurements

Fair Value Hierarchy

The Company has categorized its assets and liabilities that are valued at fair value on a recurring basis into a three-level fair value hierarchy as defined by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"). The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities (Level 1) and lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). In some cases, the inputs used to measure fair value might fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy, for disclosure purposes, is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Assets and liabilities recorded in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value are categorized based on the inputs in the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1. Assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in an active market (examples include active exchange-traded equity securities and money market mutual funds).

Assets and liabilities utilizing Level 1 inputs include exchange-traded mutual funds and money market funds.

Level 2. Assets and liabilities whose values are based on the following:

- a) Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b) Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets (examples include corporate and municipal bonds, which trade infrequently);
- c) Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability (examples include most over-the-counter derivatives, including interest rate and currency swaps); and
- d) Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full asset or liability (for example, certain mortgage loans).

The Company does not have any assets or liabilities that utilize Level 2 inputs.

Level 3. Assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices, or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability (examples include private equity investments, certain commercial mortgage whole loans, and long-dated or complex derivatives including certain foreign exchange options and long-dated options on gas and power).

Liabilities utilizing Level 3 inputs include liabilities for contingent purchase consideration.

Valuation Techniques

Equity Securities and Mutual Funds – Level 1

Investments for which market quotations are readily available are valued at the sale price on their principal exchange, or official closing bid price for certain markets.

Contingent Consideration Liability – Level 3

Purchase consideration for some acquisitions made by the Company includes contingent consideration arrangements. Contingent consideration arrangements are primarily based on meeting EBITDA and revenue targets over periods from two to four years. The fair value of contingent consideration is estimated as the present value of future cash flows resulting from the projected revenue and earnings of the acquired entities.

The following fair value hierarchy table presents information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014.

| (In millions of dollars) | Identical Assets (Level 1) | | Observable Inputs (Level 2) | | Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) | | Total | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|
| | 09/30/15 | 12/31/14 | 09/30/15 | 12/31/14 | 09/30/15 | 12/31/14 | 09/30/15 | 12/31/14 |
| Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Financial instruments owned: | | | | | | | | |
| Mutual funds ^(a) | \$ 136 | \$ 150 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 136 | \$ 150 |
| Money market funds ^(b) | 310 | 107 | — | — | — | — | 310 | 107 |
| Total assets measured at fair value | \$ 446 | \$ 257 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 446 | \$ 257 |
| Fiduciary Assets: | | | | | | | | |
| Money market funds | \$ 79 | \$ 57 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 79 | \$ 57 |
| Total fiduciary assets measured at fair value | \$ 79 | \$ 57 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 79 | \$ 57 |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Contingent purchase consideration liability ^(c) | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 283 | \$ 207 | \$ 283 | \$ 207 |
| Total liabilities measured at fair value | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 283 | \$ 207 | \$ 283 | \$ 207 |

^(a) Included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

^(b) Included in cash and cash equivalents in the consolidated balance sheets.

^(c) Included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities and other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

During the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015, there were no assets or liabilities that were transferred between any of the levels.

The table below sets forth a summary of the changes in fair value of the Company's Level 3 liabilities as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 that represent contingent consideration related to acquisitions:

| (In millions of dollars) | 2015 | 2014 |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|
| Balance at January 1, | \$ 207 | \$ 104 |
| Additions | 73 | 70 |
| Payments | (39) | (40) |
| Revaluation Impact | 42 | 17 |
| Balance at September 30, | \$ 283 | \$ 151 |

The fair value of the contingent liability is based on projections of revenue and earnings for the acquired entities that are reassessed on a quarterly basis. As set forth in the table above, based on the Company's ongoing assessment of the fair value of contingent consideration, the Company recorded a net increase in the estimated fair value of such liabilities for prior-period acquisitions of \$42 million in the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015. A 5% increase in the above mentioned projections would increase the liability by approximately \$24 million. A 5% decrease in the above mentioned projections would decrease the liability by approximately \$35 million.

Long-Term Investments

The Company holds investments in certain private companies, public companies and certain private equity investments that are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. The carrying value of these investments amounted to \$376 million at September 30, 2015 and \$388 million at December 31, 2014.

The Company's investments in private equity funds were \$76 million and \$61 million at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. The carrying values of these private equity investments approximate fair value. The underlying private equity funds follow investment company accounting, where investments within the fund are carried at fair value. The Company records in earnings, investment gains/losses for its proportionate share of the change in fair value of the funds. These investments would be classified as Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy and are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

During 2014, the Company purchased 34% of the common stock of Alexander Forbes. As of September 30, 2015, the carrying value of the Company's investment in Alexander Forbes was approximately \$250 million. As of September 30, 2015, the market value of the approximately 443 million shares of Alexander Forbes owned by the Company, based on the September 30, 2015 closing share price of 7.65 South African Rand per share, was

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approximately \$244 million. The Company's investment in Alexander Forbes and its other equity investments in private companies are accounted for using the equity method of accounting, the results of which are included in revenue in the consolidated income statements and the carrying value of which is included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. The Company records its share of income or loss on its equity method investments on a one quarter lag basis.

On February 24, 2015, Mercer purchased shares of common stock of Benefitfocus (NASDAQ:BNFT) constituting approximately 9.9% of BNFT's outstanding capital stock as of the acquisition date. The purchase price for the BNFT shares and certain other rights and other consideration was approximately \$75 million. The Company has elected to account for this investment under the cost method of accounting as the shares purchased are categorized as restricted and cannot be sold for more than one year. When the restrictions on sale are less than one year in duration (January 1, 2017), the shares are expected to be classified as available for sale. This investment would then be classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy and included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. The value of the BNFT shares based on the closing price on the NASDAQ at September 30, 2015 and without regard to the restrictions on sale was approximately \$88 million.

10. Retirement Benefits

The Company maintains qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans for some of its U.S. and non-U.S. eligible employees. The Company's policy for funding its tax-qualified defined benefit retirement plans is to contribute amounts at least sufficient to meet the funding requirements set forth by U.S. law and the laws of the non-U.S. jurisdictions in which the Company offers defined benefit plans.

The target asset allocation for the Company's U.S. Plan was 64% equities and equity alternatives and 36% fixed income and at September 30, 2015, the actual allocation for the Company's U.S. Plan was 62% equities and equity alternatives and 38% fixed income. The target asset allocation for the Company's U.K. Plans, which comprise approximately 83% of non-U.S. Plan assets, is 48% equities and equity alternatives and 52% fixed income. At September 30, 2015, the actual allocation for the U.K. Plans was 45% equities and equity alternatives and 55% fixed income. The assets of the Company's defined benefit plans are diversified and are managed in accordance with applicable laws and with the goal of maximizing the plans' real return within acceptable risk parameters. The Company generally uses threshold-based portfolio re-balancing to ensure the actual portfolio remains consistent with target asset allocation ranges.

The components of the net periodic benefit cost for defined benefit and other post-retirement plans are as follows:

| Combined U.S. and significant non-U.S. Plans For the Three Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Service cost | \$48 | \$49 | \$— | \$2 | |
| Interest cost | 147 | 163 | 1 | 3 | |
| Expected return on plan assets | (246 |) (251 |) — | — | |
| Amortization of prior service cost (credit) | — | (2 |) — | — | |
| Recognized actuarial loss (gain) | 66 | 55 | — | (1 |) |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$15 | \$14 | \$1 | \$4 | |
| Curtailement loss | 4 | — | — | — | |
| Settlement loss | 2 | — | — | — | |
| Total cost | \$21 | \$14 | \$1 | \$4 | |
| | | | | | |
| Combined U.S. and significant non-U.S. Plans For the Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Service cost | \$150 | \$172 | \$2 | \$4 | |
| Interest cost | 439 | 485 | 5 | 9 | |
| Expected return on plan assets | (732 |) (749 |) — | — | |
| Amortization of prior service cost (credit) | — | (8 |) 1 | — | |
| Recognized actuarial loss (gain) | 220 | 159 | (1 |) (1 |) |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$77 | \$59 | \$7 | \$12 | |
| Curtailement cost (credit) | 4 | (65 |) — | — | |
| Settlement loss | 2 | — | — | — | |
| Plan termination | — | — | (128 |) — | |
| Total cost (credit) | \$83 | \$(6 |) \$(121 |) \$12 | |
| | | | | | |
| U.S. Plans only For the Three Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Service cost | \$29 | \$23 | \$— | \$1 | |
| Interest cost | 63 | 65 | — | 2 | |
| Expected return on plan assets | (93 |) (87 |) — | — | |
| Amortization of prior service cost (credit) | — | (1 |) — | — | |
| Recognized actuarial loss (gain) | 35 | 31 | — | (1 |) |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$34 | \$31 | \$— | \$2 | |

| U.S. Plans only For the Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Service cost | \$88 | \$68 | \$1 | \$2 |
| Interest cost | 188 | 190 | 2 | 6 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (277 |) (260 |) — | — |
| Amortization of prior service (credit) cost | — | (5 |) 1 | — |
| Recognized actuarial loss (gain) | 126 | 84 | (1 |) (2 |
| Net periodic benefit cost | \$125 | \$77 | \$3 | \$6 |
| Plan termination | — | — | (128 |) — |
| Total cost (credit) | \$125 | \$77 | \$(125 |) \$6 |

Effective September 1, 2015, the Company divided its U.S. qualified defined benefit plan. The existing plan was amended to cover only the retirees currently receiving benefits and terminated vested participants. The Company's active participants were transferred into a newly established, legally separate qualified defined benefit plan. The benefits offered to the plans' participants were unchanged. As a result of the plan amendment and establishment of the new plan, the Company re-measured the assets and liabilities of the two plans as required under U.S. GAAP, based on assumptions and market conditions at the amendment date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation and the net funded status of the plans decreased by approximately \$298 million and \$64 million, respectively. The decrease in the projected obligation was primarily due to the change in the discount rate from 4.3% at the December 31, 2014 measurement date, to a weighted average rate for the two plans of 4.67% at the re-measurement date. This was more than offset by a decline in plan assets.

