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

FORM 10 Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016 Commission file number 1-5128

MEREDITH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Iowa 42-0410230

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

1716 Locust Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50309-3023 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (515) 284-3000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes x No o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes x No o

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes o No x

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

Shares of stock outstanding at September 30, 2016

Common shares 39,275,992
Class B shares 5,257,754
Total common and Class B shares 44,533,746

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Meredith Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries are referred to in this Quarterly Report on Form 10~Q (Form 10~Q) as Meredith, the Company, we, our, and us.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

| Assets | September 30, | | |
|--|---------------|-------------|--|
| (In the areas de) | 2016 | 2016 | |
| (In thousands) Current assets | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 32,128 | \$24,970 | |
| Accounts receivable, net | 273,387 | 273,927 | |
| Inventories | 21,931 | 20,678 | |
| Current portion of subscription acquisition costs | 133,917 | 133,338 | |
| Current portion of subscription acquisition costs Current portion of broadcast rights | 14,827 | 4,220 | |
| Other current assets | 25,525 | 24,023 | |
| Total current assets | 501,715 | 481,156 | |
| Property, plant, and equipment | 530,369 | 530,052 | |
| Less accumulated depreciation | • | (339,099) | |
| Net property, plant, and equipment | 183,891 | 190,953 | |
| Subscription acquisition costs | 96,968 | 95,960 | |
| Broadcast rights | 4,900 | 4,565 | |
| Other assets | 56,984 | 57,151 | |
| Intangible assets, net | 909,093 | 913,877 | |
| Goodwill | 883,129 | 883,129 | |
| Total assets | \$ 2,636,680 | \$2,626,791 | |
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| Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$75,000 | \$75,000 | |
| Current portion of long-term broadcast rights payable | 15,795 | 4,649 | |
| Accounts payable | 74,496 | 82,107 | |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 111,094 | 116,777 | |
| Current portion of unearned subscription revenues | 198,780 | 199,359 | |
| Total current liabilities | 475,165 | 477,892 | |
| Long-term debt | 622,402 | 618,506 | |
| Long-term broadcast rights payable | 5,992 | 5,524 | |
| Unearned subscription revenues | 130,162 | 128,534 | |
| Deferred income taxes | 346,297 | 336,346 | |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 152,221 | 170,946 | |
| Total liabilities | 1,732,239 | 1,737,748 | |
| Shareholders' equity | | | |
| Series preferred stock | _ | _ | |
| Common stock | 39,276 | 39,272 | |
| Class B stock | 5,258 | 5,284 | |
| Additional paid-in capital | 56,155 | 54,282 | |
| Retained earnings | 830,247 | 818,706 | |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | | (28,501) | |
| Total shareholders' equity | 904,441 | 889,043 | |

Total liabilities and shareholders' equity

\$2,636,680

\$2,626,791

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings (Unaudited)

| Three months ended September 30, | 2016 | 2015 | |
|---|-----------|------------------|--|
| (In thousands except per share data) | | | |
| Revenues | | | |
| Advertising | \$225,889 | \$218,670 | |
| Circulation | 68,668 | 72,175 | |
| All other | 105,322 | 93,821 | |
| Total revenues | 399,879 | 384,666 | |
| Operating expenses | | | |
| Production, distribution, and editorial | 150,228 | 153,178 | |
| Selling, general, and administrative | 174,993 | 174,730 | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 13,896 | 15,080 | |
| Merger-related costs | | 12,666 | |
| Total operating expenses | 339,117 | 355,654 | |
| Income from operations | 60,762 | 29,012 | |
| Interest expense, net | (4,749) | (5,313) | |
| Earnings before income taxes | 56,013 | 23,699 | |
| Income taxes | (22,040) | (12,670) | |
| Net earnings | \$33,973 | \$11,029 | |
| | | | |
| Basic earnings per share | \$0.76 | \$0.25 | |
| Basic average shares outstanding | 44,558 | 44,612 | |
| | | | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$0.75 | \$0.24 | |
| Diluted average shares outstanding | 45,484 | 45,366 | |
| Dividends paid per share | \$0.4950 | \$0.4575 | |
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See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

| Three months ended September 30, | 2016 | 2015 | | |
|---|----------|----------|---|--|
| (In thousands) | | | | |
| Net earnings | \$33,973 | \$11,029 |) | |
| Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes | | | | |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit plans activity | 537 | (1 |) | |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on interest rate swaps | 1,469 | (2,208 |) | |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes | 2,006 | (2,209 |) | |
| Comprehensive income | \$35,979 | \$8,820 | | |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity (Unaudited)

| (In thousands except per share data) | Common Stock - \$1 par value | Class B Stock - \$1 par value | Additional Paid-in Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Total |
|---|------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-----------|
| Balance at June 30, 2016 | \$39,272 | \$5,284 | \$54,282 | \$818,706 | \$ (28,501) | \$889,043 |
| Net earnings | _ | _ | _ | 33,973 | _ | 33,973 |
| Other comprehensive income, net of income taxes | | | _ | _ | 2,006 | 2,006 |
| Shares issued under incentive plans, net of forfeitures | 317 | | 12,702 | _ | _ | 13,019 |
| Purchases of Company stock | (339 |) — | (18,039) | _ | _ | (18,378) |
| Share-based compensation | _ | | 6,358 | _ | | 6,358 |
| Conversion of Class B to common stock | 26 | (26 |) — | | | |
| Dividends paid | | | | | | |
| Common stock | | | | (19,817 |) — | (19,817) |
| Class B stock | _ | — | _ | (2,615 |) — | (2,615) |
| Tax benefit from share-based awards | _ | — | 852 | _ | _ | 852 |
| Balance at September 30, 2016 | \$39,276 | \$5,258 | \$56,155 | \$830,247 | \$ (26,495) | \$904,441 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Meredith Corporation and Subsidiaries Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

| Three months ended September 30, | 2016 | 2015 |
|--|----------|----------|
| (In thousands) | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities | | |
| Net earnings | \$33,973 | \$11,029 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities | | |
| Depreciation | 9,112 | 10,296 |
| Amortization | 4,784 | 4,784 |
| Share-based compensation | 6,358 | 5,850 |
| Deferred income taxes | 8,700 | 6,427 |
| Amortization of broadcast rights | 4,249 | |