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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number 001-33892

AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

26-0303916

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

One AMC Way

11500 Ash Street, Leawood, KS
(Address of principal executive offices)

66211

(Zip Code)

(913) 213-2000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

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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 Regulations S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit 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 Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a
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

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

Title of each class of common stock	Number of shares outstanding as of April 17, 2015
Class A common stock	21,575,532
Class B common stock	75,826,927

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	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	March 31,
	2015	2014
	(unaudited)	
Revenues		
Admissions	\$ 418,694	\$ 409,020
Food and beverage	200,524	181,764
Other theatre	33,906	31,974
Total revenues	653,124	622,758
Operating costs and expenses		
Film exhibition costs	223,088	212,100
Food and beverage costs	28,508	25,123
Operating expense	187,258	179,693
Rent	117,921	114,944
General and administrative:		
Merger, acquisition and transaction costs	1,578	362
Other	4,941	18,220
Depreciation and amortization	57,777	54,777
Operating costs and expenses	621,071	605,219
Operating income	32,053	17,539
Other expense (income)		
Other income		(4,229)
Interest expense:		
Corporate borrowings	26,079	29,658
Capital and financing lease obligations	2,373	2,525
Equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	(1,324)	5,384
Investment income	(5,143)	(7,857)
Total other expense	21,985	25,481
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	10,068	(7,942)
Income tax provision (benefit)	3,930	(3,100)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	6,138	(4,842)
Gain from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		334
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,508)

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Basic earnings (loss) per share:

Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.06	\$	(0.05)
Earnings from discontinued operations				

Basic earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.06	\$	(0.05)
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Average shares outstanding Basic		97,919		97,390
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Diluted earnings (loss) per share:

Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	0.06	\$	(0.05)
Earnings from discontinued operations				

Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$	0.06	\$	(0.05)
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Average shares outstanding Diluted		97,919		97,390
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Dividends declared per basic and diluted common share	\$	0.20	\$	
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
	(unaudited)	
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,508)
Foreign currency translation adjustment, net of tax	976	166
Pension and other benefit adjustments:		
Net loss arising during the period, net of tax	(45)	
Prior service credit arising during the period, net of tax	746	
Amortization of net gain included in net periodic benefit costs, net of tax	(1,699)	(211)
Amortization of prior service credit included in net periodic benefit costs, net of tax	(1,762)	(254)
Curtailment gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs, net of tax	(7,239)	
Settlement gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs, net of tax	(175)	
Unrealized net gain on marketable securities:		
Unrealized net holding gain arising during the period, net of tax	825	2,019
Net holding gain reclassified to investment income, net of tax	(4)	(4)
Unrealized net gain (loss) from equity method investees' cash flow hedge:		
Unrealized net holding loss arising during the period, net of tax	(361)	(32)
Net holding loss reclassified to equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities, net of tax	122	131
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(8,616)	1,815
Total comprehensive loss	\$ (2,478)	\$ (2,693)

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

Table of Contents**AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS****(in thousands, except share data)**

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(unaudited)	
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and equivalents	\$ 144,804	\$ 218,206
Receivables, net	48,211	99,252
Deferred tax asset	108,071	107,938
Other current assets	86,767	84,343
Total current assets	387,853	509,739
Property, net	1,266,860	1,247,230
Intangible assets, net	223,314	225,515
Goodwill	2,289,800	2,289,800
Deferred tax asset	75,828	73,844
Other long-term assets	419,100	417,604
Total assets	\$ 4,662,755	\$ 4,763,732
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 210,326	\$ 262,635
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	136,459	136,262
Deferred revenues and income	183,374	213,882
Current maturities of corporate borrowings and capital and financing lease obligations	23,901	23,598
Total current liabilities	554,060	636,377
Corporate borrowings	1,771,628	1,775,132
Capital and financing lease obligations	99,790	101,533
Exhibitor services agreement	319,859	316,815
Other long-term liabilities	419,610	419,717
Total liabilities	3,164,947	3,249,574
Commitments and contingencies		
Class A common stock (temporary equity) (\$.01 par value, 173,150 shares issued and 136,381 shares outstanding as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014)	1,426	1,426
Stockholders' equity:		
Class A common stock (\$.01 par value, 524,173,073 shares authorized; 21,439,151 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2015; 21,423,839 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2014)	214	214
Class B common stock (\$.01 par value, 75,826,927 shares authorized; 75,826,927 shares issued and outstanding as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014)	758	758
Additional paid-in capital	1,178,280	1,172,515
Treasury stock (36,769 shares as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, at cost)	(680)	(680)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	4,228	12,844
Accumulated earnings	313,582	327,081

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Total stockholders' equity	1,496,382	1,512,732
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 4,662,755	\$ 4,763,732

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
	(unaudited)	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,508)
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	57,777	54,777
Gain on extinguishment of debt		(4,383)
Amortization of net premium on corporate borrowings	(1,566)	(1,392)
Deferred income taxes	3,525	(2,890)
Theatre and other closure expense	1,127	1,365
Gain on dispositions		(460)
Stock-based compensation	5,739	6,357
Equity in earnings and losses from non-consolidated entities, net of distributions	7,810	14,165
Landlord contributions	10,991	11,294
Deferred rent	(5,519)	(3,195)
Net periodic benefit credit	(17,917)	(855)
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	52,943	56,535
Other assets	(2,277)	(2,244)
Accounts payable	(58,998)	(51,710)
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	(34,492)	(75,203)
Other, net	(3,718)	772
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	21,563	(1,575)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(69,590)	(55,599)
Investments in non-consolidated entities, net	(152)	(721)
Payments on disposition of long-term assets		(128)
Other, net	(1,636)	(1,783)
Net cash used in investing activities	(71,378)	(58,231)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from issuance of Senior Subordinated Notes due 2022		375,000
Repurchase of Senior Subordinated Notes due 2019		(496,903)
Payment of initial public offering costs		(281)
Cash used to pay dividends	(19,821)	
Deferred financing costs		(7,568)
Principal payments under capital and financing lease obligations	(1,886)	(1,672)
Principal payments under Term Loan	(1,938)	(1,938)
Net cash used in financing activities	(23,645)	(133,362)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	58	(9)
Net decrease in cash and equivalents	(73,402)	(193,177)
Cash and equivalents at beginning of period	218,206	546,454

Cash and equivalents at end of period	\$ 144,804	\$ 353,277
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SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:

Cash paid during the period for:

Interest (net of amounts capitalized of \$37 and \$77)	\$ 20,289	\$ 15,499
Income taxes, net	505	1,309

Schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:

Investment in NCM (See Note 2 Investments)	\$ 6,812	\$ 2,137
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See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. ("Holdings"), through its direct and indirect subsidiaries, including AMC Entertainment® Inc. ("AMCE"), American Multi-Cinema, Inc. and its subsidiaries, (collectively with Holdings, unless the context otherwise requires, the "Company" or "AMC"), is principally involved in the theatrical exhibition business and owns, operates or has interests in theatres primarily located in the United States. Holdings is an indirect subsidiary of Dalian Wanda Group Co., Ltd. ("Wanda"), a Chinese private conglomerate.

As of March 31, 2015, Wanda owned approximately 77.85% of Holdings' outstanding common stock and 91.34% of the combined voting power of Holdings' outstanding common stock and has the power to control Holdings' affairs and policies, including with respect to the election of directors (and, through the election of directors, the appointment of management), entering into mergers, sales of substantially all of the Company's assets and other extraordinary transactions.

Use of Estimates: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates and assumptions are used for, but not limited to: (1) Impairments, (2) Film exhibition costs, (3) Income and operating taxes, (4) Theatre and other closure expense, and (5) Gift card and packaged ticket income. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Principles of Consolidation: The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Holdings and all subsidiaries, as discussed above, and should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the twelve months ended December 31, 2014. The March 31, 2015 consolidated balance sheet data does not include all disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles. In the opinion of management, these interim financial statements reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position and results of operations. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. There are no noncontrolling (minority) interests in the Company's consolidated subsidiaries; consequently, all of its stockholders' equity, net earnings (loss) and comprehensive income (loss) for the periods presented are attributable to controlling interests. Due to the seasonal nature of the Company's business, results for the three months ended March 31, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the twelve months ending December 31, 2015. The Company manages its business under one reportable segment called Theatrical Exhibition.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION (Continued)

Other Income: The following table sets forth the components of other income:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Gain on redemption of 8.75% Senior Fixed Rate Notes due 2019	\$	\$ (4,383)
Other expense		154
Other income	\$	\$ (4,229)

Presentation: In the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, certain line items within operating activities have been presented separately from the "receivables," "accrued expenses and other liabilities" and "other, net" line items in the current year presentation, with conforming reclassifications made for the prior period presentation.

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS

Investments in non-consolidated affiliates and certain other investments accounted for under the equity method generally include all entities in which the Company or its subsidiaries have significant influence, but not more than 50% voting control, and are recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets in other long-term assets. Investments in non-consolidated affiliates as of March 31, 2015, include a 15.05% interest in National CineMedia, LLC ("NCM" or "NCM LLC"), a 29% interest in Digital Cinema Implementation Partners, LLC ("DCIP"), a 50% interest in Open Road Releasing, LLC, operator of Open Road Films, LLC ("Open Road Films"), a 32% interest in AC JV, LLC ("AC JV"), owner of Fathom Events, and a 50% interest in two U.S. motion picture theatres and one IMAX screen. Indebtedness held by equity method investees is non-recourse to the Company.