In March 2015, the Company amended its U.S. Post-65 retiree medical reimbursement plan (the "RRA plan"), resulting in its termination, with benefits to certain participants paid through December 31, 2016. As a result of the termination of the RRA plan, the Company recognized a net credit of approximately \$125 million in the first quarter of 2015.

| Significant non-U.S. Plans only For the Three Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | |
|---|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Service cost | \$19 | \$26 | \$— | \$1 |
| Interest cost | 84 | 98 | 1 | 1 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (153 |) (164 |) — | — |
| Amortization of prior service credit | — | (1 |) — | — |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 31 | 24 | — | — |
| Net periodic benefit (credit) cost | \$(19 |) \$(17 |) \$1 | \$2 |
| Curtailment loss (credit) | 4 | — | — | — |
| Settlement loss | 2 | — | — | — |
| Total (credit) cost | \$(13 |) \$(17 |) \$1 | \$2 |

| Significant non-U.S. Plans only For the Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | |
|--|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Service cost | \$62 | \$104 | \$1 | \$2 |
| Interest cost | 251 | 295 | 3 | 3 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (455 |) (489 |) — | — |
| Amortization of prior service cost | — | (3 |) — | — |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 94 | 75 | — | 1 |
| Net periodic benefit (credit) cost | \$(48 |) \$(18 |) \$4 | \$6 |
| Curtailment loss (credit) | 4 | (65 |) — | — |
| Settlement loss | 2 | — | — | — |
| Total (credit) cost | \$(42 |) \$(83 |) \$4 | \$6 |

Effective August 1, 2015, the Company amended its Ireland defined benefit pension plans to close those plans to future benefit accruals and replaced those plans with a new defined contribution arrangement. The Company re-measured the assets and liabilities of the plans, based on assumptions and market conditions on the amendment date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation increased by approximately \$59 million primarily due to the change in the discount rate from approximately 2.3% at the December 31, 2014 measurement date, to 1.8% at the re-measurement date. The increase in the projected benefit obligation contributed to a \$26 million reduction in the funded status of the Ireland pension plans.

After completion of a consultation period with affected colleagues, in January 2014, the Company amended its U.K. defined benefit pension plans to close those plans to future benefit accruals effective August 1, 2014 and replaced those plans, along with its existing U.K. defined contribution plans, with a new, comprehensive defined contribution arrangement. This change resulted in a curtailment of the U.K. defined benefit plans, and as required under GAAP, the Company re-measured the defined benefit plans' assets and liabilities at the amendment date, based on assumptions and market conditions at that date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation ("PBO") increased by approximately \$147 million and the funded status decreased by approximately \$137 million. The change in the PBO and in the funded status relates primarily to a decrease in the discount rate at the re-measurement date. The net periodic benefit costs recognized in 2014 were the weighted average resulting from the December 31, 2013 measurement and the January 2014 re-measurement. The Company recognized a curtailment gain of \$65 million in the first quarter of 2014, primarily resulting from the recognition of the remaining unamortized prior service credit related to a plan amendment made in December 2012. This gain was mostly offset by the cost of a transition benefit for certain employees most impacted by the amendment, which is not part of net periodic pension cost.

The weighted average actuarial assumptions utilized to calculate the net periodic benefit costs for the U.S. and significant non-U.S. defined benefit plans are as follows:

| Combined U.S. and significant non-U.S. Plans September 30, Weighted average assumptions: | Pension Benefits | | Post-retirement Benefits | | |
|--|---------------------|--------|-----------------------------|--------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Expected return on plan assets | 7.25 | % 7.53 | % — | % — | % |
| Discount rate | 3.79 | % 4.74 | % 4.08 | % 5.03 | % |
| Rate of compensation increase | 2.42 | % 2.64 | % — | % — | % |

The Company made approximately \$138 million of contributions to its U.S. and non-U.S. defined benefit plans in the first nine months of 2015. The Company expects to contribute approximately \$59 million to its non-qualified U.S. pension and non-U.S. pension plans during the remainder of 2015.

11. Debt

The Company's outstanding debt is as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | September 30, 2015 | December 31, 2014 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Short-term: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$62 | \$11 |
| Long-term: | | |
| Senior notes – 2.30% due 2017 | 249 | 249 |
| Senior notes – 2.55% due 2018 | 249 | 249 |
| Senior notes – 2.35% due 2019 | 300 | 300 |
| Senior notes – 2.35% due 2020 | 500 | — |
| Senior notes – 4.80% due 2021 | 498 | 497 |
| Senior notes – 4.05% due 2023 | 248 | 248 |
| Senior notes – 3.50% due 2024 | 599 | 595 |
| Senior notes – 3.50% due 2025 | 498 | 498 |
| Senior notes – 3.750% due 2026 | 599 | — |
| Senior notes – 5.875% due 2033 | 297 | 297 |
| Mortgage – 5.70% due 2035 | 395 | 403 |
| Term Loan Facility – due 2016 | 50 | 50 |
| Other | 2 | 1 |
| | 4,484 | 3,387 |
| Less current portion | 62 | 11 |
| | \$4,422 | \$3,376 |

The senior notes in the table above are publicly registered by the Company with no guarantees attached.

In September 2015, the Company issued \$600 million of 3.75% 10.5-year senior notes. The Company intends to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

In March 2015, the Company issued \$500 million of 2.35% five-year senior notes. The Company used the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

In September 2014, the Company issued \$300 million of 2.35% five-year senior notes and \$500 million of 3.50% 10.5-year senior notes. In October 2014, a significant portion of the net proceeds of this offering were used to redeem \$630 million of debt, including \$230 million of 5.75% senior notes due in September 2015 and \$400 million of 9.25% senior notes due in 2019. Total cash outflow related to this transaction was approximately \$765 million, including a \$137 million cost for early redemption, which was reflected as a charge in the consolidated statements of income in the fourth quarter of 2014.

In May 2014, the Company issued \$600 million of 3.50% ten-year senior notes. The net proceeds of this offering were used for general corporate purposes, which included the repayment of \$320 million of the existing 5.375% senior notes, which matured on July 15, 2014.

The Company and certain of its foreign subsidiaries maintain a \$1.2 billion multi-currency five-year unsecured revolving credit facility. The interest rate on this facility is based on LIBOR plus a fixed margin which varies with the Company's credit ratings. This facility expires in March 2019 and requires the Company to maintain certain coverage and leverage ratios which are tested quarterly. There were no borrowings outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2015.

The Company has a \$150 million uncommitted bank credit line. There were no borrowings under this facility at September 30, 2015.

On September 8, 2015, the Company obtained a \$435 million letter of credit, expiring on March 15, 2016, relating to the pending acquisition of Jelf. In October 2015, the Company moved \$435 million to an escrow account, thereby canceling the letter of credit.

In December 2012, the Company closed on a \$50 million, three-year term loan facility. The interest rate on this facility at September 30, 2015 was 1.20%, which is based on LIBOR plus a fixed margin which varies with the

Company's credit ratings. The facility requires the Company to maintain coverage ratios and leverage ratios consistent with the revolving credit facility discussed above. The Company had \$50 million of borrowings outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2015.

Fair Value of Short-term and Long-term Debt

The estimated fair value of the Company's short-term and long-term debt is provided below. Certain estimates and judgments were required to develop the fair value amounts. The fair value amounts shown below are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that the Company would realize upon disposition, nor do they indicate the Company's intent or need to dispose of the financial instrument.

| (In millions of dollars) | September 30, 2015 | | December 31, 2014 | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Short-term debt | \$62 | \$62 | \$11 | \$11 |
| Long-term debt | \$4,422 | \$4,542 | \$3,376 | \$3,493 |

The fair value of the Company's short-term debt, which consists primarily of commercial paper and term debt maturing in the next year, approximates its carrying value. The estimated fair value of a primary portion of the Company's long-term debt is based on discounted future cash flows using current interest rates available for debt with similar terms and remaining maturities. Short- and long-term debt would be classified as Level 2 in the fair value hierarchy.

12. Restructuring Costs

The Company recorded total restructuring costs of \$8 million in the first nine months of 2015, primarily for future severance and rent under non-cancelable leases. These costs were incurred in Risk and Insurance services (\$3 million) and in Corporate (\$5 million).

Details of the restructuring activity from January 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015, which includes liabilities from actions prior to 2015, are as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | Liability at 1/1/14 | Amounts Accrued | Cash Paid | Other | Liability at 12/31/14 | Amounts Accrued | Cash Paid | Other | Liability at 9/30/15 |
|---|---------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------|-------|----------------------|
| Severance | \$11 | \$4 | \$(8) | \$— | \$7 | \$3 | \$(5) | \$(1) | \$4 |
| Future rent under non-cancelable leases and other costs | 113 | 8 | (35) | (1) | 85 | 5 | (19) | (1) | 70 |
| Total | \$124 | \$12 | \$(43) | \$(1) | \$92 | \$8 | \$(24) | \$(2) | \$74 |

The expenses associated with the above initiatives are included in compensation and benefits and other operating expenses in the consolidated statements of income. The liabilities associated with these initiatives are classified on the consolidated balance sheets as accounts payable, other liabilities, or accrued compensation, depending on the nature of the items.

13. Common Stock

During the first nine months of 2015, the Company repurchased approximately 23.4 million shares of its common stock for consideration of \$1.3 billion. In May 2015, the Board of Directors renewed the Company's share repurchase program, allowing management to buy back up to \$2 billion of the Company's common stock. At September 30, 2015, the Company remains authorized to purchase additional shares of its common stock up to a value of approximately \$1.2 billion. There is no time limit on the authorization. During the first nine months of 2014, the Company repurchased 11.8 million shares of its common stock for consideration of \$600 million.

14. Claims, Lawsuits and Other Contingencies

Litigation Matters

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to a significant number of claims, lawsuits and proceedings in the ordinary course of business. Such claims and lawsuits consist principally of alleged errors and omissions in connection with the performance of professional services, including the placement of insurance, the provision of actuarial services for corporate and public sector clients, the provision of investment advice and investment management services to pension plans, the provision of advice relating to pension buy-out transactions and the provision of consulting services relating to the drafting and interpretation of trust deeds and other documentation governing pension plans. These claims may seek damages, including punitive and treble damages, in amounts that could, if awarded, be significant. In establishing liabilities for errors and omissions claims in accordance with FASB ASC Subtopic No. 450-20 (Contingencies-Loss Contingencies), the Company uses case level reviews by inside and outside counsel, an internal actuarial analysis and other analysis to estimate potential losses. A liability is established when a loss is both probable and reasonably estimable. The liability is reviewed quarterly and adjusted as developments warrant. In many cases, the Company has not recorded a liability, other than for legal fees to defend the claim, because we are unable, at the present time, to make a determination that a loss is both probable and reasonably estimable.

To the extent that expected losses exceed our deductible in any policy year, the Company also records an asset for the amount that we expect to recover under any available third-party insurance programs. The Company has varying levels of third-party insurance coverage, with policy limits and coverage terms varying significantly by policy year.

Governmental Inquiries and Enforcement Matters

Our activities are regulated under the laws of the United States and its various states, the European Union and its member states, and the other jurisdictions in which the Company operates. In the ordinary course of business, the Company is also subject to subpoenas, investigations, lawsuits and other regulatory actions undertaken by governmental authorities.

Other Contingencies-Guarantees

In connection with its acquisition of U.K.-based Sedgwick Group in 1998, the Company acquired several insurance underwriting businesses that were already in run-off, including River Thames Insurance Company Limited ("River Thames"), which the Company sold in 2001. Sedgwick guaranteed payment of claims on certain policies underwritten through the Institute of London Underwriters (the "ILU") by River Thames. The policies covered by this guarantee were reinsured up to £40 million by a related party of River Thames. Payment of claims under the reinsurance agreement is collateralized by segregated assets held in a trust. As of September 30, 2015, the reinsurance coverage exceeded the best estimate of the projected liability of the policies covered by the guarantee. To the extent River Thames or the reinsurer is unable to meet its obligations under those policies, a claimant may seek to recover from the Company under the guarantee.

From 1980 to 1983, the Company owned indirectly the English & American Insurance Company ("E&A"), which was a member of the ILU. The ILU required the Company to guarantee a portion of E&A's obligations. After E&A became insolvent in 1993, the ILU agreed to discharge the guarantee in exchange for the Company's agreement to post an evergreen letter of credit that is available to pay claims by policyholders on certain E&A policies issued through the ILU and incepting between July 3, 1980 and October 6, 1983. Certain claims have been paid under the letter of credit and the Company anticipates that additional claimants may seek to recover against the letter of credit.

Kroll-related Matters

Under the terms of a stock purchase agreement with Altegrity, Inc. ("Altegrity") related to Altegrity's purchase of Kroll from the Company in August 2010, a copy of which is attached as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2010, the Company agreed to provide a limited indemnity to Altegrity with respect to certain Kroll-related litigation and regulatory matters.

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The pending proceedings and other matters described in this Note 14 on Claims, Lawsuits and Other Contingencies may expose the Company or its subsidiaries to liability for significant monetary damages and other forms of relief. Where a loss is both probable and reasonably estimable, the Company establishes liabilities in accordance with

FASB ASC Subtopic No. 450-20 (Contingencies - Loss Contingencies). Except as described above, the Company is not able at this time to provide a reasonable estimate of the range of possible loss attributable to these matters or the impact they may have on the Company's consolidated results of operations, financial position or cash flows. This is primarily because these matters are still developing and involve complex issues subject to inherent uncertainty. Adverse determinations in one or more of these matters could have a material impact on the Company's consolidated results of operations, financial condition or cash flows in a future period.

15. Segment Information

The Company is organized based on the types of services provided. Under this organizational structure, the Company's business segments are:

Risk and Insurance Services, comprising insurance services (Marsh) and reinsurance services (Guy Carpenter); and Consulting, comprising Mercer and Oliver Wyman Group

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those used for the consolidated financial statements described in Note 1 to the Company's 2014 Form 10-K. Segment performance is evaluated based on segment operating income, which includes directly related expenses, and charges or credits related to integration and restructuring but not the Company's corporate-level expenses. Revenues are attributed to geographic areas on the basis of where the services are performed.

Selected information about the Company's operating segments for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Revenue | Operating Income (Loss) | Revenue | Operating Income (Loss) |
| 2015— | | | | |
| Risk and Insurance Services | \$1,584 | (a) \$225 | \$5,137 | (c) \$1,185 |
| Consulting | 1,540 | (b) 285 | 4,448 | (d) 781 |
| Total Operating Segments | 3,124 | 510 | 9,585 | 1,966 |
| Corporate / Eliminations | (9 |) (49 |) (30 |) (141 |
| Total Consolidated | \$3,115 | \$461 | \$9,555 | \$1,825 |
| 2014— | | | | |
| Risk and Insurance Services | \$1,610 | (a) \$229 | \$5,240 | (c) \$1,170 |
| Consulting | 1,541 | (b) 274 | 4,493 | (d) 746 |
| Total Operating Segments | 3,151 | 503 | 9,733 | 1,916 |
| Corporate / Eliminations | (10 |) (58 |) (28 |) (151 |
| Total Consolidated | \$3,141 | \$445 | \$9,705 | \$1,765 |

Includes inter-segment revenue of \$0 million in both 2015 and 2014, interest income on fiduciary funds of \$6 million in both 2015 and 2014, and equity method income of \$2 million and \$4 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Includes inter-segment revenue of \$9 million in 2015 and \$10 million in 2014, interest income on fiduciary funds of \$1 million in 2015 and \$2 million in 2014, and equity method income of \$5 million in 2015 and \$0 million in 2014.

Includes inter-segment revenue of \$5 million and \$3 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively, interest income on fiduciary funds of \$16 million and \$18 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively, and equity method income of \$4 million in 2015 and \$10 million in 2014.

Includes inter-segment revenue of \$25 million in both 2015 and 2014, interest income on fiduciary funds of \$3 million and \$5 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively, and equity method income of \$13 million in 2015 and \$0 million in 2014.

Details of operating segment revenue for the three- and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 are as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September | | Nine Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------|----------|
| | 30, 2015 | 2014 | September 30, 2015 | 2014 |
| Risk and Insurance Services | | | | |
| Marsh | \$ 1,322 | \$ 1,343 | \$ 4,230 | \$ 4,295 |
| Guy Carpenter | 262 | 267 | 907 | 945 |
| Total Risk and Insurance Services | 1,584 | 1,610 | 5,137 | 5,240 |
| Consulting | | | | |
| Mercer | 1,090 | 1,112 | 3,173 | 3,244 |
| Oliver Wyman Group | 450 | 429 | 1,275 | 1,249 |
| Total Consulting | 1,540 | 1,541 | 4,448 | 4,493 |
| Total Operating Segments | 3,124 | 3,151 | 9,585 | 9,733 |
| Corporate / Eliminations | (9 |) (10 |) (30 |) (28 |
| Total | \$ 3,115 | \$ 3,141 | \$ 9,555 | \$ 9,705 |

16. New Accounting Guidance

In September 2015, the FASB issued new guidance intended to simplify the accounting for adjustments made to provisional amounts recognized in business combinations. The guidance requires the acquirer to recognize adjustments to estimated amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustments are determined, and to record, in the same period's financial statements, the effect on earnings of changes in depreciation, amortization, or other income effects, if any, as a result of the change to the estimated amounts, calculated as if the accounting had been completed as of the acquisition date. The guidance also includes additional disclosures required for the amounts recorded in current period earnings arising from such adjustments. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The guidance should be applied prospectively for adjustments to provisional amounts after the effective date, with earlier application permitted for financial statements that have not been issued. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the adoption of this new guidance will have on its financial condition and results of operations.

In May 2015, the FASB issued new guidance which removes the requirement to present certain investments for which the practical expedient is used to measure fair value at net asset value within the fair value hierarchy table. Instead, an entity would be required to include those investments as a reconciling item so that the total fair value amount of investments in the disclosure is consistent with the fair value investment balance on the statement of net assets. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. The adoption of this new guidance will affect footnote disclosure only and is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued new accounting guidance intended to simplify the presentation of debt issuance costs. The new guidance requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the new guidance. The guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The new guidance should be applied on a retrospective basis, wherein the balance sheet of each individual period presented should be adjusted to reflect the period-specific effects of applying the new guidance. Upon transition, an entity is required to comply with the applicable disclosures for a change in an accounting principle. The adoption of this new guidance is not expected to materially affect the Company's financial condition or cash flows, and will have no effect on the results of operations.

In February 2015, the FASB issued new accounting guidance intended to improve targeted areas of consolidation guidance for legal entities such as limited partnerships, limited liability corporations and securitization structures. The guidance focuses on the consolidation evaluation for reporting organizations that are required to evaluate whether they should consolidate certain legal entities. The guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in an interim period. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the guidance on its financial condition and results of operations.

In January 2015, the FASB issued new accounting guidance that eliminated the concept of extraordinary items. The guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The guidance may be adopted prospectively, or retrospectively to all prior periods presented in the financial statements. Early adoption is permitted provided the guidance is applied from the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. Adoption of the guidance is not expected to materially affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance to clarify the treatment of share-based payment awards that require a specific performance target to be achieved in order for employees to be eligible to vest in the awards which include terms that may provide that the performance conditions could be achieved after an employee completes the requisite service period. The guidance requires that a performance target that affects vesting and that could be achieved after the requisite service period be treated as a performance condition. As such, a reporting entity should apply the existing guidance as it relates to awards with performance conditions that affect vesting. The guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. Adoption of the guidance is not expected to materially affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

In May 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance to clarify the principles for revenue recognition. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve that principle, the entity should apply the following steps: identify the contract(s) with the customer, identify the performance obligations in the contract(s), determine the transaction price, allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract and recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. The guidance was initially effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period, but was deferred to fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2017. Entities are permitted to adopt the guidance under one of the following methods: retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented (with certain practical expedients allowed) or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the guidance recognized at the date of initial application. If an entity elects this transition method, it must provide disclosures in reporting periods that include the date of initial application of the amount by which each financial statement line item is affected in the current reporting period by application of the guidance as compared to guidance that was in effect before the change, and an explanation for the reasons for significant changes. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of the guidance on its financial condition and results of operations.

In April 2014, the FASB issued new accounting guidance which changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations and enhances disclosures in this area. Under the new guidance, only disposals representing a strategic shift in operations, such as disposal of a major geographic area or a major line of business, should be presented as discontinued operations. Those strategic shifts should have a major impact on the organization's operations and financial results. In addition, the new guidance requires expanded disclosures about discontinued operations. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2014. Adoption of the guidance did not affect the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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

General

Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (the "Company") is a global professional services firm offering clients advice and solutions in risk, strategy, and people. It is the parent company of a number of leading risk experts and specialty consultants, including: Marsh, the insurance broker, intermediary and risk advisor; Guy Carpenter, the risk and reinsurance specialist; Mercer, the provider of HR and related financial advice and services; and Oliver Wyman Group, the management, economic and brand consultancy. With approximately 58,000 employees worldwide and annual revenue of \$13 billion, the Company provides analysis, advice and transactional capabilities to clients in more than 130 countries.

The Company conducts business through two segments:

Risk and Insurance Services includes risk management activities (risk advice, risk transfer and risk control and mitigation solutions) as well as insurance and reinsurance broking and services. We conduct business in this segment through Marsh and Guy Carpenter.

Consulting includes Health, Retirement, Talent and Investments consulting services and products, and specialized management, economic and brand consulting services. We conduct business in this segment through Mercer and Oliver Wyman Group.

A reconciliation of segment operating income to total operating income is included in Note 15 to the consolidated financial statements included in Part I Item 1 in this report. The accounting policies used for each segment are the same as those used for the consolidated financial statements.

This Management's Discussion & Analysis ("MD&A") contains forward-looking statements as that term is defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. See "Information Concerning Forward-Looking Statements" at the outset of this report.

Consolidated Results of Operations

| (In millions, except per share figures) | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 |
| Revenue | \$3,115 | \$3,141 | \$9,555 | \$9,705 |
| Expense: | | | | |
| Compensation and Benefits | 1,878 | 1,904 | 5,434 | 5,619 |
| Other Operating Expenses | 776 | 792 | 2,296 | 2,321 |
| Operating Expenses | 2,654 | 2,696 | 7,730 | 7,940 |
| Operating Income | 461 | 445 | 1,825 | 1,765 |
| Income from Continuing Operations | 329 | 305 | 1,256 | 1,202 |
| Discontinued Operations, net of tax | 2 | (1) | (1) | (4) |
| Net Income Before Non-Controlling Interests | 331 | 304 | 1,255 | 1,198 |
| Net Income Attributable to the Company | \$323 | \$297 | \$1,224 | \$1,171 |
| Income From Continuing Operations Per Share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.61 | \$0.55 | \$2.29 | \$2.15 |
| Diluted | \$0.60 | \$0.54 | \$2.27 | \$2.12 |
| Net Income Per Share Attributable to the Company: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.61 | \$0.55 | \$2.29 | \$2.14 |
| Diluted | \$0.61 | \$0.54 | \$2.27 | \$2.11 |
| Average Number of Shares Outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 528 | 544 | 534 | 547 |
| Diluted | 533 | 551 | 540 | 554 |
| Shares Outstanding at September 30 | 522 | 542 | 522 | 542 |

The Company's consolidated operating income increased 4% to \$461 million in the third quarter of 2015 compared with \$445 million in the prior year. This reflects the impact of a 1% decrease in revenue, offset by a 2% decrease in expense. In the third quarter of 2015, the Company continued to be adversely impacted by the strengthened U.S. dollar, which had the effect of reducing the translated value of the Company's foreign earnings, while the total costs of defined benefit and defined contribution plans ("retirement benefit costs") worldwide increased primarily due to lower interest rates.

Diluted net income per share from continuing operations was \$.60, compared to \$.54 last year, reflecting a \$24 million increase in net income as well as a 3% decrease in the average number of diluted shares outstanding as compared to the same period last year. Shares issued related to the vesting of share awards and exercise of employee stock options were more than offset by share repurchases over the past four quarters.

Consolidated operating income was approximately \$1.8 billion in the first nine months of 2015, modestly higher compared with the first nine months of 2014, reflecting the adverse effect of the strengthened U.S. dollar and higher pension benefits costs. The impact of these headwinds was more than offset by the impact of a net credit from the termination of the Company's post-65 retiree medical reimbursement plan in the U.S. (the "RRA plan") of approximately \$125 million, which was recorded in the first quarter of 2015.

Consolidated Revenue and Expense

The Company conducts business in many countries, as a result of which the impact of foreign exchange rate movements may impact period-to-period comparisons of revenue. Similarly, certain items that affect comparability, such as the revenue impact of acquisitions and dispositions, including transfers among businesses, may impact period-to-period comparisons of revenue. Underlying revenue measures the change in revenue from one period to another by isolating these impacts. The impact of foreign currency exchange fluctuations, acquisitions and dispositions, including transfers among businesses, on the Company's operating revenues by segment was as follows:

| (In millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | % Change GAAP Revenue | Components of Revenue Change* | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|-----------------------|-----|----|---|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | | Currency Impact | Acquisitions/ Dispositions Impact | Underlying Revenue | | | | |
| Risk and Insurance Services | | | | | | | | | | |
| Marsh | \$1,317 | \$1,338 | (2) |)% | (7) |)% | 4 | % | 2 | % |
| Guy Carpenter | 261 | 266 | (2) |)% | (4) |)% | — | % | 2 | % |
| Subtotal | 1,578 | 1,604 | (2) |)% | (7) |)% | 3 | % | 2 | % |
| Fiduciary Interest Income | 6 | 6 | | | | | | | | |
| Total Risk and Insurance Services | 1,584 | 1,610 | (2) |)% | (7) |)% | 3 | % | 2 | % |
| Consulting | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mercer | 1,090 | 1,112 | (2) |)% | (8) |)% | 1 | % | 5 | % |
| Oliver Wyman Group | 450 | 429 | 5 | % | (6) |)% | 2 | % | 9 | % |
| Total Consulting | 1,540 | 1,541 | — | | (7) |)% | 1 | % | 6 | % |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (9 |) (10 |) | | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | \$3,115 | \$3,141 | (1) |)% | (7) |)% | 2 | % | 4 | % |
| (In millions of dollars) | Three Months Ended September 30, | | % Change GAAP Revenue | Components of Revenue Change* | | | | | | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | | Currency Impact | Acquisitions/ Dispositions Impact | Underlying Revenue | | | | |
| Marsh: | | | | | | | | | | |
| EMEA | \$378 | \$414 | (9) |)% | (10) |)% | 1 | % | 1 | % |
| Asia Pacific | 156 | 175 | (10) |)% | (13) |)% | 2 | % | 1 | % |
| Latin America | 86 | 99 | (14) |)% | (21) |)% | 2 | % | 6 | % |
| Total International | 620 | 688 | (10) |)% | (13) |)% | 1 | % | 2 | % |
| U.S. / Canada | 697 | 650 | 7 | % | (2) |)% | 7 | % | 2 | % |
| Total Marsh | \$1,317 | \$1,338 | (2) |)% | (7) |)% | 4 | % | 2 | % |
| Mercer: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Health | \$394 | \$392 | — | | (4) |)% | (2) |)% | 6 | % |
| Retirement | 317 | 330 | (4) |)% | (8) |)% | 2 | % | 2 | % |
| Investments | 202 | 213 | (5) |)% | (14) |)% | 3 | % | 6 | % |
| Talent | 177 | 177 | 1 | % | (8) |)% | 3 | % | 6 | % |
| Total Mercer | \$1,090 | \$1,112 | (2) |)% | (8) |)% | 1 | % | 5 | % |

Underlying revenue measures the change in revenue using consistent currency exchange rates, excluding the impact of certain items that affect comparability such as: acquisitions, dispositions and transfers among businesses.

* Components of revenue change may not add due to rounding.

| (In millions of dollars) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | % Change GAAP Revenue | Components of Revenue Change* | | | Underlying Revenue | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | | Currency Impact | Acquisitions/ Dispositions Impact | | | |
| Risk and Insurance Services | | | | | | | | |
| Marsh | \$4,217 | \$4,280 | (1)% | (7)% | 3 | 3 | % | % |
| Guy Carpenter | 904 | 942 | (4)% | (4)% | (1) | 1 | % | % |
| Subtotal | 5,121 | 5,222 | (2)% | (6)% | 2 | 2 | % | % |
| Fiduciary Interest Income | 16 | 18 | | | | | | |
| Total Risk and Insurance Services | 5,137 | 5,240 | (2)% | (6)% | 2 | 2 | % | % |
| Consulting | | | | | | | | |
| Mercer | 3,173 | 3,244 | (2)% | (7)% | 1 | 4 | % | % |
| Oliver Wyman Group | 1,275 | 1,249 | 2 % | (6)% | 2 | 6 | % | % |
| Total Consulting | 4,448 | 4,493 | (1)% | (7)% | 1 | 5 | % | % |
| Corporate/Eliminations | (30) | (28) | | | | | | |
| Total Revenue | \$9,555 | \$9,705 | (2)% | (7)% | 2 | 3 | % | % |
| (In millions of dollars) | Nine Months Ended September 30, | | % Change GAAP Revenue | Components of Revenue Change* | | | Underlying Revenue | |
| | 2015 | 2014 | | Currency Impact | Acquisitions/ Dispositions Impact | | | |
| Marsh: | | | | | | | | |
| EMEA | \$1,380 | \$1,509 | (9)% | (11)% | 1 | 2 | % | % |
| Asia Pacific | 480 | 520 | (8)% | (10)% | 1 | 1 | % | % |
| Latin America | 262 | 285 | (8)% | (17)% | 3 | 5 | % | % |
| Total International | 2,122 | 2,314 | (8)% | (11)% | 1 | 2 | % | % |
| U.S. / Canada | 2,095 | 1,966 | 7 % | (1)% | 5 | 3 | % | % |
| Total Marsh | \$4,217 | \$4,280 | (1)% | (7)% | 3 | 3 | % | % |
| Mercer: | | | | | | | | |
| Health | \$1,169 | \$1,173 | — | (4)% | (2) | 5 | % | % |
| Retirement | 973 | 1,032 | (6)% | (8)% | 2 | — | % | % |
| Investments | 614 | 622 | (1)% | (12)% | 2 | 9 | % | % |
| Talent | 417 | 417 | — | (7)% | 3 | 5 | % | % |
| Total Mercer | \$3,173 | \$3,244 | (2)% | (7)% | 1 | 4 | % | % |

Underlying revenue measures the change in revenue using consistent currency exchange rates, excluding the impact of certain items that affect comparability, such as: acquisitions, dispositions and transfers among businesses.

* Components of revenue change may not add due to rounding.

Revenue

Consolidated revenue for the third quarter of 2015 was \$3.1 billion, a decrease of 1% on a reported basis, reflecting a 4% increase on an underlying basis and a 2% increase from the impact of acquisitions, which were more than offset by a decrease of 7% from the impact of foreign currency translation.

Revenue in the Risk and Insurance Services segment for the third quarter of 2015 was \$1.6 billion, a decrease of 2% from the same period last year. Revenue increased 2% on an underlying basis and 3% from the impact of acquisitions, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. Consulting revenue of \$1.5 billion in the third quarter of 2015 remained flat from the same period in 2014. Revenue increased 6% on an underlying basis and 1% from the impact of acquisitions, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign exchange.

For the first nine months of 2015, Risk & Insurance Services revenue decreased 2% from the same period in 2014, but increased 2% on an underlying basis. Consulting revenue decreased 1% compared with the nine-month period last year. On an underlying basis, Consulting revenue increased 5%, reflecting increases of 4% at Mercer and 6% at Oliver Wyman.

Operating Expense

Consolidated operating expense in the third quarter decreased 2% compared with the same period last year, reflecting a 3% increase on an underlying basis and a 2% increase from acquisitions, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. The increase in underlying expenses is primarily due to higher base salary, bonus and health and welfare plan benefit costs.

Expenses for the nine months of 2015 decreased 3% compared to the same period in 2014, reflecting a 2% increase on an underlying basis and a 2% increase from acquisitions, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. The underlying expense increase reflects higher base salary and retirement benefit costs, partly offset by a net benefit from actions relating to the RRA plan.

Risk and Insurance Services

The results of operations for the Risk and Insurance Services segment are presented below:

| For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Three Months | | Nine Months | | |
|--|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Revenue | \$1,584 | \$1,610 | \$5,137 | \$5,240 | |
| Compensation and Benefits | 926 | 960 | 2,697 | 2,844 | |
| Other Expenses | 433 | 421 | 1,255 | 1,226 | |
| Expense | 1,359 | 1,381 | 3,952 | 4,070 | |
| Operating Income | \$225 | \$229 | \$1,185 | \$1,170 | |
| Operating Income Margin | 14.2 | % 14.2 | % 23.1 | % 22.3 | % |

Revenue

Revenue in the Risk and Insurance Services segment in the third quarter of 2015 was \$1.6 billion, a decrease of 2% as compared to the same period last year, reflecting a 2% increase in underlying revenue and a 3% increase related to acquisitions, which were more than offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation.

In Marsh, revenue in the third quarter of 2015 was \$1.3 billion, a decrease of 2% compared with the same quarter of the prior year, reflecting an increase of 2% on an underlying basis and a 4% increase from acquisitions, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. Underlying revenue increased 2% in U.S./Canada. The international division grew 2% on an underlying basis, with growth of 1% in EMEA, 1% in Asia Pacific and 6% in Latin America. Guy Carpenter's third quarter revenue decreased 2% reflecting an increase of 2% on an underlying basis and a decrease of 4% from the impact of foreign exchange translation.

Revenue in the Risk and Insurance Services segment decreased 2% in the first nine months of 2015 compared with 2014, but increased 2% on an underlying basis. In Marsh, underlying revenue increased 3% in U.S./Canada. The international division increased 2% on an underlying basis, reflecting a 2% increase in EMEA, a 1% increase in Asia Pacific and a 5% increase in Latin America.

Expense

Expenses in the Risk and Insurance Services segment decreased 2% in the third quarter of 2015 compared with the same period last year, but increased 2% on an underlying basis. The impact of foreign currency translation reduced expenses by 8%, partly offset by a 4% increase related to acquisitions. The increase in underlying expenses is primarily due to higher base salaries and charges for adjustments to acquisition-related contingent consideration liabilities.

Expenses for the nine-month period decreased 3% compared to the prior year, reflecting a 2% increase in underlying expenses, a 3% increase related to acquisitions and a 7% decrease for the impact of foreign exchange. The increase in underlying expenses reflects higher base salaries, retirement benefit costs and charges for adjustments to acquisition-related contingent consideration liabilities, partly offset by the impact of the net benefit from the

termination of the RRA plan.

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Consulting

The results of operations for the Consulting segment are presented below:

| For the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, (In millions of dollars) | Three Months | | Nine Months | | |
|--|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|---|
| | 2015 | 2014 | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Revenue | \$1,540 | \$1,541 | \$4,448 | \$4,493 | |
| Compensation and Benefits | 861 | 859 | 2,475 | 2,523 | |
| Other Expenses | 394 | 408 | 1,192 | 1,224 | |
| Expense | 1,255 | 1,267 | 3,667 | 3,747 | |
| Operating Income | \$285 | \$274 | \$781 | \$746 | |
| Operating Income Margin | 18.5 | % 17.8 | % 17.6 | % 16.6 | % |

Revenue

Consulting revenue in the third quarter of 2015 was flat compared with the prior year, reflecting a 6% increase on an underlying basis and a 1% increase related to acquisitions, which were offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. Mercer's revenue decreased 2% to \$1.1 billion. On an underlying basis, Mercer's revenue increased 5% compared to the same period last year. The increase in underlying revenue was driven by growth in Health, Talent and Investments, with each line of business increasing 6%. Oliver Wyman's revenue increased 5% to \$450 million in the third quarter of 2015 as compared to the same period last year, reflecting a 9% increase on an underlying basis and a 2% increase from acquisitions, partly offset by a decrease of 6% from the impact of foreign currency translation.

Consulting revenue in the first nine months of 2015 decreased 1%, but increased 5% on an underlying basis compared with 2014, with underlying growth of 4% at Mercer and 6% at Oliver Wyman.

Expense

Consulting expenses in the third quarter of 2015 decreased 1% as compared to the third quarter of 2014. Underlying expenses increased 5%, offset by a 7% decrease from the impact of foreign currency translation. The underlying expense increase in the third quarter of 2015 was primarily due to higher base salaries and incentive compensation costs.

Underlying expenses for the nine months of 2015 increased 4% as compared to 2014, primarily due to higher base salaries and incentive compensation costs, partly offset by the impact of the net benefit from the termination of the RRA plan.

Corporate and Other

Corporate expenses were \$49 million and \$58 million for the three-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$141 million and \$151 million for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The lower expenses were primarily due to non-recurring corporate initiatives incurred in 2014.

Interest

Interest income earned on corporate funds was \$3 million in the third quarter of 2015, compared with \$6 million in the third quarter of 2014, primarily due to a lower level of invested funds. Interest expense decreased \$4 million in 2015 compared with the third quarter of 2014 due to lower average interest rates compared with the prior year, partly offset by higher average debt outstanding.

Investment Income

The caption "Investment income (loss)" in the consolidated statements of income comprises realized and unrealized gains and losses from investments recognized in current earnings. It includes, when applicable, other than temporary declines in the value of debt and available-for-sale securities and equity method gains or losses on its investment in private equity funds. The Company's investments may include direct investments in insurance or consulting companies and investments in private equity funds. The Company recorded investment income of \$34 million and \$26 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$39 million and \$37 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, primarily related to our general partner carried interest in Trident III no longer subject to clawback. Stonepoint Capital, the investment manager of

Trident III, harvested its remaining two investments of Trident III during the third quarter of 2015, which resulted in the Company recognizing its remaining deferred performance fees.

Income Taxes

The Company's effective tax rate in the third quarter of 2015 was 27.9% compared with 29.6% in the third quarter of 2014. The effective tax rate for the first nine months of 2015 and 2014 was 28.4% and 28.9%, respectively. The rates reflect non-U.S. income taxed at rates below the U.S. statutory rate, including the effect of repatriation as well as the impact of discrete tax matters such as tax legislation, changes in valuation allowances, the resolution of tax examinations and expiration of statutes of limitations.

The effective tax rate is sensitive to the geographic mix and repatriation of the Company's earnings, which may result in higher or lower tax rates. U.S. federal and state corporate tax rates substantially exceed tax rates applicable in most jurisdictions outside the U.S. A significant portion of the Company's profits are earned outside the U.S. In 2015, the forecasted pre-tax income in the U.K., Canada, Australia, Ireland, Germany and Bermuda is expected to account for approximately 60% of the Company's total non-U.S. pre-tax income, with estimated effective tax rates in those countries of 21%, 27%, 30%, 13%, 33% and 0%, respectively. Consequently, continued improvement in the profitability of the Company's U.S.-based operations would tend to result in higher effective tax rates. A loss in one jurisdiction, generally, cannot offset earnings in another, and within certain jurisdictions profits and losses may not offset between entities. Losses in certain operations may require valuation allowances affecting the effective tax rate, depending on estimates of the realizability of associated deferred tax assets. The tax rate is also sensitive to changes in unrecognized tax benefits, including the impact of settled tax audits and expired statutes of limitation.

Changes in tax laws or tax rulings may have a significant impact on our effective tax rate. Discussions continue within Congress and the Administration about broad reform of the corporate tax system in the U.S. It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of these discussions. Future legislation could have a material impact on our effective tax rate and consolidated financial statements due to reforms that could include changes in the corporate tax rate and in the way U.S. corporations are taxed on foreign earnings.

The Company reports a liability for unrecognized tax benefits resulting from uncertain tax positions taken or expected to be taken in the tax return. The Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits decreased from \$97 million at December 31, 2014 to \$77 million at September 30, 2015. It is reasonably possible that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by an amount between zero and approximately \$9 million within the next twelve months due to settlements of audits and expirations of statutes of limitation.

During the second quarter of 2015, the Company settled a U.S. federal tax audit with the IRS for the year 2013 and in the second quarter of 2014, settled a U.S. federal tax audit with the IRS for the year 2012.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company is organized as a holding company, a legal entity separate and distinct from its operating subsidiaries. As a holding company without significant operations of its own, the Company is dependent upon dividends and other payments from its operating subsidiaries to meet its obligations for paying principal and interest on outstanding debt obligations, for paying dividends to stockholders, for share repurchases and for corporate expenses. Other sources of liquidity include borrowing facilities discussed below in Financing Cash Flows.

The Company derives a significant portion of its revenue and operating profit from operating subsidiaries located outside of the United States. Funds from the Company's operating subsidiaries located outside of the United States are regularly repatriated to the United States out of annual earnings. At December 31, 2014, the Company had approximately \$1.3 billion of cash and cash equivalents in its foreign operations, substantially all of which is considered to be permanently invested in those operations to fund foreign investments and working capital needs. At the current time, the Company does not intend to repatriate any of this cash. The non-U.S. cash and cash equivalents considered permanently reinvested includes approximately \$203 million of operating funds required to be maintained for regulatory requirements or as collateral under certain captive insurance arrangements. The Company expects to continue its practice of repatriating foreign funds out of current annual earnings. The analysis of the portion of 2015 earnings that the Company expects to repatriate and the portion that will be permanently reinvested will be finalized later in the year as the amount of non-U.S. earnings and the Company's cash requirements become more certain. While management does not foresee a need to repatriate the funds which are currently deemed permanently invested, if facts or circumstances change, management could elect to repatriate them, which could result in higher effective tax rates in the future.

Cash and cash equivalents on our consolidated balance sheets includes funds available for general corporate purposes. Funds held on behalf of clients in a fiduciary capacity are segregated and shown separately in the consolidated balance sheets as an offset to fiduciary liabilities. Fiduciary funds cannot be used for general corporate purposes, and should not be considered as a source of liquidity for the Company.

Operating Cash Flows

The Company generated \$980 million of cash from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared with \$1.1 billion provided by operations for the same period in 2014. These amounts reflect the net income of the Company during those periods, excluding gains or losses from investments, adjusted for non-cash charges and changes in working capital which relate primarily to the timing of payments of accrued liabilities or receipts of assets and pension contributions. The use of cash is driven primarily by cash award payments, which are generally paid in the first quarter of each each year.

Pension Related Items

The Company's policy for funding its tax-qualified defined benefit plans is to contribute amounts at least sufficient to meet the funding requirements set forth in the applicable laws or regulations of the U.S. and other jurisdictions. During the first nine months of 2015, the Company contributed \$116 million to its non-U.S. pension plans and \$22 million to its U.S. pension plans. In the first nine months of 2014, the Company contributed \$122 million to its non-U.S. pension plans and \$19 million to its U.S. pension plans.

In the U.S., contributions to the tax-qualified defined benefit plans are based on ERISA guidelines and the Company generally expects to maintain a funded status of 80% or more of the liability determined under the ERISA guidelines. The pension stabilization provisions included in the "Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act", enacted on July 6, 2012, changed the methodology for determining the discount rate used for calculating plan liabilities under ERISA, which determines, in part, the funding requirements.

The Company continues to manage the cost and assess the competitiveness of its benefits programs, and also to manage the risks related to its defined benefit pension plan liabilities. Effective September 1, 2015, the Company divided its U.S. qualified defined benefit plan. The existing plan was amended to cover only the retirees currently receiving benefits and terminated vested participants. The Company's active participants were transferred into a newly established, legally separate qualified defined benefit plan. The benefits provided to the plans' participants were unchanged. As a result of the plan amendment and establishment of the new plan, the Company re-measured the assets and liabilities of the two plans, as required under U.S. GAAP, based on assumptions and market conditions at

the amendment date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation and the net funded status of the plans decreased by approximately \$298 million and \$64 million, respectively. The decrease in the projected obligation was primarily due to the change in the discount rate from 4.3% at the December 31, 2014 measurement date, to a weighted average rate for the two plans of 4.67% at the re-measurement date. This was more than offset by a decline in plan assets.

Effective August 1, 2015, the Company amended its Ireland defined benefit pension plans to close those plans to future benefit accruals and replaced those plans with a new defined contribution arrangement. The Company re-measured the assets and liabilities of the plans, based on assumptions and market conditions on the amendment date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation increased by approximately \$59 million primarily due to the change in the discount rate from approximately 2.3% at the December 31, 2014 measurement date, to 1.8% at the re-measurement date. The increase in the projected benefit obligation contributed to a \$26 million reduction in the funded status of the Ireland pension plans.

As a result of these changes above, the Company expects the increase in pension benefit costs for the full year of 2015 to be lower than the \$115 million disclosed in the 2014 10-K. However, this is expected to be offset, primarily by the negative impact of foreign exchange in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The Company has a large number of non-U.S. defined benefit pension plans, the largest of which are in the U.K., which comprise approximately 83% of non-U.S. plan assets. In the U.K., contributions to defined benefit pension plans are determined through a negotiation process between the Company and the plans' trustee that typically occurs every three years in conjunction with the actuarial valuation of the plans. This process is governed by U.K. pension regulations. The assumptions that result from the funding negotiations are different from those used for U.S. GAAP and currently result in a lower funded status than under U.S. GAAP. In March 2014, the Company and the Trustee of the U.K. Defined Benefits Plans agreed to a funding deficit recovery plan for the U.K. defined benefit pension plans. The current agreement with the Trustee sets out the annual deficit contributions which would be due based on the deficit at December 31, 2012. The funding level is subject to re-assessment, in most cases on November 1st of each year. If the funding level on November 1st has sufficiently improved, no deficit funding contributions will be required in the following year, and the contribution amount will be deferred. As part of a long-term strategy, which depends on having greater influence over asset allocation and overall investment decisions, the Company has agreed to support annual deficit contributions by the U.K. operating companies under certain circumstances, up to GBP 450 million over a seven-year period.

As a result of a significant improvement in funded status during 2013, no additional deficit recovery contributions were required in 2014. Based on the funding test carried out at November 1, 2014, Company contributions to the U.K. plans in 2015 are expected to be \$54 million. The U.K. employers also contribute an expense allowance each year of approximately \$9 million.

The Company expects to fund an additional \$53 million to its non-U.S. defined benefit plans over the remainder of 2015, comprising approximately \$18 million to plans outside of the U.K. and \$35 million to the U.K. plans.

Funding amounts may be influenced by future asset performance, the level of discount rates and other variables impacting the funded status of the plan.

After completion of a consultation period with affected colleagues, in January 2014, the Company amended its U.K. defined benefit pension plans to close those plans to future benefit accruals effective August 1, 2014 and replaced those plans, along with its existing defined contribution plans, with a new, comprehensive defined contribution arrangement. This change resulted in a curtailment of the U.K. defined benefit plans, and as required under GAAP, the Company re-measured the defined benefit plans' assets and liabilities at the amendment date, based on assumptions and market conditions at that date. As a result of the re-measurement, the projected benefit obligation ("PBO") increased by approximately \$147 million and the funded status decreased by approximately \$137 million. The change in the PBO and in the funded status relates primarily to a decrease in the discount rate at the re-measurement date. The Company recognized a curtailment gain of \$65 million in the first quarter of 2014, primarily resulting from the recognition of the remaining unamortized prior service credit related to a plan amendment made in December 2012. This gain was mostly offset by the cost of a transition benefit to certain employees most impacted by the amendment.

Financing Cash Flows

Net cash used for financing activities was \$630 million for the period ended September 30, 2015, compared with \$130 million net cash provided by such activities for the same period in 2014.

In September 2015, the Company issued \$600 million of 3.75% 10.5-year senior notes. The Company intends to use the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

In March 2015, the Company issued \$500 million of 2.35% five-year senior notes. The Company used the net proceeds for general corporate purposes.

In September 2014, the Company issued \$300 million of 2.35% five-year senior notes and \$500 million of 3.50% 10.5-year senior notes. In October 2014, a significant portion of the net proceeds of this offering was used to redeem \$630 million of debt, including \$230 million of 5.75% senior notes due in September 2015 and \$400 million of 9.25% senior notes due in 2019. Total cash outflow related to this transaction was approximately \$765 million, including a \$137 million cost for early redemption, which was reflected as a charge in the consolidated statements of income in the fourth quarter of 2014.

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company issued \$600 million of 3.50% ten-year senior notes. The net proceeds of this offering were used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of \$320 million of 5.375% senior notes that matured in July 2014.

The Company and certain of its foreign subsidiaries maintain a \$1.2 billion multi-currency five-year unsecured revolving credit facility. The interest rate on this facility is based on LIBOR plus a fixed margin which varies with the Company's credit ratings, which are set forth below. This facility expires in March 2019 and requires the Company to maintain certain coverage and leverage ratios which are tested quarterly. There were no borrowings outstanding under this facility at September 30, 2015.

In December 2012, the Company closed on a \$50 million, three-year delayed draw term loan facility. The interest rate on this facility is based on LIBOR plus an agreed fixed margin which varies with the Company's credit ratings. The facility requires the Company to maintain coverage ratios and leverage ratios consistent with the current revolving credit facility discussed above. The Company had \$50 million of borrowings under this facility at September 30, 2015.

The Company has a \$150 million uncommitted bank credit line. There were no borrowings under this facility at September 30, 2015.

The Company's senior debt is currently rated Baa1 by Moody's and A- by Standard & Poor's. The Company's short-term debt is currently rated P-2 by Moody's and A-2 by Standard & Poor's. The Company carries a stable outlook from Moody's and Standard & Poor's.

During the first nine months of 2015, the Company paid \$39 million of contingent payments related to acquisitions made in prior periods. These payments are split between financing and operating cash flows in the consolidated statements of cash flows. The portion of these payments reflected as a financing activity is \$12 million, which represents payments related to the contingent consideration liability that was recorded on the date of acquisition. Payments related to increases in the contingent consideration liability subsequent to the date of acquisition, which were \$27 million for the first nine months of 2015, are reflected as operating cash flows. In the first nine months of 2015, the Company paid \$30 million of deferred purchase consideration related to acquisitions made in prior years. Remaining deferred cash payments of approximately \$145 million and estimated future contingent consideration payments of \$283 million for acquisitions completed in the first nine months of 2015 and in prior years are recorded in accounts payable and accrued liabilities or other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2015. In the first nine months of 2014, the Company paid \$40 million of contingent payments related to acquisitions made in prior periods. Of this amount, \$28 million was reported as financing cash flows and \$12 million as operating cash flows. In addition, in the first nine months of 2014, the Company paid \$10 million of deferred purchase consideration related to acquisitions made in prior years.

In May 2015, the Board of Directors renewed the Company's share repurchase program, allowing management to buy back up to \$2 billion of shares going forward. At September 30, 2015, the Company remains authorized to purchase additional shares of its common stock up to a value of approximately \$1.2 billion. There is no time limit on this authorization.

During the first nine months of 2015, the Company repurchased approximately 23.4 million shares of its common stock for consideration of \$1.3 billion. During the first nine months of 2014, the Company repurchased approximately 11.8 million shares of its common stock for consideration of \$600 million.

The Company paid dividends on its common shares of \$468 million (\$0.87 per share) during the first nine months of 2015, as compared with \$429 million (\$0.78 per share) during the first nine months of 2014.

Investing Cash Flows

Net cash used for investing activities amounted to \$743 million in the first nine months of 2015, compared with \$816 million used during the same period in 2014.

The Company made 16 acquisitions during the first nine months of 2015. Cash used for these acquisitions, net of cash acquired, was \$431 million.

During 2014, Mercer acquired 34% of the common shares of South Africa-based Alexander Forbes Group Holdings Limited ("Alexander Forbes"). Mercer purchased its stake in Alexander Forbes in two tranches at 7.50 South African Rand per share. On July 24, 2014, the Company purchased 14.9% of Alexander Forbes common shares for approximately \$137 million, and in October 2014, the Company paid approximately \$166 million for the remaining 19.1% of Alexander Forbes common shares. The investment in Alexander Forbes is accounted for using the equity method and is included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

The Company made twelve acquisitions during the first nine months of 2014. Cash used for these acquisitions, net of cash acquired, was \$406 million.

The Company used cash of \$249 million to purchase fixed assets and capitalized software in the first nine months of 2015, compared with \$285 million in the first nine months of 2014, primarily related to computer equipment and software purchases, software development costs and the refurbishing and modernizing of office facilities.

On February 24, 2015, Mercer purchased shares of common stock of Benefitfocus (NASDAQ:BNFT) constituting approximately 9.9% of BNFT's outstanding capital stock as of the acquisition date. The purchase price for the BNFT shares and certain other rights and other consideration was approximately \$75 million.

The Company has commitments for potential future investments of approximately \$55 million in four private equity funds that invest primarily in financial services companies.

Pending Acquisition

On September 10, 2015, Marsh & McLennan Companies Acquisition Limited, an affiliate of Marsh Limited, and Jelf Group plc ("Jelf") announced their agreement on the terms and conditions of a recommended cash acquisition of 100% of the issued and to be issued share capital of Jelf for total consideration (excluding assumed indebtedness) of approximately \$400 million (£258 million). The acquisition will be effected by means of a court-sanctioned scheme of arrangement in the U.K. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, including approval of Jelf shareholders and the Financial Conduct Authority, and is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2015.

Commitments and Obligations

The Company's contractual obligations of the types identified in the table below were of the following amounts as of September 30, 2015:

| (In millions of dollars) | Payment due by Period | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------|
| | Total | Within 1 Year | 1-3 Years | 4-5 Years | After 5 Years |
| Contractual Obligations | | | | | |
| Short-term debt | \$62 | \$62 | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Long-term debt | 4,435 | — | 275 | 1,076 | 3,084 |
| Interest on long-term debt | 1,523 | 166 | 324 | 293 | 740 |
| Net operating leases | 1,980 | 294 | 481 | 364 | 841 |
| Service agreements | 295 | 134 | 122 | 39 | — |
| Other long-term obligations | 490 | 142 | 236 | 110 | 2 |
| Total | \$8,785 | \$798 | \$1,438 | \$1,882 | \$4,667 |

The above does not include unrecognized tax benefits of \$77 million, accounted for under ASC Topic No. 740, as the Company is unable to reasonably predict the timing of settlement of these liabilities, other than approximately \$4 million that may become payable within one year. The above does not include the indemnified liabilities discussed in Note 14 as the Company is unable to reasonably predict the timing of settlement of these liabilities. The above does not include net pension liabilities for underfunded plans of approximately \$1.9 billion because the timing and amount of ultimate payment of such liability is dependent upon future events, including, but not limited to, future returns on plan assets and changes in the discount rate used to measure the liabilities. The Company expects to contribute approximately \$6 million and \$53 million to its U.S. and non-U.S. pension plans, respectively, in the remainder of 2015.

On September 8, 2015, the Company obtained a \$435 million letter of credit, expiring on March 15, 2016, relating to the pending acquisition of Jelf. In October 2015, the Company moved \$435 million to an escrow account, thereby canceling the letter of credit. This is not reflected in the table above.

New Accounting Guidance

Note 16 to the consolidated financial statements in this report contains a discussion of recently issued accounting guidance and their impact or potential future impact on the Company's financial results, if determinable.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Market Risk and Credit Risk

Certain of the Company's revenues, expenses, assets and liabilities are exposed to the impact of interest rate changes and fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and equity markets.

The Company had the following investments subject to variable interest rates:

| (In millions of dollars) | September 30, 2015 |
|---|--------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents invested in money market funds, certificates of deposit and time deposits | \$1,330 |
| Fiduciary cash and investments | \$4,374 |

Based on the above balances, if short-term interest rates increased or decreased by 10%, or 7 basis points, over the course of the remainder of the year, annual interest income, including interest earned on fiduciary funds, would increase or decrease by approximately \$1 million.

In addition to interest rate risk, our cash and cash equivalents and fiduciary fund investments are subject to potential loss of value due to counter-party credit risk. To minimize this risk, the Company and its subsidiaries invest pursuant to a Board-approved investment policy. The policy mandates the preservation of principal and liquidity and requires broad diversification with counter-party limits assigned based primarily on credit rating and type of investment. The Company carefully monitors its cash and fiduciary fund investments and will further restrict the portfolio as appropriate in response to market conditions. The majority of cash and fiduciary fund investments are invested in short-term bank deposits.

Foreign Currency Risk

The translated values of revenue and expense from the Company's international operations are subject to fluctuations due to changes in currency exchange rates. The non-U.S. based revenue that is exposed to foreign exchange fluctuations is approximately 55% of total revenue. We periodically use forward contracts to limit foreign currency exchange rate exposure on net income and cash flows for specific, clearly defined transactions arising in the ordinary course of business. Although the Company has significant revenue generated in foreign locations which is subject to foreign exchange rate fluctuations, in most cases both the foreign currency revenue and expenses are in the functional currency of the foreign location. As such, the U.S. dollar translation of both the revenues and expenses, as well as the potentially offsetting movements of various currencies against the U.S. dollar, generally tend to mitigate the impact on net operating income of foreign currency risk over the long term. The Company estimates that a 10% movement of major foreign currencies (Euro, Sterling, Australian dollar and Canadian dollar) in the same direction against the U.S. dollar would increase or decrease full year net operating income by approximately \$60 million, as compared to the prior year. In the fourth quarter of 2014 and the first quarter of 2015, the U.S. dollar strengthened significantly against most currencies. If exchange rates at September 30, 2015 hold constant throughout 2015, the Company estimates the year-over-year impact from conversion of foreign currency earnings would reduce full year net operating income by approximately \$140 million. In Continental Europe, the largest amount of revenue from renewals for the Risk & Insurance segment occurs in the first quarter. Consequently, a significant portion of the year-over-year foreign exchange impact occurred in the first quarter.

Equity Price Risk

The Company holds investments in both public and private companies as well as private equity funds that invest primarily in financial services companies. The Company holds publicly traded investments of \$91 million of which \$17 million are classified as available for sale and \$74 million are accounted for using the cost method, as the shares are categorized as restricted and cannot be sold for more than one year. Non-publicly traded investments of \$15 million are accounted for using the cost method and an additional \$376 million of investments are accounted for using the equity method. These investments are subject to risk of changes in market value, which if determined to be other than temporary, could result in realized impairment losses. The Company periodically reviews the carrying value of such investments to determine if any valuation adjustments are appropriate under the applicable accounting pronouncements.

Other

See Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report for a discussion of lawsuits and regulatory proceedings.

Item 4. Controls & Procedures.

a. Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation, as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) are effective.

b. Changes in Internal Control

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by Rules 13a-15(d) or 15d-15(d) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that occurred during the Company's last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The information set forth in Note 14 to the consolidated financial statements provided in Part I of this report is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

The Company and its subsidiaries face a number of risks and uncertainties. In addition to the other information in this report and our other filings with the SEC, readers should consider carefully the risk factors discussed in "Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. If any of the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K or such other risks actually occur, our business, results of operations or financial condition could be materially adversely affected.

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

Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities

In May 2015, the Board of Directors of the Company authorized share repurchases up to a dollar value of \$2 billion of the Company's common stock. The Company repurchased approximately 9.9 million shares of its common stock for \$550 million during the third quarter of 2015. At September 30, 2015, the Company remains authorized to repurchase shares of its common stock up to a dollar value of approximately \$1.2 billion. There is no time limit on the authorization.

| Period | (a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | (b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|----------------------|--|---|---|---|
| July 1-31, 2015 | 2,851,275 | \$57.6920 | 2,851,275 | \$1,615,975,411 |
| August 1-31, 2015 | 3,543,671 | \$55.8933 | 3,543,671 | \$1,417,908,052 |
| September 1-30, 2015 | 3,502,999 | \$53.5075 | 3,502,999 | \$1,230,471,267 |
| Total | 9,897,945 | \$55.5671 | 9,897,945 | \$1,230,471,267 |

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure.

Not Applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

See the Exhibit Index immediately following the signature page of this report, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 29, 2015

/s/ J. Michael Bischoff
J. Michael Bischoff
Chief Financial Officer

Date: October 29, 2015

/s/ Robert J. Rapport
Robert J. Rapport
Senior Vice President & Controller
(Chief Accounting Officer)

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit No. | Exhibit Name |
|-------------|--|
| 4.1 | Seventh Supplemental Indenture, dated as of September 14, 2015, between Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. (the "Company") and The Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee (incorporated by reference to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 14, 2015) |
| 10.1 | Letter Agreement, dated September 17, 2015, between Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. and Mark C. McGivney |
| 10.2 | Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Agreement, dated September 17, 2015, between Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc. and Mark C. McGivney |
| 12.1 | Statement Re: Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges |
| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer |
| 32.1 | Section 1350 Certifications |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase |