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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016  
OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number 1-11353

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF  
AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

13-3757370

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

358 South Main Street,  
Burlington, North Carolina 27215  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) 336-229-1127

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated Filer

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

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

The number of shares outstanding of the issuer's common stock is 103.0 million shares, net of treasury stock as of October 26, 2016.

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## PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS(in millions)  
(unaudited)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 567.6	\$ 716.4
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$250.8 and \$217.0 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively	1,346.6	1,217.9
Unbilled services	216.3	156.6
Supplies inventories	198.8	191.0
Prepaid expenses and other	325.6	339.3
Total current assets	2,654.9	2,621.2
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,730.6	1,747.4
Goodwill, net	6,389.0	6,166.3
Intangible assets, net	3,457.2	3,332.4
Joint venture partnerships and equity method investments	60.4	58.2
Deferred income tax assets	1.9	2.3
Other assets, net	189.0	150.0
Total assets	\$ 14,483.0	\$ 14,077.8
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 454.8	\$ 497.4
Accrued expenses and other	589.7	633.1
Unearned revenue	169.5	146.1
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt	698.2	423.9
Total current liabilities	1,912.2	1,700.5
Long-term debt, less current portion	5,473.2	5,940.3
	1,227.9	1,235.0

Deferred income taxes and other tax liabilities			
Other liabilities	330.7		323.1
Total liabilities	8,944.0		9,198.9
Commitments and contingent liabilities			
Noncontrolling interest	15.6		14.9
Shareholders' equity:			
Common stock, 102.8 and 101.3 shares outstanding at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively	12.1		12.0
Additional paid-in capital	2,130.3		1,974.5
Retained earnings	4,770.7		4,223.0
Less common stock held in treasury	(1,011.7)	)	(978.1)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(378.0)	)	(367.4)
Total shareholders' equity	5,523.4		4,864.0
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 14,483.0		\$ 14,077.8

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

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net revenue	\$2,372.7	\$2,269.9	\$7,049.9	\$6,260.9
Reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses	42.0	47.4	163.5	118.7
Total revenues	2,414.7	2,317.3	7,213.4	6,379.6
Net cost of revenues	1,584.3	1,505.0	4,657.4	4,098.2
Reimbursable out-of-pocket expenses	42.0	47.4	163.5	118.7
Total cost of revenues	1,626.3	1,552.4	4,820.9	4,216.9
Gross profit	788.4	764.9	2,392.5	2,162.7
Selling, general and administrative expenses	400.5	385.6	1,224.2	1,221.9
Amortization of intangibles and other assets	41.1	44.9	130.7	120.6
Restructuring and other special charges	22.8	26.3	48.6	59.9
Operating income	324.0	308.1	989.0	760.3
Other income (expenses):				
Interest expense	(58.2 )	(55.9 )	(166.2 )	(218.1 )
Equity method income, net	2.6	2.0	5.9	7.6
Investment income	0.6	0.5	1.5	1.4
Other, net	(5.6 )	(3.2 )	(1.3 )	(4.4 )
Earnings before income taxes	263.4	251.5	828.9	546.8
Provision for income taxes	83.6	96.5	280.3	218.3
Net earnings	179.8	155.0	548.6	328.5
Less: Net earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest	(0.3 )	(0.3 )	(0.9 )	(0.9 )
Net earnings attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	\$179.5	\$154.7	\$547.7	\$327.6
Basic earnings per common share	\$1.74	\$1.53	\$5.36	\$3.35
Diluted earnings per common share	\$1.71	\$1.50	\$5.25	\$3.29

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE EARNINGS

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net earnings	\$179.8	\$155.0	\$548.6	\$328.5
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(27.4 )	(207.5 )	11.7	(344.7 )
Net benefit plan adjustments	(1.6 )	—	(0.5 )	1.4
Other comprehensive (loss) income before tax	(29.0 )	(207.5 )	11.2	(343.3 )
Provision for income tax related to items of other comprehensive earnings	8.3	34.0	(21.8 )	74.0
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(20.7 )	(173.5 )	(10.6 )	(269.3 )
Comprehensive earnings (loss)	159.1	(18.5 )	538.0	59.2
Less: Net earnings attributable to the noncontrolling interest	(0.3 )	(0.3 )	(0.9 )	(0.9 )
Comprehensive earnings (loss) attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	\$158.8	\$(18.8)	\$537.1	\$58.3

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN  
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total Shareholders' Equity
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2014	\$ 10.4	\$—	\$3,786.1	\$(965.5 )	\$ (10.5 )	\$ 2,820.5
Net earnings attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	—	—	327.6	—	—	327.6
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(269.3 )	(269.3 )
Issuance of common stock for acquisition consideration	1.5	1,761.0	—	—	—	1,762.5
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	0.1	88.8	—	—	—	88.9
Surrender of restricted stock and performance share awards	—	—	—	(10.8 )	—	(10.8 )
Stock compensation	—	77.7	—	—	—	77.7
Income tax benefit from stock options exercised	—	10.1	—	—	—	10.1
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2015	\$ 12.0	\$ 1,937.6	\$4,113.7	\$(976.3 )	\$ (279.8 )	\$ 4,807.2
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2015	\$ 12.0	\$ 1,974.5	\$4,223.0	\$(978.1 )	\$ (367.4 )	\$ 4,864.0
Net earnings attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	—	—	547.7	—	—	547.7
Other comprehensive loss, net of tax	—	—	—	—	(10.6 )	(10.6 )
Issuance of common stock under employee stock plans	0.1	67.3	—	—	—	67.4
Surrender of restricted stock and performance share awards	—	—	—	(33.6 )	—	(33.6 )
Conversion of zero-coupon convertible debt	—	6.6	—	—	—	6.6
Stock compensation	—	81.9	—	—	—	81.9
BALANCE AT SEPTEMBER 30, 2016	\$ 12.1	\$ 2,130.3	\$4,770.7	\$(1,011.7)	\$ (378.0 )	\$ 5,523.4

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INDEXLABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES  
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

(unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net earnings	\$548.6	\$328.5
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	368.9	339.5
Stock compensation	81.9	77.7
(Gain)/loss on sale of assets	(2.3 )	2.9
Accrued interest on zero-coupon subordinated notes	1.3	1.5
Cumulative earnings less than (in excess of) distributions from equity method investments	0.4	(1.8 )
Asset impairment	—	14.8
Deferred income taxes	5.2	(16.0 )
Change in assets and liabilities (net of effects of acquisitions):		
Increase in accounts receivable (net)	(109.2 )	(89.9 )
Increase in unbilled services	(59.7 )	(23.0 )
(Increase) decrease in supplies inventories	(4.8 )	9.6
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses and other	(19.5 )	23.5
Decrease in accounts payable	(56.3 )	(24.3 )
Increase in unearned revenue	23.4	1.7
Decrease in accrued expenses and other	(50.9 )	(46.9 )
Net cash provided by operating activities	727.0	597.8
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(204.6 )	(170.7 )
Proceeds from sale of assets	23.9	0.5
Proceeds from sale of investment	13.5	8.0
Investments in equity affiliates	(12.1 )	(11.4 )
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(396.8 )	(3,692.7)
Net cash used for investing activities	(576.1 )	(3,866.3)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Proceeds from senior note offerings	—	2,900.0
Proceeds from term loan	—	1,000.0
Payments on term loan	—	(285.0 )
Proceeds from revolving credit facilities	—	60.0
Payments on revolving credit facilities	—	(60.0 )
Proceeds from bridge loan	—	400.0
Payments on bridge loan	—	(400.0 )
Payments on senior notes	(325.0 )	(250.0 )
Payments on zero-coupon subordinated notes	(31.5 )	—
Payment of debt issuance costs	—	(36.7 )
Noncontrolling interest distributions	(1.7 )	—
Deferred acquisition costs	(4.9 )	(0.1 )
Payments on long-term lease obligations	(6.0 )	(3.3 )

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Excess tax benefits from stock based compensation	—	10.1
Net proceeds from issuance of stock to employees	67.4	89.2
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(301.7 )	3,424.2
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2.0	(22.7 )
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(148.8 )	133.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	716.4	580.0
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$567.6	\$713.0

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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1. BASIS OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT PRESENTATION

Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings together with its subsidiaries (the Company) is the world's leading healthcare diagnostics company, providing comprehensive clinical laboratory services and end-to-end drug development support. The Company's strategic vision is to improve health and improve lives by delivering world class diagnostic solutions, bringing innovative medicines to patients faster, and changing the way care is provided through the deployment of technology-enabled solutions. The Company serves managed care organizations (MCOs), biopharmaceutical companies, governmental agencies, physicians, hospitals and health systems, employers, patients and consumers, food and nutritional companies and independent clinical laboratories. The Company believes that it generated more revenue from laboratory testing than any other company in the world in 2015.

The Company reports its business in two segments, LabCorp Diagnostics (LCD) and Covance Drug Development (CDD). For further financial information about these segments, see Note 14 (Business Segment Information). During the three months ended September 30, 2016, LCD and CDD contributed 70.5% and 29.5%, respectively, of net revenues to the Company. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, LCD and CDD contributed 69.8% and 30.2%, respectively, of net revenues to the Company.

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its majority-owned subsidiaries for which it exercises control. Long-term investments in affiliated companies in which the Company exercises significant influence, but which it does not control, are accounted for using the equity method. Investments in which the Company does not exercise significant influence (generally, when the Company has an investment of less than 20% and no representation on the investee's board of directors) are accounted for using the cost method. All significant inter-company transactions and accounts have been eliminated. The Company does not have any variable interest entities or special purpose entities whose financial results are not included in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

The financial statements of the Company's operating foreign subsidiaries are measured using the local currency as the functional currency. Assets and liabilities are translated at exchange rates as of the balance sheet date. Revenues and expenses are translated at average monthly exchange rates prevailing during the period. Resulting translation adjustments are included in "accumulated other comprehensive income."

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of results of operations, cash flows and financial position have been made. Except as otherwise disclosed, all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. Interim results are not necessarily indicative of results for a full year. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements but does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

The condensed consolidated financial statements and notes are presented in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not contain certain information included in the Company's 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K, as amended. Therefore, the interim statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto contained in the Company's Annual Report.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued the converged standard on revenue recognition with the objective of providing a single, comprehensive model for all contracts with customers to improve comparability in the financial statements of companies reporting using International Financial Reporting Standards and GAAP. The standard contains principles that an entity must apply to determine the measurement of revenue and timing of when it is recognized. The underlying principle is that an entity must recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers at an amount that the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. An entity can apply the revenue standard retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented

(full retrospective method) or retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initially applying the standard recognized at the date of initial application in retained earnings. As originally issued, the new revenue recognition standard would be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2017. On July 9, 2015, the FASB approved the proposal to defer the effective date of this standard by one year. The standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted for annual periods beginning after December 16, 2016. The Company plans to adopt using the full retrospective method and is currently evaluating the expected impact of the standard.

In August 2014, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that explicitly requires management to assess an entity's ability to continue as a going concern, and to provide related financial statement footnote disclosures in certain circumstances. Under this standard, in connection with each annual and interim period, management must assess whether there is substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued

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when applicable). Management shall consider relevant conditions and events that are known and reasonably knowable at such issuance date. Substantial doubt about an entity's ability to continue as a going concern exists if it is probable that the entity will be unable to meet its obligations as they become due within one year after issuance date.

Disclosures will be required if conditions or events give rise to substantial doubt. This standard is effective for the Company for interim periods within annual periods ending after December 15, 2016, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In November 2015, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that requires deferred tax liabilities and assets to be classified as noncurrent on the consolidated balance sheet. The Company early adopted this standard on a full-retrospective basis as of March 31, 2016. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In January 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that addresses certain aspects of recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of financial instruments. A financial instrument is defined as cash, evidence of ownership interest in a company or other entity, or a contract that both: (i) imposes on one entity a contractual obligation either to deliver cash or another financial instrument to a second entity or to exchange other financial instruments on potentially unfavorable terms with the second entity and (ii) conveys to that second entity a contractual right either to receive cash or another financial instrument from the first entity or to exchange other financial instruments on potentially favorable terms with the first entity. The standard will be effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2018, with early adoption permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact that this new standard will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that sets out the principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases for both parties to a contract (i.e., lessees and lessors). The new standard requires lessees to apply a dual approach, classifying leases as either finance or operating leases based on the principle of whether or not the lease is effectively a financed purchase by the lessee. This classification will determine whether lease expense is recognized based on an effective interest method or on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. A lessee is also required to record a right-of-use asset and a lease liability for all leases with a term of greater than 12 months regardless of their classification. Leases with a term of 12 months or less will be accounted for based on guidance similar to current guidance for operating leases. The new standard requires lessors to account for leases using an approach that is substantially equivalent to existing guidance for sales-type leases, direct financing leases and operating leases. The standard is effective on January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The Company is evaluating the impact that this new standard will have on the consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard intended to simplify aspects of share-based payment accounting. The standard changes how companies account for certain aspects of share-based payment awards to employees, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as the classification of related matters in the statement of cash flows. The update is effective on January 1, 2017, with early adoption permitted. The Company early adopted this standard in the quarter ended September 30, 2016. As a result of the adoption, a tax benefit of \$13.4 was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$3.6 of which related to the three months ended September 30, 2016. In addition, excess income tax benefits from share-based payment awards are classified as an operating activity under this standard. Excess tax benefits related to the settlement of share-based payments of \$10.5 have been reclassified from financing activities to operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2016. Weighted average diluted shares for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and June 30, 2016 increased by 0.2 and 0.3, respectively, due to the adoption of this standard.

In March 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard intended to simplify aspects of the equity method of accounting. The standard eliminates the requirement that when an investment qualifies for use of the equity method of accounting as a result of an increase in the level of ownership interest or degree of influence, an investor must adjust the investment, results of operations, and retained earnings retroactively on a step-by-step basis as if the equity

method had been in effect during all previous periods that the investment had been held. The standard requires that the equity method investor add the cost of acquiring the additional interest in the investee to the current basis of the investor's previously held interest and adopt the equity method of accounting as of the date the investment becomes qualified for equity method accounting. Therefore, upon qualifying for the equity method of accounting, no retroactive adjustment of the investment is required. The update is effective on January 1, 2017, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of this standard is not expected to have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In June 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard intended to provide financial statement users with more decision-useful information about expected credit losses and other commitments to extend credit held by the reporting entity. The standard replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology in current GAAP with one that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit loss estimates. The update is effective on January 1, 2020, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating this new standard and the impact it will have on the consolidated financial statements.

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In August 2016, the FASB issued a new accounting standard that will make eight targeted changes to how cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This update is effective on January 1, 2018, and will require adoption on a retrospective basis. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the application of this new standard will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications

The Company has reclassified debt issuance costs from prepaid expenses and other assets, net to direct deductions from the associated debt liability in the December 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheet in accordance with the implementation of an FASB standard update that the company adopted as of January 1, 2016.

In addition, the Company has reclassified short-term deferred tax assets and short-term deferred tax liabilities to net long-term deferred tax assets and net long-term deferred tax liabilities by jurisdiction, respectively, in the December 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheet in accordance with the implementation of an FASB standard update that the Company adopted as of January 1, 2016.

During the quarter, the Company changed its financial statement classification for certain gross receipts taxes, removing these taxes from its provision for income taxes and moving this expense into selling, general and administrative expenses. This change in presentation has been made for all periods presented.

As a result of the early adoption of the accounting standard update associated with simplifying several aspects of share-based compensation, certain reclassifications have been made to prior period financial statements to conform with the current period presentation. For further details regarding the impact of the new standard, see New Accounting Pronouncements.

2. BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

The Company completed the acquisition of Sequenom, Inc., a market leader in non-invasive prenatal testing, women's health and reproductive genetics on September 7, 2016 through a cash tender offer for \$2.40 per share, or a transaction price of \$249.1, net of cash received, and acquired \$130.0 of debt. The allocation of purchase price for Sequenom, Inc. is preliminary and subject to change. The primary areas of the purchase price that are not yet finalized are related to certain income tax items, intangible assets, working capital adjustments, amortization lives and residual goodwill. This acquisition is not considered material for purposes of the disclosure of proforma information. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company acquired various other laboratories and related assets for approximately \$147.7 in cash (net of cash acquired).

The purchase consideration for these acquisitions has been allocated to the estimated fair market value of the net assets acquired, including approximately \$212.4 in identifiable intangible assets (primarily customer relationships, technology and trade names) and a residual amount of goodwill of approximately \$292.2. These acquisitions extend the Company's geographic reach in important market areas and/or enhance the Company's scientific differentiation and testing capabilities.

On October 6, 2016, the Company also completed the acquisition of Center for Disease Detection for total consideration of \$115.0.

The Company completed the acquisition of Covance Inc. (Acquisition) for \$6,150.7 on February 19, 2015 (Acquisition Date). The Company finalized its purchase price allocation during the measurement period. The facts and circumstances that existed at the date of the Acquisition, if known, would have affected the measurement of the amounts recognized at that date. In accordance with ASC 805, Business Combinations, measurement period adjustments are not included in current earnings, but recognized as of the date of the acquisition with a corresponding adjustment to goodwill resulting from the change in preliminary amounts. As a result, the Company adjusted the preliminary allocation of the purchase price initially recorded at the Acquisition Date to reflect these measurement period adjustments.

During the quarter ended September 30, 2016, the Company revised the final purchase price allocation for Covance Inc. as disclosed in the first quarter. As a result, an out of period adjustment of \$25.6 was recorded to reduce goodwill

and increase a deferred tax asset, which is included in the deferred taxes and other tax liabilities line item. The Company concluded that the impact was not material to the current or prior periods.

### 3. EARNINGS PER SHARE

Basic earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing net earnings including the impact of dilutive adjustments by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus potentially dilutive shares, as if they had been issued at the earlier of the date of issuance or the beginning of the period presented. Potentially



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dilutive common shares result primarily from the Company's outstanding stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, performance share awards, and shares issuable upon conversion of zero-coupon subordinated notes.

The following represents a reconciliation of basic earnings per share to diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016			September 30, 2015			Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016			September 30, 2015		
	Earnings	Shares	Per Share	Earnings	Shares	Per Share	Earnings	Shares	Per Share	Earnings	Shares	Per Share
	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount	Amount		Amount
Basic earnings per share:												
Net earnings	\$179.5	102.9	\$ 1.74	\$154.7	101.1	\$ 1.53	\$547.7	102.3	\$ 5.36	\$327.6	97.9	\$ 3.35
Dilutive effect of employee stock options and awards	—	1.5		—	1.2		—	1.4			1.2	
Effect of convertible debt	—	0.5		—	0.6		—	0.5			0.6	
Diluted earnings per share:												
Net earnings including impact of dilutive adjustments	\$179.5	104.9	\$ 1.71	\$154.7	102.9	\$ 1.50	\$547.7	104.2	\$ 5.25	\$327.6	99.7	\$ 3.29

The following table summarizes the potential common shares not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because their impact would have been antidilutive:

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016
Stock options	—0.1	—0.1

**4. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER SPECIAL CHARGES**

During the first nine months of 2016, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$48.6; \$9.7 within LCD and \$38.9 within CDD. The charges were comprised of \$23.1 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$30.7 in costs associated with facility closures. A substantial portion of these costs relate to the planned closure of duplicative data center operations and other facilities. The Company reversed previously established reserves of \$2.4 in unused severance reserves primarily as the result of selling one of its minimum volume service contract facilities to a third party and \$2.8 for costs related to unused facilities. The Company incurred additional legal and other costs of \$4.0 relating to the wind down of its minimum volume service contract operations and incurred \$7.4 in acquisition fees and expenses. The Company also recorded \$5.5 in consulting expenses relating to fees incurred as part of its Acquisition integration costs and compensation analysis, along with \$2.3 in short-term equity retention arrangements relating to the Acquisition and \$7.4 of accelerated equity compensation and other final compensation relating to executive transition (all recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses). In addition, the Company incurred \$8.1 of non-capitalized costs associated with the implementation of a major system as part of its LaunchPad business process improvement initiative. In conjunction with certain international legal entity tax structuring, the Company recorded a one-time tax liability of \$1.1. The Company also incurred \$5.6 of interest expense relating to the early retirement of subsidiary indebtedness assumed as part of its recent acquisition of

Sequenom.

On September 23, 2016, the Company entered into agreements to sell a site and certain moveable assets associated with the wind down of its minimum volume service contract operations subject to certain conditions. The sale is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter. The assets involved had previously been fully written down upon the closure of the site and the anticipated gain is not significant.

During the first nine months of 2015, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$59.9. The charges were comprised of \$33.8 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$27.1 in costs associated with facility closures and impairment of certain technology assets. These charges were partially offset by the reversal of previously established reserves of \$1.0 in unused facility-related costs.

In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded \$17.0 in consulting expenses (recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses) relating to fees incurred as part of LaunchPad. The Company also recorded \$166.0 of deal costs related to the Acquisition, of which \$113.4 is included in selling, general and administrative expenses and \$52.6 is included in interest expense. During the third quarter of 2015, the Company also recorded a non-cash loss of \$2.3, upon the dissolution of one of its equity investments, which is included in other, net expenses. The Company also recorded \$15.1 in consulting expenses relating to fees as part of its LaunchPad business process improvement initiative as well as Covance integration costs,

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along with \$4.3 in short-term equity retention arrangements relating to the Acquisition (all recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses).

The following represents the Company's restructuring reserve activities for the period indicated:

	LCD		CDD		
	Severance	Facility	Severance	Facility	Total
	and Other	Employment	and Other	Employment	
	Costs	Costs	Costs	Costs	
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$0.1	\$26.5	\$51.5	\$1.1	\$79.2
Restructuring charges	11.4	0.7	11.7	30.0	53.8
Reduction of prior restructuring accruals	—	(2.3 )	(2.4 )	(0.5 )	(5.2 )
Cash payments and other adjustments	(5.7 )	(9.5 )	(20.7 )	3.7	(32.2 )
Balance as of September 30, 2016	\$5.8	\$15.4	\$40.1	\$34.3	\$95.6
Current					\$59.9
Non-current					35.7
					\$95.6

## 5. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2016 and for the year ended December 31, 2015 are as follows:

	LCD		CDD		Total	
	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Balance as of January 1	\$3,201.7	\$ 2,988.9	\$2,964.6	\$ 110.5	\$6,166.3	\$ 3,099.4
Goodwill acquired during the period	292.8	225.6	—	2,969.0	292.8	3,194.6
Adjustments to goodwill	47.4	(12.8 )	(117.5 )	(114.9 )	(70.1 )	(127.7 )
Balance at end of period	\$3,541.9	\$ 3,201.7	\$2,847.1	\$ 2,964.6	\$6,389.0	\$ 6,166.3

The components of identifiable intangible assets are as follows:

	September 30, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Customer relationships	\$3,257.9	\$(824.3 )	\$2,433.6	\$3,137.8	\$(725.6 )	\$2,412.2
Patents, licenses and technology	412.9	(158.8 )	254.1	309.6	(144.7 )	164.9
Non-compete agreements	51.9	(40.8 )	11.1	51.2	(37.2 )	14.0
Trade names	409.6	(135.3 )	274.3	400.9	(115.5 )	285.4
Land use right	10.0	(1.1 )	8.9	5.5	(0.6 )	4.9
Canadian licenses	475.2	—	475.2	451.0	—	451.0
	\$4,617.5	\$(1,160.3 )	\$3,457.2	\$4,356.0	\$(1,023.6 )	\$3,332.4

Amortization of intangible assets for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2016 was \$41.1 and \$130.7, respectively; and \$44.9 and \$120.6 for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015, respectively. Amortization expense for the net carrying amount of intangible assets is estimated to be \$39.2 for the remainder of fiscal 2016, \$172.3 in fiscal 2017, \$159.4 in fiscal 2018, \$151.9 in fiscal 2019, \$145.4 in fiscal 2020 and \$2,053.8 thereafter.

6. DEBT

Short-term borrowings and the current portion of long-term debt at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 consisted of the following:

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	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Zero-coupon convertible subordinated notes	\$ 64.3	\$ 94.5
3.125% senior notes due 2016	—	325.0
2.20% senior notes due 2017	500.0	—
5.00% senior notes due 2017 and 2018	130.0	—
Debt issuance costs	(3.4	) (1.0
Current portion of capital leases	7.3	5.4
Total short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 698.2	\$ 423.9

Long-term debt at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 consisted of the following:

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
2.20% senior notes due 2017	\$ —	\$ 500.0
2.50% senior notes due 2018	400.0	400.0
4.625% senior notes due 2020	640.5	621.6
2.625% senior notes due 2020	500.0	500.0
3.75% senior notes due 2022	500.0	500.0
3.20% senior notes due 2022	500.0	500.0
4.00% senior notes due 2023	300.0	300.0
3.60% senior notes due 2025	1,000.0	1,000.0
4.70% senior notes due 2045	900.0	900.0
Term loan	715.0	715.0
Debt issuance costs	(44.8	) (51.8
Capital leases	62.5	55.5
Total long-term debt	\$ 5,473.2	\$ 5,940.3

**Senior Notes**

As a result of the Acquisition, the Company assumed privately placed senior notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 issued by Covance pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 2013. On March 5, 2015, the Company caused Covance to prepay all of the outstanding Senior Notes at 100% of the principal amount plus accrued interest, and a total make-whole amount of \$37.4, which was expensed. The Note Purchase Agreement terminated effective March 5, 2015 in connection with the prepayment of the Senior Notes.

On September 30, 2016, the Company announced the successful completion of the consent solicitations for the 5.00% convertible senior notes due 2017 and 2018, totaling \$130.0, assumed as part of the recent acquisition of Sequenom. On October 20, 2016, the Company retired \$129.9 of these outstanding notes, and paid an additional \$5.6 relating to the early retirement of the subsidiary indebtedness (recorded as interest expense in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations).

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company entered into two fixed-to-variable interest rate swap agreements for its 4.625% senior notes due 2020 with an aggregate notional amount of \$600.0 and variable interest rates based on one-month LIBOR plus 2.298% to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of the Company's long-term debt. These derivative financial instruments are accounted for as fair value hedges of the senior notes due 2020. These interest rate swaps are included in other long-term assets and added to the value of the senior notes, with an aggregate fair value of \$40.5 at September 30, 2016 and \$21.6 at December 31, 2015.

**Zero-Coupon Subordinated Notes**

On September 12, 2016, the Company announced that for the period from September 12, 2016 to March 10, 2017, the zero-coupon subordinated notes will accrue contingent cash interest at a rate of no less than 0.125% of the average

market price of a zero-coupon subordinated note for the five trading days ended September 9, 2016, in addition to the continued accrual of the original issue discount.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company settled notices to convert \$34.9 aggregate principal amount at maturity of its zero-coupon subordinated notes with a conversion value of \$62.9. The total cash used for these settlements was \$31.5 and the Company also issued 0.2 in additional shares of common stock. As a result of these conversions, the Company also reversed deferred tax liabilities of \$6.6.

On October 3, 2016, the Company announced that its zero-coupon subordinated notes may be converted into cash and common stock at the conversion rate of 13.4108 per \$1,000.0 principal amount at maturity of the notes, subject to the terms of the zero-

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coupon subordinated notes and the indenture dated as of October 24, 2006 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon as trustee and the conversion agent. In order to exercise the option to convert all or a portion of the zero-coupon subordinated notes, holders are required to validly surrender their zero-coupon subordinated notes at any time during the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2016 through the close of business on the last business day of the calendar quarter, which is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, December 30, 2016. If notices of conversion are received, the Company plans to settle the cash portion of the conversion obligation with cash on hand and/or borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

**Credit Facilities**

As part of its financing of the Acquisition, the Company entered into a \$1,000.0 term loan. The term loan credit facility, amended on July 13, 2016, will mature five years after the closing date of the Acquisition and may be prepaid without penalty. The term loan balance at September 30, 2016 was \$715.0 and at December 31, 2015 was \$715.0.

On December 19, 2014, the Company entered into an amendment and restatement of its existing senior revolving credit facility, which was originally entered into on December 21, 2011. The senior revolving credit facility consists of a five-year revolving facility in the principal amount of up to \$1,000.0, with the option of increasing the facility by up to an additional \$250.0, subject to the agreement of one or more new or existing lenders to provide such additional amounts and certain other customary conditions. The revolving credit facility also provides for a subfacility of up to \$100.0 for swing line borrowings and a subfacility of up to \$125.0 for issuances of letters of credit. The revolving credit facility is permitted to be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures, funding of share repurchases and certain other payments, and acquisitions and other investments. There was no outstanding balance on the Company's revolving credit facility at September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

On January 30, 2015, the Company issued \$2,900.0 in debt securities consisting of \$500.0 aggregate principal amount of 2.625% senior notes due 2020, \$500.0 aggregate principal amount of 3.20% senior notes due 2022, \$1,000.0 aggregate principal amount of 3.60% senior notes due 2025 and \$900.0 aggregate principal amount of 4.70% senior notes due 2045 (together, the Acquisition Notes). Net proceeds from the offering of the Acquisition Notes were \$2,870.2 after deducting underwriting discounts and other expenses of the offering. Net proceeds were used to pay a portion of the cash consideration and the fees and expenses in connection with the Acquisition.

On February 13, 2015, the Company entered into a 60-day cash bridge term loan credit facility in the principal amount of \$400.0 for the purpose of financing a portion of the cash consideration and the fees and expenses in connection with the Acquisition. The 60-day cash bridge term loan credit facility was advanced in full on February 19, 2015, the date of the Company's completion of the Acquisition. On March 16, 2015, the Company elected to prepay the bridge facility without penalty.

Under the term loan facility and the revolving credit facility, the Company is subject to negative covenants limiting subsidiary indebtedness and certain other covenants typical for investment grade-rated borrowers, and the Company is required to maintain a leverage ratio that declines over time. From and after the Acquisition Date, the leverage ratio must not have been greater than 4.75 to 1.0 with respect to the last day of each of the first four fiscal quarters ending on or after the closing date, must be no greater than 4.25 to 1.0 with respect to the last day of each of the fifth through eighth fiscal quarters ending after the closing date, and must be no greater than 3.75 to 1.0 with respect to the last day of each fiscal quarter ending thereafter. The Company was in compliance with all covenants in the term loan facility and the revolving credit facility at September 30, 2016. As of September 30, 2016, the ratio of total debt to consolidated trailing 12-month EBITDA was 3.3 to 1.0.

The term loan credit facility accrues interest at a per annum rate equal to, at the Company's election, either a LIBOR rate plus a margin ranging from 1.125% to 2.00%, or a base rate determined according to a prime rate or federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 0.125% to 1.00%. Advances under the revolving credit facility will accrue interest at a per annum rate equal to, at the Company's election, either a LIBOR rate plus a margin ranging from 1.00% to 1.60%, or a base rate determined according to a prime rate or federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 0.00% to 0.60%.

Fees are payable on outstanding letters of credit under the revolving credit facility at a per annum rate equal to the applicable margin for LIBOR loans, and the Company is required to pay a facility fee on the aggregate commitments under the revolving credit facility, at a per annum rate ranging from 0.125% to 0.40%. The interest margin applicable to the credit facilities, and the facility fee and letter of credit fees payable under the revolving credit facility, are based on the Company's senior credit ratings as determined by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, which are currently BBB and Baa2, respectively.

As of September 30, 2016, the effective interest rate on the revolving credit facility was 1.63% and the effective interest rate on the term loan was 1.77%.



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## 7. PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The Company is authorized to issue up to 265.0 shares of common stock, par value \$0.10 per share. The Company's treasury shares are recorded at aggregate cost. The Company is authorized to issue up to 30.0 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.10 per share. There were no preferred shares outstanding as of September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015.

The changes in common shares issued and held in treasury are summarized below:

	Issued	Held in Treasury	Outstanding
Common shares at December 31, 2015	123.9	(22.6 )	101.3
Common stock issued under employee stock plans	1.6	—	1.6
Common stock issued upon conversion of zero-coupon subordinated notes	0.2	—	0.2
Surrender of restricted stock and performance share awards	—	(0.3 )	(0.3 )
Common shares at September 30, 2016	125.7	(22.9 )	102.8

## Share Repurchase Program

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had outstanding authorization from the Board of Directors to purchase up to \$789.5 of Company common stock based on settled trades as of these respective dates. The repurchase authorization has no expiration date. Following the announcement of the Acquisition, the Company suspended its share repurchases. The Company does not anticipate resuming its share repurchase activity until it approaches its targeted ratio of total debt to consolidated trailing 12-month EBITDA of 2.5 to 1.0. However, the Company will continue to evaluate all opportunities for strategic deployment of capital in light of market conditions.

## Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings

The components of accumulated other comprehensive earnings are as follows:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Net Benefit Plan Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Earnings (Loss)
Balance at December 31, 2015 (a)	\$ (293.0 )	\$ (74.4 )	\$ (367.4 )
Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications	11.7	11.0	22.7
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive earnings to the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations (b)	—	(11.5 )	(11.5 )
Tax effect of adjustments	(29.2 )	7.4	(21.8 )
Balance at September 30, 2016	\$ (310.5 )	\$ (67.5 )	\$ (378.0 )

(a) The December 31, 2015 foreign currency translation adjustment reflects the changes recorded due to the cumulative translation adjustment of allocating the intangible assets associated with the Acquisition

(b) The amortization of prior service cost is included in the computation of net periodic benefit cost. See Note 10 (Pension and Post-retirement Plans) below for additional information regarding the Company's net periodic benefit cost.

## 8. INCOME TAXES

The Company does not recognize a tax benefit unless the Company concludes that it is more likely than not that the benefit will be sustained on audit by the taxing authority based solely on the technical merits of the associated tax position. If the recognition threshold is met, the Company recognizes a tax benefit measured at the largest amount of the tax benefit that the Company believes is greater than 50% likely to be realized.

The gross unrecognized income tax benefits were \$17.8 and \$24.2 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. It is anticipated that the amount of the unrecognized income tax benefits will change within the next 12 months; however, these changes are not expected to have a significant impact on the results of operations, cash flows or the financial position of the Company.

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, \$17.8 and \$24.2, respectively, were the approximate amount of gross unrecognized income tax benefits that, if recognized, would favorably affect the effective income tax rate in future periods.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to unrecognized income tax benefits in income tax expense. Accrued interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions totaled \$10.1 and \$12.7 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively.

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The valuation allowance provided as a reserve against certain deferred tax assets is \$15.1 as of September 30, 2016 and was \$15.1 as of December 31, 2015.

The IRS concluded the examination of the Company's 2014 federal consolidated income tax return in the third quarter. The Company's 2014 return did not include Covance Inc. In the third quarter the IRS notified the Company that Covance Inc.'s 2013 federal consolidated income tax return was under examination. The Canada Revenue Agency is currently examining the Company's 2013 and 2014 tax returns.

The Company has various state and international income tax examinations ongoing throughout the year. Management believes that adequate provisions have been recorded related to all open tax years.

The Company has substantially concluded all U.S. federal income tax matters for years through 2012. Substantially all material state and local and foreign income tax matters have been concluded through 2011 and 2005, respectively.

As a result of the early adoption of the accounting standard update associated with simplifying several aspects of share-based compensation, a tax benefit of \$13.4 was recorded for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, \$3.6 of which related to the three months ended September 30, 2016. In addition, during the quarter, the Company changed its financial statement classification for certain gross receipts taxes, removing these taxes from its provision for income taxes and moving this expense into selling, general and administrative expenses. This change in presentation has been made for all periods presented.

**9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Company is involved from time to time in various claims and legal actions, including arbitrations, class actions, and other litigation (including those described in more detail below), arising in the ordinary course of business. Some of these actions involve claims that are substantial in amount. These matters include, but are not limited to, intellectual property disputes, commercial and contract disputes, professional liability, employee-related matters and inquiries, including subpoenas and other civil investigative demands, from governmental agencies and Medicare or Medicaid payers and MCOs reviewing billing practices or requesting comment on allegations of billing irregularities that are brought to their attention through billing audits or third parties. The Company receives civil investigative demands or other inquiries from various governmental bodies in the ordinary course of its business. Such inquiries can relate to the Company or other healthcare providers. The Company works cooperatively to respond to appropriate requests for information.

The Company also is named from time to time in suits brought under the qui tam provisions of the False Claims Act and comparable state laws. These suits typically allege that the Company has made false statements and/or certifications in connection with claims for payment from U.S. or state healthcare programs. The suits may remain under seal (hence, unknown to the Company) for some time while the government decides whether to intervene on behalf of the qui tam plaintiff. Such claims are an inevitable part of doing business in the healthcare field today.

The Company believes that it is in compliance in all material respects with all statutes, regulations and other requirements applicable to its clinical laboratory operations and drug development support services. The healthcare diagnostics and drug development industries are, however, subject to extensive regulation, and the courts have not interpreted many of the applicable statutes and regulations. There can be no assurance, therefore, that the applicable statutes and regulations will not be interpreted or applied by a prosecutorial, regulatory or judicial authority in a manner that would adversely affect the Company. Potential sanctions for violation of these statutes and regulations include significant fines, the loss of various licenses, certificates and authorizations, and/or exclusion from participation in government programs.

Many of the current claims and legal actions against the Company are in preliminary stages, and many of these cases seek an indeterminate amount of damages. The Company records an aggregate legal reserve, which is determined using actuarial calculations based on historical loss rates and assessment of trends experienced in settlements and defense costs. In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 450 "Contingencies," the Company establishes reserves for judicial, regulatory, and arbitration matters outside the aggregate legal reserve if and when

those matters present loss contingencies that are both probable and estimable and would exceed the aggregate legal reserve. When loss contingencies are not both probable and estimable, the Company does not establish separate reserves.

The Company is unable to estimate a range of reasonably probable losses for the proceedings described in more detail below in which damages either have not been specified or, in the Company's judgment, are unsupported and/or exaggerated and (i) the proceedings are in early stages; (ii) there is uncertainty as to the outcome of pending appeals or motions; (iii) there are significant factual issues to be resolved; and/or (iv) there are novel legal issues to be presented. For these proceedings, however, the Company does not believe, based on currently available information, that the outcomes will have a material adverse effect on the Company's

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financial condition, though the outcomes could be material to the Company's operating results for any particular period, depending, in part, upon the operating results for such period.

As reported, the Company reached a settlement in the previously disclosed lawsuit, California ex rel. Hunter Laboratories, LLC et al. v. Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, et al. (Hunter Labs Settlement Agreement), to avoid the uncertainty and costs associated with prolonged litigation. Pursuant to the executed Hunter Labs Settlement Agreement, the Company recorded a litigation settlement expense of \$34.5 in the second quarter of 2011 (net of a previously recorded reserve of \$15.0) and paid the settlement amount of \$49.5 in the third quarter of 2011. The Company also agreed to certain reporting obligations regarding its pricing for a limited time period and, at the option of the Company in lieu of such reporting obligations, to provide Medi-Cal with a discount from Medi-Cal's otherwise applicable maximum reimbursement rate from November 1, 2011, through October 31, 2012. In 2011, the California legislature enacted Assembly Bill No. 97, which imposed a 10.0% Medi-Cal payment cut on most providers, including clinical laboratories. This 10.0% cut is currently being applied to the rates that would otherwise be applicable. In 2012, the California legislature enacted Assembly Bill No. 1494, which directed the Department of Healthcare Services (DHCS) to establish new reimbursement rates for Medi-Cal clinical laboratory services based on payments made to California clinical laboratories for similar services by other third-party payers, and provided that until the new rates are set through this process, Medi-Cal payments for clinical laboratory services will be reduced (in addition to a 10.0% payment reduction imposed by Assembly Bill No. 97 in 2011) by "up to 10 percent" for tests with dates of service on or after July 1, 2012, with a cap on payments set at 80.0% of the lowest maximum allowance established under the Medicare program. Under the terms of the Hunter Labs Settlement Agreement, the enactment of this California legislation terminates the Company's reporting obligations (or obligation to provide a discount in lieu of reporting) under that agreement. In April 2015, CMS approved a 10.0% payment reduction under Assembly Bill No. 1494. The new rate methodology established new rates that were effective July 1, 2015, but these new rates were not entered into the state computer system until February 2016. Based on reported 2015 payment data, new rates were established to be effective July 1, 2016, but due to computer system delays, these rates will not be implemented before November 2016. DHCS has indicated that recoupments associated with these changes will not begin until after November 2016. Taken together, these changes are not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated revenues or results of operations.

As previously reported, the Company responded to an October 2007 subpoena from the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Office of Inspector General's regional office in New York. On August 17, 2011, the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York unsealed a False Claims Act lawsuit, United States of America ex rel. NPT Associates v. Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings, which alleges that the Company offered UnitedHealthcare kickbacks in the form of discounts in return for Medicare business. The Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint further alleges that the Company's billing practices violated the False Claims Acts of 14 states and the District of Columbia. The lawsuit seeks actual and treble damages and civil penalties for each alleged false claim, as well as recovery of costs, attorney's fees, and legal expenses. Neither the U.S. government nor any state government has intervened in the lawsuit. The Company's Motion to Dismiss was granted in October 2014 and Plaintiff was granted the right to replead. On January 11, 2016, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting leave to file an amended complaint under seal and to vacate the briefing schedule for the Company's motion to dismiss, while the government reviews the amended complaint. The Court granted the motion and vacated the briefing dates. Plaintiff then filed an amended complaint under seal. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

In addition, the Company has received various other subpoenas since 2007 related to Medicaid billing. In October 2009, the Company received a subpoena from the State of Michigan Department of Attorney General seeking documents related to its billing to Michigan Medicaid. In June 2010, the Company received a subpoena from the State of Florida Office of the Attorney General requesting documents related to its billing to Florida Medicaid. In October 2013, the Company received a civil investigative demand from the State of Texas Office of the Attorney General

requesting documents related to its billing to Texas Medicaid. The Company is cooperating with these requests. On November 4, 2013, the State of Florida through the Office of the Attorney General filed an Intervention Complaint in a False Claims Act lawsuit, State of Florida ex rel. Hunter Laboratories, LLC and Chris Riedel v. Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, et al. in the Circuit Court for the Second Judicial Circuit for Leon County. The lawsuit, originally filed by a competitor laboratory, alleges that the Company overcharged Florida's Medicaid program. The lawsuit seeks actual and treble damages and civil penalties for each alleged false claim, as well as recovery of costs, attorney's fees, and legal expenses. The Company's Motion to Dismiss was denied in February 2015. On September 19, 2016, the Company filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit. On May 2, 2013, the Company was served with a False Claims Act lawsuit, State of Georgia ex rel. Hunter Laboratories, LLC and Chris Riedel v. Quest Diagnostics Incorporated, et al., filed in the State Court of Fulton County, Georgia. The lawsuit, filed by a competitor laboratory, alleges that the Company overcharged Georgia's Medicaid program. The State of Georgia filed a Notice of Declination on August 13, 2012, before the Company was served with the Complaint. The case was removed to the United

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States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The lawsuit seeks actual and treble damages and civil penalties for each alleged false claim, as well as recovery of costs, attorney's fees, and legal expenses. On March 14, 2014, the Company's Motion to Dismiss was granted. The Plaintiffs replied their complaint and the Company filed a Motion to Dismiss the First Amended Complaint. In May 2015, the Court dismissed the Plaintiffs' anti-kickback claim and remanded the remaining state law claims to the State Court of Fulton County. In July 2015, the Company filed a Motion to Dismiss these remaining claims. The Plaintiffs filed an opposition to the Company's Motion to Dismiss in August 2015. Also, the State of Georgia filed a brief as amicus curiae. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

On June 7, 2012, the Company was served with a putative class action lawsuit, Yvonne Jansky v. Laboratory Corporation of America, et al., filed in the Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Francisco. The lawsuit alleges that the Defendants committed unlawful and unfair business practices, and violated various other state laws by changing screening codes to diagnostic codes on laboratory test orders, thereby resulting in customers being responsible for co-payments and other debts. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief, actual and punitive damages, as well as recovery of attorney's fees, and legal expenses. In June 2015, Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification was denied. The Plaintiff has appealed the denial of class certification, and the trial court has stayed the case pending resolution of the appeal. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

On August 24, 2012, the Company was served with a putative class action lawsuit, Sandusky Wellness Center, LLC, et al. v. MEDTOX Scientific, Inc., et al., filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota. The lawsuit alleges that on or about February 21, 2012, the Defendants violated the U.S. Telephone Consumer Protection Act (TCPA) by sending unsolicited facsimiles to Plaintiff and more than 39 other recipients without the recipients' prior express invitation or permission. The lawsuit seeks the greater of actual damages or the sum of \$0.0005 for each violation, subject to trebling under the TCPA, and injunctive relief. In September of 2014, Plaintiff's Motion for Class Certification was denied. In January of 2015, the Company's Motion for Summary Judgment on the remaining individual claim was granted. Plaintiff filed a notice of appeal. On May 3, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit issued its decision and order reversing the District Court's decision which denied class certification. The Eighth Circuit remanded the matter for further proceedings. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

On August 31, 2015, the Company was served with a putative class action lawsuit, Patty Davis v. Laboratory Corporation of America, et al., filed in the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit for Hillsborough County, Florida. The complaint alleges that the Company violated the Florida Consumer Collection Practices Act by billing patients who were collecting benefits under the Workers' Compensation Statutes. The lawsuit seeks injunctive relief and actual and statutory damages, as well as recovery of attorney's fees and legal expenses. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

In December 2014, the Company received a Civil Investigative Demand issued pursuant to the U.S. False Claims Act from the U.S. Attorney's Office for South Carolina, which requests information regarding remuneration and services provided by the Company to physicians who also received draw and processing/handling fees from competitor laboratories Health Diagnostic Laboratory, Inc. and Singulex, Inc. The Company is cooperating with the request.

On August 3, 2016, the Company was served with a putative class action lawsuit, Daniel L. Bloomquist v. Covance Inc., et al., filed in the Superior Court of California, County of San Diego. The complaint alleges that the Company violated the California Labor Code and California Business & Professions Code by failing to provide overtime wages, failing to provide meal and rest periods, failing to pay for all hours worked, failing to pay for all wages owed upon termination, and failing to provide accurate itemized wage statements. The lawsuit seeks monetary damages, civil penalties, injunctive relief, as well as recovery of attorney's fees and costs. The Company will vigorously defend the lawsuit.

The Company holds an investment in a joint venture partnership located in Alberta, Canada. The Canadian partnership has a license to conduct diagnostic testing services in the province of Alberta. Substantially all of its revenue is received as reimbursement from the Alberta government's healthcare programs. In December 2013, Alberta Health Services (AHS), the Alberta government's healthcare program, issued a request for proposals for laboratory services that included the scope of services performed by the Canadian partnership. In October 2014, AHS informed the Canadian partnership that it had not been selected as the preferred proponent. In November 2014, the Canadian partnership submitted a vendor bid appeal upon the belief that there were significant flaws and failures in the conduct of the request for proposal process, which drove to a biased conclusion. AHS established a Vendor Bid Appeal Panel to hear the appeal, and the hearing was conducted in February 2015. In August 2015, AHS was directed to cancel the request for proposal process. Subsequently, the Canadian partnership entered into a one-year extension through March 31, 2017 of its existing contract with AHS. In August 2016, AHS and the Canadian partnership reached an agreement to extend the contract through March 2022, with the intent to have the services provided pursuant to the contract transferred to AHS at the end of the five-year period. In August 2016, AHS and the Canadian partnership reached an agreement to extend the contract through March 2022, with the intent to have the services provided pursuant to the contract transferred to AHS at the end of the five-year



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period. In consideration of AHS acquiring the assets and assuming liabilities in accordance with the parties' agreement, AHS will pay C\$50.0 when the transfer is effective, subject to a working capital adjustment.

On June 23, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule implementing the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA), which required establishment of a new Medicare reimbursement system for clinical lab tests paid under the Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS), based on private payer rates, as reported to CMS. Although the new payment system was supposed to go into effect for tests furnished after January 1, 2017, the CMS rulemaking process was delayed, and the new rates will not be effective until January 1, 2018 pursuant to the final rule. Under the new system, the Company must collect data on private payer rates and report the data to CMS every three years for most types of tests. The Company does not expect that the new reporting requirements will have a material impact on its business or results of operations. CMS will use the data reported by all applicable labs to calculate a weighted median of private payer rates for each test performed, and that weighted median will be the new Medicare rate. Rate reductions for existing tests under the new system will be phased in over six years. The full impact of the final rule will not be known until CMS releases rates for 2018. Medicare reimbursement under the CLFS represents less than 10% of the Company's consolidated revenue.

Prior to the Company's acquisition of Sequenom, between August 15, 2016, and August 24, 2016, six putative class-action lawsuits were filed on behalf of purported Sequenom stockholders (captioned Malkoff v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02054-JAH-BLM, Gupta v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02084-JAH-KSC, Fruchter v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02101-WQH-KSC, Asiatrade Development Ltd. v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02113-AJB-JMA, Nunes v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02128-AJB-MDD, and Cusumano v. Sequenom, Inc., et al., No. 16-cv-02134-LAB-JMA) in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California challenging the acquisition transaction. The complaints asserted claims against Sequenom and members of its Board of Directors (the Individual Defendants). The Nunes action also named the Company and Savoy Acquisition Corp. (Savoy), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, as defendants. The complaints alleged that the defendants violated Sections 14(e), 14(d)(4) and 20 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 by failing to disclose certain allegedly material information. In addition, the complaints in the Malkoff action, Asiatrade action, and Cusumano action alleged that the Individual Defendants breached their fiduciary duties to Sequenom shareholders. The actions sought, among other things, injunctive relief enjoining the merger. On August 30, 2016, the parties entered into a Memorandum of Understanding in each of the above-referenced actions. In connection with the settlement, Sequenom agreed to make certain additional disclosures to its stockholders. The settlement is subject to the entry by the parties into a stipulation of settlement and customary conditions, including court approval. On September 6, 2016, the Court entered an order consolidating for all pre-trial purposes the six individual actions described above under the caption In re Sequenom, Inc. Shareholder Litig., Lead Case No. 16-cv-02054-JAH-BLM, and designating the complaint from the Malkoff action as the operative complaint for the consolidated action.

Under the Company's present insurance programs, coverage is obtained for catastrophic exposure as well as those risks required to be insured by law or contract. The Company is responsible for the uninsured portion of losses related primarily to general, professional and vehicle liability, certain medical costs and workers' compensation. The self-insured retentions are on a per occurrence basis without any aggregate annual limit. Provisions for losses expected under these programs are recorded based upon the Company's estimates of the aggregated liability of claims incurred. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had provided letters of credit aggregating approximately \$54.7, primarily in connection with certain insurance programs. The Company's availability under its revolving credit facility is reduced by the amount of these letters of credit.

**10. PENSION AND POST-RETIREMENT PLANS**

The Company's defined contribution retirement plan (401K Plan) covers substantially all pre-Acquisition employees. All employees eligible for the 401K Plan receive a minimum 3% non-elective contribution concurrent with each payroll period. The 401K Plan also permits discretionary contributions by the Company of up to 1% and up to 3% of

pay for eligible employees based on years of service with the Company. The cost of this plan was \$13.0 and \$13.2 for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and was \$40.2 and \$39.4 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Company also incurred expense of \$12.6 and \$11.4 for the Covance 401K plan assumed as a result of the Acquisition during the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively, and \$39.1 and \$27.1 during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. All of the Covance U.S. employees are eligible to participate in the discretionary Covance 401K plan, which features a maximum 4.5% Company match, based upon a percentage of the employee's contributions.

The Company also maintains a frozen defined benefit retirement plan (Company Plan), which as of December 31, 2009, covered substantially all employees. The benefits to be paid under the Company Plan are based on years of credited service through December 31, 2009 and ongoing interest credits. Effective January 1, 2010, the Company Plan was closed to new participants. The Company's policy is to fund the Company Plan with at least the minimum amount required by applicable regulations.

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The Company maintains a second unfunded, non-contributory, non-qualified defined benefit retirement plan (PEP), which as of December 31, 2009, covered substantially all of its senior management group. The PEP supplements the Company Plan and was also closed to new participants effective January 1, 2010.

The effect on operations for the Company Plan and the PEP is summarized as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost for administrative expenses	\$1.2	\$1.0	\$3.6	\$2.9
Interest cost on benefit obligation	3.8	3.8	11.6	11.4
Expected return on plan assets	(4.1 )	(4.5 )	(12.5 )	(13.7 )
Net amortization and deferral	2.8	2.9	8.4	8.3
Defined benefit plan costs	\$3.7	\$3.2	\$11.1	\$8.9

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company contributed \$3.9 and \$8.6, respectively, to the Company Plan.

The Company has assumed the obligations under a subsidiary's post-retirement medical plan. Coverage under this plan is restricted to a limited number of existing employees of the subsidiary. The Company funds the plan through monthly contributions to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, which can be used by eligible participants to purchase health care insurance through insurance exchanges. Effective January 1, 2017, Health Reimbursement Arrangement contributions for Medicare eligible participants will cease. The effect on operations of the post-retirement medical plan is shown in the following table:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost for benefits earned	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$0.1
Interest cost on benefit obligation	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.7
Net amortization and deferral	(4.0 )	(2.9 )	(12.0 )	(7.5 )
Post-retirement medical plan benefits	\$(3.9)	\$(2.7)	\$(11.7)	\$(6.7)

In addition to the PEP, as a result of the Acquisition, the Company also has a frozen non-qualified Supplemental Executive Retirement Plan (SERP). The SERP, which is not funded, is intended to provide retirement benefits for certain executive officers of the Company. Benefit amounts are based upon years of service and compensation of the participating employees. The pension benefit obligation as of the Acquisition Date was \$32.8. The components of the net periodic pension cost for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 are as follows:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost	\$—	\$0.1	\$—	\$0.1
Interest cost	0.2	0.2	0.6	0.6

Curtailment gain — (0.7 ) — (0.7 )  
 Net periodic pension cost \$0.2 \$(0.4) \$0.6 \$—

The SERP was frozen effective August 1, 2015, which resulted in a curtailment gain of \$0.7.

Also as a result of the Acquisition, the Company sponsors a post-employment retiree health and welfare plan for the benefit of eligible employees at certain U.S. subsidiaries who retire after satisfying service and age requirements. Effective January 1, 2017, this Plan will cease directly providing medical, prescription drug and dental coverage options currently available to eligible participants. Instead, the Company will fund the plan through monthly contributions to a Health Reimbursement Arrangement, which can be used by non-Medicare eligible participants to purchase health care insurance through insurance exchanges. The net periodic post-retirement benefit cost for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$0.4 and \$0.1, respectively, and was \$1.2 and \$0.2 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The pension benefit obligation as of the Acquisition Date was \$6.3.

As a result of the Acquisition, the Company sponsors two defined benefit pension plans for the benefit of its employees at two United Kingdom subsidiaries and one defined benefit pension plan for the benefit of its employees at a German subsidiary, all of which are legacy plans of previously acquired companies. Benefit amounts for all three plans are based upon years of service and

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compensation. The German plan is unfunded while the United Kingdom pension plans are funded. The Company's funding policy has been to contribute annually a fixed percentage of each eligible employee's salary at least equal to the local statutory funding requirements.

	United Kingdom Plans			
	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost for administrative expenses	\$0.7	\$0.9	\$2.3	\$1.9
Interest cost on benefit obligation	2.0	2.3	6.5	5.4
Expected return on plan assets	(2.8 )	(3.3 )	(9.0 )	(7.6 )
Defined benefit plan costs	\$(0.1)	\$(0.1)	\$(0.2)	\$(0.3)

## Assumptions used to determine defined benefit plan cost

Discount rate	3.8 %	3.6 %	3.8 %	3.6 %
Expected return on assets	5.6 %	5.4 %	5.6 %	5.4 %
Salary increases	3.6 %	3.5 %	3.6 %	3.5 %

## German Plan

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost for administrative expenses	\$0.2	\$0.4	\$0.7	\$0.8
Interest cost on benefit obligation	0.2	0.1	0.5	0.3
Net (gain) from earlier periods	(0.1 )	—	(0.2 )	—
Defined benefit plan costs	\$0.3	\$0.5	\$1.0	\$1.1

## Assumptions used to determine defined benefit plan cost

Discount rate	2.5 %	1.5 %	2.5 %	1.5 %
Expected return on assets	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Salary increases	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %	2.0 %

## 11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's population of financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	Fair Value as of	Fair Value Measurements as of September 30, 2016 Using Fair Value Hierarchy		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Noncontrolling interest put	\$ 15.6	\$ —	\$ 15.6	\$ —
Interest rate swap	40.5	—	40.5	—

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Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	52.8	—	52.8	—
Deferred compensation liability	53.0	—	53.0	—
			Fair Value	
			Measurements as	
			of	
			December 31,	
			2015	
	Fair Value		Using Fair Value	
	as of		Hierarchy	
	December 31,	Level	Level 2	Level
	2015	1		3
Noncontrolling interest put	\$ 14.9	\$ —	\$ 14.9	\$ —
Interest rate swap	21.6	—	21.6	—
Cash surrender value of life insurance policies	45.5	—	45.5	—
Deferred compensation liability	46.4	—	46.4	—

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The Company has a noncontrolling interest put related to its Ontario subsidiary that has been classified as mezzanine equity in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet. The noncontrolling interest put is valued at its contractually determined value, which approximates fair value.

The Company offers certain employees the opportunity to participate in a deferred compensation plan (DCP). A participant's deferrals are allocated by the participant to one or more of 16 measurement funds, which are indexed to externally managed funds. From time to time, to offset the cost of the growth in the participant's investment accounts, the Company purchases life insurance policies, with the Company named as beneficiary of the policies. Changes in the cash surrender value of these policies are based upon earnings and changes in the value of the underlying investments, which are typically invested in a manner similar to the participants' allocations. Changes in the fair value of the DCP obligation are derived using quoted prices in active markets based on the market price per unit multiplied by the number of units. The cash surrender value and the DCP obligations are classified within Level 2 because their inputs are derived principally from observable market data by correlation to the hypothetical investments.

The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, income taxes receivable, and accounts payable are considered to be representative of their respective fair values due to their short-term nature. The fair market value of the zero-coupon subordinated notes, based on market pricing, was approximately \$128.7 and \$177.1 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The fair market value of all of the senior notes, based on market pricing, was approximately \$6,153.2 and \$6,070.5 as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. The Company's note and debt instruments are classified as Level 2 instruments, as the fair market values of these instruments are determined using other observable inputs.

#### 12. DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS AND HEDGING ACTIVITIES

The Company addresses its exposure to market risks, principally the market risk associated with changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates, through a controlled program of risk management that includes, from time to time, the use of derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swap agreements (see Interest Rate Swap section below) and forward contracts. Although the Company's zero-coupon subordinated notes contain features that are considered to be embedded derivative instruments (see Embedded Derivatives Related to the Zero-Coupon Subordinated Notes section below), the Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes. The Company does not believe that its exposure to market risk is material to the Company's financial position or results of operations.

##### Interest Rate Swap

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company entered into two fixed-to-variable interest rate swap agreements for its 4.625% senior notes due 2020 with an aggregate notional amount of \$600.0 and variable interest rates based on one-month LIBOR plus 2.298% to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of the Company's long term debt. These derivative financial instruments are accounted for as fair value hedges of the senior notes due 2020. These interest rate swaps are included in other long term assets and added to the value of the senior notes, with an aggregate fair value of \$40.5 and \$21.6 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. As the specific terms and notional amounts of the derivative financial instruments match those of the fixed-rate debt being hedged, the derivative instruments are assumed to be perfectly effective hedges and accordingly, there is no impact to the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

##### Embedded Derivatives Related to the Zero-Coupon Subordinated Notes

The Company's zero-coupon subordinated notes contain the following two features that are considered to be embedded derivative instruments under authoritative guidance in connection with accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities:

The Company will pay contingent cash interest on the zero-coupon subordinated notes after September 11, 2006, if 1) the average market price of the notes equals 120% or more of the sum of the issue price, accrued original issue discount and contingent additional principal, if any, for a specified measurement period.

2) Holders may surrender zero-coupon subordinated notes for conversion during any period in which the rating assigned to the zero-coupon subordinated notes by Standard & Poor's Ratings Services is BB- or lower. The Company believes these embedded derivatives had no fair value at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015. These embedded derivatives also had no impact on the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.



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## Derivatives Instruments

The Company periodically enters into foreign currency forward contracts, which are recognized as assets or liabilities at their fair value. These contracts do not qualify for hedge accounting and the changes in fair value are recorded directly to earnings. The contracts are short-term in nature and the fair value of these contracts is based on market prices for comparable contracts. The fair value of these contracts is not significant as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

## 13. SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Supplemental schedule of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during period for:		
Interest	\$ 179.5	\$ 126.5
Income taxes, net of refunds	260.9	237.6
Disclosure of non-cash financing and investing activities:		
Surrender of restricted stock awards and performance awards	\$—	\$ 10.8
Non-cash stock consideration for the Acquisition	—	1,762.5
Conversion of zero-coupon convertible debt	6.6	—
Assets acquired under capital leases	12.1	18.1
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities for the purchase of property, plant and equipment	1.6	(2.2 )

## 14. BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following table is a summary of segment information for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. The management approach has been used to present the following segment information. This approach is based upon the way the management of the Company organizes segments within an enterprise for making operating decisions and assessing performance. Financial information is reported on the basis that it is used internally by the chief operating decision maker (CODM) for evaluating segment performance and deciding how to allocate resources to segments. The Company's chief executive officer has been identified as the CODM.

In connection with the Acquisition, the Company changed its operating segments to align with how the CODM evaluates financial information used to allocate resources and assess performance of the Company post-Acquisition. As a result, the segment information presented in these financial statements has been conformed to present segments on this revised basis for all prior periods. Under the new organizational structure, the CODM manages the Company under two segments: LCD and CDD. LCD includes all of the legacy LabCorp business and the nutritional chemistry and food safety business, which was previously part of Covance but excludes LabCorp's legacy clinical trials testing business, which is now part of CDD. CDD includes all of Covance's legacy business and LabCorp's legacy clinical trials testing business, but excludes the nutritional chemistry and food safety business, which is now part of LCD. Segment asset information is not presented because it is not used by the CODM at the segment level. Operating earnings (loss) of each segment represents net revenues less directly identifiable expenses to arrive at operating income for the segment. General management and administrative corporate expenses are included in general corporate expenses below. The table below represents information about the Company's reporting segments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:



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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Total revenues:				
LCD - net revenue	\$1,671.8	\$1,600.9	\$4,922.1	\$4,647.9
CDD - net revenue	701.1	669.0	2,128.3	1,613.0
Intercompany eliminations	(0.2 )	—	(0.5 )	—
Total net revenues	2,372.7	2,269.9	7,049.9	6,260.9
Operating earnings:				
LCD	305.6	290.4	910.0	801.8
CDD	51.9	49.0	190.3	53.4
Unallocated corporate expenses	(33.5 )	(31.3 )	(111.3 )	(94.9 )
Total operating income	324.0	308.1	989.0	760.3
Other expense, net	(60.6 )	(56.6 )	(160.1 )	(213.5 )
Earnings before income taxes	263.4	251.5	828.9	546.8
Provision for income taxes	83.6	96.5	280.3	218.3
Net earnings	179.8	155.0	548.6	328.5
Less income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(0.3 )	(0.3 )	(0.9 )	(0.9 )
Net income attributable to Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings	\$179.5	\$154.7	\$547.7	\$327.6

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

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The Company has made in this report, and from time to time may otherwise make in its public filings, press releases and discussions by Company management, forward-looking statements concerning the Company’s operations, performance and financial condition, as well as its strategic objectives. Some of these forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking words such as “believes,” “expects,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “seeks,” “approximate,” “intends,” “plans,” “estimates,” or “anticipates” or the negative of those words or other comparable terminology. Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties and the Company claims the protection afforded by the safe harbor for forward-looking statements contained in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Actual results could differ materially from those currently anticipated due to a number of factors in addition to those discussed elsewhere herein and in the Company’s other public filings, press releases and discussions with Company management, including:

1. changes in government and third party payer regulations or policies or other future reforms in the healthcare system (or in the interpretation of current regulations), new insurance or payment systems, including state, regional or private insurance cooperatives (e.g., Health Insurance Exchanges), affecting governmental and third-party coverage or reimbursement for clinical laboratory testing;
2. significant monetary damages, fines, penalties, assessments, refunds, repayments, unanticipated compliance expenditures and/or exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, among other adverse consequences, resulting from interpretations of, or future changes in, laws and regulations, including laws and regulations of Medicare, Medicaid, the federal and state False Claims Acts, interpretations of such laws and regulations by U.S. or state government agencies or investigations, audits, regulatory examinations, information requests and other inquiries by state or U.S. government agencies;
3. significant fines, penalties, costs, unanticipated compliance expenditures and/or damage to the Company’s reputation arising from the failure to comply with U.S. and international privacy and security laws and regulations, including the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, the Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act, U.S. state laws and regulations, and laws and regulations of the European Union and other countries;
4. loss or suspension of a license or imposition of a fine or penalties under, or future changes in, or interpretations of applicable U.S., state or local licensing laws or regulations, including, but not limited to, the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act of 1967, and the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments of 1988;
5. penalties or loss of license arising from the failure to comply with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements and the U.S. Needlestick Safety and Prevention Act, or similar laws and regulations of U.S., state, local or international agencies;
6. fines, unanticipated compliance expenditures, suspension of manufacturing, enforcement actions, injunctions, or criminal prosecution arising from failure to maintain compliance with current good manufacturing practice (cGMP) regulations and other applicable requirements of various regulatory agencies;
7. sanctions or other remedies, including fines, unanticipated compliance expenditures, enforcement actions, injunctions or criminal prosecution arising from failure to comply with the Animal Welfare Act;
8. changes in testing guidelines or recommendations by government agencies, medical specialty societies and other authoritative bodies affecting the utilization of laboratory tests;
9. changes in government regulations or policies, including regulations and policies of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Medicine and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency in the U.K., the China Food and Drug Administration, the European Medicines Agency or other U.S., state, local or international agencies, affecting the approval, availability of, and the selling and marketing of tests, products, drugs, or the conduct of drug development trials;

- changes in government regulations pertaining to the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industries, changes in
10. reimbursement of pharmaceutical products or reduced spending on research and development by pharmaceutical and biotechnology customers;
  11. liabilities that result from the inability to comply with corporate governance requirements;  
increased competition, including price competition, a potential reduction in rates in response to price transparency and consumerism, competitive bidding and/or changes or reductions to fee schedules and competition from
  12. companies that do not comply with existing laws or regulations or otherwise disregard compliance standards in the industry;

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- changes in payer mix or payment structure, including insurance carrier participation in Health Insurance Exchanges, an increase in capitated reimbursement mechanisms, the impact of a shift to consumer-driven health
13. plans or plans carrying increased level of member cost-sharing, and adverse changes in payer reimbursement or payer coverage policies (implemented directly or through a third party utilization management organization) related to specific diagnostic tests, categories of testing or testing methodologies;
  14. failure to retain or attract managed care organization (MCO) business as a result of changes in business models, including new risk based or network approaches, or other changes in strategy or business models by MCOs;
  15. failure to obtain and retain new customers, an unfavorable change in the mix of testing services ordered, or a reduction in tests ordered, specimens submitted or services requested by existing customers;
  16. difficulty in maintaining relationships with customers or retaining key employees as a result of uncertainty surrounding the integration of acquisitions and the resulting negative effects on the business of the Company; consolidation and convergence of MCOs, pharmaceutical companies, health systems, large physician organizations
  17. and other customers potentially causing material shifts in insourcing, utilization, pricing and reimbursements, including full and partial risk based models;
  18. failure to effectively develop and deploy system modifications or enhancements required in response to evolving market and business needs;
  19. customers choosing to insource services that are or could be purchased from the Company;
  20. failure to identify, successfully close and effectively integrate and/or manage newly acquired businesses;
  21. inability to achieve the expected benefits and synergies of newly-acquired businesses, and impact on the Company's cash position, levels of indebtedness and stock price;
  22. inability of the Company to avoid adverse tax treatments relating to the Acquisition;
  23. termination, loss, delay, reduction in scope or increased costs of contracts, including large contracts and multiple contracts;
  24. liability arising from errors or omissions in the performance of contract research services or other contractual arrangements;
  25. changes or disruption in services or supplies provided by third parties, including transportation;
  26. damage or disruption to the Company's facilities;
  27. damage to the Company's reputation, loss of business or other harm from acts of animal rights extremists or potential harm and/or liability arising from animal research activities or the provision of animal research products;
  28. adverse results in litigation matters;
  29. inability to attract and retain experienced and qualified personnel;
  30. failure to develop or acquire licenses for new or improved technologies, such as point-of-care testing and mobile health technologies, or potential use of new technologies by customers and/or consumers to perform their own tests;
  31. substantial costs arising from the inability to commercialize newly licensed tests or technologies or to obtain appropriate coverage or reimbursement for such tests;
  32. inability to obtain and maintain adequate patent and other proprietary rights for protection of the Company's products and services and to successfully enforce the Company's proprietary rights;
  33. scope, validity and enforceability of patents and other proprietary rights held by third parties that may impact the Company's ability to develop, perform, or market the Company's products or services or operate its business;
  34. business interruption or other impact on the business due to adverse weather, fires and/or other natural disasters, acts of war, terrorism or other criminal acts, and/or widespread outbreak of influenza or other pandemic illness;
  35. discontinuation or recalls of existing testing products;
  36. a failure in the Company's information technology systems, including with respect to testing turnaround time and billing processes, or the failure to maintain the security of business information or systems or to protect against cyber security attacks, or delays or failures in the development and implementation of the Company's automation

platforms, any of which could result in a negative effect on the Company's performance of services, a loss of business or increased costs, damages to the Company's reputation, significant litigation exposure, an inability to meet required financial reporting deadlines, or the failure to meet future regulatory or customer information technology, data security and connectivity requirements;

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- business interruption, increased costs, and other adverse effects on the Company's operations due to the
37. unionization of employees, union strikes, work stoppages, general labor unrest or failure to comply with labor or employment laws;
  - failure to maintain the Company's days sales outstanding and/or bad debt expense levels including negative impact
  38. on the Company's reimbursement, cash collections and profitability arising from unfavorable changes in third party payer policies in connection with the ICD-10-CM Code Set which was effective October 1, 2015;
  - impact on the Company's revenue, cash collections and the availability of credit for general liquidity or other
  39. financing needs arising from a significant deterioration in the economy or financial markets or in the Company's credit ratings by S&P and/or Moody's;
  - changes in reimbursement by foreign governments and foreign currency
  40. fluctuations;
  41. inability to obtain certain billing information from physicians, resulting in increased costs and complexity, a temporary disruption in cash receipts and ongoing reductions in reimbursements and net revenues;
  - expenses and risks associated with international operations, including but not limited to compliance with the
  42. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the U.K. Bribery Act, trade sanction laws and regulations, and laws and regulations that differ from those of the U.S., and economic, political, legal and other operational risks associated with foreign markets;
  43. failure to achieve expected efficiencies and savings in connection with the Company's comprehensive, enterprise-wide business process improvement initiative; and
  44. global economic conditions and government and regulatory changes, including but not limited to the United Kingdom's announced intention to exit from the European Union.

GENERAL (dollars in millions, except per share data)

Net revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 increased 4.5% and 12.6% as compared to the prior year. The increase for the three months ended September 30, 2016 was primarily due to organic revenue growth in both segments as well as tuck-in acquisitions in the clinical laboratory business, partially offset by currency. The Company completed the acquisition of Sequenom, Inc., a market leader in non-invasive prenatal testing, women's health and reproductive genetics on September 7, 2016 through a cash tender offer for \$2.40 per share, or a transaction price of \$249.1, net of cash received, and acquired \$130.0 of debt. Sequenom, Inc. reported total revenue of \$128.3 in their 2015 Form 10-K and is expected to be accretive during the first year of ownership. In connection with the Acquisition, the Company changed its operating segments to align with how the chief operating decision maker (CODM) evaluates financial information used to allocate resources and assess performance of the Company post-Acquisition. As a result, the segment information presented in these financial statements has been conformed to present segments on this revised basis for all prior periods. Under the new organizational structure, the CODM manages the Company under two reportable segments: LabCorp Diagnostics (LCD) and Covance Drug Development (CDD). LCD includes all of the Company's legacy LabCorp business, and the Company's nutritional chemistry and food safety business, which was previously part of Covance, but excludes LabCorp's legacy clinical trials testing business, which is now part of CDD. CDD includes all of Covance's legacy business, and LabCorp's legacy clinical trials testing business, but excludes the nutritional chemistry and food safety business, which is now part of LCD.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (amounts in millions)

Three months ended September 30, 2016 compared with three months ended September 30, 2015

Net Revenue

Three Months  
Ended September



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	30, 2016	2015	Change
Net revenue			
LCD	\$1,671.8	\$1,600.9	4.4 %
CDD	701.1	669.0	4.8 %
Intercompany eliminations	(0.2 )	—	N/A
Total	\$2,372.7	\$2,269.9	4.5 %

The increase in net revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015 was due to organic revenue growth and tuck-in acquisitions, partially offset by currency.

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LCD net revenue for the third quarter was \$1,671.8, an increase of 4.4% over revenue of \$1,600.9 in the third quarter of 2015. The increase in net revenue was driven by price and mix, which accounted for 2.8% of the growth. In addition, tuck-in acquisitions added 2.0% to net revenue. The increase in net revenue was unfavorably impacted by 0.1% of currency and a decline in organic volume, measured by requisitions, of 0.3%.

CDD net revenue for the third quarter was \$701.1, an increase of 4.8% over revenue of \$669.0 in the third quarter of 2015. The increase in revenue is primarily due to broad-based demand, partially offset by the impact of the expiration on October 31, 2015 of a minimum volume service contract and a negative currency impact of 150 basis points.

## Net Cost of Revenues

	Three Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Net cost of revenues	\$1,584.3	\$1,505.0	5.3 %
Cost of revenues as a % of net revenue	66.8	% 66.3	%

Net cost of revenues increased 5.3% during the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015. Net cost of revenues as a percentage of net revenues increased slightly to 66.8% in 2016 from 66.3% in 2015. The increase in net cost of revenues is primarily due to higher personnel costs as a percentage of revenue within the CDD segment offset by net favorable currency fluctuations of 0.4% on a consolidated basis.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Three Months		
	Ended September		
	2016	2015	Change
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$400.5	\$385.6	3.9 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses as a % of net revenue	16.9	% 17.0	%

Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue decreased to 16.9% during the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to 17.0% during the corresponding period in 2015.

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company incurred legal and other costs of \$1.3 relating to the wind down of its minimum volume service contract operations. The Company incurred \$5.9 in fees and expenses associated with acquisitions completed during the quarter. The Company also recorded \$1.4 in consulting expenses relating to fees incurred as part of its Acquisition integration costs and compensation analysis, along with \$0.5 in short-term equity retention arrangements relating to the Acquisition and \$3.4 of accelerated equity and other final compensation relating to executive transition. In addition, the Company incurred \$3.7 of non-capitalized costs associated with the implementation of a major system as part of its LaunchPad business process improvement initiative. During the third quarter of 2015, the Company recorded \$3.5 in consulting expenses primarily relating to Covance integration costs, along with \$1.4 in short-term equity retention arrangements relating to the Acquisition. Excluding these charges, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenues were 16.4% and 16.8%, respectively during the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue was impacted by a net decrease of 0.4% due to currency fluctuations on a consolidated basis. In addition, bad debt expense for LCD was 4.1% of net revenue for that segment during the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to 4.2% during the corresponding period in 2015.

## Amortization of Intangibles and Other Assets

Three  
Months  
Ended  
September  
30,

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	2016	2015	Change
LCD	\$19.3	\$23.2	(16.8)%
CDD	21.8	21.7	0.5 %
Total amortization of intangibles and other assets	\$41.1	\$44.9	(8.5 )%

The decrease in amortization of intangibles and other assets primarily reflects the reversal of certain acquisition reserves and earnout adjustments offset by the impact of current year tuck-in acquisitions.

Restructuring and Other Special Charges

Three  
Months  
Ended  
September  
30,

	2016	2015	Change
Restructuring and other special charges	\$22.8	\$26.3	(13.3)%

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During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$22.8; \$7.1 within LCD and \$15.7 within CDD. The charges were comprised of \$14.1 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$9.1 in costs associated with facility closures. The Company reversed previously established reserves of \$0.2 in unused facility-related costs and \$0.2 in unused severance reserves primarily as the result of selling one of its minimum volume service contract facilities to a third party.

During the three months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$26.3, \$4.9 within LCD and \$21.4 within CDD. The charges were comprised of \$24.3 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$2.3 in costs associated with facility closures and general integration initiatives. These charges were offset by the reversal of previously established reserves of \$0.3 in unused facility-related costs.

## Interest Expense

Three  
Months  
Ended  
September  
30,  
2016 2015 Change

Interest expense \$58.2 55.9 4.1 %

The increase in interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015 is primarily due to \$5.6 of interest expense relating to the early retirement of subsidiary indebtedness offset by the repayment of the 3.125% senior notes in May 2016 and the reduction of the term loan balance.

## Equity Method Income, net

Three  
Months  
Ended  
September  
30,  
2016 2015 Change

Equity method income, net \$2.6 \$2.0 30.0 %

Equity method income represents the Company's ownership share in joint venture partnerships along with equity investments in other companies in the health care industry. All of these partnerships and investments reside within LCD. The increase in income in 2016 was primarily due to the increased profitability in one of the joint ventures.

## Other, net

Three Months  
Ended  
September  
30,  
2016 2015 Change

Other, net \$(5.6) \$(3.2) 75.0 %

The increase in other, net for the three months ended September 30, 2016, is primarily due to a non-cash loss of \$2.3 from the impairment of one of the Company's investments in its venture fund.

## Income Tax Expense

Three Months  
Ended  
September 30,  
2016 2015 Change

Income tax expense

\$83.6 \$96.5 (13.4)%

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Income tax expense as a % of earnings before income taxes 31.7 % 38.4 %

The Company's tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2016 decreased over the rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 due to the early adoption of share-based payment accounting, uncertain tax position reserves reversed as a result of a lapse in the statute of limitations, and foreign pre-tax profits taxed at lower rates increasing as a percentage of total income. The favorable decreases were partially offset by non-deductible transaction costs and an increase in the valuation allowance for an impairment loss on an investment.

Nine months ended September 30, 2016 compared with nine months ended September 30, 2015

Net Revenue

	Nine Months		
	Ended September		
	30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Net revenue			
LCD	\$4,922.1	\$4,647.9	5.9 %
CDD	2,128.3	1,613.0	31.9 %
Intercompany eliminations	(0.5 )	—	N/A
Total	\$7,049.9	\$6,260.9	12.6 %

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The increase in net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015 was due to the Acquisition along with organic volume growth, price and mix in LCD, partially offset by currency.

LCD net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$4,922.1 an increase of 5.9% over revenue of \$4,647.9 in the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in net revenue was driven by growth in volume, measured by requisitions, of 1.4%. Price and mix accounted for an additional 2.5% of the growth. BeaconLBS, the Company's technology-enabled solution providing point-of-care decision support, contributed 0.4%. In addition, tuck-in acquisitions added 2.0% to net revenue. The increase in net revenue was unfavorably impacted by 0.3% of currency.

CDD net revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$2,128.3, an increase of 31.9% over revenue of \$1,613.0 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The increase in revenue is due to the inclusion of nine months of Covance revenue for the period ended September 30, 2016 in comparison to the period from the close of the Acquisition on February 19, 2015 through September 30, 2015, as well as broad-based demand. This increase was partially offset by the expiration on October 31, 2015 of a minimum volume service contract and an unfavorable currency impact of approximately 150 basis points.

## Net Cost of Revenues

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Net cost of revenues	\$4,657.4	\$4,098.2	13.6 %
Cost of revenues as a % of net revenue	66.1 %	65.5 %	

Net cost of revenues increased 13.6% during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015 primarily due to the inclusion of CDD operations, which carry higher personnel costs as a percentage of revenue, for the entire first nine months of the year along with overall growth in the Company's operations. The net cost of revenues was also impacted by a net decrease of 0.7% due to currency fluctuations on a consolidated basis.

## Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$1,224.2	\$1,221.9	0.2 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses as a % of net revenue	17.4 %	19.5 %	

Selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue decreased to 17.4% during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to 19.5% during the corresponding period in 2015.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company incurred additional legal and other costs of \$4.0 relating to the wind down of its minimum volume service contract operations and incurred \$7.4 in acquisition fees and expenses. The Company also recorded \$5.7 in consulting expenses relating to fees incurred as part of its Acquisition integration costs and compensation analysis, along with \$2.4 in short-term equity retention arrangements relating to the Acquisition and \$4.8 of accelerated equity compensation relating to executive transition (all recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses). In addition, the Company incurred \$8.1 of non-capitalized costs associated with the implementation of a major system as part of LaunchPad.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded \$15.1 of consulting expenses relating to fees incurred as part of LaunchPad as well as Covance integration costs. The Company also recorded \$82.4 for Covance employee equity awards, change in control payments and short-term retention agreements that were accelerated or triggered by the Acquisition and advisor and legal fees of \$33.9.

Excluding these charges, selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenues were 16.9% and 17.4% during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue, excluding these charges, is primarily due to the Acquisition, which carries lower personnel costs in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue, and the impact of LaunchPad. The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of revenue was also impacted by net favorable currency fluctuations of 0.5% on a consolidated basis. These decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses as a percentage of net revenue was slightly offset by bad debt expense for LCD which was 4.4% of net revenue for that segment during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared to 4.3% during the corresponding period in 2015.

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## Amortization of Intangibles and Other Assets

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
LCD	\$66.3	\$67.1	(1.2)%
CDD	64.4	53.5	20.4%
Total amortization of intangibles and other assets	\$130.7	\$120.6	8.4%

The increase in amortization of intangibles and other assets primarily reflects the impact of the Acquisition and tuck-in acquisitions offset by the impact of working capital and earnout adjustments. The decrease in amortization for CDD is due to currency fluctuations.

## Restructuring and Other Special Charges

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Restructuring and other special charges	\$48.6	\$59.9	(18.9)%

During the first nine months of 2016, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$48.6; \$9.7 within LCD and \$38.9 within CDD. The charges were comprised of \$23.1 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$30.7 in costs associated with facility closures. A substantial portion of these costs relate to the planned closure of duplicative data center operations and other facilities. The Company reversed previously established reserves of \$2.8 in unused facility-related costs and \$2.4 in unused severance reserves primarily as the result of selling one of its minimum volume service contract facilities to a third party. In conjunction with certain international legal entity tax structuring, the Company also recorded a one-time tax liability of \$1.1.

During the first nine months of 2015, the Company recorded net restructuring and other special charges of \$59.9. The charges were comprised of \$33.8 related to severance and other personnel costs along with \$27.1 in costs associated with facility closures and impairment of certain information technology assets. These charges were offset by the reversal of previously established reserves of \$1.0 in unused facility-related costs.

In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded \$17.0 in consulting expenses (recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses) relating to fees incurred as part of LaunchPad. The Company also recorded \$166.0 of deal costs related to the Acquisition, of which \$113.4 is included in selling, general and administrative expenses and \$52.6 is included in interest expense.

## Interest Expense

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Interest expense	\$166.2	\$218.1	(23.8)%

The decrease in interest expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 as compared with the corresponding period in 2015 is primarily due to the reduction of the term loan balance, the timing of Acquisition-related debt, Acquisition-related expenses including a \$37.4 make-whole payment that was required in connection with the prepayment of the \$250.0 Covance senior notes and \$15.2 of deferred financing costs associated with the Company's previous credit agreement and the bridge financing facilities used to complete the Acquisition. In addition, the Company repaid the 3.125% senior notes in May 2016. These decreases were offset by \$5.6 of interest expense relating to the early retirement of subsidiary indebtedness.

## Equity Method Income, net



	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	2015	Change
Equity method income, net	\$ 5.9	\$ 7.6	(22.4)%

Equity method income represents the Company's ownership share in joint venture partnerships along with equity investments in other companies in the health care industry. All of these partnerships reside within LCD. The decrease in income in 2016 was primarily due to liquidation of the Company's interest in one of the partnerships effective June 30, 2015.

Other, net

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	2015	Change
Other, net	\$(1.3)	\$(4.4)	(70.5)%

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The decrease in other, net for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, is primarily due to a net gain on the sale of investment securities from the Company's venture fund offset by net realized foreign currency translation losses and a non-cash loss upon the dissolution of one of the Company's equity investments in 2015.

## Income Tax Expense

	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
	2016	2015	Change
Income tax expense	\$280.3	\$218.3	28.4 %
Income tax expense as a % of earnings before tax	33.8 %	40.8 %	

The Company's tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was negatively impacted by non-deductible transaction costs of approximately \$19.6 associated with the Acquisition and one-time tax charges of \$12.8 to realign the Company's legal entity structure to facilitate the Acquisition. In 2016 and 2015, the rate was favorably impacted by foreign earnings taxed at lower rates than the U.S. statutory tax rate for 2016. The nine months ended September 30, 2016 also benefited from the early adoption of share-based payment accounting and the reversal of uncertain tax position reserves. The Company considers substantially all of its foreign earnings to be permanently reinvested overseas.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES (dollars and shares in millions)

The Company's strong cash-generating capability and financial condition typically have provided ready access to capital markets. The Company's principal source of liquidity is operating cash flow, supplemented by proceeds from debt offerings. The Company's senior unsecured revolving credit facility is further discussed in Note 6 (Debt) to the Company's Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

During the first nine months of 2016 and 2015, respectively, the Company's cash flows were as follows:

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$727.0	\$597.8
Net cash used for investing activities	(576.1 )	(3,866.3 )
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(301.7 )	3,424.2
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	2.0	(22.7 )
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$(148.8)	\$133.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents		

Cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2016 and 2015 totaled \$567.6 and \$713.0 respectively. Cash and cash equivalents consist of highly liquid instruments, such as commercial paper, time deposits, and other money market investments, substantially all of which have maturities when purchased of three months or less.

## Operating Activities

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, the Company's operations provided \$727.0 of cash as compared to \$597.8 in 2015. The \$129.2 increase in cash provided from operations in 2016 as compared with the corresponding 2015 period was primarily due to higher net earnings in 2016. The Company's 2015 earnings were impacted by \$232.0 of restructuring and special items, \$153.5 of which represented cash payments in connection with the Acquisition. Excluding these special charges, the net decrease in cash from operations was due to an increase in the use of working capital to support growth.

## Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$576.1 as compared to \$3,866.3 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. The \$3,290.2 decrease in cash used in investing activities was primarily due to cash paid for the Acquisition in the first quarter of 2015. In addition, the Company had proceeds

of \$23.9 from the sale of assets during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 in comparison to \$0.5 for the same period during 2015. Capital expenditures were \$204.6 and \$170.7 for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Company expects capital expenditures in 2016 to be approximately 3.0% of net revenues primarily in connection with projects to support growth in the Company's core businesses, projects related to LaunchPad and further Covance integration initiatives. The Company intends to continue to pursue acquisitions to fund growth and make important investments in its business, including in information technology, to improve efficiency and enable the execution of the Company's strategic vision. Such expenditures are expected to be funded by cash flow from operations, as well as borrowings under the Company's revolving credit facility or any successor facility, as needed.

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## Financing Activities

Net cash used for financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 was \$301.7 compared to \$3,424.2 provided by financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. This movement in cash within financing activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, as compared to 2015, was primarily a result of \$3,615.0 of net financing proceeds in 2015 compared to \$356.5 in debt repayments in 2016.

On December 19, 2014, the Company entered into a five-year term loan credit facility in the principal amount of \$1,000.0 for the purpose of financing a portion of the cash consideration and the fees and expenses in connection with the Acquisition.

The term loan credit facility was advanced in full on February 19, 2015, the date of the Company's completion of the Acquisition. The term loan credit facility will mature five years after the Acquisition Date and may be prepaid without penalty. The term loan balance at September 30, 2016 was \$715.0.

On December 19, 2014, the Company also entered into an amendment and restatement of its existing senior revolving credit facility, which was originally entered into on December 21, 2011. The senior revolving credit facility, consists of a five-year revolving facility in the principal amount of up to \$1,000.0, with the option of increasing the facility by up to an additional \$250.0, subject to the agreement of one or more new or existing lenders to provide such additional amounts and certain other customary conditions. The revolving credit facility also provides for a subfacility of up to \$100.0 for swing line borrowings and a subfacility of up to \$125.0 for issuances of letters of credit. The revolving credit facility is permitted to be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures, funding of share repurchases and certain other payments, and acquisitions and other investments.

On January 30, 2015, the Company issued \$2,900.0 in debt securities consisting of \$500.0 aggregate principal amount of 2.625% Senior Notes due 2020, \$500.0 aggregate principal amount of 3.20% Senior Notes due 2022, \$1,000.0 aggregate principal amount of 3.60% Senior Notes due 2025 and \$900.0 aggregate principal amount of 4.70% Senior Notes due 2045 (together, Acquisition Notes). Net proceeds from the offering of the Acquisition Notes were \$2,870.2 after deducting underwriting discounts and other expenses of the offering. Net proceeds were used to pay a portion of the cash consideration and the fees and expenses in connection with the Acquisition.

On February 13, 2015, the Company entered into a 60-day cash bridge term loan credit facility in the principal amount of \$400.0 for the purpose of financing a portion of the cash consideration and the fees and expenses in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. The 60-day cash bridge term loan credit facility was advanced in full on February 19, 2015, the date of the Company's completion of the Acquisition. The 60-day cash bridge term loan credit facility was repaid in March 2015.

Under the term loan credit facility and the revolving credit facility, the Company is subject to negative covenants limiting subsidiary indebtedness and certain other covenants typical for investment grade-rated borrowers and the Company is required to maintain a leverage ratio that varies. From and after the Acquisition closing date, the leverage ratio must not have been greater than 4.75 to 1.00 with respect to the last day of each of the first four fiscal quarters ending on or after the closing date, must be no greater than 4.25 to 1.00 with respect to the last day of each of the fifth through eighth fiscal quarters ending after the closing date, and must be no greater than 3.75 to 1.00 with respect to the last day of each fiscal quarter ending thereafter. The Company was in compliance with all covenants in the Credit Agreement at September 30, 2016. As of September 30, 2016, the ratio of total debt to consolidated trailing 12-month EBITDA was 3.3 to 1.0.

The term loan credit facility accrues interest at a per annum rate equal to, at the Company's election, either a LIBOR rate plus a margin ranging from 1.125% to 2.00%, or a base rate determined according to a prime rate or federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 0.125% to 1.00%. Advances under the revolving credit facility will accrue interest at a per annum rate equal to, at the Company's election, either a LIBOR rate plus a margin ranging from 1.00 to 1.60%, or a base rate determined according to a prime rate or federal funds rate plus a margin ranging from 0.00% to 0.60%. Fees are payable on outstanding letters of credit under the revolving credit facility at a per annum rate equal to the applicable margin for LIBOR loans, and the Company is required to pay a facility fee on the aggregate commitments under the revolving credit facility, at a per annum rate ranging from 0.125% to 0.40%. The interest margin applicable to the credit facilities, and the facility fee and letter of credit fees payable under the revolving credit facility, are based

on the Company's senior credit ratings as determined by Standard & Poor's and Moody's, which are currently BBB and Baa2, respectively.

There was no outstanding balance on the Company's revolving credit facility at September 30, 2016 or December 31, 2015. As of September 30, 2016, the Company provided letters of credit aggregating \$54.7, primarily in connection with certain insurance programs. Letters of credit provided by the Company are issued under the Company's revolving credit facility and are renewed annually, around mid-year.

As of September 30, 2016, the effective interest rate on the revolving credit facility was 1.63% and the effective interest rate on the term loan was 1.77%.

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As a result of the Acquisition, the Company assumed privately placed senior notes in an aggregate principal amount of \$250.0 issued pursuant to a Note Purchase Agreement dated October 2, 2013. On March 5, 2015, the Company caused Covance to prepay all of the outstanding Senior Notes at 100 percent of the principal amount plus accrued interest, and a total make-whole amount of \$37.4 which is included in interest expense. The Note Purchase Agreement terminated effective March 5, 2015 in connection with the prepayment of the Senior Notes.

On September 30, 2016, the Company announced the successful completion of the consent solicitations for the 5.00% convertible senior notes due 2017 and 2018, acquired as part of the recent acquisition of Sequenom, Inc. On October 20, 2016, the Company retired \$130.0 of these outstanding notes, including \$5.6 relating to the early retirement of the subsidiary indebtedness.

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had outstanding authorization from the Board of Directors to purchase up to \$789.5 of Company common stock based on settled trades as of that date. Following the announcement of the Acquisition in the fourth quarter of 2014, the Company suspended its share repurchases. The Company does not anticipate resuming its share repurchase activity until it approaches its targeted leverage ratio of total debt to trailing 12-month EBITDA of 2.5 to 1.0. However, the Company will continue to evaluate all opportunities for strategic deployment of capital in light of market conditions.

The Company had a \$27.9 and \$36.9 reserve for unrecognized income tax benefits, including interest and penalties as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Substantially all of these tax reserves are classified in other long-term liabilities in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015.

### Zero-coupon Subordinated Notes and Senior Notes

On September 12, 2016, the Company announced that for the period from September 12, 2016 to March 10, 2017, the zero-coupon subordinated notes will accrue contingent cash interest at a rate of no less than 0.125% of the average market price of a zero-coupon subordinated note for the five trading days ended September 9, 2016, in addition to the continued accrual of the original issue discount.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company settled notices to convert \$34.9 aggregate principal amount at maturity of its zero-coupon subordinated notes with a conversion value of \$62.9. The total cash used for these settlements was \$31.5 and the Company also issued \$0.2 in additional shares of common stock. As a result of these conversions, the Company also reversed deferred tax liabilities of \$6.6.

On October 3, 2016, the Company announced that its zero-coupon subordinated notes may be converted into cash and common stock at the conversion rate of 13.4108 per \$1,000.0 principal amount at maturity of the notes, subject to the terms of the zero-coupon subordinated notes and the indenture dated as of October 24, 2006 between the Company and The Bank of New York Mellon as trustee and the conversion agent. In order to exercise the option to convert all or a portion of the zero-coupon subordinated notes, holders are required to validly surrender their zero-coupon subordinated notes at any time during the calendar quarter beginning October 1, 2016 through the close of business on the last business day of the calendar quarter, which is 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on Friday, December 30, 2016. If notices of conversion are received, the Company plans to settle the cash portion of the conversion obligation with cash on hand and/or borrowings under the revolving credit facility.

### Credit Ratings

The Company's debt ratings of Baa2 from Moody's and BBB from Standard and Poor's contribute to its ability to access capital markets.

### ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk is the potential loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices, such as foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates and other relevant market rate or price changes. In the ordinary course of business, the

Company is exposed to various market risks, including changes in foreign currency exchange and interest rates, and the Company regularly evaluates the exposure to such changes. The Company addresses its exposure to market risks, principally the market risks associated with changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates, through a controlled program of risk management that includes, from time to time, the use of derivative financial instruments such as foreign currency forward contracts and interest rate swap agreements. Although, as set forth below, the Company's zero-coupon subordinated notes contain features that are considered to be embedded derivative instruments, the Company does not hold or issue derivative financial instruments for trading purposes.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Rates

Approximately 10.2% and 10.3% of the Company's net revenues for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and approximately 11.8% and 11.4% of those for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 were denominated in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar. The Company's financial statements are reported in U.S. Dollars and, accordingly, fluctuations in

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exchange rates will affect the translation of revenues and expenses denominated in foreign currencies into U.S. Dollars for purposes of reporting the Company's consolidated financial results. In the first nine months of 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, the most significant currency exchange rate exposures were to the Canadian Dollar, Swiss Franc, Euro and British Pound. Excluding the impacts from any outstanding or future hedging transactions, a hypothetical change of 10% in average exchange rates used to translate all foreign currencies to U.S. Dollars would have impacted income before income taxes for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 by approximately \$1.0 and \$5.0, respectively. Gross accumulated currency translation adjustments recorded as a separate component of shareholders' equity were \$11.7 and (\$344.7) at September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Company does not have significant operations in countries in which the economy is considered to be highly-inflationary.

The Company earns revenue from service contracts over a period of several months and, in some cases, over a period of several years. Accordingly, exchange rate fluctuations during this period may affect the Company's profitability with respect to such contracts. The Company is also subject to foreign currency transaction risk for fluctuations in exchange rates during the period of time between the consummation and cash settlement of transactions. The Company limits its foreign currency transaction risk through exchange rate fluctuation provisions stated in some of its contracts with customers, or it may hedge transaction risk with foreign currency forward contracts. At September 30, 2016, the Company had four open foreign exchange forward contracts relating to primarily service contracts with various amounts maturing monthly through October 2016 with a notional value totaling approximately \$126.9. At December 31, 2015, the Company had four open foreign exchange forward contracts relating to service contracts with various amounts maturing monthly through January 2016 with a notional value totaling approximately \$93.1.

**Interest Rates**

Some of the Company's debt is subject to interest at variable rates. As a result, fluctuations in interest rates affect the business. The Company attempts to manage interest rate risk and overall borrowing costs through an appropriate mix of fixed and variable rate debt including by the utilization of derivative financial instruments, primarily interest rate swaps.

Borrowings under the Company's term loan credit facility and revolving credit facility are subject to variable interest rates, unless fixed through interest rate swaps or other agreements. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had \$715.0 of unhedged variable rate debt from the term loan credit facility. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 the Company had no outstanding balance on its revolving credit facility and \$715.0 on its term loan facility. During the third quarter of 2013, the Company entered into two fixed-to-variable interest rate swap agreements for the 4.625% senior notes due 2020 with an aggregate notional amount of \$600.0 and variable interest rates based on one-month LIBOR plus 2.298% to hedge against changes in the fair value of a portion of the Company's long term debt.

The Company's zero-coupon subordinated notes contain the following two features that are considered to be embedded derivative instruments under authoritative guidance in connection with accounting for derivative instruments and hedging activities:

- The Company will pay contingent cash interest on the zero-coupon subordinated notes after September 11, 2006, if
- 1) the average market price of the notes equals 120% or more of the sum of the issue price, accrued original issue discount and contingent additional principal, if any, for a specified measurement period.
  - 2) Holders may surrender zero-coupon subordinated notes for conversion during any period in which the rating assigned to the zero-coupon subordinated notes by S&P's Ratings Services is BB- or lower.

Each quarter-point increase or decrease in the variable rate would result in the Company's interest expense changing by approximately \$1.8 per year for the Company's unhedged variable rate debt.

**ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Company carried out, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's principal executive



officer and principal financial officer, an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Based upon this evaluation, the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2016. There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) that occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2016 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS AND SUBSIDIARIES

PART II - OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

See Note 9 (Commitments and Contingencies) to the Company's unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements, above, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The risk factors set forth below revise and supplement the corresponding risk factors set forth in Part I - Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as amended. With the exception of the following, there have been no material changes in the risk factors that appear in Part I - Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, as amended.

Healthcare reform and related products (e.g., Health Insurance Exchanges), changes in government payment and reimbursement systems, or changes in payer mix, including an increase in capitated reimbursement mechanisms and evolving delivery models, could have an adverse impact on the Company's net revenues, profitability and cash flow. LCD's testing services are billed to private patients, Medicare, Medicaid, commercial clients, MCOs and other insurance companies. Tests ordered by a physician may be billed to different payers depending on the medical insurance benefits of a particular patient. Most testing services are billed to a party other than the physician or other authorized person who ordered the test. Increases in the percentage of services billed to government and MCOs could have an adverse impact on the Company's net revenues.

The various MCOs have different contracting philosophies, which are influenced by the design of the products they offer to their members. Some MCOs contract with a limited number of clinical laboratories and engage in direct negotiation of the rates reimbursed to participating laboratories. Other MCOs adopt broader networks with a largely uniform fee structure for participating clinical laboratories; in some cases, those fee structures are specific to independent clinical laboratories while the fees paid to hospital-based and physician-office laboratories may be different, and are typically higher. In addition, some MCOs have used capitation in an effort to fix the cost of laboratory testing services for their enrollees. Under a capitated reimbursement arrangement, the MCO makes a per member, per month payment for all covered laboratory tests rendered during the month for the members, regardless of the number or cost of the tests actually performed. Capitation shifts the risk of increased test utilization (and the underlying mix of testing services) to the clinical laboratory provider. The Company makes significant efforts to ensure that its services are adequately compensated in its capitated arrangements. For the year ended December 31, 2015, such capitated contracts accounted for approximately \$219.9 million, or 2.6%, of the Company's net revenues. The Company's ability to attract and retain MCOs is critical given the impact of healthcare reform, related products and expanded coverage (e.g., Health Insurance Exchanges and Medicaid Expansion) and evolving delivery models (e.g., ACOs).

A portion of the managed care fee-for-service revenues are collectible from patients in the form of deductibles, copayments and coinsurance. Collectibility may be impacted as patient cost-sharing increases.

In addition, Medicare and Medicaid and private insurers have increased their efforts to control the cost, utilization and delivery of healthcare services, including clinical laboratory services. Measures to regulate healthcare delivery in general, and clinical laboratories in particular, have resulted in reduced prices, added costs and decreased test utilization for the clinical laboratory industry by increasing complexity and adding new regulatory and administrative requirements. Pursuant to legislation passed in late 2003, the percentage of Medicare beneficiaries enrolled in Managed Medicare plans has increased. The percentage of Medicaid beneficiaries enrolled in Managed Medicaid plans has also increased, and is expected to continue to increase. Implementation of the ACA, the healthcare reform legislation passed in 2010, also may continue to affect coverage, reimbursement, and utilization of laboratory services, as well as administrative requirements.

The Company also experienced delays in the pricing and implementation of new molecular pathology codes among various payers, including Medicaid, Medicare and commercial carriers. While some delays were expected, several non-commercial payers required an extended period of time to price key molecular codes and a number of those payers, mostly government entities, indicated that they would no longer pay for tests that they had previously covered. Many commercial payers were delayed in becoming aware of the impact of their claim edits and policies, which impeded access to services that previously had been covered and reimbursed. These delays had a negative impact on 2014 revenue, revenue per requisition, margins and cash flows, which were largely sustained throughout 2015. Further, several payers continue to require additional information to process claims or have implemented prior authorization or other restrictive policies which are expected to have a continuing negative impact. Similarly, coding and billing changes related to toxicology and other Clinical Laboratory Fee Schedule (CLFS) procedures were

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implemented in 2015 and 2016. The Company experienced delays in the pricing and implementation of the new codes, however, it largely overcame issues related to price and margins through direct negotiation with the associated payers.

The Company expects efforts to impose reduced reimbursement, more stringent payment policies and utilization and cost controls by government and other payers to continue. If LCD cannot offset additional reductions in the payments it receives for its services by reducing costs, increasing test volume and/or introducing new procedures, it could adversely impact the Company's net revenues, profitability and cash flows.

In 2014, Congress passed the Protecting Access to Medicare Act of 2014 (PAMA), requiring Medicare to change the way payment rates are calculated for tests paid under the CLFS, and to base the payment on the weighted median of rates paid by private payers. On June 23, 2016, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) published a final rule implementing PAMA, which required establishment of a new Medicare reimbursement system for clinical lab tests paid under the CLFS, based on private payer rates, as reported to CMS. Although the new payment system was supposed to go into effect for tests furnished after January 1, 2017, the CMS rulemaking process was delayed, and the new rates will not be effective until January 1, 2018 pursuant to the final rule. Under the new system the Company must collect data on private payer rates and report the data to CMS every three years for most types of tests. The Company does not expect that the new reporting requirements will have a material impact on its business or results of operations. CMS will use the data reported by all applicable labs to calculate a weighted median of private payer rates for each test performed, and that weighted median will be the new Medicare rate. Rate reductions for existing tests under the new system will be phased in over six years. The full impact of the final rule will not be known until CMS releases rates for 2018. Medicare reimbursement under the CLFS represents less than 10% of the Company's consolidated revenue.

As an employer, healthcare reform legislation also contains numerous regulations that will require the Company to implement significant process and record keeping changes to be in compliance. These changes increase the cost of providing healthcare coverage to employees and their families. Given the limited release of regulations to guide compliance, the exact impact to employers including the Company is uncertain.

In addition, implementation of healthcare reform legislation that adds costs could limit the profits that can be made from the development of new drugs. This could adversely affect R&D expenditures by pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies, which could in turn decrease the business opportunities available to CDD both in the U.S. and other countries. New laws or regulations may create a risk of liability, increase CDD costs or limit service offerings through CDD.

Global economic conditions and government and regulatory changes, including but not limited to the United Kingdom's announced intention to exit from the European Union, could adversely impact the Company's business and results of operations.

The Company could be adversely impacted due to the consequences of changes in the economy, government or regulations across the globe. In June 2016, a majority of voters in the United Kingdom elected to withdraw from the European Union (often referred to as Brexit) in a national referendum. Although the referendum was advisory, the current United Kingdom government has indicated its intention to abide by the referendum and to initiate withdrawal proceedings in the near future. The terms of any withdrawal are subject to a negotiation period that could last at least two years after the government of the United Kingdom formally initiates a withdrawal process. This will be either accompanied or followed by negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom concerning the future relations between the parties. This could introduce uncertainty with respect to the laws and regulations that will apply in the event of a withdrawal. However, until the Brexit negotiation process is initiated, it is difficult to anticipate how the clinical trial landscape in the United Kingdom might change in the next several years.

This type of development or other government or regulatory change could depress economic activity, which could adversely impact the Company's business, financial condition and results of operations. This could include long-term volatility in the currency markets and long-term detrimental effects on the value of affected currencies.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds (Dollars in millions)

The Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of specified amounts of the Company's common stock since 2007. As of September 30, 2016, the Company had outstanding authorization from the Board of Directors to purchase up to \$789.5 of Company common stock based on settled trades as of that date. The repurchase authorization has no expiration date. Following the announcement of the Acquisition, the Company suspended its share repurchases. The Company does not anticipate resuming its share repurchase activity until it approaches its targeted ratio of total debt to consolidated trailing 12-month EBITDA of 2.5 to 1.0. However, the Company will continue to evaluate all opportunities for strategic deployment of capital in light of market conditions.

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Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

- 12.1\* Ratio of earnings to fixed charges
  - 31.1\* Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a)
  - 31.2\* Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or Rule 15d-14(a)
  - 32\* Written Statement of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (18 U.S.C. Section 1350)
  - 10.1\* Amendment No. 2, dated as of July 13, 2016, to the Term Loan Credit Agreement dated as of December 19, 2014, with Bank of America, N.A.
  - 10.2\* Amendment No. 1, dated as of July 13, 2016, to the Revolving Credit Agreement dated as of December 19, 2014, with Bank of America, N.A.
  - 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
- \* filed herewith

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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.

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS  
Registrant

By: /s/ DAVID P. KING

David P. King  
Chairman of the Board, President  
and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ GLENN A. EISENBERG

Glenn A. Eisenberg  
Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer

October 28, 2016