RealD Inc. Common Stock. The Company holds an investment in RealD Inc. common stock, which is accounted for as an equity security, available for sale, and is recorded in the Consolidated Balance Sheets in other long-term assets at fair value (Level 1).

Equity in Earnings (Losses) of Non-Consolidated Entities

Aggregated condensed financial information of the Company's significant non-consolidated equity method investments for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014 is shown below:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Revenues	\$ 117,641	\$ 112,888
Operating costs and expenses	138,897	110,160
Net earnings (loss)	\$ (21,256)	\$ 2,728

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The components of the Company's recorded equity in earnings (losses) of non-consolidated entities are as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
National CineMedia, LLC	\$ (6,639)	\$ (1,120)
Digital Cinema Implementation Partners, LLC	5,429	3,647
Open Road Releasing, LLC	1,286	(8,080)
AC JV, LLC	1,038	282
Other	210	(113)
The Company's recorded equity in earnings (losses)	\$ 1,324	\$ (5,384)

NCM Transactions. As of March 31, 2015, the Company owns 19,663,664 common membership units, or a 15.05% interest, in NCM. The estimated fair market value of the units in NCM was approximately \$296,921,000, based on the publically quoted price per share of NCM, Inc. on March 31, 2015 of \$15.10 per share. See Note 9 Commitments and Contingencies for information regarding the termination of the Screenvision, LLC merger agreement and the expenses associated with the termination.

The Company recorded the following transactions with NCM:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Due from NCM for on-screen advertising revenue	\$ 1,696	\$ 2,072
Due to NCM for Exhibitor Services Agreement	990	1,784
Promissory note payable to NCM	6,944	6,944

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Net NCM screen advertising revenues	\$ 8,648	\$ 8,628
NCM beverage advertising expense	2,514	2,909

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(Unaudited)

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS (Continued)

The Company recorded the following changes in the carrying amount of its investment in NCM and equity in losses of NCM during the three months ended March 31, 2015:

(In thousands)	Investment in NCM(1)	Exhibitor Services Agreement(2)	Other Comprehensive (Income)	Cash Received	Equity in Losses	Advertising (Revenue)
Ending balance December 31, 2014	\$ 265,839	\$ (316,815)	\$ (3,780)			
Receipt of common units(3)	6,812	(6,812)				
Receipt of excess cash distributions	(9,071)			\$ 9,071	\$	\$
Amortization of deferred revenue		3,768				(3,768)
Unrealized gain from cash flow hedge	234		(234)			
Equity in losses and loss from amortization of basis difference(4)(5)	(6,639)				6,639	
For the period ended or balance as of March 31, 2015	\$ 257,175	\$ (319,859)	\$ (4,014)	\$ 9,071	\$ 6,639	\$ (3,768)

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- (1) After Wanda acquired Holdings on August 30, 2012, the Company's investment in NCM consisted of a single investment tranche (Tranche 1 Investment) consisting of 17,323,782 membership units recorded at fair value (Level 1). Subsequent membership units received as provided under the Common Unit Adjustment Agreement dated as of February 13, 2007, are recorded in a separate tranche, (Tranche 2 Investments).
- (2) Represents the unamortized portion of the Exhibitor Services Agreement ("ESA") with NCM. Such amounts are being amortized to other theatre revenues over the remainder of the 30 year term of the ESA ending in 2036, using a units-of-revenue method, as described in ASC 470-10-35 (formerly EITF 88-18, *Sales of Future Revenues*).
- (3) In March 2015, the Company received 469,163 membership units recorded at a fair value of \$14.52 per unit with a corresponding credit to the ESA.
- (4) Represents percentage ownership of NCM's losses on both Tranche 1 and Tranche 2 Investments.
- (5) Certain differences between the Company's carrying value and the Company's share of NCM's membership equity have been identified and are amortized to equity in earnings over the respective lives of the assets and liabilities.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, the Company received payments of \$5,352,000 and \$8,045,000, respectively, related to the NCM tax receivable agreement. The receipts are recorded in investment expense (income), net of related amortization, for the NCM tax receivable agreement intangible asset.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

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(Unaudited)

NOTE 2 INVESTMENTS (Continued)

DCIP Transactions. The Company will make capital contributions to DCIP for projector and installation costs in excess of an agreed upon cap (\$68,000 per system for digital conversions and as of March 31, 2015, \$39,000 for new build locations). The Company pays equipment rent monthly and records the equipment rental expense on a straight-line basis over 12 years.

The Company recorded the following transactions with DCIP:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Due from DCIP for equipment and warranty purchases	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,048
Deferred rent liability for digital projectors	8,954	9,031

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Digital equipment rental expense (continuing operations)	\$ 1,294	\$ 2,917

Open Road Films Transactions. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company followed the equity method of accounting for its investment in Open Road Films. During the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company suspended equity method accounting for its investment in Open Road Films when the negative investment in Open Road Films reached the Company's capital commitment of \$10,000,000.

The Company recorded the following transactions with Open Road Films:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Due from Open Road Films	\$ 1,041	\$ 2,560
Film rent payable to Open Road Films	808	709

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Gross film exhibition cost on Open Road Films	\$ 1,400	\$ 5,700

AC JV Transactions. The Company recorded the following transactions with AC JV:

(In thousands)	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Due to AC JV for Fathom Events programming	\$ 1,443	\$ 333

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Gross exhibition cost on Fathom Events programming	\$ 2,586	\$ 956

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The rights of the holders of Holdings' Class A common stock and Holdings' Class B common stock are identical, except with respect to voting and conversion applicable to the Class B common stock. Holders of Holdings' Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share and holders of Holdings' Class B common stock are entitled to three votes per share. Holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will share ratably (based on the number of shares of common stock held) in any dividend declared by its board of directors, subject to any preferential rights of any outstanding preferred stock. The Class A common stock is not convertible into any other shares of Holdings' capital stock. Each share of Class B common stock is convertible at any time at the option of the holder into one share of Class A common stock. In addition, each share of Class B common stock shall convert automatically into one share of Class A common stock upon any transfer, whether or not for value, except for certain transfers described in Holdings' certificate of incorporation.

Dividends

The following is a summary of dividends and dividend equivalents paid to stockholders during the three months ended March 31, 2015:

Declaration Date	Record Date	Date Paid	Amount per Share of Common Stock
February 3, 2015	March 9, 2015	March 23, 2015	\$ 0.20

On February 3, 2015, the Company's Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of approximately \$19,637,000. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company paid dividends and dividend equivalents of \$19,821,000, increased additional paid-in capital for recognition of deferred tax assets of \$133,000 related to the dividends equivalents paid, and accrued \$41,000 for the remaining unpaid dividends at March 31, 2015. The aggregate dividends paid for Class A common stock, Class B common stock, and dividend equivalents were approximately \$4,315,000, \$15,165,000, and \$341,000, respectively, during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Related Party Transaction

As of March 31, 2015, the Company recorded a receivable due from Wanda of \$293,000 for reimbursement of general administrative and other expense incurred on behalf of Wanda.

Temporary Equity

Certain members of management have the right to require Holdings to repurchase the Class A common stock held by them under certain limited circumstances pursuant to the terms of a stockholders agreement. Beginning on January 1, 2016 (or upon the termination of a management stockholder's employment by the Company without cause, by the management stockholder for good reason, or due to the management stockholder's death or disability) management stockholders will have the right, in limited circumstances, to require Holdings to purchase shares that are not fully and freely

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

March 31, 2015

(Unaudited)

NOTE 3 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

tradeable at a price equal to the price per share paid by such management stockholder with appropriate adjustments for any subsequent events such as dividends, splits, or combinations. The shares of Class A common stock, subject to the stockholder agreement, are classified as temporary equity, apart from permanent equity, as a result of the contingent redemption feature contained in the stockholder agreement. The Company determined the amount reflected in temporary equity for the Class A common stock based on the price paid per share by the management stockholders and Wanda on August 30, 2012, the date Wanda acquired Holdings.

Stock-Based Compensation

Holdings adopted a stock-based compensation plan in December of 2013.

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$5,739,000 and \$6,357,000 within general and administrative: other during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014, respectively. The Company's financial statements reflect an increase to additional paid-in capital related to stock-based compensation of \$5,739,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015. As of March 31, 2015, there was approximately \$4,383,000 of total estimated unrecognized compensation cost, assuming attainment of the performance targets at 100%, related to stock-based compensation arrangements expected to be recognized during the remainder of calendar 2015.

2013 Equity Incentive Plan

The 2013 Equity Incentive Plan provides for grants of non-qualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, performance stock units, stock awards, and cash performance awards. The maximum number of shares of Holdings' common stock available for delivery pursuant to awards granted under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan is 9,474,000 shares. At March 31, 2015, the aggregate number of shares of Holdings' common stock remaining available for grant was 8,309,845 shares.

Awards Granted in 2015

Holdings' Board of Directors approved awards of stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), and performance stock units ("PSUs") to certain of the Company's employees and directors under the 2013 Equity Incentive Plan. The fair value of the stock at the grant dates of January 5, 2015 and March 6, 2015 was \$24.97 and \$33.96 per share, respectively, and was based on the closing price of Holdings' stock.

The award agreements generally had the following features:

Stock Award Agreement: On January 5, 2015, 4 members of Holdings' Board of Directors were granted an award of 3,828 fully vested shares of Class A common stock each, for a total award of 15,312 shares. The Company recognized approximately \$382,000 of expense in general and administrative: other expense during the three months ended March 31, 2015, in connection with these share grants.

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NOTE 3 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement: On March 6, 2015, RSU awards of 84,649 units were granted to certain members of management. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of Class A common stock at a future date. The RSUs were fully vested at the date of grant. The RSUs will not be settled, and will be non-transferable, until the third anniversary of the date of grant. Under certain termination scenarios defined in the award agreement, the RSUs may be settled within 60 days following termination of service. Participants will receive dividend equivalents equal to the amount paid in respect to the shares of Class A common stock underlying the RSUs. The Company recognized approximately \$2,875,000 of expense in general and administrative: other expense during the three months ended March 31, 2015, in connection with these fully vested awards.

On March 6, 2015, RSU awards of 58,749 units were granted to certain executive officers. The RSUs will be forfeited if Holdings does not achieve a specified cash flow from operating activities target for the twelve months ended December 31, 2015. These awards do not contain a service condition. The vested RSUs will not be settled, and will be non-transferable, until the third anniversary of the date of grant. Under certain termination scenarios defined in the award agreement, the vested RSUs may be settled within 60 days following termination of service. A dividend equivalent equal to the amount paid in respect of one share of Class A common stock underlying the RSUs began to accrue with respect to the RSUs on the date of grant. Such accrued dividend equivalents are paid to the holder upon vesting of the RSUs. Thereafter, dividend equivalents are paid to the holder whenever dividends are paid on the Class A common stock. The grant date fair value was \$1,995,000. The Company recognized expense for these awards of \$1,995,000, in general and administrative: other expense, during the three months ended March 31, 2015, based on current estimates that the performance condition is expected to be achieved.

Performance Stock Unit Award Agreement: On March 6, 2015, PSU awards were granted to certain members of management and executive officers, with both a 2015 free cash flow performance target condition and a service condition, ending on December 31, 2015. The PSUs will vest ratably based on a scale ranging from 80% to 120% of the performance target with the vested amount ranging from 30% to 150%. If the performance target is met at 100%, the PSU awards granted on March 6, 2015 will be 143,398 units. No PSUs will vest if Holdings does not achieve the free cash flow minimum performance target or the participant's service does not continue through the last day of the performance period, during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015. The vested PSUs will not be settled, and will be non-transferable, until the third anniversary of the date of grant. Under certain termination scenarios defined in the award agreement, the vested PSUs may be settled within 60 days following termination of service. A dividend equivalent equal to the amount paid in respect of one share of Class A common stock underlying the PSUs began to accrue with respect to the PSUs on the date of grant. Such accrued dividend equivalents are paid to the holder upon vesting of the PSUs. Thereafter, dividend equivalents are paid to the holder whenever dividends are paid on the Class A common stock. Assuming attainment of the performance target at 100%, the Company will recognize expense for these awards of approximately \$4,870,000 in general and administrative: other

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NOTE 3 STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (Continued)

expense during the twelve months ended December 31, 2015. The Company recognized \$487,000 of expense in general and administrative: other expense during the three months ended March 31, 2015, based on current estimates that the target performance condition is expected to be achieved at 100%.

The following table represents the RSU and PSU activity for the three months ended March 31, 2015:

	Shares of RSU and PSU	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Beginning balance at January 1, 2015		\$
Granted(1)	286,796	33.96
Vested(2)	(84,649)	33.96
Forfeited		
Nonvested at March 31, 2015	202,147	\$ 33.96

(1) The number of shares granted under the PSU award, assumes Holdings will attain a performance target at 100%. The PSUs will vest ratably based on a scale ranging from 80% to 120% of the performance target with the vested amount ranging from 30% to 150%.

(2) This number includes vested units of 3,131 that were withheld to cover tax obligations and were subsequently canceled. As a result of this transaction, additional paid-in capital decreased by \$107,000.

NOTE 4 INCOME TAXES

The Company's effective income tax rate is based on expected income, statutory rates and tax planning opportunities available in the various jurisdictions in which it operates. For interim financial reporting, the Company estimates the annual income tax rate based on projected taxable income for the full year and records a quarterly income tax provision or benefit in accordance with the anticipated annual rate. The Company refines the estimates of the year's taxable income as new information becomes available, including actual year-to-date financial results. This continual estimation process often results in a change to the expected effective income tax rate for the year. When this occurs, the Company adjusts the income tax provision during the quarter in which the change in estimate occurs so that the year-to-date provision reflects the expected income tax rate. Significant judgment is required in determining the effective tax rate and in evaluating tax positions.

The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and March 15, 2014 was 39.0%. The Company's tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014 differs from the statutory tax rate primarily due to state income taxes.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Fair value refers to the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants in the market in which the entity transacts business. The inputs used to develop these fair value measurements are established in a hierarchy, which ranks the quality and reliability of the information used to determine the fair values. The fair value classification is based on levels of inputs. Assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1: Quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2: Observable market based inputs or unobservable inputs that are corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that are not corroborated by market data.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements. The following table summarizes the fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial assets carried at fair value on a recurring basis as of March 31, 2015:

(In thousands)	Total Carrying Value at March 31, 2015	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2015 Using		
		Quoted prices in active market (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Other long-term assets:				
Money market mutual funds	\$ 240	\$ 240	\$	\$
Equity securities, available-for-sale:				
RealD Inc. common stock	15,639	15,639		
Mutual fund large U.S. equity	3,200	3,200		
Mutual fund small/mid U.S. equity	2,148	2,148		
Mutual fund international	865	865		
Mutual fund balance	762	762		
Mutual fund fixed income	829	829		
Total assets at fair value	\$ 23,683	\$ 23,683	\$	\$

Valuation Techniques. The Company's money market mutual funds are invested in funds that seek to preserve principal, are highly liquid, and therefore are recorded on the balance sheet at the principal amounts deposited, which equals fair value. The equity securities, available-for-sale, primarily consist of common stock and mutual funds invested in equity, fixed income, and international funds and are measured at fair value using quoted market prices. See Note 7 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income for the unrealized gain on the equity securities recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income.

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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS (Continued)

Other Fair Value Measurement Disclosures. The Company is required to disclose the fair value of financial instruments that are not recognized at fair value in the statement of financial position for which it is practicable to estimate that value:

(In thousands)	Total Carrying Value at March 31, 2015	Fair Value Measurements at March 31, 2015 Using		
		Quoted prices in active market (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Current maturities of corporate borrowings	\$ 15,873	\$	\$ 14,577	\$ 1,389
Corporate borrowings	1,771,628		1,788,035	5,555

Valuation Technique. Quoted market prices and observable market based inputs were used to estimate fair value for Level 2 inputs. The Level 3 fair value measurement represents the transaction price of the corporate borrowings under market conditions.

NOTE 6 THEATRE AND OTHER CLOSURE AND DISPOSITION OF ASSETS

A rollforward of reserves for theatre and other closure and disposition of assets is as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Beginning balance	\$ 52,835	\$ 55,163
Theatre and other closure expense	1,127	1,365
Transfer of assets and liabilities	59	9
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(1,613)	(247)
Cash payments	(2,909)	(2,673)
Ending balance	\$ 49,499	\$ 53,617

In the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, the current portion of the ending balance totaling \$7,588,000 is included with accrued expenses and other liabilities and the long-term portion of the ending balance totaling \$41,911,000 is included with other long-term liabilities. Theatre and other closure reserves for leases that have not been terminated were recorded at the present value of the future contractual commitments for the base rents, taxes and maintenance.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, the Company recognized theatre and other closure expense of \$1,127,000 and \$1,365,000, respectively. Theatre and other closure expense included the accretion on previously closed properties with remaining lease obligations.

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NOTE 7 ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table presents the change in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component:

(In thousands)	Foreign Currency	Pension and Other Benefits	Unrealized Net Gain on Marketable Securities	Unrealized Net Gain from Equity Method Investees' Cash Flow Hedge	Total
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 627	\$ 5,564	\$ 3,812	\$ 2,841	\$ 12,844
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	976	701	825	(361)	2,141
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income		(10,875)	(4)	122	(10,757)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	976	(10,174)	821	(239)	(8,616)
Balance, March 31, 2015	\$ 1,603	\$ (4,610)	\$ 4,633	\$ 2,602	\$ 4,228

The tax effects allocated to each component of other comprehensive loss during the three months ended March 31, 2015 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Before-Tax Amount	Tax (Expense) Benefit	Net-of-Tax Amount
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 1,600	\$ (624)	\$ 976
Pension and other benefit adjustments:			
Net loss arising during the period	(73)	28	(45)
Prior service credit arising during the period	1,223	(477)	746
Amortization of net gain included in net periodic benefit costs	(2,786)	1,087	(1,699)
Amortization of prior service credit included in net periodic benefit costs	(2,888)	1,126	(1,762)
Curtailed gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs	(11,867)	4,628	(7,239)
Settlement gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs	(288)	113	(175)
Unrealized net gain on marketable securities:			
Unrealized net holding gain arising during the period	1,352	(527)	825
Net holding gain reclassified to investment income	(6)	2	(4)
Unrealized net gain (loss) from equity method investees' cash flow hedge:			
Unrealized net holding loss arising during the period	(592)	231	(361)
Net holding loss reclassified to equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	200	(78)	122
Other comprehensive loss	\$ (14,125)	\$ 5,509	\$ (8,616)

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NOTE 7 ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

The following table presents the change in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) by component:

(In thousands)	Foreign Currency	Pension and Other Benefits	Unrealized Net Gain on Marketable Securities	Unrealized Net Gain from Equity Method Investees' Cash Flow Hedge	Total
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ (351)	\$ 20,967	\$ 1,216	\$ 2,372	\$ 24,204
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	166		2,019	(32)	2,153
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income		(465)	(4)	131	(338)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	166	(465)	2,015	99	1,815
Balance, March 31, 2014	\$ (185)	\$ 20,502	\$ 3,231	\$ 2,471	\$ 26,019

The tax effects allocated to each component of other comprehensive income during the three months ended March 31, 2014 is as follows:

(In thousands)	Before-Tax Amount	Tax (Expense) Benefit	Net-of-Tax Amount
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$ 272	\$ (106)	\$ 166
Pension and other benefit adjustments:			
Amortization of net gain included in net periodic benefit costs	(346)	135	(211)
Amortization of prior service credit included in net periodic benefit costs	(416)	162	(254)
Unrealized net gain on marketable securities:			
Unrealized net holding gain arising during the period	3,310	(1,291)	2,019
Net holding gain reclassified to investment income	(7)	3	(4)
Unrealized net gain (loss) from equity method investees' cash flow hedge:			
Unrealized net holding loss arising during the period	(53)	21	(32)
Net holding loss reclassified to equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	215	(84)	131
Other comprehensive income	\$ 2,975	\$ (1,160)	\$ 1,815

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NOTE 7 ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Continued)

The following table presents details about amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated other comprehensive income:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Statements of Operations
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	
Pension and other benefit adjustments:			
Amortization of net gain included in net periodic benefit costs	\$ (2,786)	\$ (346)	General and administrative: Other
Amortization of prior service credit included in net periodic benefit costs	(2,888)	(416)	General and administrative: Other
Curtailment gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs	(11,867)		General and administrative: Other
Settlement gain reclassified to net periodic benefit costs	(288)		General and administrative: Other
	(17,829)	(762)	Total before tax
	6,954	297	Tax expense
	\$ (10,875)	\$ (465)	Net of tax
Unrealized gains on marketable securities:			
Net holding gain reclassified to investment income	\$ (6)	\$ (7)	Investment income
	(6)	(7)	Total before tax
	2	3	Tax expense
	\$ (4)	\$ (4)	Net of tax
Unrealized gain from equity method investees' cash flow hedge:			
Net holding loss reclassified to equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	\$ 200	\$ 215	Equity in (Earnings) Losses of Non-consolidated Entities
	200	215	Total before tax
	(78)	(84)	Tax benefit

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\$ 122 \$ 131 Net of tax

Total reclassifications \$ (10,757) \$ (338) Net of tax

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The Company sponsors frozen non-contributory qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans generally covering all employees who, prior to the freeze, were age 21 or older and had completed at least 1,000 hours of service in their first twelve months of employment, or in a calendar year ending thereafter, and who were not covered by a collective bargaining agreement. The Company also offered eligible retirees the opportunity to participate in a health plan. Certain employees were eligible for subsidized postretirement medical benefits. The eligibility for these benefits was based upon a participant's age and service as of January 1, 2009. The Company also sponsors a postretirement deferred compensation plan.

On January 12, 2015, the Compensation Committee and all of the Board of Directors of AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. adopted resolutions to terminate the AMC Postretirement Medical Plan with an effective date of March 31, 2015. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company notified eligible associates that their retiree medical coverage under the plan will terminate after March 31, 2015. Payments to eligible associates were approximately \$4,300,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company recorded net periodic benefit credits including curtailment gains, settlement gains, amortization of unrecognized prior service credits and amortization of actuarial gains recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income related to the termination and settlement of the plan during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Net periodic benefit cost (credit) recognized for the plans during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014 consists of the following:

(In thousands)	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	\$	\$	\$ 2	\$ 9
Interest cost	1,069	1,152	7	53
Expected return on plan assets	(1,166)	(1,307)		
Amortization of net (gain) loss	11	(259)	(2,797)	(87)
Amortization of prior service credit			(2,888)	(416)
Curtailment gain			(11,867)	
Settlement (gain) loss	287		(575)	
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$ 201	\$ (414)	\$ (18,118)	\$ (441)

NOTE 9 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The Company, in the normal course of business, is a party to various ordinary course claims from vendors (including food and beverage suppliers and film distributors), landlords, competitors, and other legal proceedings. If management believes that a loss arising from these actions is probable and can reasonably be estimated, the Company records the amount of the loss, or the minimum estimated liability when the loss is estimated using a range and no point is more probable than another. As additional information becomes available, any potential liability related to these actions is assessed and

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the estimates are revised, if necessary. Management believes that the ultimate outcome of such other matters, individually and in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or overall trends in results of operations. However, litigation and claims are subject to inherent uncertainties and unfavorable outcomes can occur. An unfavorable outcome might include monetary damages. If an unfavorable outcome were to occur, there exists the possibility of a material adverse impact on the results of operations in the period in which the outcome occurs or in future periods.

On May 5, 2014, NCM, Inc., the sole manager of NCM LLC, announced that it had entered into a merger agreement to acquire Screenvision, LLC for \$375,000,000, consisting of cash and NCM, Inc. common stock. Consummation of the transaction was subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. On November 3, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice filed an antitrust lawsuit seeking to enjoin the transaction. On March 16, 2015, NCM, Inc. and Screenvision, LLC decided to terminate the merger agreement. The termination of the merger agreement was effective upon NCM, Inc.'s payment of a \$26,840,000 termination payment. The estimated legal and other transaction expenses are approximately \$14,060,000. NCM LLC of which AMC is an approximate 15.05% owner, had agreed to indemnify NCM, Inc. and bear a pro rata portion of the termination fee and other transaction expenses. Accordingly, the Company recorded expense of approximately \$6,100,000 in equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities associated with these transaction expenses recorded by NCM LLC during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

NOTE 10 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2015-05, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other-Internal-Use Software (Subtopic 350-40) Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement ("ASU 2015-05"), which provides guidance to customers when a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license, the customer should account for the software license element of the arrangement consistent with the acquisition of other software licenses. If the arrangement does not include a software license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract and expense the costs as incurred. ASU 2015-05 will be effective for annual periods, including interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The standard permits the use of either a prospective or retrospective transition method. The Company will adopt ASU 2015-05 as of the beginning of 2016 and is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that adopting ASU 2015-05 will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30) Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs ("ASU 2015-03"), which requires debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability to be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The recognition and measurement guidance for debt issuance costs are not affected by the amendments in this standard. ASU 2015-03 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015 and interim periods within those fiscal years. The Company will adopt ASU 2015-03 as of the beginning of 2016 and will change the

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NOTE 10 NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

presentation of the debt issuance costs in the Consolidated Balance Sheets by reclassifying the amount from other long-term assets to corporate borrowings.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810) Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis ("ASU 2015-02"), which provides guidance on evaluating whether a reporting entity should consolidate certain legal entities. Specifically, the amendments modify the evaluation of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities ("VIEs") or voting interest entities. Further, the amendments eliminate the presumption that a general partner should consolidate a limited partnership, as well as affect the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with VIEs, particularly those that have fee arrangements and related party relationships. ASU 2015-02 is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and the standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2016. Early adoption is permitted. A reporting entity may apply the amendments using a modified retrospective approach or a full retrospective application. The Company is currently evaluating the impact, if any, that adopting ASU 2015-02 will have on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-12, Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718), ("ASU 2014-12"). This update is intended to resolve the diverse accounting treatment of share-based awards that require a specific performance target to be achieved in order for employees to become eligible to vest in the awards. Compensation cost should be recognized in the period in which it becomes probable that the performance target will be achieved and should represent the compensation cost attributable to the period for which the requisite service has already been rendered. ASU 2014-12 is effective for annual periods and interim periods within those annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted. The Company expects to apply the amendments prospectively to all awards granted or modified after the effective date and expects to adopt ASU 2014-12 as of the beginning of 2016. The Company does not anticipate the adoption of ASU 2014-12 to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, cash flows, or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), ("ASU 2014-09"), which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures and has not yet selected a transition method.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-08, Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity, ("ASU 2014-08"). This amendment changes the requirements for reporting discontinued operations and includes enhanced disclosures about discontinued operations. Under the amendment, only those disposals of components of an entity that represent a strategic shift that has a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results will be reported as discontinued operations in the financial statements. ASU 2014-08 is effective prospectively

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for annual periods beginning on or after December 15, 2014, and interim reporting periods within those years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted ASU 2014-08 as of the beginning of 2015 and the adoption of ASU 2014-08 did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, cash flows, or results of operations.

NOTE 11 EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE

Basic earnings (loss) per share is computed by dividing net earnings (loss) from continuing operations by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings (loss) per share includes the effects of contingently issuable RSUs and PSUs, if dilutive.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings (loss) from continuing operations per common share:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Numerator:		
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,842)
Denominator (shares in thousands):		
Weighted average shares for basic earnings (loss) per common share	97,919	97,390
Common equivalent shares for restricted stock units		
Shares for diluted earnings (loss) per common share	97,919	97,390
Basic earnings (loss) from continuing operations per common share	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.05)
Diluted earnings (loss) from continuing operations per common share	\$ 0.06	\$ (0.05)

Vested RSUs have dividend rights identical to the Company's Class A and Class B common stock and are treated as outstanding shares for purposes of computing basic and diluted earnings per share. Unvested RSUs and unvested PSUs are subject to performance conditions and are included in diluted earnings per share, if dilutive, using the treasury stock method based on the number of shares, if any, that would be issuable under the terms of the Company's 2013 Equity Incentive Plan ("Plan") if the end of the reporting period were the end of the contingency period. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, unvested RSUs of 58,749 and unvested PSUs of 43,062 at the minimum performance target, were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share since the shares would not be issuable under the terms of the Plan, if the end of the reporting period were the end of the contingency period.

NOTE 12 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

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On April 27, 2015, Holdings' Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.20 per share of Class A and Class B common stock, payable on June 22, 2015 to stockholders of record on June 8, 2015.

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

Forward Looking Statements

In addition to historical information, this Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the "safe harbor" provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "forecast," "estimate," "project," "intend," "expect," "should," "believe" and other similar expressions that predict or indicate future events or trends or that are not statements of historical matters. Instead they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations, and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, projections, anticipated events and trends, the economy and other future conditions. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors, including those discussed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, the following:

decreased supply of motion pictures or delayed access to motion pictures;

quality of motion picture production, spending levels on motion picture marketing, and performance of motion pictures in our markets;

risks and uncertainties relating to our significant indebtedness;

limitations on the availability of capital may prevent us from deploying strategic initiatives;

risks of poor financial results may prevent us from meeting our payment obligations;

our ability to utilize net operating loss carryforwards to reduce our future tax liability;

increased competition in the geographic areas in which we operate;

increased use of alternative film delivery methods or other forms of entertainment;

shrinking theatrical exclusive release windows;

certain covenants in the agreements that govern our indebtedness may limit our ability to take advantage of certain business opportunities;

general political, social and economic conditions;

review by antitrust authorities in connection with acquisition opportunities;

dependence on key personnel for current and future performance;

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optimizing our theatre circuit through construction and the transformation of our existing theatres may be subject to delay and unanticipated costs;

our ability to achieve expected benefits and performance from our strategic theatre acquisitions and other strategic initiatives;

our ability to finance our indebtedness on terms favorable to us;

failures, unavailability, or security breaches of our information systems;

our investment and equity in earnings from National CineMedia, LLC ("NCM") may be negatively impacted by the competitive environment in which NCM operates and by the risks associated with its strategic initiatives;

risks relating to impairment losses and theatre and other closure charges;

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risks relating to the incurrence of legal liability; and

increased costs in order to comply with governmental regulation.

This list of factors that may affect future performance and the accuracy of forward-looking statements is illustrative but not exhaustive. In addition, new risks and uncertainties may arise from time to time. Accordingly, all forward-looking statements should be evaluated with an understanding of their inherent uncertainty.

Readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements. For further information about these and other risks and uncertainties as well as strategic initiatives, see Item 1A. "Risk Factors" and Item 1. "Business" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our other public filings.

All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us or persons acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by these cautionary statements. The forward-looking statements included herein are made only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, and we do not undertake any obligation to release publicly any revisions to such forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Overview

We are one of the world's leading theatrical exhibition companies and an industry leader in innovation and operational excellence. Our Theatrical Exhibition revenues are generated primarily from box office admissions and theatre food and beverage sales. The balance of our revenues are generated from ancillary sources, including on-screen advertising, fees earned from our AMC Stubs customer frequency membership program, rental of theatre auditoriums, income from gift card and packaged tickets sales, on-line ticketing fees and arcade games located in theatre lobbies. As of March 31, 2015, we owned, operated or had interests in 347 theatres and 4,972 screens.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we acquired 8 screens in the U.S., temporarily closed 119 screens and reopened 123 screens in the U.S. to implement our strategy and install consumer experience upgrades.

Box office admissions are our largest source of revenue. We predominantly license "first-run" films from distributors owned by major film production companies and from independent distributors. We license films on a film-by-film and theatre-by-theatre basis. Film exhibition costs are accrued based on the applicable admissions revenues and estimates of the final settlement pursuant to our film licenses. Licenses that we enter into typically state that rental fees are based on aggregate terms established prior to the opening of the picture. In certain circumstances and less frequently, our rental fees are based on a mutually agreed settlement upon the conclusion of the picture. Under an aggregate terms formula, we pay the distributor a specified percentage of box office gross or pay based on a scale of percentages tied to different amounts of box office gross. The settlement process allows for negotiation based upon how a film actually performs.

Recliner re-seats are the key feature of full theatre renovations. These exhaustive theatre renovations involve stripping theatres to their basic structure in order to replace finishes throughout, upgrade the sight and sound experience, install modernized points of sale and, most importantly, replace traditional theatre seats with plush, electric recliners that allow customers to deploy a leg rest and fully recline at the push of a button. The renovation process typically involves losing up to two-thirds of a given auditorium's seating capacity. For an industry historically focused on quantity, this reduction in seating capacity could be viewed as counter-intuitive and harmful to revenues. However, the quality improvement in the customer experience is driving, on average, an 80% increase in attendance at these locations. Our customers have responded favorably to the significant personal space

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gains from ample row depths, ability to recline or stretch their legs, extra-wide pillowed chaise and oversized armrests. The re-seated theatres attract more midweek audiences than normal theatres and tend to draw more adults who pay higher ticket prices than teens or young children. We typically do not change ticket prices in the first year after construction, however, in subsequent years we typically increase our ticket prices at our re-seated theatres.

Rebalancing of the new supply-demand relationship created by recliner re-seats presents us two further opportunities to improve customer convenience and maximize operating results: open-source internet ticketing and reserved seating.

Open-source internet ticketing makes all our seats (over 850,000) in all our theatres and auditoriums for all our showtimes as available as possible, on as many websites as possible. This is a significant departure from the prior ten-year practice, when tickets to any one of our buildings were only available on one website. We believe increased online access is important because it captures customers' purchase intent more immediately and directly than if we had to wait until they showed up at the theatre box office to make a purchase. Once our customers buy a ticket, they are less likely to change their mind. Carefully monitoring internet pre-sales also lets us adjust capacity in real time, moving movies that are poised to over perform to larger capacity or more auditoriums, thereby maximizing yield.

Reserved seating, at some of our busiest theatres, allows our customers to choose a specific seat in advance of the movie. We believe that knowing there is a specifically chosen seat waiting for a show that promises to be a sellout is comforting to our customers, and removes anxiety around the experience. We believe reserved seating will become increasingly prevalent to the point of being a pre-requisite in the medium-term future.

We believe the comfort and personal space gains from recliner re-seats, coupled with the immediacy of demand captured from open-source internet ticketing and the anxiety removal of reserved seating make a powerful economic combination for us that none of our peer set is exploiting as aggressively as we are.

Technical innovation has allowed us to enhance the consumer experience through premium formats such as IMAX, 3D and other large screen formats. When combined with our major markets' customer base, the operating flexibility of digital technology enhances our capacity utilization and dynamic pricing capabilities. This enables us to achieve higher ticket prices for premium formats and provide incremental revenue from the exhibition of alternative content such as live concerts, sporting events, Broadway shows, opera and other non-traditional programming. Within each of our major markets, we are able to charge a premium for these services relative to our smaller markets. We intend to continue to broaden our content offerings and enhance the customer experience through the installation of additional IMAX and AMC Prime (our proprietary large screen format) screens and the presentation of attractive alternative content.

Food and beverage sales are our second largest source of revenue after box office admissions. Food and beverage items traditionally include popcorn, soft drinks, candy and hot dogs. Different varieties of food and beverage items are offered at our theatres based on preferences in the particular geographic region. Our traditional food and beverage strategy emphasizes prominent and appealing food and beverage counters designed for rapid service and efficiency, including a customer friendly self-serve experience. We design our theatres to have more food and beverage capacity to make it easier to serve larger numbers of customers. Strategic placement of large food and beverage stands within theatres increases their visibility, aids in reducing the length of lines, allows flexibility to introduce new concepts and improves traffic flow around the food and beverage stands.

To address recent consumer trends, we are expanding our menu of enhanced food and beverage products to include made-to-order drinks and meals, customized coffee, healthy snacks, premium beers,

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wine and mixed drinks and other gourmet products. We plan to invest across a spectrum of enhanced food and beverage formats, ranging from simple, less capital-intensive food and beverage design improvements to the development of new dine-in theatre options to rejuvenate theatres approaching the end of their useful lives as traditional movie theatres and, in some of our larger theatres, to more efficiently monetize attendance. The costs of these conversions in some cases are partially covered by investments from the theatre landlord. Building on the success of our full-service *Dine-In Theatres*, we have completed construction of a new concept, *AMC Red Kitchen*, which emphasizes freshness, speed and convenience. Customers place their orders at a central station and the order is delivered to our customers at their reserved seat. As of March 31, 2015, we have successfully implemented our dine-in theatre concepts at 17 locations, which feature full kitchen facilities, seat-side servers and a separate bar and lounge area.

Our revenues are dependent upon the timing and popularity of film releases by distributors. The most marketable films are usually released during the summer and the calendar year-end holiday seasons. Therefore, our business is highly seasonal, with higher attendance and revenues generally occurring during the summer months and holiday seasons. Our results of operations may vary significantly from quarter to quarter and from year to year.

During the 2014 calendar year, films licensed from our seven largest distributors based on revenues accounted for approximately 89% of our U.S. admissions revenues. Our revenues attributable to individual distributors may vary significantly from year to year depending upon the commercial success of each distributor's films in any given year.

During the period from 1990 to 2014, the annual number of first-run films released by distributors in the United States ranged from a low of 370 in 1995 to a high of 707 in 2014, according to Motion Picture Association of America 2014 Theatrical Market Statistics and prior reports. The number of digital 3D films released annually increased to a high of 47 in 2014 from a low of 0 during this same time period.

We continually upgrade the quality of our theatre circuit by adding new screens through new builds (including expansions) and acquisitions, substantial upgrades to seating concepts, expansion of food and beverage offerings, including dine-in theatres, and by disposing of older screens through closures and sales. We are an industry leader in the development and operation of theatres. Typically, our theatres have 12 or more screens and offer amenities to enhance the movie-going experience, such as stadium seating providing unobstructed viewing, digital sound and premium seat design.

As of March 31, 2015, we had 2,277 3D enabled screens, including 20 AMC Prime and ETX 3D enabled screens, and 149 IMAX 3D enabled screens; approximately 49% of our screens were 3D enabled screens, including IMAX 3D enabled screens, and approximately 3% of our screens were IMAX 3D enabled screens. Our IMAX screen count as of March 31, 2015, does not include one of our IMAX auditoriums that was temporarily closed for repairs. We are the largest IMAX exhibitor in the world with a 45% market share in the United States and each of our IMAX local installations is protected by geographic exclusivity. The following table summarizes our 3D enabled number of screens:

Format	Number of Screens As of March 31, 2015
3D enabled	2,277
IMAX (3D enabled)	149
AMC Prime/ETX (3D enabled)	20

On April 1, 2011, we fully launched *AMC Stubs*, a customer frequency program, which allows members to earn rewards, including \$10 for each \$100 spent, redeemable on future purchases at AMC locations. The portion of the admissions and food and beverage revenues attributed to the rewards is

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deferred as a reduction of admissions and food and beverage revenues and is allocated between admissions and food and beverage revenues based on expected member redemptions. Rewards must be redeemed no later than 90 days from the date of issuance. Upon redemption, deferred rewards are recognized as revenues along with associated cost of goods. Rewards not redeemed within 90 days are forfeited and recognized as admissions or food and beverage revenues. Progress rewards (member expenditures toward earned rewards) for expired memberships are forfeited upon expiration of the membership and recognized as admissions or food and beverage revenues. The program's annual membership fee is deferred, net of estimated refunds, and is recognized ratably over the one-year membership period.

The following tables reflect AMC Stubs activity during the three month period ended March 31, 2015:

(In thousands)	AMC Stubs Revenue for Three Months Ended March 31, 2015				
	Deferred Membership Fees	Deferred Rewards	Other Theatre Revenues (Membership Fees)	Admissions Revenues	Food and Beverage Revenues
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 11,408	\$ 16,129			
Membership fees received	5,942		\$	\$	\$
Rewards accumulated, net of expirations:					
Admissions		4,240		(4,240)	
Food and beverage		5,844			(5,844)
Rewards redeemed:					
Admissions		(4,448)		4,448	
Food and beverage		(6,057)			6,057
Amortization of deferred revenue	(6,111)		6,111		
For the period ended or balance as of March 31, 2015	\$ 11,239	\$ 15,708	\$ 6,111	\$ 208	\$ 213

The following table reflects AMC Stubs activity during the three month period ended March 31, 2014:

(In thousands)	AMC Stubs Revenue for Three Months Ended March 31, 2014				
	Deferred Membership Fees	Deferred Rewards	Other Theatre Revenues (Membership Fees)	Admissions Revenues	Food and Beverage Revenues
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ 14,258	\$ 17,117			
Membership fees received	4,895		\$	\$	\$
Rewards accumulated, net of expirations:					
Admissions		4,016		(4,016)	
Food and beverage		6,859			(6,859)
Rewards redeemed:					
Admissions		(4,523)		4,523	
Food and beverage		(6,492)			6,492
Amortization of deferred revenue	(6,993)		6,993		
For the period ended or balance as of March 31, 2014	\$ 12,160	\$ 16,977	\$ 6,993	\$ 507	\$ (367)

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Significant and Subsequent Events

Postretirement Medical Plan Termination. On January 12, 2015, the Compensation Committee and all of our Board of Directors of AMC Entertainment Holdings, Inc. adopted resolutions to terminate the AMC Postretirement Medical Plan with an effective date of March 31, 2015. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company notified eligible associates that their retiree medical coverage under the plan will terminate after March 31, 2015. Payments to eligible associates were approximately \$4,300,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015. We recorded net periodic benefit credits of \$18,118,000, including curtailment gains, settlement gains, amortization of unrecognized prior service credits and amortization of actuarial gains recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income related to the termination and settlement of the plan during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

NCM. On May 5, 2014, NCM, Inc., the sole manager of NCM LLC, announced that it had entered into a merger agreement to acquire Screenvision, LLC for \$375,000,000, consisting of cash and NCM, Inc. common stock. Consummation of the transaction was subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions. On November 3, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice filed an antitrust lawsuit seeking to enjoin the transaction. On March 16, 2015, NCM, Inc. and Screenvision, LLC decided to terminate the merger agreement. The termination of the merger agreement was effective upon NCM, Inc.'s payment of a \$26,840,000 termination payment. The estimated legal and other transaction expenses are approximately \$14,060,000. NCM LLC of which AMC is an approximate 15.05% owner, had agreed to indemnify NCM, Inc. and bear a pro rata portion of the termination fee and other transaction expenses. Accordingly, we recorded expense of approximately \$6,100,000 in equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities associated with these transaction expenses recorded by NCM LLC during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

As of March 31, 2015, the estimated fair value of NCM, as measured by the closing price per common share of NCM, Inc. of \$15.10, was \$296,921,000, which was 15.5% greater than the carrying value of \$257,175,000. The market price at December 31, 2014 was \$14.37. The market value of common stock may change significantly due to the underlying performance of the business, industry trends and general economic and political conditions. Should the market value of our investment in NCM decline below our carrying value, an impairment loss may be warranted if the decline in value is deemed other than temporary.

Dividends. On February 3, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.20 per share of Class A and Class B common stock, payable on March 23, 2015 to stockholders of record on March 9, 2015. We paid dividends and dividend equivalents of \$19,821,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and accrued \$41,000 for the remaining unpaid dividends at March 31, 2015.

On April 27, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.20 per share of Class A and Class B common stock, payable on June 22, 2015 to stockholders of record on June 8, 2015.

Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime®. On April 9, 2015, we, along with Dolby Laboratories, Inc., announced Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime, a premium cinema offering for moviegoers that combines spectacular image and sound technologies with design and comfort. Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime will include Dolby Vision laser projection and Dolby Atmos® sound, as well as AMC Prime power reclining seats with seat transducers that vibrate with the action on screen. In 2015, we expect to have fully installed Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime in up to 4 AMC locations in major cities across the United States. We intend to expand to operating 50 Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime locations by December 2018 and up to 100 Dolby Cinema at AMC Prime locations by December 2024.

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The following table sets forth our revenues, operating costs and expenses attributable to our theatrical exhibition operations.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		% Change
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	
Revenues			
Theatrical exhibition			
Admissions	\$ 418,694	\$ 409,020	2.4%
Food and beverage	200,524	181,764	10.3%
Other theatre	33,906	31,974	6.0%
Total revenues	\$ 653,124	\$ 622,758	4.9%
Operating Costs and Expenses			
Theatrical exhibition			
Film exhibition costs	\$ 223,088	\$ 212,100	5.2%
Food and beverage costs	28,508	25,123	13.5%
Operating expense	187,258	179,693	4.2%
Rent	117,921	114,944	2.6%
General and administrative expense:			
Merger, acquisition and transaction costs	1,578	362	*%
Other	4,941	18,220	72.9%
Depreciation and amortization	57,777	54,777	5.5%
Operating costs and expenses	621,071	605,219	2.6%
Operating income	32,053	17,539	82.8%
Other expense (income)			
Other income		(4,229)	100.0%
Interest expense:			
Corporate borrowings	26,079	29,658	12.1%
Capital and financing lease obligations	2,373	2,525	6.0%
Equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	(1,324)	5,384	*%
Investment income	(5,143)	(7,857)	34.5%
Total other expense	21,985	25,481	13.7%
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	10,068	(7,942)	*%
Income tax provision (benefit)	3,930	(3,100)	*%
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	6,138	(4,842)	*%
Gain from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		334	100.0%
Net earnings (loss)	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,508)	*%

*

Percentage change in excess of 100%

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	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	March 31,
	2015	2014
Operating Data Continuing Operations:		
Screens acquisitions	8	1
Screen dispositions		13
Construction openings (closures), net	4	(19)
Average screens continuing operations(1)	4,884	4,852
Number of screens operated	4,972	4,945
Number of theatres operated	347	341
Screens per theatre	14.3	14.5
Attendance (in thousands) continuing operations(1)	44,758	44,825

(1)

Includes consolidated theatres only and excludes screens offline due to construction.

We present Adjusted EBITDA as a supplemental measure of our performance that is commonly used in our industry. We define Adjusted EBITDA as earnings (loss) from continuing operations plus (i) income tax provision (benefit), (ii) interest expense and (iii) depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted to eliminate the impact of certain items that we do not consider indicative of our ongoing operating performance and to include any cash distributions of earnings from our equity method investees. These further adjustments are itemized below. You are encouraged to evaluate these adjustments and the reasons we consider them appropriate for supplemental analysis. In evaluating Adjusted EBITDA, you should be aware that in the future we may incur expenses that are the same as or similar to some of the adjustments in this presentation. Our presentation of Adjusted EBITDA should not be construed as an inference that our future results will be unaffected by unusual or non-recurring items.

The following table sets forth our reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA:

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA
(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	March 31,
	2015	2014
(In thousands)		
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 6,138	\$ (4,842)
Plus:		
Income tax provision (benefit)	3,930	(3,100)
Interest expense	28,452	32,183
Depreciation and amortization	57,777	54,777
Certain operating expenses(1)	4,064	6,156
Equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities	(1,324)	5,384
Cash distributions from non-consolidated entities	14,486	16,825
Investment income	(5,143)	(7,857)
Other income(2)		(4,229)
General and administrative expense unallocated:		
Merger, acquisition and transaction costs	1,578	362
Stock-based compensation expense(3)	5,739	6,357
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 115,697	\$ 102,016

(1)

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Amounts represent preopening expense, theatre and other closure expense, deferred digital equipment rent expense, and disposition of assets and other gains included in operating expenses.

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(2) Other income for the three months ended March 31, 2014 was due to a gain on extinguishment of indebtedness related to the cash tender offer and redemption of the 8.75% Senior Fixed Rate Notes due 2019 ("Notes due 2019") of \$4,383,000, partially offset by other expenses of \$154,000.

(3) Non-cash expense included in general and administrative: other.

Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP financial measure commonly used in our industry and should not be construed as an alternative to net earnings (loss) as an indicator of operating performance or as an alternative to cash flow provided by operating activities as a measure of liquidity (as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP). Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures reported by other companies. We have included Adjusted EBITDA because we believe it provides management and investors with additional information to measure our performance and liquidity, estimate our value and evaluate our ability to service debt.

Adjusted EBITDA has important limitations as an analytical tool, and you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under U.S. GAAP. For example, Adjusted EBITDA:

does not reflect our capital expenditures, future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;

does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;

does not reflect the significant interest expenses, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our debt;

excludes income tax payments that represent a reduction in cash available to us; and

does not reflect any cash requirements for the assets being depreciated and amortized that may have to be replaced in the future.

Results of Operations For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2015 and March 31, 2014

Revenues. Total revenues increased 4.9%, or \$30,366,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014. Admissions revenues increased 2.4%, or \$9,674,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to a 2.5% increase in average ticket price. Attendance was essentially flat during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014. Total admissions revenues were increased by rewards redeemed, net of deferrals, of \$208,000 and \$507,000 related to rewards accumulated under AMC Stubs during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. The rewards accumulated under AMC Stubs are deferred and recognized in future periods upon redemption or expiration of customer rewards. The increase in average ticket price was primarily due to an increase in ticket prices for traditional film product, an increase related to tickets purchased for IMAX premium format film product and for alternative film content, partially offset by a decrease in tickets purchased for 3D film premium format film product, due to the popularity of 3D product.

Food and beverage revenues increased 10.3%, or \$18,760,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to a 10.6% increase in food and beverage revenues per patron. The increase in food and beverage revenues per patron reflects the contribution of our food and beverage strategic initiatives and increased prices associated with converting from tax inclusive pricing to tax on top pricing effective at the start of the fourth quarter of calendar 2014. The increase in total food and beverage revenues also benefited from rewards redeemed, net of deferrals of \$213,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 related to rewards accumulated under AMC Stubs compared to a decrease of \$367,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2014 for deferrals, net of rewards redeemed.

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Total other theatre revenues increased 6.0%, or \$1,932,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to increases in income from packaged ticket sales and internet ticket fees related to our comfort and convenience initiatives and our AMC Online E-commerce website, partially offset by decreases in income from gift card sales and AMC Stubs membership fees earned. The increase in income on packaged tickets of \$2,217,000 was due to fair value accounting as a result of Wanda acquiring Holdings on August 30, 2012. We did not recognize any income on packaged tickets until 18 months after August 30, 2012. We began recognizing income on packaged ticket sales in March of 2014 and expect to continue recording income prospectively.

Operating costs and expenses. Operating costs and expenses increased 2.6%, or \$15,852,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014. Film exhibition costs increased 5.2%, or \$10,988,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to the increase in film exhibition costs as a percentage of admission revenues and the increase in admissions revenues. As a percentage of admissions revenues, film exhibition costs were 53.3% for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 51.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 due to a change in mix to higher grossing film product carrying higher percentage film rent.

Food and beverage costs increased 13.5%, or \$3,385,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014. As a percentage of food and beverage revenues, food and beverage costs were 14.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 13.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The increase in food and beverage costs was primarily due to the increase in food and beverage revenues and a shift in product mix to premium items that generate higher sales at lower profit margin percentages. Food and beverage gross profit per patron increased 10%, and is calculated as food and beverage revenues less food and beverage costs divided by attendance.

As a percentage of revenues, operating expense was 28.7% for the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to 28.9% for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Rent expense increased 2.6%, or \$2,977,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily from the increase in the number of theatres operated and increases in percentage rent due to revenue increases.

General and Administrative Expense:

Merger, acquisition and transaction costs. Merger, acquisition and transaction costs were \$1,578,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to \$362,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to an increase in legal costs.

Other. Other general and administrative expense decreased 72.9%, or \$13,279,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, due primarily to the net periodic benefit credit of \$18,118,000 related to the termination and settlement of the AMC Postretirement Medical Plan, partially offset by an increase in expense related to annual incentive compensation, theatre support center rent, abandoned projects, and legal expenses. The three months ended March 31, 2014 included credits related to net periodic benefit costs for the postretirement medical plan, theatre support center rent, employee incentive plans and expenses related to abandoned projects of approximately \$2,345,000. See Note 8 Employee Benefit Plans of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-Q for further information regarding the components of net periodic benefit credit, including recognition of the prior service credits and net actuarial gains recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income and curtailment and settlement gains.

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Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization increased 5.5%, or \$3,000,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to the increase in depreciable assets resulting from capital expenditures of \$69,590,000 and \$270,734,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the twelve months ended December 31, 2014, respectively.

Other Expense (Income):

Other income. Other income was \$0 and \$4,229,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Other income during the three months ended March 31, 2014 was due to a gain on extinguishment of indebtedness related to the cash tender offer and redemption of the Notes due 2019 of \$4,383,000, partially offset by other expenses of \$154,000.

Interest expense. Interest expense decreased 11.6%, or \$3,731,000, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014, primarily due to the decrease in interest rates for corporate borrowings and the decrease in aggregate principal amounts of borrowings. In February 2014, AMCE completed an offering of \$375,000,000 principal amount of its 5.875% Senior Subordinated Notes due 2022. In February 2014, AMCE extinguished \$463,964,000 of its Notes due 2019 and in June 2014, extinguished the remaining outstanding principal of \$136,036,000 of its Notes due 2019.

Equity in (earnings) losses of non-consolidated entities. Equity in earnings of non-consolidated entities were \$1,324,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to equity in losses of non-consolidated entities of \$5,384,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2014. The decrease in equity in losses of non-consolidated entities was primarily due to decreases in equity in losses from Open Road Releasing, LLC and increases in equity in earnings from Digital Cinema Implementation Partners, LLC, partially offset by increases in equity in losses from NCM LLC. The increase in equity in losses from NCM LLC was primarily due to expense associated with the termination of the Screenvision, LLC merger agreement and other transaction expenses. See Note 9 Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-Q for further information. Cash distributions from non-consolidated entities were \$14,486,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and \$16,825,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2014, and includes payments related to the NCM tax receivable agreement recorded in investment income. See Note 2 Investments of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-Q for further information.

Investment income. Investment income was \$5,143,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to investment income of \$7,857,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2014. Investment income for the three months ended March 31, 2015 includes payments received of \$5,352,000 related to the NCM tax receivable agreement compared to payments received of \$8,045,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2014.

Income tax provision (benefit). The income tax provision (benefit) from continuing operations was \$3,930,000 for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and \$(3,100,000) for the three months ended March 31, 2014. See Note 4 Income Taxes of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-Q for further information.

Gain from discontinued operations, net of income taxes. Gain from discontinued operations was \$0 and \$334,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively.

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Net earnings (loss). Net earnings (loss) were \$6,138,000 and \$(4,508,000) during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Net earnings during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014 were positively impacted by the increase in food and beverage revenues, the decrease in general and administrative: other expense, the increase in equity in earnings from non-consolidated entities, and the decrease in interest expense. Net earnings were negatively impacted by the increase in income tax provision, the decrease in other income, and the increase in depreciation expense.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our consolidated revenues are primarily collected in cash, principally through box office admissions and food and beverage sales. We have an operating "float" which partially finances our operations and which generally permits us to maintain a smaller amount of working capital capacity. This float exists because admissions revenues are received in cash, while exhibition costs (primarily film rentals) are ordinarily paid to distributors from 20 to 45 days following receipt of box office admissions revenues. Film distributors generally release the films which they anticipate will be the most successful during the summer and year-end holiday seasons. Consequently, we typically generate higher revenues during such periods.

We had working capital deficit as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 of \$166,207,000 and \$126,638,000, respectively. Working capital included \$183,374,000 and \$213,882,000 of deferred revenues and income as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. AMCE has the ability to borrow under its Senior Secured Credit Facility to meet obligations as they come due (subject to limitations on the incurrence of indebtedness in our various debt instruments). As of March 31, 2015, AMCE had \$137,048,000 available for borrowing, net of letters of credit, under its revolving Senior Secured Credit Facility.

We believe that cash generated from operations and existing cash and equivalents will be sufficient to fund operations and planned capital expenditures and acquisitions currently and for at least the next 12 months and enable us to maintain compliance with covenants related to the Senior Secured Credit Facility, the Notes due 2020, and the Notes due 2022. We are considering various options with respect to the utilization of cash and equivalents on hand in excess of our anticipated operating needs. Such options may include, but are not limited to, capital expenditures to fund strategic initiatives, acquisition of theatres or theatre companies, repayment of corporate borrowings of AMCE, and payment of dividends.

As of March 31, 2015, AMCE was in compliance with all financial covenants relating to the Senior Secured Credit Facility, the Notes due 2020, and the Notes due 2022.

Holdings' Company Status

Holdings is a holding company with no operations of its own and has no ability to service interest or principal on AMCE's indebtedness or pay dividends other than through any dividends it may receive from its subsidiaries. AMCE's Senior Secured Credit Facility and note indentures contain provisions which limit the amount of dividends and advances, which it may pay or make to Holdings.

Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows provided by (used in) operating activities, as reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, were \$21,563,000 and \$(1,575,000) during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. The increase in cash flows provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 was primarily due to decreases in payments for accrued bonuses and accrued payroll, partially offset by increases in payments for accrued interest and accounts payable due to timing of the payments.

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Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Cash flows used in investing activities, as reflected in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, were \$71,378,000 and \$58,231,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Cash outflows from investing activities include capital expenditures of \$69,590,000 and \$55,599,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Our capital expenditures primarily consisted of strategic growth initiatives and remodels, maintaining our theatre circuit, and technology upgrades. We expect that our gross cash outflows for capital expenditures will be approximately \$320,000,000 to \$340,000,000 for 2015, before giving effect to expected landlord contributions of approximately \$65,000,000 to \$85,000,000.

We fund the costs of constructing, maintaining and remodeling our theatres through existing cash balances; cash generated from operations, landlord contributions, or borrowed funds, as necessary. We generally lease our theatres pursuant to long-term non-cancelable operating leases which may require the developer, who owns the property, to reimburse us for the construction costs. We may decide to own the real estate assets of new theatres and, following construction, sell and leaseback the real estate assets pursuant to long-term non-cancelable operating leases.

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Cash flows used in financing activities, as reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows, were \$23,645,000 and \$133,362,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the three months ended March 31, 2014, respectively. Financing activities for the current period consisted of dividend payments and payments related to the Senior Secured Credit Facility and capital and financing lease obligations. On February 3, 2015, our Board of Directors declared a cash dividend in the amount of \$0.20 per share of Class A and Class B common stock, payable on March 23, 2015 to stockholders of record on March 9, 2015. We paid dividends and dividend equivalents of \$19,821,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

On February 7, 2014, AMCE issued \$375,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its Notes due 2022 and used the net proceeds, together with a portion of the net proceeds from the initial public offering, to pay the consideration and consent payments for the tender offer for the Notes due 2019, plus any accrued and unpaid interest and related transaction fees and expenses. The deferred financing costs paid related to the issuance of the Notes due 2022 were \$7,568,000, during the three months ended March 31, 2014. AMCE repurchased a portion of the Notes due 2019 during the three months ended March 31, 2014 for \$496,903,000.

Investment in NCM LLC

We hold an investment of 15.05% in NCM LLC accounted for using the equity method as of March 31, 2015. The estimated fair market value of these units was approximately \$296,921,000, based upon the publically quoted price per share of NCM, Inc. on March 31, 2015 of \$15.10 per share. We have little tax basis in these units, therefore the sale of all these units at March 31, 2015 would require us to report taxable income of approximately \$444,219,000, including distributions received from NCM LLC that were previously deferred. Our investment in NCM LLC is a source of liquidity for us and we expect that any sales we may make of NCM LLC units would be made in such a manner to most efficiently manage any related tax liability. We have available net operating loss carryforwards which could reduce any related tax liability.

Commitments and Contingencies

The Company has commitments and contingencies for capital and financing leases, corporate borrowings, operating leases, capital related betterments and pension funding that were summarized in

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a table in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. Since December 31, 2014, there have been no material changes to the commitments and contingencies of the Company outside the ordinary course of business.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 10 New Accounting Pronouncements of the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1 of Part I for further information regarding recently issued accounting standards.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are exposed to various market risks.

Market risk on variable-rate financial instruments. At March 31, 2015, AMCE maintained a Senior Secured Credit Facility comprised of a \$150,000,000 revolving credit facility and \$775,000,000 of Senior Secured Term Loans due 2020. The Senior Secured Credit Facility provides for borrowings at a rate equal to an applicable margin plus, at our option, either a base rate or LIBOR, with a minimum base rate of 1.75% and a minimum rate for LIBOR borrowings of 0.75%. The rate in effect at March 31, 2015 for the outstanding Senior Secured Term Loan due 2020 was a LIBOR-based rate of 3.50% per annum. Increases in market interest rates would cause interest expense to increase and earnings before income taxes to decrease. The change in interest expense and earnings before income taxes would be dependent upon the weighted average outstanding borrowings during the reporting period following an increase in market interest rates. At March 31, 2015, AMCE had no variable-rate borrowings under its revolving credit facility and had an aggregate principal balance of \$758,146,000 outstanding under the Senior Secured Term Loan due 2020. A 100 basis point change in market interest rates would have increased or decreased interest expense on the Senior Secured Credit Facility by \$1,904,000 during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Market risk on fixed-rate financial instruments. Included in long-term corporate borrowings at March 31, 2015 were principal amounts of \$600,000,000 of AMCE's Notes due 2020 and \$375,000,000 of AMCE's Notes due 2022. Increases in market interest rates would generally cause a decrease in the fair value of the Notes due 2020 and Notes due 2022 and a decrease in market interest rates would generally cause an increase in fair value of the Notes due 2020 and Notes due 2022.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

- (a) Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.

The Company maintains a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that material information required to be disclosed in its filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and that material information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. The Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have evaluated these disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and have determined that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

- (b) Changes in internal controls.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent calendar quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

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PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Reference is made to Note 9 Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements contained elsewhere in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for information on certain litigation to which we are a party.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

Reference is made to Part I Item 1A. Risk Factors in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those previously discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

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

None.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosure

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
*31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Acts of 2002.
*31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Acts of 2002.
*32.1	Section 906 Certifications of Gerardo I. Lopez (Chief Executive Officer) and Craig R. Ramsey (Chief Financial Officer) furnished in accordance with Securities Act Release 33-8212.
**101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
**101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
**101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
**101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
**101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
**101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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Filed herewith

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Submitted electronically with this Report.

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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.

AMC ENTERTAINMENT HOLDINGS, INC.

Date: May 6, 2015

/s/ GERARDO I. LOPEZ

Gerardo I. Lopez
Chief Executive Officer, Director and President

Date: May 6, 2015

/s/ CRAIG R. RAMSEY

Craig R. Ramsey
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer