

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended **June 30, 2016**

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 001-37484

WestRock Company

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)

47-3335141

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

501 South 5th Street, Richmond, Virginia

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

23219-0501

(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: **(804) 444-1000**

N/A

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report.)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

Yes No

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

Class	Outstanding as of July 29, 2016
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value	251,494,672

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The following terms or acronyms used in this Form 10-Q are defined below:

<u>Term or Acronym</u>	<u>Definition</u>
2016 Incentive Stock Plan	WestRock Company Incentive Stock Plan
Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations Per Diluted Share	As defined on p. 52
Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations	As defined on p. 52
A/R Sales Agreement	As defined on p. 29
Antitrust Litigation	As defined on p. 36
ASC	FASB's Accounting Standards Codification
ASU	Accounting Standards Update
BSF	Billion square feet
Boiler MACT	As defined on p. 34
Business Combination Agreement	The Second Amended and Restated Business Combination Agreement, dated as of April 17, 2015 and amended as of May 5, 2015 by and among WestRock, RockTenn, MWV, RockTenn Merger Sub, and MWV Merger Sub
CERCLA	The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
Clean Power Plan	As defined on p. 35
Code	The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended
Combination	Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, (i) RockTenn Merger Sub was merged with and into RockTenn, with RockTenn surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of WestRock, and (ii) MWV Merger Sub was merged with and into MWV, with MWV surviving the merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of WestRock, which occurred on July 1, 2015
Common Stock	WestRock common stock, par value \$0.01 per share
containerboard	Linerboard and corrugating medium
Credit Agreement	As defined on p. 28
Credit Facility	As defined on p. 28
EPA	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ESPP	WestRock Company Employee Stock Purchase Plan
FASB	Financial Accounting Standards Board
Farm Loan Credit Agreement	As defined on p. 28
FIFO	First-in first-out inventory valuation method
Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K	WestRock's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015
GAAP	Generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S.
GHG	Greenhouse gases
GPS	Green Power Solutions of Georgia, LLC
Grupo Gondi	Gondi, S.A. de C.V.
IDBs	Industrial Development Bonds
Ingevity	Ingevity Corporation, formerly the Specialty Chemicals business of WestRock Company
LIFO	Last-in first-out inventory valuation method
MWV	WestRock MWV, LLC, formerly MeadWestvaco Corporation
MWV Merger Sub	Milan Merger Sub, LLC
MMSF	Millions of square feet

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<u>Term or Acronym</u>	<u>Definition</u>
Packaging Acquisition	The January 19, 2016 acquisition of certain legal entities formerly owned by Cenveo Inc., in a stock purchase
Pension Act	Pension Protection Act of 2006
PRPs or PRP	Potentially responsible parties
PSD	Prevention of Significant Deterioration
Receivables Facility	Our \$700.0 million receivables-backed financing facility that expires on July 22, 2019
RockTenn	WestRock RKT Company, formerly Rock-Tenn Company
RockTenn Merger Sub	Rome Merger Sub, Inc.
SEC	Securities and Exchange Commission
Separation	The May 15, 2016 distribution of the outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Ingevity to WestRock's shareholders.
SG&A	Selling, general and administrative expenses
Smurfit-Stone	Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation
Smurfit-Stone Acquisition	The May 27, 2011 acquisition of Smurfit-Stone by Rock-Tenn Company
SP Fiber	SP Fiber Holdings, Inc.
SP Fiber Acquisition	The October 1, 2015 acquisition of SP Fiber
SARs	Stock appreciation rights
Title V permit	Operating permits issued under Title V of the Clean Air Act
U.S.	United States
WestRock	WestRock Company
WestRock MWV, LLC	Formerly named MWV
WestRock RKT Company	Formerly named RockTenn

PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. *FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)*

WESTROCK COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
(Unaudited)
(In Millions, Except Per Share Data)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
			(recast)	
Net sales	\$ 3,596.5	\$ 2,538.9	\$ 10,560.1	\$ 7,508.7
Cost of goods sold	2,869.2	2,012.6	8,520.8	6,055.8
Gross profit	727.3	526.3	2,039.3	1,452.9
Selling, general and administrative, excluding intangible amortization	341.5	224.7	1,019.4	676.5
Selling, general and administrative intangible amortization	53.3	22.1	159.4	66.6
Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net	—	(0.4)	—	11.5
Restructuring and other costs, net	43.1	13.1	317.0	35.7
Operating profit	289.4	266.8	543.5	662.6
Interest expense	(64.0)	(22.6)	(193.2)	(68.9)
Interest income and other income (expense), net	20.9	(0.7)	43.2	(1.0)
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	5.8	2.7	6.8	7.3
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	252.1	246.2	400.3	600.0
Income tax expense	(99.7)	(88.3)	(159.1)	(206.1)
Income from continuing operations	152.4	157.9	241.2	393.9
Loss from discontinued operations (net of income tax benefit of \$46.2, \$0, \$39.0 and \$0)	(58.7)	—	(539.4)	—
Consolidated net income (loss)	93.7	157.9	(298.2)	393.9
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1.4)	(1.5)	(6.1)	(2.6)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 92.3	\$ 156.4	\$ (304.3)	\$ 391.3
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.94	\$ 2.78
Basic loss per share from discontinued operations	(0.23)	—	(2.13)	—
Basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.11	\$ (1.19)	\$ 2.78
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.93	\$ 2.74
Diluted loss per share from discontinued operations	(0.23)	—	(2.11)	—
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.10	\$ (1.18)	\$ 2.74
Cash dividends paid per share	\$ 0.375	\$ 0.3205	\$ 1.125	\$ 0.8286

See Accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

WESTROCK COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(Unaudited)
(In Millions)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Consolidated net income (loss)	\$ 93.7	\$ 157.9	\$ (298.2)	\$ 393.9
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Foreign currency:				
Foreign currency translation gain (loss)	35.6	2.2	133.3	(45.0)
Reclassification adjustment of net loss on foreign currency translation included in earnings	20.2	—	20.2	—
Derivatives:				
Deferred gain (loss) on cash flow hedges	0.1	—	(0.5)	—
Reclassification adjustment of net loss on cash flow hedges included in earnings	0.4	—	1.0	—
Defined benefit pension plans:				
Net actuarial (loss) gain arising during the period	—	(0.5)	1.4	(3.3)
Amortization and settlement recognition of net actuarial loss, included in pension cost	1.5	6.3	4.9	29.1
Prior service credit (cost) arising during the period	—	0.7	—	(13.2)
Amortization and curtailment recognition of prior service cost (credit), included in pension cost	0.2	—	0.8	(4.9)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	58.0	8.7	161.1	(37.3)
Comprehensive income (loss)	151.7	166.6	(137.1)	356.6
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1.5)	(1.7)	(6.3)	(2.6)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 150.2	\$ 164.9	\$ (143.4)	\$ 354.0

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WESTROCK COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited)
(In Millions, Except Share Data)

	June 30, 2016	September 30, 2015 (recast)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 258.7	\$ 207.8
Restricted cash	7.3	7.3
Accounts receivable (net of allowances of \$38.5 and \$29.5)	1,596.6	1,575.4
Inventories	1,691.1	1,761.0
Other current assets	331.5	261.7
Current assets of discontinued operations	—	362.8
Total current assets	3,885.2	4,176.0
Property, plant and equipment, net	9,345.2	9,159.8
Goodwill	4,788.0	4,647.1
Intangibles, net	2,651.3	2,794.9
Restricted assets held by special purpose entities	1,295.4	1,302.1
Prepaid pension asset	545.1	532.9
Other assets	936.2	503.9
Long-term assets of discontinued operations	—	2,255.7
	<u>\$ 23,446.4</u>	<u>\$ 25,372.4</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of debt	\$ 345.2	\$ 63.7
Accounts payable	1,109.5	1,231.4
Accrued compensation and benefits	376.1	354.9
Other current liabilities	476.3	410.2
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	—	118.6
Total current liabilities	2,307.1	2,178.8
Long-term debt due after one year	5,513.9	5,558.2
Pension liabilities, net of current portion	278.4	316.0
Postretirement benefit liabilities, net of current portion	145.3	143.0
Non-recourse liabilities held by special purpose entities	1,172.3	1,179.6
Deferred income taxes	3,283.0	3,189.7
Other long-term liabilities	709.3	647.2
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations	—	361.8
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	14.3	14.2
Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 30.0 million shares authorized; no shares outstanding	—	—
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value; 600.0 million shares authorized; 251.5 million and 257.0 million shares outstanding at June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively	2.5	2.6
Capital in excess of par value	10,438.7	10,767.8
Retained earnings	83.3	1,661.6
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(611.4)	(780.2)
Total stockholders' equity	9,913.1	11,651.8
Noncontrolling interests	109.7	132.1
Total equity	10,022.8	11,783.9
	<u>\$ 23,446.4</u>	<u>\$ 25,372.4</u>

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WESTROCK COMPANY
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited)
(In Millions)

	Nine Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Operating activities:		
Consolidated net (loss) income	\$ (298.2)	\$ 393.9
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net (loss) income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	867.7	459.5
Cost of real estate sold	50.1	—
Deferred income tax expense	35.4	152.1
Share-based compensation expense	51.8	28.5
Loss on disposal of plant, equipment and other, net	1.9	1.3
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	(6.8)	(7.3)
Pension and other postretirement funding (more) than expense (income)	(69.0)	(120.6)
Gain on Grupo Gondi investment	(12.1)	—
Cash surrender value increase in excess of premiums paid	(23.7)	—
Impairment adjustments	191.3	3.0
Other non-cash items	(34.1)	(6.0)
Impairment of Specialty Chemicals goodwill and intangibles	579.4	—
Change in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions and divestitures:		
Accounts receivable	51.0	69.0
Inventories	25.8	(7.8)
Other assets	(79.3)	(111.9)
Accounts payable	(104.1)	(41.8)
Income taxes	(13.0)	(10.5)
Accrued liabilities and other	92.7	15.2
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,306.8	816.6
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(614.7)	(358.9)
Cash (paid) received for purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	(376.4)	3.7
Debt purchased in connection with an acquisition	(36.5)	—
Investment in unconsolidated entities	(178.5)	—
Return of capital from unconsolidated entities	5.4	0.8
Proceeds from sale of subsidiary and affiliates	10.2	—
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	10.9	22.8
Net cash used for investing activities	(1,179.6)	(331.6)
Financing activities:		
Additions (repayments) to revolving credit facilities	180.6	(84.9)
Additions to debt	1,458.3	221.3
Repayments of debt	(1,012.2)	(473.9)
Other financing additions	2.5	2.0
Debt issuance costs	(3.6)	(0.1)
Specialty Chemicals spin-off of cash and trust funding	(118.9)	—
Issuances of common stock, net of related minimum tax withholdings	(3.8)	(24.6)
Purchases of common stock	(285.1)	(8.7)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	0.1	16.7
Repayments to unconsolidated entity	(1.0)	(0.8)
Cash dividends paid to shareholders	(286.3)	(116.6)
Cash distributions paid to noncontrolling interests	(21.8)	(2.1)
Net cash used for financing activities	(91.2)	(471.7)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(5.6)	(2.7)

Increase in cash and cash equivalents	30.4	10.6
Cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations, at beginning of period	207.8	32.6
Cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations, at beginning of period	20.5	—
Balance of cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	228.3	32.6
Cash and cash equivalents from continuing operations, at end of period	258.7	43.2
Cash and cash equivalents from discontinued operations, at end of period	—	—
Balance of cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 258.7</u>	<u>\$ 43.2</u>

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2016	2015
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Income taxes, net of refunds	\$ 118.5	\$ 47.6
Interest, net of amounts capitalized	167.3	47.0

Supplemental schedule of non-cash operating and investing activities:

The formation of the Grupo Gondi joint venture consisted of a contribution of \$175.0 million in cash and the stock of an entity that owns three corrugated packaging facilities in Mexico in return for a 25.0 percent equity participation in the joint venture valued at approximately \$0.3 billion. The entity was deconsolidated as of April 1, 2016, which resulted in the derecognition and recognition of the following non-cash items:

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2016	
	(In millions)	
Derecognized:		
Accounts receivable	\$	34.7
Inventories	\$	25.8
Other assets	\$	86.3
Accounts payable	\$	(15.4)
Income taxes	\$	(1.0)
Accrued liabilities and other	\$	(18.8)
Recognized:		
Investment in unconsolidated entities	\$	(123.7)

Supplemental schedule of non-cash investing and financing activities:

Liabilities assumed in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 relate to the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition. For additional information regarding these acquisitions, see “*Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment*”.

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30, 2016	
	(In millions)	
Fair value of assets acquired, including goodwill	\$	583.4
Cash consideration for the purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	\$	376.4
Debt purchased in connection with an acquisition	\$	36.5
Liabilities assumed	\$	170.5
Included in liabilities assumed is the following item:		
Debt assumed in acquisitions	\$	15.0

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WESTROCK COMPANY
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
For the Three and Nine Month Periods Ended June 30, 2016
(Unaudited)

Unless the context otherwise requires, “ we ”, “ us ”, “ our ”, “ WestRock ” and “ the Company ” refer to the business of WestRock Company, its wholly-owned subsidiaries and its partially-owned consolidated subsidiaries.

We are one of North America’s leading providers of packaging solutions and manufacturers of containerboard and paperboard. We operate locations in North America, South America, Europe and Asia. We also develop real estate in Charleston, SC.

Note 1. Interim Financial Statements

Our independent registered public accounting firm has not audited our accompanying interim financial statements. We derived the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet at September 30, 2015 from the audited Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K. In the opinion of our management, the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of our statements of operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 , our comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 , our financial position at June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 , and our cash flows for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 .

On May 15, 2016 , WestRock distributed 100% of the outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Ingevity to WestRock’s shareholders and completed the separation of our Specialty Chemicals business from WestRock. Ingevity is now an independent public company trading under the symbol “NGVT” on the New York Stock Exchange. With the completion of the Separation, we disposed of the former Specialty Chemicals segment in its entirety and ceased to consolidate its assets, liabilities and results of operations in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Accordingly, we have presented the financial position and results of operations of our former Specialty Chemicals segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for all periods presented. See “ **Note 6. Discontinued Operations** ” for more information.

We have condensed or omitted certain notes and other information from the interim financial statements presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Therefore, these interim statements should be read in conjunction with our Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K. The results for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the full year.

Note 2. New Accounting Standards

Recently Adopted Standards

In November 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17 “ *Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes* ”, which amends certain provisions of ASC 740 “ *Income Taxes* ”. The ASU requires that all deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. In addition, companies will no longer allocate valuation allowances between current and noncurrent deferred tax assets because those allowances also will be classified as noncurrent. The ASU is effective for annual periods, and for interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption was permitted for all companies in any interim or annual period. The guidance may be adopted on either a prospective or retrospective basis. We adopted these provisions prospectively on December 31, 2015, and prior periods were not retrospectively adjusted. The adoption did not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Recently Issued Standards

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13 “ *Financial Instruments - Credit losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments* ”, which amends certain provisions of ASU 326, “ *Financial Instruments-Credit Loss* ”. The ASU changes the impairment model for most financial assets and certain other instruments. For trade and other receivables, held to maturity debt securities, loans and other instruments, entities will be required to use a new forward-looking “expected loss” model that generally will result in the earlier recognition of allowances for losses. For available for sale debt securities with unrealized losses, entities will be required to measure credit losses in a manner similar to what they do today, except that losses will be recognized as allowances rather than reductions in the amortized cost of the securities. Additionally, entities will have to disclose significantly more information, including information used to track credit quality by year or origination for most financing receivables. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those annual

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periods, and will be applied as a cumulative effect adjustment to retained earnings as of the beginning of the first reporting period for which the guidance is effective. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2020, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12 “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customer, Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients* ”, which amends its new revenue recognition guidance on transitioning to the new revenue recognition standard, collectibility, non-cash consideration and the presentation of sales and other similar taxes. The ASU clarifies that, for a contract to be considered completed at transition, all (or substantially all) of the revenue must have been recognized under legacy GAAP. The ASU also clarifies how an entity should evaluate the collectibility threshold and when an entity can recognize nonrefundable consideration received as revenue if an arrangement does not meet the standard’s contract criteria. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those annual periods, and can be applied using a full retrospective or modified retrospective approach. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2018, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09 “ *Compensation—Stock Compensation: Improvements To Employee Share Based Payment Accounting* ”, which amends certain provisions of ASU 718, “ *Compensation - Stock Compensation* ”. The ASU will require all income tax effects of awards to be recognized in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. It also will allow an employer to repurchase more of an employee’s shares than it can today for tax withholding purposes without triggering liability accounting and to make a policy election to account for forfeitures as they occur. The provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2017, and based on our current stock compensation awards, the adoption is not expected to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08 “ *Revenue from Contracts with Customer, Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net)* ” to clarify the principal versus agent guidance in its new revenue recognition standard. The amendments clarify how an entity should identify the unit of accounting for the principal versus agent evaluation and how it should apply the control principle to certain types of arrangements, such as service transactions. These provisions also clarify the indicators to determine when an entity is acting as a principal or an agent. The ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those annual periods, and can be applied using a full retrospective or modified retrospective approach. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2018, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-07 “ *Investments—Equity Method and Joint Ventures: Simplifying the Transition to the Equity Method of Accounting* ”, which amends certain provisions of ASU 323 “ *Investments-Equity Method and Joint Ventures* ”. The ASU eliminates the requirement that an investor retrospectively apply equity method accounting when an investment that it had accounted for by another method initially qualifies for the equity method. The guidance will be applied prospectively and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2017, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-05 “ *Derivatives and Hedging--Effect of Derivative Contract Novations on Existing Hedge Accounting Relationships* ”, which amends certain provisions of ASU 815 “ *Derivatives and Hedging* ”. The ASU clarifies that a change in the counterparty to a derivative instrument that has been designated as a hedging instrument under ASC 815 does not, in and of itself, require de-designation of the instrument if all other hedge criteria continue to be met. These provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years, and can be adopted using a prospective or modified retrospective approach. Early adoption is permitted. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2017, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption, and do not expect that these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02 “ *Leases* ”, which is codified in ASC 842 “ *Leases* ” and supersedes current lease guidance in ASC 840. These provisions require lessees to put a right-of-use asset and lease liability on their balance sheet for operating and financing leases that have a term of more than one year. Expense will be recognized in the income statement similar to current accounting guidance. For lessors, the ASU modifies the classification criteria and the accounting for sales-type and direct financing leases. Entities will need to disclose qualitative and quantitative information about their leases, including characteristics and amounts recognized in the financial statements. These provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2019, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. Entities are required to use a modified

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retrospective approach upon adoption to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16 “*Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments*”, which amends certain provisions of ASC 805 “*Business Combinations*”. The ASU mandates that measurement-period adjustments be recorded by the acquirer in the period these amounts are determined, and eliminates the requirement to record them retrospectively. These provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years, applied prospectively to open measurement periods. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11 “*Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory*”, which amends certain provisions of ASC 330 “*Inventory*”. The ASU requires inventory to be measured at the lower of cost and net realizable value. These provisions do not apply to inventory that is measured using LIFO or the retail inventory method. These provisions apply to all other inventory, which includes inventory that is measured using FIFO or average cost. These provisions are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within those fiscal years, applied prospectively. Early adoption is permitted as of the beginning of an interim or annual reporting period. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2017, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption, prospectively. Given that the majority of our inventory is measured using LIFO, we do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-07 “*Disclosures for Investments in Certain Entities That Calculate Net Asset Value per Share*”. The ASU amends ASC 820 “*Fair Value Measurement*” and eliminates the requirement to categorize within the fair value hierarchy investments for which fair value is measured using the net asset value (or its equivalent) practical expedient. Investments for which fair value is measured at net asset value per share using the practical expedient should not be categorized in the fair value hierarchy. However, disclosures on investments for which fair value is measured at net asset value as a practical expedient should continue to be disclosed to help users understand the nature and risks of the investments and whether the investments, if sold, are probable of being sold at amounts different from net asset value. The ASU is effective for annual periods, and for interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption, applied retrospectively to all periods presented. We do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-05 “*Customers Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*”, which amends ASC 350 “*Intangibles-Goodwill and Other Internal-Use Software*”. The ASU requires entities to record a software license intangible asset if a hosting arrangement for internal-use software allows the entity to take possession of the software, and it is feasible that the entity can run the software on its own hardware, or contract a vendor to host the software. These provisions are effective for annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-04 “*Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer’s Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets*”. The ASU amends ASC 715 “*Retirement Plans*” and allows entities to use a practical expedient to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations using a month-end that is closest to the entity’s fiscal year end, as well as the option to use the closest date to a significant event when plan assets and obligations are remeasured. These provisions are effective for annual periods, and for interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. Early application is permitted. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02 “*Consolidation-Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*”, which amends certain provisions of ASC 810 “*Consolidation*”. The amendment requires the consideration of additional criteria in (i) the analysis and determination of whether limited partnerships and similar legal entities are variable interest entities or voting interest entities and (ii) primary beneficiary determinations. The ASU also eliminates certain fees from the consolidation analysis of reporting entities that are involved with variable interest entities. The ASU is effective for annual periods, and for interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, including interim periods subsequent to the date of adoption. We do not expect that the adoption of these provisions will have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In June 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-12 “*Accounting for Share-Based Payments When the Terms of an Award Provide That a Performance Target Could Be Achieved after the Requisite Service Period*”. The ASU amends ASC 718 “*Compensation - Stock Compensation*” and clarifies that a performance target in a share-based payment that affects vesting and that could be achieved

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after the requisite service period should be accounted for as a performance condition and impact compensation cost when it is probable the performance target will be achieved. These provisions are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. We expect to adopt these provisions on October 1, 2016, and based on our current stock compensation awards, the adoption is not expected to have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09 which is codified in ASC 606 “*Revenue from Contracts with Customers*” and supersedes both the revenue recognition requirement to ASC 605 “*Revenue Recognition*” and most industry-specific guidance. The core principle of ASC 606 is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve that core principle, an entity should apply the five steps set forth in ASC 606. An entity must also disclose sufficient information to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers, including qualitative and quantitative information about contracts with customers, significant judgments and changes in judgments, and assets recognized from the costs to obtain or fulfill a contract. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, “*Revenue from Contracts with Customers: Deferral of the Effective Date*,” which deferred the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. Therefore, these provisions are effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 (October 1, 2018 for us), including interim periods within that annual period, and can be applied using a full retrospective or modified retrospective approach. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions.

Note 3. Equity and Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Equity

The following is a summary of the changes in total equity for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 (in millions):

	WestRock Company Stockholders' Equity	Noncontrolling ⁽¹⁾ Interests	Total Equity
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ 11,651.8	\$ 132.1	\$ 11,783.9
Net (loss) income attributable to common stockholders	(304.3)	4.2	(300.1)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	160.9	—	160.9
Noncontrolling interests assumed in acquisition	—	10.9	10.9
Income tax expense from share-based plans	(12.3)	—	(12.3)
Compensation expense under share-based plans	52.7	—	52.7
Cash dividends declared (per share - \$1.125) ⁽²⁾	(288.9)	—	(288.9)
Distributions and adjustments to noncontrolling interests	—	(11.2)	(11.2)
Sale of subsidiary shares from noncontrolling interest	—	(0.2)	(0.2)
Issuance of common stock, net of stock received for minimum tax withholdings	(3.2)	—	(3.2)
Purchases of common stock	(285.1)	—	(285.1)
Separation of Specialty Chemicals business	(1,058.5)	(26.1)	(1,084.6)
Balance at June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 9,913.1</u>	<u>\$ 109.7</u>	<u>\$ 10,022.8</u>

⁽¹⁾ Excludes amounts related to contingently redeemable noncontrolling interests, which are separately classified outside of permanent equity in the mezzanine section of the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

⁽²⁾ Includes cash dividends paid, and dividends declared but unpaid, related to the shares reserved but unissued to satisfy Smurfit-Stone bankruptcy claims.

Stock Repurchase Program

In July 2015, our board of directors authorized a repurchase program of up to 40.0 million shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15 percent of our outstanding Common Stock as of July 1, 2015. The shares of Common Stock may be repurchased over an indefinite period of time at the discretion of management. As of September 30, 2015, the remaining authorization under our repurchase program was approximately 34.6 million shares. Pursuant to that repurchase program, in the nine months ended June 30, 2016, we repurchased approximately 7.0 million shares of Common Stock for an aggregate cost of \$285.1 million. As of June 30, 2016, we had approximately 27.6 million shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under the program.

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The tables below summarize the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, by component for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 (in millions):

	Cash Flow Hedges	Defined Benefit Pension and Postretirement Plans	Foreign Currency Items	Total ⁽¹⁾
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$ (1.4)	\$ (540.7)	\$ (238.1)	\$ (780.2)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(0.5)	1.4	133.4	134.3
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	1.0	5.4	20.2	26.6
Specialty Chemicals separation	0.4	1.9	5.6	7.9
Net current period other comprehensive income	0.9	8.7	159.2	168.8
Balance at June 30, 2016	\$ (0.5)	\$ (532.0)	\$ (78.9)	\$ (611.4)

⁽¹⁾ All amounts are net of tax and noncontrolling interest.

	Cash Flow Hedges	Defined Benefit Pension and Postretirement Plans	Foreign Currency Items	Total ⁽¹⁾
Balance at September 30, 2014	\$ (0.2)	\$ (498.2)	\$ 3.1	\$ (495.3)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	—	(16.5)	(44.5)	(61.0)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	—	23.8	—	23.8
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	—	7.3	(44.5)	(37.2)
Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ (0.2)	\$ (490.9)	\$ (41.4)	\$ (532.5)

⁽¹⁾ All amounts are net of tax and noncontrolling interest.

The net of tax amounts were determined using effective tax rates averaging approximately 34% to 35% for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and 38% to 39% for the nine months ended June 30, 2015. Although we are impacted by a number of currencies, foreign currency translation gains recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 were primarily due to the changes in the Brazilian Real/U.S. dollar and Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rates. Foreign currency translation gains and losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss for the nine months ended June 30, 2015 were primarily due to the change in the Canadian/U.S. dollar exchange rates. For the nine months ended June 30, 2016, we recorded defined benefit net actuarial gains of \$1.4 million, net of tax of \$0.8 million, in other comprehensive (loss) income, primarily due to the partial settlement and curtailment of certain defined benefit plans. For the nine months ended June 30, 2015, we recorded defined benefit net actuarial losses and prior service costs, net of tax, in other comprehensive (loss) income of \$3.3 million and \$13.2 million, respectively, primarily due to the partial settlement, plan amendments and curtailment of certain defined benefit plans. The deferred income tax expense associated with the net actuarial losses and prior service costs was \$2.0 million and \$8.3 million, respectively. The amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings for these events are summarized in the reclassifications tables below.

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The following table summarizes the reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss by component (in millions):

	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended		
	June 30, 2016			June 30, 2015		
	Pretax	Tax	Net of Tax	Pretax	Tax	Net of Tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension and postretirement items ⁽¹⁾						
Actuarial losses ⁽²⁾	\$ (1.9)	\$ 0.6	\$ (1.3)	\$ (9.9)	\$ 3.7	\$ (6.2)
Prior service (costs) credits ⁽²⁾	(0.4)	0.3	(0.1)	—	—	—
Subtotal defined benefit plans	(2.3)	0.9	(1.4)	(9.9)	3.7	(6.2)
Foreign currency translation adjustments						
Sale of foreign subsidiary ⁽³⁾	(20.2)	—	(20.2)	—	—	—
Derivative Instruments ⁽¹⁾						
Commodity cash flow hedges ⁽⁴⁾	(0.3)	—	(0.3)	—	—	—
Foreign currency cash flow hedges ⁽⁵⁾	(0.5)	0.2	(0.3)	—	—	—
Subtotal derivative instruments	(0.8)	0.2	(0.6)	—	—	—
Total reclassifications for the period	\$ (23.3)	\$ 1.1	\$ (22.2)	\$ (9.9)	\$ 3.7	\$ (6.2)

- (1) Amounts in parentheses indicate charges to earnings. Amounts pertaining to noncontrolling interests are excluded.
(2) Included in the computation of net periodic pension cost (See “**Note 13. Retirement Plans**” for additional details).
(3) Included in interest income and other income (expense), net.
(4) Included in cost of goods sold.
(5) Included in net sales.

The following table summarizes the reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss by component (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended			Nine Months Ended		
	June 30, 2016			June 30, 2015		
	Pretax	Tax	Net of Tax	Pretax	Tax	Net of Tax
Amortization of defined benefit pension and postretirement items ⁽¹⁾						
Actuarial losses ⁽²⁾	\$ (6.5)	\$ 1.9	\$ (4.6)	\$ (46.2)	\$ 17.5	\$ (28.7)
Prior service (cost) credits ⁽²⁾	(1.3)	0.5	(0.8)	8.0	(3.1)	4.9
Subtotal defined benefit plans	(7.8)	2.4	(5.4)	(38.2)	14.4	(23.8)
Foreign currency translation adjustments						
Sale of foreign subsidiary ⁽³⁾	(20.2)	—	(20.2)	—	—	—
Derivative Instruments ⁽¹⁾						
Commodity cash flow hedges ⁽⁴⁾	(1.4)	0.5	(0.9)	—	—	—
Foreign currency cash flow hedges ⁽⁵⁾	(0.2)	0.1	(0.1)	—	—	—
Subtotal derivative instruments	(1.6)	0.6	(1.0)	—	—	—
Total reclassifications for the period	\$ (29.6)	\$ 3.0	\$ (26.6)	\$ (38.2)	\$ 14.4	\$ (23.8)

- (1) Amounts in parentheses indicate charges to earnings. Amounts pertaining to noncontrolling interests are excluded.
(2) Included in the computation of net periodic pension cost (see “**Note 13. Retirement Plans**” for additional details).
(3) Included in interest income and other income (expense), net.

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(4) Included in cost of goods sold.

(5) Included in net sales.

Note 4. Earnings per Share

Our restricted stock awards granted to non-employee directors are considered participating securities as they receive non-forfeitable rights to dividends at the same rate as Common Stock. As participating securities, we include these instruments in the earnings allocation in computing earnings per share under the two-class method described in ASC 260 “*Earnings per Share*”. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share under the two-class method (in millions, except per share data):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Basic earnings (loss) per share:				
Numerator:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 152.4	\$ 157.9	\$ 241.2	\$ 393.9
Less: Net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Income available to common stockholders, before discontinued operations	152.0	156.4	239.4	391.3
Loss from discontinued operations ⁽¹⁾	(59.7)	—	(543.7)	—
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 92.3	\$ 156.4	\$ (304.3)	\$ 391.3
Denominator:				
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	252.7	141.1	254.8	140.7
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.60	\$ 1.11	\$ 0.94	\$ 2.78
Basic loss per share from discontinued operations	(0.23)	—	(2.13)	—
Basic earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders	\$ 0.37	\$ 1.11	\$ (1.19)	\$ 2.78
Diluted earnings (loss) per share:				
Numerator:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 152.4	\$ 157.9	\$ 241.2	\$ 393.9
Less: Net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interest	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Income available to common stockholders, before discontinued operations	152.0	156.4	239.4	391.3
Loss from discontinued operations ⁽¹⁾	(59.7)	—	(543.7)	—
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 92.3	\$ 156.4	\$ (304.3)	\$ 391.3
Denominator:				
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	252.7	141.1	254.8	140.7
Effect of dilutive stock options and non-participating securities	3.5	1.6	3.8	2.0
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	256.2	142.7	258.6	142.7
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.93	\$ 2.74
Diluted loss per share from discontinued operations	(0.23)	—	(2.11)	—
Diluted earnings (loss) per share attributable to common stockholders	\$ 0.36	\$ 1.10	\$ (1.18)	\$ 2.74

⁽¹⁾ Net of income attributable to noncontrolling interests of discontinued operations of \$1.0 million and \$4.3 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, respectively.

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During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 in the table above, the amount of distributed and undistributed income available to participating securities was *de minimis* and did not impact net income attributable to common stockholders.

Weighted average shares includes approximately 0.3 million of reserved, but unissued shares at each of June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015. These reserved shares will be distributed as claims are liquidated or resolved in accordance with the Smurfit-Stone Plan of Reorganization and Confirmation Order.

Options and restricted stock in the amount of 1.9 million and 1.8 million common shares, respectively, in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been antidilutive. Options and restricted stock in the amount of 0.3 million and 0.4 million common shares, respectively, in the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015, respectively, were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because the effect would have been antidilutive.

Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment

Grupo Gondi Investment

On April 1, 2016, we completed the formation of a joint venture with Grupo Gondi to combine our respective operations in Mexico. We contributed \$175.0 million in cash and the stock of an entity that owns three corrugated packaging facilities in Mexico in return for a 25.0 percent equity participation in the joint venture valued at approximately \$0.3 billion. The cash contribution was borrowed at March 31, 2016 in order to fund at closing. The joint venture operates paper machines, corrugated packaging and high graphic folding carton facilities across 13 production sites. The cash contribution will remain in the joint venture and will be available to support its growth. As the majority equity holder, Grupo Gondi will manage the joint venture and we will provide technical and commercial resources. We believe the joint venture will help grow our presence in the attractive Mexican market. As a result of the transaction, we recorded a pre-tax non-cash gain of \$12.1 million included in “**Interest income and other income (expense), net**” on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The transaction includes future put and call rights with respect to the respective parties’ ownership interest in the joint venture. We have included the financial results of the Grupo Gondi investment since the formation in our Corrugated Packaging segment, and are accounting for the investment on the equity method. We are in the process of analyzing third-party valuation of certain tangible and intangible assets; thus, the allocation of the purchase price used for equity accounting is preliminary and subject to revision.

Packaging Acquisition

On January 19, 2016, we completed the purchase of certain legal entities formerly owned by Cenveo Inc. The entities acquired provide value-added folding carton and litho-laminated display packaging solutions. The purchase price was \$97.6 million, net of cash received of \$1.7 million and a working capital settlement. The transaction is subject to an election under Section 338(h)(10) of the Code that will increase the U.S. tax basis in the acquired U.S. assets for an as yet to be determined amount. We believe the transaction has provided us with attractive and complementary customers, markets and facilities. We have included the financial results of the acquired entities since the date of the acquisition in our Consumer Packaging segment.

The preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition included \$10.3 million of customer relationship intangible assets, \$10.2 million of goodwill and \$26.1 million of liabilities, including \$ 1.3 million of debt. We are amortizing the customer relationship intangibles over estimated useful lives ranging from 9 to 15 years based on a straight-line basis because the amortization pattern was not reliably determinable. The fair value assigned to goodwill is primarily attributable to buyer-specific synergies expected to arise after the acquisition (e.g., enhanced reach of the combined organization and other synergies), and the assembled work force. We expect the goodwill and intangibles of the U.S. entities to be amortizable for income tax purposes. We are in the process of analyzing the estimated fair values of all assets acquired and liabilities assumed including, among other things, obtaining final third-party valuations of certain tangible and intangible assets as well as the fair value of certain contracts and the determination of certain tax balances; thus, the allocation of the purchase price is preliminary and subject to revision.

SP Fiber

On October 1, 2015, we acquired SP Fiber in a stock purchase. The transaction included the acquisition of mills located in Dublin, GA and Newberg, OR, which produce lightweight recycled containerboard and kraft and bag paper. The Newberg mill also produced newsprint. As part of the transaction, we also acquired SP Fiber's 48 percent interest in GPS. GPS is a renewable energy joint venture providing steam to the Dublin mill and energy to Georgia Power. The purchase price was \$278.8 million, net of cash received of \$9.2 million. In addition, we paid \$36.5 million for debt owed by GPS and thereby own the majority of the debt issued by GPS.

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We believe the Dublin mill will help balance the fiber mix of our mill system and that the addition of kraft and bag paper will diversify our product offering, including our ability to serve the increasing demand for lighter weight containerboard. Subsequent to the transaction, we announced the permanent closure of the Newberg mill due to the decline in market conditions of the newsprint business and our need to balance supply and demand in our containerboard system. We determined GPS should be consolidated as a variable interest entity under ASC 810 “*Consolidation*”. Our evaluation concluded that WestRock is the primary beneficiary of GPS as WestRock has both the power and benefits as defined by ASC 810. We have included the financial results of SP Fiber and GPS since the date of the acquisition in our Corrugated Packaging segment.

The preliminary purchase price allocation for the acquisition included \$13.5 million of customer relationship intangible assets, \$50.5 million of goodwill, including recording an adjustment to deferred taxes in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, and \$144.4 million of liabilities, including \$13.7 million of debt primarily owed by GPS to third parties. We are amortizing the customer relationship intangibles over 20 years based on a straight-line basis because the amortization pattern was not reliably determinable. The fair value assigned to goodwill is primarily attributable to buyer-specific synergies expected to arise after the acquisition (e.g., enhanced reach of the combined organization and other synergies), the assembled work force of SP Fiber as well as due to establishing deferred taxes for the assets and liabilities acquired. The goodwill and intangibles will not be amortizable for income tax purposes. We are in the process of analyzing the estimated fair values of all assets acquired and liabilities assumed including, among other things, obtaining final third-party valuations of certain tangible and intangible assets as well as the fair value of certain contracts and the determination of certain tax balances; thus, the allocation of the purchase price is preliminary and subject to revision.

The Combination

On July 1, 2015, pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, RockTenn and MWV completed a strategic combination of their respective businesses. Pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, RockTenn and MWV became wholly owned subsidiaries of WestRock. RockTenn is the accounting acquirer.

The consideration for the Combination was \$8,286.7 million. In connection with the Combination, RockTenn shareholders received in the aggregate approximately 130.4 million shares of Common Stock and approximately \$667.8 million in cash. At the effective time of the Combination, each share of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of MWV issued and outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Combination was converted into the right to receive 0.78 shares of Common Stock. In the aggregate, MWV stockholders received approximately 131.2 million shares of Common Stock (which includes shares issued under certain MWV equity awards that vested as a result of the Combination). Included in the consideration was approximately \$210.9 million related to the value of outstanding MWV equity awards that were replaced with WestRock equity awards with identical terms for pre-combination service. The value related to post-combination service will be expensed over the remaining service period of the awards.

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The following table summarizes the fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed by major class of assets and liabilities as of the acquisition date, as well as adjustments made during fiscal 2016 (referred to as “measurement period adjustments”) (in millions):

	Amounts Recognized as of the Acquisition Date ⁽¹⁾	Measurement Period Adjustments ⁽²⁾	Amounts Recognized as of Acquisition Date (as Adjusted) ⁽³⁾
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 265.7	\$ —	\$ 265.7
Current assets, excluding cash and cash equivalents	1,858.8	4.8	1,863.6
Property, plant and equipment	3,991.5	16.7	4,008.2
Prepaid pension asset	1,407.8	(9.9)	1,397.9
Goodwill	3,817.3	55.3	3,872.6
Intangible assets	2,994.2	—	2,994.2
Restricted assets held by special purpose entities	1,302.0	—	1,302.0
Other long-term assets	363.8	18.4	382.2
Total assets acquired	16,001.1	85.3	16,086.4
Current portion of debt	62.3	74.8	137.1
Current liabilities	1,099.4	(47.3)	1,052.1
Long-term debt due after one year	2,090.6	18.3	2,108.9
Non-recourse liabilities held by special purpose entities	1,181.0	—	1,181.0
Accrued pension and other long-term benefits	235.1	—	235.1
Deferred income tax liabilities	2,366.7	(4.4)	2,362.3
Other long-term liabilities	520.0	43.9	563.9
Noncontrolling interest	159.3	—	159.3
Total liabilities and noncontrolling interest assumed	7,714.4	85.3	7,799.7
Net assets acquired ⁽⁴⁾	\$ 8,286.7	\$ —	\$ 8,286.7

⁽¹⁾ As previously reported in “**Note 6. Merger and Acquisitions**” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements section of the Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K.

⁽²⁾ The measurement period adjustments recorded in fiscal 2016 did not have a significant impact on our condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2015 or the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016. In addition, these adjustments did not have a significant impact on our consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2015. Therefore, we have recorded the cumulative impact in fiscal 2016 and have not retrospectively adjusted the comparative 2015 financial information presented herein.

⁽³⁾ The measurement period adjustments were due primarily to refinements to third party appraisals and carrying amounts of certain assets and liabilities as well as adjustments to certain tax accounts based on, among other things, adjustments to deferred tax liabilities, including any appraisal adjustments, analysis of the tax basis of acquired assets and liabilities, other tax adjustments and the classification of supplier financing arrangements. The net impact of the measurement period adjustments resulted in a net increase to goodwill.

⁽⁴⁾ The net assets acquired include the Specialty Chemicals business which was separated on May 15, 2016. See “**Note 6. Discontinued Operations**” for more information.

The fair value assigned to goodwill is primarily attributable to buyer-specific synergies expected to arise after the acquisition (e.g., enhanced geographic reach of the combined organization, increased vertical integration and other synergistic opportunities), the assembled work force of MWV as well as due to establishing deferred tax liabilities for the assets and liabilities acquired. The goodwill and intangibles resulting from the acquisition will not be amortizable for tax purposes.

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The following table summarizes the weighted average life and gross carrying amount relating to intangible assets recognized in the Combination, excluding goodwill (in millions):

	Weighted Avg. Life	Gross Carrying Amount
Customer relationships	19.2	\$ 2,881.7
Patents	9.8	57.2
Trademarks	4.5	52.9
Favorable contracts	8.2	2.4
Total	18.8	\$ 2,994.2

None of the intangibles has significant residual value. The intangibles are expected to be amortized over estimated useful lives ranging from 1 to 20 years based on the approximate pattern in which the economic benefits are consumed or straight-line if the pattern was not reliably determinable.

The allocation of the consideration for the Combination also includes, among other things, \$38.5 million of unfavorable contracts that will be amortized over 1 to 9 years. In connection with purchase accounting, we increased the carrying value of the debt assumed by \$364.5 million to increase the carrying value of the debt assumed to fair value, including \$18.3 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016. The fair value adjustment will be amortized over 1 to 32 years.

The following unaudited pro forma information reflects our condensed consolidated results of operations as if the Combination had taken place on October 1, 2013. The unaudited pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that we would have reported had the transaction actually occurred at the beginning of these periods nor is it necessarily indicative of future results. The unaudited pro forma financial information does not reflect the impact of future events that may occur after the Combination, including, but not limited to, anticipated costs savings from synergies or other operational improvements. The net sales have been adjusted to reflect the discontinued operations of the Specialty Chemicals business.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2015	Nine Months Ended June 30, 2015
	(Unaudited, in millions)	
Net sales	\$ 3,654.3	\$ 10,730.9
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 188.2	\$ 483.1

The unaudited pro forma financial information presented in the table above has been adjusted to give effect to adjustments that are (1) directly related to the business combination; (2) factually supportable; and (3) expected to have a continuing impact. These adjustments include, but are not limited to, the application of our accounting policies; elimination of related party transactions; depreciation and amortization related to fair value adjustments to property, plant and equipment and intangible assets including contracts assumed; and interest expense on acquisition related debt.

Unaudited pro forma earnings for three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 were adjusted to exclude \$17.4 million and \$42.5 million, respectively, of acquisition costs, which primarily consist of advisory, legal, accounting, valuation and other professional or consulting fees.

Note 6. Discontinued Operations

On May 15, 2016 WestRock distributed 100% of the outstanding common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of Ingevity to WestRock's shareholders of record as of the close of business on May 4, 2016 receiving one share of Ingevity common stock for every six shares of WestRock Common Stock held as of such record date, and completed the Separation. Following the Separation, we do not beneficially own any shares of Ingevity common stock and Ingevity is now an independent public company trading under the symbol "NGVT" on the New York Stock Exchange. We disposed of the former Specialty Chemicals segment in its entirety and ceased to consolidate its assets, liabilities and results of operations in our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. Accordingly, we have presented the financial position and results of operations of our former Specialty Chemicals segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for all periods presented.

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In connection with the Separation, we and Ingevity have entered into a separation and distribution agreement as well as various other agreements that provide a framework for the relationships between the parties going forward, including among others a tax matters agreement, a lease and ground service agreement with respect to our Covington, Virginia facility, an intellectual property agreement, a crude tall oil and black liquor soap skimming supply agreement, a trust agreement, an employee matters agreement and a transition service agreement. These agreements provided for the allocation between us and Ingevity of assets, employees, liabilities and obligations attributable to periods prior to, at and after the Separation and govern certain relationships between us and Ingevity after the Separation.

Prior to the Separation, Ingevity (then a subsidiary of WestRock) borrowed \$500.0 million in contemplation of the Separation. In connection with the Separation, based on current market rates at the time of the Separation, we have recorded a \$108.2 million long-term asset for the estimated fair value of the future principal and interest payments on an \$80.0 million, 7.67% capital lease obligation assumed by Ingevity that is owed to the city of Wickliffe, KY. In contemplation of the Separation, Ingevity funded a trust in the amount of \$68.9 million to secure the principal payment of the capital lease upon its maturity on January 15, 2027. We are co-obligors on the capital lease and the associated obligation remains recorded in long-term debt. The \$500.0 million of debt and the \$68.9 million in the trust were assumed by Ingevity, and removed from our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as part of our discontinued operations reporting.

The following table presents the financial results of Specialty Chemicals' discontinued operations (in millions):

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2016	Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016
Net sales	\$ 120.0	\$ 533.7
Cost of goods sold	83.8	387.5
Gross Profit	36.2	146.2
Selling, general and administrative, excluding intangible amortization	11.8	65.6
Selling, general and administrative intangible amortization	5.9	28.8
Restructuring and other costs, net	22.5	50.9
Impairment of Specialty Chemicals goodwill and intangibles	101.1	579.4
Operating loss	(105.1)	(578.5)
Interest income (expense) and other income (expense), net	0.2	0.1
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes	(104.9)	(578.4)
Income tax benefit	46.2	39.0
Loss from discontinued operations	\$ (58.7)	\$ (539.4)

Restructuring and other costs, net are primarily associated with costs incurred to support the Separation and consist primarily of advisory, legal, accounting and other professional fees. Additionally, restructuring and other costs, net include \$10.0 million of costs associated with the closure of Ingevity's Duque de Caxias facility in Brazil and other severance and stock-based compensation expenses.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, as part of our evaluation of whether events or changes in circumstances had occurred that would indicate whether it was more likely than not that the goodwill of our then-owned Specialty Chemicals reporting unit was impaired, we considered factors such as, but not limited to, macroeconomic conditions, industry and market considerations, and financial performance, including the planned revenue and earnings of the reporting unit. We concluded that an impairment indicator had occurred related to the goodwill of the Specialty Chemicals reporting unit and that the indicator was driven by market factors subsequent to the purchase price allocation to the Specialty Chemical's reporting unit.

We performed a "Step 1" goodwill impairment test where we updated the discounted cash flow analysis used to determine the reporting unit's initial fair value on July 1, 2015. We also compared those results to the valuations performed by our investment bankers in connection with the planned separation of our Specialty Chemicals business. Based on the results of the impairment test and analysis, we concluded that the fair value of the Specialty Chemicals reporting unit was less than its carrying amount and began a "Step 2" goodwill impairment test to determine the amount of impairment loss, if any. As part of the analysis, we determined that the carrying value of the property, plant and equipment and intangibles, all of which have finite lives, on a "held and used" basis did not exceed the estimated undiscounted future cash flows.

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In light of changing market conditions, expected revenue and earnings of the reporting unit, lower comparative market valuations for companies in Specialty Chemicals' peer group and our preliminary "Step 2" test, we concluded that an impairment of the Specialty Chemicals reporting unit was probable and could be reasonably estimated. As a result, we recorded a pre-tax and after-tax non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$478.3 million. This amount is included in the line item "Loss from discontinued operations" in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. No tax benefit was recorded for the goodwill impairment.

Until the completion of the Separation, GAAP required us to assess impairment of the Specialty Chemicals' long-lived assets using the "held and used" model which is based on undiscounted future cash flows. Under this model, if the expected cash flows over the life of the primary asset of the reporting unit were in excess of the carrying amount, then there would be no impairment. At the date of the Separation, GAAP required us to assess impairment using the "held for sale" model. This model compares the fair value of the disposal unit to its carrying value and if the fair value less cost to sell is lower, then an impairment loss would be recorded. At the date of the Separation, we evaluated our intangibles, which consisted predominantly of customer list intangibles for impairment. Our analysis at May 15, 2016, using the income approach (multi-period excess earnings method), indicated that there was a \$101.1 million pre-tax non-cash impairment of our Specialty Chemicals customer relationships intangible. The impairment loss was recorded on the Separation and is included as a component of discontinued operations.

The following table presents the significant non-cash items and capital expenditures for Specialty Chemicals' that are included in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016	
Depreciation, depletion and amortization	\$	57.2
Impairment of Specialty Chemicals goodwill and intangibles	\$	579.4
Capital expenditures	\$	(43.9)

The carrying value of the assets and liabilities of discontinued operations on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2015 were as follows (in millions):

	September 30, 2015	
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	20.5
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of \$0.1)		114.6
Inventories		202.4
Other current assets		25.3
Total current assets of discontinued operations	\$	362.8
Property, plant and equipment, net		436.9
Goodwill		1,047.4
Intangibles, net		757.3
Other non-current assets		14.1
Total non-current assets of discontinued operations	\$	2,255.7
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current portion of debt		10.4
Accounts payable		72.4
Accrued compensation and benefits		3.1
Other current liabilities		32.7
Total current liabilities of discontinued operations	\$	118.6
Long-term debt due after one year		0.1
Deferred income taxes		350.9
Other non-current liabilities		10.8
Total non-current liabilities of discontinued operations	\$	361.8

Note 7. Restructuring and Other Costs, Net

Summary of Restructuring and Other Initiatives

We recorded pre-tax restructuring and other costs, net, of \$43.1 million and \$13.1 million for the three months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively, and recorded pre-tax restructuring and other costs, net, of \$317.0 million and \$35.7 million for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively. These amounts are not comparable since the timing and scope of the individual actions associated with a restructuring, acquisition or integration can vary. The restructuring and other costs, net, exclude the Specialty Chemicals costs which are included in discontinued operations. We discuss our restructuring and other costs, net in more detail below and those charged to discontinued operations in “**Note 6. Discontinued Operations**”.

When we close a facility, if necessary, we recognize an impairment charge primarily to reduce the carrying value of equipment or other property to their estimated fair value less cost to sell, and record charges for severance and other employee related costs. Any subsequent change in fair value less cost to sell prior to disposition is recognized as identified; however, no gain is recognized in excess of the cumulative loss previously recorded. At the time of each announced closure, we generally expect to record future charges for equipment relocation, facility carrying costs, costs to terminate a lease or contract before the end of its term and other employee related costs. Although specific circumstances vary, our strategy has generally been to consolidate our sales and operations into large well-equipped plants that operate at high utilization rates and take advantage of available capacity created by operational excellence initiatives. Therefore, we have transferred a substantial portion of each plant’s assets and production to our other plants. We believe these actions have allowed us to more effectively manage our business.

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While restructuring costs are not charged to our segments and, therefore, do not reduce segment income, we highlight the segment to which the charges relate. The following table presents a summary of restructuring and other charges, net, related to active restructuring and other initiatives that we incurred during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, the cumulative recorded amount since we started the initiative, and our estimate of the total we expect to incur (in millions):

Summary of Restructuring and Other Costs, Net

Segment	Period	Net Property, Plant and Equipment ⁽¹⁾	Severance and Other Employee Related Costs	Equipment and Inventory Relocation Costs	Facility Carrying Costs	Other Costs	Total
Corrugated Packaging ⁽²⁾	Current Qtr.	\$ 1.4	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ 3.4	\$ 0.4	\$ 5.6
	YTD Fiscal 2016	181.3	15.6	0.3	15.9	8.8	221.9
	Prior Year Qtr.	(2.5)	0.2	0.4	0.6	0.1	(1.2)
	YTD Fiscal 2015	(0.9)	0.2	0.8	2.5	1.2	3.8
	Cumulative	223.2	45.1	8.0	30.8	22.4	329.5
	Expected Total	223.2	45.1	8.7	33.3	23.8	334.1
Consumer Packaging ⁽³⁾	Current Qtr.	1.5	3.4	0.4	0.1	—	5.4
	YTD Fiscal 2016	(0.5)	4.0	0.9	0.5	—	4.9
	Prior Year Qtr.	0.1	0.6	(0.1)	0.4	—	1.0
	YTD Fiscal 2015	0.4	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.2	2.1
	Cumulative	5.0	7.4	1.9	1.7	0.5	16.5
	Expected Total	5.0	7.7	2.6	1.7	0.5	17.5
Other ⁽⁴⁾	Current Qtr.	—	—	—	—	32.1	32.1
	YTD Fiscal 2016	1.2	0.9	—	—	88.1	90.2
	Prior Year Qtr.	—	—	—	—	13.3	13.3
	YTD Fiscal 2015	—	—	—	—	29.8	29.8
	Cumulative	1.2	0.9	—	—	362.2	364.3
	Expected Total	1.2	0.9	—	—	362.2	364.3
Total	Current Qtr.	\$ 2.9	\$ 3.8	\$ 0.4	\$ 3.5	\$ 32.5	\$ 43.1
	YTD Fiscal 2016	\$ 182.0	\$ 20.5	\$ 1.2	\$ 16.4	\$ 96.9	\$ 317.0
	Prior Year Qtr.	\$ (2.4)	\$ 0.8	\$ 0.3	\$ 1.0	\$ 13.4	\$ 13.1
	YTD Fiscal 2015	\$ (0.5)	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.9	\$ 3.1	\$ 31.2	\$ 35.7
	Cumulative	\$ 229.4	\$ 53.4	\$ 9.9	\$ 32.5	\$ 385.1	\$ 710.3
	Expected Total	\$ 229.4	\$ 53.7	\$ 11.3	\$ 35.0	\$ 386.5	\$ 715.9

(1) We have defined “**Net Property, Plant and Equipment**” as used in this **Note 7** to represent property, plant and equipment impairment losses, subsequent adjustments to fair value for assets classified as held for sale, subsequent (gains) or losses on sales of property, plant and equipment and related parts and supplies, and accelerated depreciation on such assets, if any.

(2) The Corrugated Packaging segment current quarter charges primarily reflect restructuring activities at a recycling facility and on-going closure costs at previously closed facilities. The year to date charges primarily reflect the charges associated with the permanent closures of the Coshocton, OH and Uncasville, CT medium mills, the Newberg, OR containerboard and newsprint mill, the Vapi, India linerboard mill, restructuring activities at a recycling facility and on-going closure costs at previously closed facilities. The prior year quarter and prior year to date charges primarily reflect on-going closure costs at previously closed facilities net of asset sales. The cumulative charges are primarily associated with the closure of the Coshocton, Uncasville, Newberg, Vapi and Matane, Quebec mills, a recycling facility and the cumulative closure of certain corrugated container plants and recycled collection facilities acquired in the Smurfit-Stone Acquisition, and gains and losses associated with the sale of closed facilities. We have transferred a substantial portion of each closed facility's production to our other facilities.

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- (3) The Consumer Packaging segment current quarter charges primarily reflect the charges associated with a folding carton and merchandising displays facility and on-going closure costs at previously closed facilities. The year to date charges primarily reflect the charges associated with a folding carton and merchandising displays facility, on-going closure costs at previously closed facilities that were partially offset by the gain on sale of the Cincinnati, OH specialty recycled paperboard mill. The prior year quarter and prior year to date charges are primarily associated with on-going closure activity at previously closed facilities including the Cincinnati, OH mill. The cumulative charges primarily reflect our Cincinnati, OH mill and the consolidation of converting and merchandising displays facilities. We have transferred a substantial portion of each closed facility's production to our other facilities.
- (4) The expenses in the "Other" segment primarily reflect costs that we consider as related to Corporate that primarily consist of costs incurred as a result of the Combination, the Smurfit-Stone Acquisition, and other acquisition and divestiture expenses, excluding the Specialty Chemicals costs which are included in discontinued operations. The charges in the Net Property, Plant and Equipment column are for the write-off of leasehold improvements associated with the integration of the Combination. The pre-tax charges in the "Other" segment are summarized below (in millions):

	Acquisition Expenses	Integration Expenses	Other Expenses	Total
Current Qtr.	\$ 1.4	\$ 30.3	\$ 0.4	\$ 32.1
YTD Fiscal 2016	\$ 6.9	\$ 82.0	\$ 1.3	\$ 90.2
Prior Year Qtr.	\$ 2.2	\$ 11.1	\$ —	\$ 13.3
YTD Fiscal 2015	\$ 13.0	\$ 16.8	\$ —	\$ 29.8

Acquisition expenses include expenses associated with mergers, acquisitions and other business combinations, whether consummated or not, as well as litigation expenses associated with mergers, acquisitions and business combinations, net of recoveries. Acquisition expenses primarily consist of advisory, legal, accounting, valuation and other professional or consulting fees. Integration expenses reflect primarily severance and other employee costs, professional services including work being performed to facilitate merger and acquisition integration, such as information systems integration costs, lease expense and other costs. Due to the complexity and duration of the integration activities associated with the Combination, the precise amount expected to be incurred has not been quantified in the "Expected Total" in the *Summary of Restructuring and Other Costs, Net* table above. We expect integration activities to continue during fiscal 2016 and 2017.

The following table represents a summary of and the changes in the restructuring accrual, which is primarily composed of lease commitments, accrued severance and other employee costs, and a reconciliation of the restructuring accrual charges to the line item "**Restructuring and other costs, net**" on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015
Accrual at beginning of fiscal year	\$ 21.4	\$ 10.9
Additional accruals	57.1	0.9
Payments	(41.0)	(6.5)
Adjustment to accruals	0.1	0.8
Accrual at June 30	\$ 37.6	\$ 6.1

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Reconciliation of accruals and charges to restructuring and other costs, net (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended June 30,	
	2016	2015
Additional accruals and adjustments to accruals (see table above)	\$ 57.2	\$ 1.7
Acquisition expenses	6.9	13.0
Integration expenses	50.0	16.9
Net property, plant and equipment	182.0	(0.5)
Severance and other employee expense	2.9	0.4
Equipment and inventory relocation costs	1.2	0.9
Facility carrying costs	16.4	3.1
Other expense	0.4	0.2
Total restructuring and other costs, net	\$ 317.0	\$ 35.7

Note 8. Income Taxes

The effective tax rates from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 were 39.5% and 39.7% , respectively. The effective tax rates from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 were 35.9% and 34.4% , respectively. The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 were different than the statutory rate primarily due to the impact of state taxes, the domestic manufacturer's deduction, no tax benefit being recorded for the non-deductible goodwill disposed of in connection with the contribution to the Grupo Gondi joint venture, the exclusion of tax benefits related to certain foreign losses and a tax rate differential with respect to foreign earnings primarily in Canada. The effective tax rates from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 were different than the statutory rate primarily due to the impact of state taxes, the domestic manufacturer's deduction and a lower tax rate with respect to foreign earnings primarily in Canada. The three months ended June 30, 2015 also included charges related to a return to provision true-up.

Note 9. Inventories

We value substantially all of our U.S. inventories at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined on the LIFO inventory valuation method, which we believe generally results in a better matching of current costs and revenues than under the FIFO inventory valuation method. In periods of increasing costs, the LIFO method generally results in higher cost of goods sold than under the FIFO method. In periods of decreasing costs, the results are generally the opposite. Since LIFO is designed for annual determinations, it is possible to make an actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method only at the end of each fiscal year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Accordingly, we base interim LIFO estimates on management's projection of expected year-end inventory levels and costs. We value all other inventories at the lower of cost or market, with cost determined using methods which approximate cost computed on a FIFO basis. These other inventories represent primarily foreign inventories and certain inventoried spare parts and supplies inventories. Inventories were as follows (in millions):

	June 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
Finished goods and work in process	\$ 837.0	\$ 859.7
Raw materials	547.1	652.3
Spare parts and supplies	340.9	322.4
Inventories at FIFO cost	1,725.0	1,834.4
LIFO reserve	(33.9)	(73.4)
Net inventories	\$ 1,691.1	\$ 1,761.0

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Note 10. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment, net consists of the following (in millions):

	June 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
Property, plant and equipment at cost:		
Land and buildings	\$ 2,295.9	\$ 2,245.2
Machinery and equipment	10,540.1	9,712.4
Forestlands and mineral rights	202.1	161.3
Transportation equipment	26.2	20.2
Leasehold improvements	62.9	59.1
	<u>13,127.2</u>	<u>12,198.2</u>
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(3,782.0)	(3,038.4)
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 9,345.2</u>	<u>\$ 9,159.8</u>

Note 11. Debt

In connection with the Combination, the public bonds previously issued by WestRock RKT Company and WestRock MWV, LLC are guaranteed by WestRock and have cross-guarantees between the two companies. The IDBs associated with the capital lease obligations of WestRock MWV, LLC are guaranteed by WestRock. The public bonds are unsecured unsubordinated obligations that rank equally in right of payment with all of our existing and future unsecured unsubordinated obligations. At June 30, 2016, our Credit Facility and public bonds were unsecured. For more information regarding certain of our debt characteristics, see “**Note 9. Debt**” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements section of the Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K.

The following were individual components of debt (in millions):

	June 30, 2016		September 30, 2015	
	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg. Interest Rate	Carrying Value	Weighted Avg. Interest Rate
U.S. Dollar Denominated Fixed Rate Debt:				
Public bonds due fiscal 2017 to 2022	\$ 1,656.3	3.9%	\$ 1,672.2	3.8%
Public bonds due fiscal 2023 to 2027	414.6	4.3%	436.8	4.4%
Public bonds due fiscal 2030 to 2033	991.3	4.7%	1,002.8	4.6%
Public bonds due fiscal 2037 to 2047	179.4	5.9%	180.1	5.9%
U.S. Dollar Denominated Floating Rate Debt:				
Term loan facilities	2,195.5	1.7%	1,794.7	1.4%
Revolving credit and swing facilities	62.9	1.1%	64.1	2.6%
Receivables-backed financing facility	—	—	198.0	0.9%
Capital lease obligations	185.1	4.2%	165.8	5.7%
Supplier Financing and Commercial Card Programs	104.5	—	3.2	—
International and other debt	69.5	8.1%	104.2	7.4%
Total debt	<u>5,859.1</u>	<u>3.2%</u>	<u>5,621.9</u>	<u>3.3%</u>
Less current portion of debt	345.2		63.7	
Long-term debt due after one year	<u>\$ 5,513.9</u>		<u>\$ 5,558.2</u>	

Total debt at June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 includes unamortized fair market value step-up of \$329.4 million and \$340.9 million, respectively. A portion of the debt classified as long-term, principally our Credit Facility and Receivables Facility, may be paid down earlier than scheduled at our discretion without penalty. Certain restrictive covenants govern our maximum availability under our credit facilities. We test and report our compliance with these covenants as required and were in compliance.

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with all of our covenants at June 30, 2016 . At June 30, 2016 , we had \$111.5 million of outstanding letters of credit not drawn upon. At June 30, 2016, we had approximately \$2.5 billion of availability under our committed credit facilities and approximately \$0.4 billion available under our uncommitted credit facilities. This liquidity may be used to provide for ongoing working capital needs and for other general corporate purposes, including acquisitions, dividends and stock repurchases. The estimated fair value of our debt was approximately \$6.0 billion and \$5.7 billion as of June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 , respectively. The fair value of our long-term debt is primarily either based on quoted prices for those or similar instruments, or approximate the carrying amount as the variable interest rates reprice frequently at observable current market rates, and are categorized as level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

Term Loans and Revolving Credit Facilities

In connection with the Combination, on July 1, 2015, WestRock entered into a credit agreement (the “ **Credit Agreement** ”) that provides for a 5 -year senior unsecured term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$2.3 billion (\$1.1 billion of which was previously available to be drawn on a delayed draw basis not later than April 1, 2016 in up to two separate draws) and a 5 -year senior unsecured revolving credit facility in an aggregate committed principal amount of \$2.0 billion (together the “ **Credit Facility** ”). On March 24, 2016, we drew \$600.0 million of the available \$1.1 billion delayed draw term loan facility for general corporate purposes and the balance of the delayed draw term loan facility was terminated. On June 22, 2016, we pre-paid \$200.0 million of amortization payments through the second quarter of fiscal 2018. Our next amortization payment will be due in June 2018. On July 1, 2016, we executed an option to extend the term of the Credit Facility for one year beyond the original 5-year term. Approximately \$1.82 billion of the original \$2.0 billion aggregate committed principal amount has been extended to July 1, 2021, and the remainder will continue to mature on July 1, 2020.

On July 1, 2015, we entered into a credit agreement (the “ **Farm Loan Credit Agreement** ”) with CoBank ACB. The Farm Loan Credit Agreement provides for a 7 -year senior unsecured term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$600 million . At June 30, 2016 , there was \$600.0 million outstanding under this facility.

On December 1, 2015, we entered into a \$200 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation. The facility matures on December 1, 2016. At June 30, 2016 , there was \$62.9 million outstanding under this facility.

On February 11, 2016, we entered into a \$100 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ, LTD. The facility matures on February 9, 2017. At June 30, 2016, we had no amounts outstanding under this facility.

On March 4, 2016, we entered into a \$100 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch. The facility matures on March 2, 2017. At June 30, 2016, we had no amounts outstanding under this facility.

Receivables-Backed Financing Facility

We have a \$700.0 million Receivables Facility and on July 22, 2016 we executed an agreement to extend the maturity of this facility from October 24, 2017 to July 22, 2019. At June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 , maximum available borrowings, excluding amounts outstanding under the Receivables Facility, were approximately \$512.9 million and \$555.4 million , respectively. The carrying amount of accounts receivable collateralizing the maximum available borrowings at June 30, 2016 was approximately \$732.9 million . We have continuing involvement with the underlying receivables as we provide credit and collections services pursuant to the securitization agreement. At June 30, 2016, we had no amounts outstanding under this facility.

Note 12. Fair Value

Assets and Liabilities Measured or Disclosed at Fair Value

We estimate fair values in accordance with ASC 820 “*Fair Value Measurement*”. ASC 820 provides a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures required about fair value measurements. Specifically, ASC 820 sets forth a definition of fair value and a hierarchy prioritizing the inputs to valuation techniques. ASC 820 defines fair value as the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. Additionally, ASC 820 defines levels within the hierarchy based on the availability of quoted prices for identical items in active markets, similar items in active or inactive markets and valuation techniques using observable and unobservable inputs. We incorporate credit valuation adjustments to reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty’s nonperformance risk in our fair value measurements.

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We disclose the fair value of our pension and postretirement assets and liabilities in “ *Note 13. Retirement Plans* ” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements section of the Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K and the fair value of our long-term debt in “ *Note 11. Debt* ” herein. We have, or from time to time may have, various assets or liabilities whose fair value are not significant, such as supplemental retirement savings plans that are nonqualified deferred compensation plans pursuant to which assets are invested primarily in mutual funds, interest rate derivatives, commodity derivatives or other similar classes of assets or liabilities.

Accounts Receivable Sales Agreement

In fiscal 2014, we entered into an agreement (the “ *A/R Sales Agreement* ”) to sell to a third party financial institution all of the short term receivables generated from certain customer trade accounts, on a revolving basis, until the agreement is terminated by either party. Transfers under this agreement meet the requirements to be accounted for as sales in accordance with the “Transfers and Servicing” guidance in ASC 860. Subsequently, on February 27, 2015, the A/R Sales Agreement was amended to increase the maximum amount of receivables to \$300.0 million . On June 27, 2016, the A/R Sales Agreement was amended to increase the maximum amount of receivables to \$400.0 million .

The following table represents a summary of the activity under the A/R Sales Agreement for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 (in millions):

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2016	2015
Receivable from financial institution at beginning of fiscal year	\$ 5.8	\$ 10.4
Receivables sold to the financial institution and derecognized	1,095.1	897.6
Receivables collected by financial institution	(987.0)	(797.2)
Cash proceeds from financial institution	(97.2)	(66.4)
Receivable from financial institution at June 30,	\$ 16.7	\$ 44.4

Cash proceeds related to receivables sold are included in cash from operating activities in the condensed consolidated statement of cash flows in the accounts receivable line item. The loss on sale is not material as it is currently less than 1% per annum of the receivables sold, and is recorded in interest income and other income (expense), net. Although the sales are made without recourse, we maintain continuing involvement with the sold receivables as we provide collections services related to the transferred assets. The associated servicing liability is not material given the high quality of the customers underlying the receivables and the anticipated short collection period.

Financial Instruments Not Recognized at Fair Value

Financial instruments not recognized at fair value on a recurring or nonrecurring basis include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, certain other current assets, short-term debt, accounts payable, certain other current liabilities, and long-term debt. With the exception of long-term debt, the carrying amounts of these financial instruments approximate their fair values due to their short maturities.

Fair Value of Nonfinancial Assets and Nonfinancial Liabilities

We measure certain nonfinancial assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. These assets and liabilities include cost and equity method investments when they are deemed to be other-than-temporarily impaired, assets acquired and liabilities assumed in an acquisition or in a nonmonetary exchange, and property, plant and equipment and intangible assets that are written down to fair value when they are held for sale or determined to be impaired. During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 , we did not have any significant nonfinancial assets or nonfinancial liabilities that were measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis in periods subsequent to initial recognition other than the goodwill impairment of our Specialty Chemicals reporting unit in the first quarter of fiscal 2016 and the intangible impairment in the Specialty Chemicals segment in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 following the separation, each as discussed in “ *Note 6. Discontinued Operations* ”.

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Note 13. Retirement Plans

We have defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement plans for certain U.S. and non-U.S. employees. These plans were frozen for salaried and non-union hourly employees at various times in the past, although some employees meeting certain criteria are still accruing benefits. In addition, under several labor contracts, we make payments, based on hours worked, into multiemployer pension plan trusts established for the benefit of certain collective bargaining employees in facilities both inside and outside the U.S. We also have supplemental executive retirement plans and other non-qualified defined benefit pension plans that provide unfunded supplemental retirement benefits to certain of our current and former executives. The supplemental executive retirement plans provide for incremental pension benefits in excess of those offered in our principal pension plan. The postretirement plans provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for certain salaried and hourly employees who meet specified age and service requirements as defined by the plans. For more information regarding our retirement plans, see “*Note 13. Retirement Plans*” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements section of the Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K.

The following table represents a summary of the components of net pension (benefit) cost (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost	\$ 8.2	\$ 7.0	\$ 41.7	\$ 22.6
Interest cost	78.2	45.1	232.9	141.5
Expected return on plan assets	(103.3)	(61.3)	(309.3)	(187.6)
Amortization of net actuarial loss	2.9	10.0	8.2	27.1
Amortization of prior service cost	1.0	0.9	2.9	2.0
Curtailement gain recognized	—	—	(1.0)	—
Settlement loss recognized	—	—	—	20.0
Company defined benefit plan (benefit) cost	(13.0)	1.7	(24.6)	25.6
Multiemployer and other plans	1.6	1.5	4.4	4.3
Net pension (benefit) cost	\$ (11.4)	\$ 3.2	\$ (20.2)	\$ 29.9

During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, we made contributions of \$14.3 million and \$39.9 million to our qualified and supplemental defined benefit pension plans. During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015, we made contributions of \$72.9 million and \$131.1 million to our qualified and supplemental defined benefit pension plans.

During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we partially settled obligations of one of our defined benefit pension plans through lump sum payments to certain eligible former employees who were not receiving a monthly benefit. Eligible former employees whose present value of future pension benefits exceeded a certain minimum threshold had the option to either voluntarily accept lump sum payments or to not accept the offer and continue to be entitled to their monthly benefit upon retirement. Former employees with an aggregate pension benefit obligation of \$163.7 million accepted the offer. Lump sum payments of \$135.1 million were made out of existing plan assets. The settlement resulted in a gain of \$28.6 million that was more than offset by the loss on remeasurement of the pension benefit obligation of approximately \$32.5 million due primarily to the impact of a lower discount rate and mortality table changes. As a result, we recorded a net \$3.9 million loss to other comprehensive (loss) income. The settlement also resulted in a \$20.0 million pre-tax non-cash charge to earnings in the first quarter of fiscal 2015, which is included in the line item “Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net” on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations. The impact of the settlement is included in the net periodic pension cost table above. As a result of the remeasurement, the pension benefit obligation increased \$22.1 million due to changes in coverage for certain employees covered by the United Steelworkers master agreement as discussed below, with an offset recorded to the unrecognized prior service cost component of other comprehensive (loss) income.

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The postretirement benefit plans provide certain health care and life insurance benefits for certain salaried and hourly employees who meet specified age and service requirements as defined by the plans. The following table represents a summary of the components of the postretirement benefits costs (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost	\$ 0.4	\$ 0.1	\$ 1.7	\$ 0.4
Interest cost	1.9	1.1	6.0	3.2
Amortization of net actuarial gain	(0.8)	(0.2)	(1.4)	(0.8)
Amortization of prior service credit	(0.5)	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.4)
Curtailement gain recognized	—	(0.4)	—	(8.5)
Postretirement plan cost (benefit)	\$ 1.0	\$ 0.2	\$ 4.8	\$ (7.1)

During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, we funded an aggregate of \$2.2 million and \$9.3 million respectively, to our postretirement benefit plans. During the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015, we funded an aggregate of \$2.3 million and \$8.0 million, respectively, to our postretirement benefit plans.

In October 2014, we entered into a master agreement with the United Steelworkers Union that applied to substantially all of our legacy RockTenn facilities represented by the union at that time. The agreement has a six year term and covers a number of specific items, including wages, medical coverage and certain other benefit programs. Individual facilities will continue to have local agreements for subjects not covered by the master agreement and those agreements will continue to have staggered terms. During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, changes in retiree medical coverage for certain employees covered by the United Steelworkers master agreement resulted in the recognition of an estimated \$8.1 million pre-tax non-cash curtailment gain included in the line item "Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net" on our Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations which was subsequently adjusted in the third quarter of fiscal 2015 to \$8.5 million. The aggregate postretirement benefit obligation decreased \$0.6 million as a result of the curtailment.

Note 14. Stock-Based Compensation

Stock-based Compensation Plans

At our Annual Meeting of Stockholders held on February 2, 2016, our stockholders approved the 2016 Incentive Stock Plan and ESPP. The 2016 Incentive Stock Plan allows for the granting of options and restricted stock, stock appreciation rights and restricted stock units to certain key employees and directors for the issuance of approximately 9.6 million shares of Common Stock. Adjusted for the Separation as discussed below, at June 30, 2016, approximately 7.9 million shares remained available for future grants. If all currently outstanding adjustable restricted stock awards recorded at target achieve the maximum award, shares available for future grant would be reduced by approximately 1.3 million additional shares. The ESPP provides for the purchase of shares by all of our eligible employees at a 15% discount and allows for the purchase of a total of approximately 2.5 million shares of Common Stock.

As part of the Separation, equity-based incentive awards were generally adjusted to maintain the intrinsic value of awards immediately prior to the Separation. The number of unvested restricted stock awards and unexercised stock options and SARs at the time of the Separation were increased by an exchange factor of approximately 1.12. In addition, the exercise price of unexercised stock options and SARs at the time of the separation was converted to decrease the exercise price by an exchange factor of approximately 1.12. The share increases are reflected in the tables below on the line item "Adjustments due to Separation". The weighted-average grant date fair value of adjustments is equal to the weighted-average grant date fair value of the awards outstanding at the date of the Separation at their respective grant date divided by a factor of approximately 1.12, and the weighted-average grant date fair value of the unvested restricted stock as of June 30, 2016 reflects the adjustments.

Stock Options

Options granted under our plans generally have an exercise price equal to the closing market price on the date of grant, generally vest in three years, in either one tranche or in approximately one-third increments, and have 10-year contractual terms. However, a portion of our grants are subject to earlier expense recognition due to retirement eligibility rules. Our option grants provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control (as defined in the applicable plan). However, the Compensation

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Committee of the board of directors has determined that effective with the fiscal 2013 grants, other than in circumstances such as death and disability, grants will include a provision requiring both a change of control and termination of employment to accelerate vesting.

During the nine months ended June 30, 2016, we granted options to purchase 1,249,790 shares of Common Stock to certain employees. These grants were valued at a weighted average fair value of \$8.06 per share using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The approximate assumptions used were: an expected term of 7.0 years; an expected volatility of 38.3%; expected dividends of 4.5%; and a risk free rate of 1.6%. We amortize these costs on a straight-line basis over the explicit service period.

The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised during the three months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 was \$2.8 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of options exercised during the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 was \$6.1 million and \$4.7 million, respectively. The table below summarizes the changes in all stock options during the nine months ended June 30, 2016:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding at September 30, 2015	7,189,654	\$ 33.19		
Granted	1,249,790	33.38		
Exercised	(665,214)	31.22		
Expired	(44,584)	35.04		
Forfeited	(27,392)	38.82		
Adjustment due to the Separation	930,865			
Outstanding at June 30, 2016	<u>8,633,119</u>	<u>\$ 29.76</u>	5.2	\$ 92.5
Exercisable at June 30, 2016	<u>6,937,039</u>	<u>\$ 28.55</u>	4.2	\$ 80.0

Stock Appreciation Rights

As part of the Combination, we issued SARs to replace outstanding MWV SARs. The SARs were valued using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. The company measures compensation expense related to the SAR awards at the end of each period. No additional SARs are presently expected to be issued.

The table below summarizes the changes in all SARs during the nine months ended June 30, 2016:

	SARs	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value (in millions)
Outstanding at September 30, 2015	86,419	\$ 28.98		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(6,840)	31.93		
Expired	(14,742)	24.29		
Forfeited	—	—		
Adjustment due to the Separation	8,183			
Outstanding at June 30, 2016	<u>73,020</u>	<u>\$ 26.41</u>	4.4	\$ 0.9
Exercisable at June 30, 2016	<u>73,020</u>	<u>\$ 26.41</u>	4.4	\$ 0.9

The aggregate intrinsic value of stock appreciation rights exercised during the nine months ended June 30, 2016 was \$0.1 million.

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Restricted Stock

Restricted stock is typically granted annually to non-employee directors and certain of our employees. Our non-employee director awards have a service condition, generally vest over one year and are treated as issued and carry dividend and voting rights until they vest. The vesting provisions for our employee awards may vary from grant to grant; however, vesting generally is contingent upon meeting various service and/or performance or market goals and the grants generally vest over a period of three years. Subject to the level of performance attained, the target award of the grants with performance goals may be increased up to 200% of target or decreased to zero depending upon the terms of the individual grant. Our grants provide for accelerated vesting if there is a change in control (as defined in the applicable plan). However, the Compensation Committee of the board of directors has determined that effective with the fiscal 2013 grants, other than in circumstances such as death and disability, grants will include a provision requiring both a change of control and termination of employment to accelerate vesting. For certain employee grants, the grantee of the restricted stock is entitled to receive dividend equivalent units (i.e. dividends in the form of shares during the period of restriction), but will forfeit the restricted award and the dividend equivalents if the employee separates from the Company during the vesting period or if the predetermined goals are not accomplished.

During the nine months ended June 30, 2016, pursuant to our 2016 Incentive Stock Plan, we granted 64,155 shares of restricted stock to our non-employee directors and 1,229,245 restricted stock awards to certain of our employees. The employee grants predominately consisted of awards that included service and performance conditions.

The aggregate fair value of restricted stock that vested during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 was \$2.1 million and \$54.0 million, respectively. The aggregate fair value of restricted stock that vested during the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 was \$0.1 million and \$82.4 million, respectively.

The table below summarizes the changes in unvested restricted stock awards during the nine months ended June 30, 2016:

	Shares / Units	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested at September 30, 2015	2,327,231	\$ 56.13
Granted ⁽¹⁾	1,739,953	35.74
Vested	(1,499,818)	49.60
Forfeited	(79,266)	51.11
Adjustment due to the Separation	302,180	
Unvested at June 30, 2016 ⁽²⁾	2,790,280	\$ 41.11

(1) Fiscal 2016 target awards to employees of 1,191,062 shares may be increased to 200% of the target or decreased to zero, subject to the level of performance attained. The awards are reflected in the table at the target award amount of 100%. In connection with the Combination, the performance condition for the 2013 fiscal grant was based on the Cash Flow to Equity Ratio (as defined in the applicable grant letter). The performance goal was subsequently determined in accordance with the applicable grant letter to be attained at 200.0% of target. Awards issued during the nine months ended June 30, 2016 also include shares accelerated for terminated employees as a result of the Combination which were achieved at between 146.5% and 200% of target. Awards granted for attainment of a performance condition at an amount in excess of target resulted in the issuance and vesting of an additional 446,553 shares in the nine months ended June 30, 2016.

(2) Target awards with a performance condition, net of subsequent forfeitures, granted may be increased up to 200% of the target or decreased to zero, subject to the level of performance attained. The awards are reflected in the table at the target award amount of 100%. Based on current facts and assumptions, we are forecasting the performance of the grants to be attained at levels that would result in the issuance of approximately 1.5 million additional shares. However, it is possible that the actual performance attained may vary.

Note 15. Commitments and Contingencies

Environmental and Other Matters

Environmental compliance requirements are a significant factor affecting our business. We employ manufacturing processes which result in various discharges, emissions and wastes. These processes are subject to numerous federal, state, local and international environmental laws and regulations, as well as the requirements of environmental permits and similar authorizations issued by various governmental authorities.

On January 31, 2013, the EPA published a set of four interrelated final rules establishing national air emissions standards for hazardous air pollutants from industrial, commercial and institutional boilers and process heaters, commonly known as “**Boiler MACT**.” For our boilers, Boiler MACT required compliance by January 31, 2016, unless a facility requested and received an extension. All of our mills that are subject to regulation under Boiler MACT met the January 31, 2016 compliance deadline, with the exception of those mills for which we have obtained a compliance extension. We expect our mills that have obtained an extension to be in compliance by their respective extension dates, none of which extend beyond January 31, 2017. On July 29, 2016, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (“the Court”) issued a ruling on the consolidated cases challenging Boiler MACT. The Court vacated key portions of the rule, including emission limits for certain subcategories of solid fuel boilers, and remanded other issues to the EPA for further rulemaking. At this time, we cannot predict with certainty how the recent decision will impact our existing Boiler MACT strategies or whether we will incur additional costs to comply with any revised Boiler MACT standards.

In addition to Boiler MACT, we are subject to a number of other federal, state, local and international environmental rules that may impact our business, including the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, fine particulate matter and ozone for facilities in the U.S. We cannot predict with certainty how any future changes in environmental laws, regulations and/or enforcement practices will affect our business; however, it is possible that our compliance with new environmental standards may require substantial additional capital expenditures and/or increase our operating costs.

We are involved in various administrative proceedings relating to environmental matters that arise in the normal course of business. Although the ultimate outcome of such matters cannot be predicted with certainty and we cannot at this time estimate any reasonably possible losses based on available information, management does not believe that the currently expected outcome of any environmental proceedings and claims that are pending or threatened against us will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

CERCLA and Other Remediation Costs

We face potential liability under federal, state, local and international laws as a result of releases, or threatened releases, of hazardous substances into the environment from various sites owned and operated by third parties at which Company-generated wastes have allegedly been deposited. Generators of hazardous substances sent to off-site disposal locations at which environmental problems exist, as well as the owners of those sites and certain other classes of persons, are liable for response costs for the investigation and remediation of such sites under CERCLA and analogous laws. While joint and several liability is authorized under CERCLA, liability is typically shared with other PRPs and costs are commonly allocated according to relative amounts of waste deposited and other factors.

In addition, certain of our current or former locations are being investigated or remediated under various environmental laws and regulations. Based on current facts and assumptions, we do not believe that the costs of these projects will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows. However, the discovery of contamination or the imposition of additional obligations at these or other sites in the future could result in additional costs.

On January 26, 2009, Smurfit-Stone and certain of its subsidiaries filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Smurfit-Stone’s Canadian subsidiaries also filed to reorganize in Canada. We believe that matters relating to previously identified third party PRP sites and certain facilities formerly owned or operated by Smurfit-Stone have been or will be satisfied claims in the Smurfit-Stone bankruptcy proceedings. However, we may face additional liability for cleanup activity at sites that existed prior to bankruptcy discharge, but are not currently identified. Some of these liabilities may be satisfied from existing bankruptcy reserves.

We believe that we can assert claims for indemnification pursuant to existing rights we have under settlement and purchase agreements in connection with certain of our existing remediation sites. In addition, we believe that we have insurance coverage, subject to applicable deductibles/retentions, policy limits and other conditions, for certain environmental matters. However, there can be no assurance that we will be successful with respect to any claim regarding these insurance or indemnification rights or

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that, if we are successful, any amounts paid pursuant to the insurance or indemnification rights will be sufficient to cover all our costs and expenses. We also cannot predict with certainty whether we will be required to perform other remediation projects, and it is possible that our remediation requirements and costs could increase materially in the future and exceed current reserves. In addition, we cannot assess with certainty the impact that future changes in cleanup standards or federal, state or other environmental laws, regulations or enforcement practices will have on our obligations under CERCLA and other remediation programs, and therefore, our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

As of June 30, 2016, we had \$16.6 million reserved for environmental liabilities on an undiscounted basis, of which \$8.7 million is included in other long-term liabilities and \$7.9 million in other current liabilities, including amounts accrued in connection with environmental obligations relating to the manufacturing facilities that we have closed. We believe the liability for these matters was adequately reserved at June 30, 2016.

Climate Change

Certain jurisdictions in which we have manufacturing facilities or other investments have taken actions to address climate change. In the U.S., the EPA has issued the Clean Air Act permitting regulations applicable to certain facilities that emit GHG. However, on June 23, 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a decision holding that the EPA may not treat GHG emissions as an air pollutant for purposes of determining whether a source is a major source required to obtain a PSD or Title V permit. The Supreme Court also said that the EPA could continue to require that PSD permits otherwise required based on emissions of conventional pollutants contain limitations on GHG emissions based on the application of Best Available Control Technology. The EPA is continuing to examine the implications of the Supreme Court's decision, including how the EPA will need to revise its permitting regulations and related impacts to state programs. The EPA also has promulgated a rule requiring certain industrial facilities that emit 25,000 metric tons or more of carbon dioxide equivalent per year to file an annual report of their emissions. While we have facilities subject to existing EPA GHG permitting and reporting requirements, the impact of these requirements has not been material to date.

Additionally, the EPA has been working on a set of interrelated rulemakings aimed at cutting carbon emissions from power plants. On August 3, 2015, the EPA issued a final rule establishing GHG emission guidelines for existing electric utility generating units (known as the "**Clean Power Plan**"). On the same day, the EPA issued a second rule setting standards of performance for new, modified and reconstructed electric utility generating units. While these rules do not apply directly to the power generation facilities at our mills, they have the potential to increase the cost of purchased electricity for our manufacturing operations and change the treatment of certain types of biomass that are currently considered carbon neutral. On February 9, 2016, the U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay halting implementation of the Clean Power Plan until the pending legal challenges to the rule are resolved. A number of states subject to the Clean Power Plan have stopped working on their implementation strategies in light of this decision; however, certain states where we operate manufacturing facilities are continuing their efforts. We are carefully monitoring the state-level developments relating to this rule. Due to ongoing litigation and other uncertainties regarding these GHG regulations, their impact on us cannot be quantified with certainty at this time.

In addition to national efforts to regulate climate change, some U.S. states in which we have manufacturing operations are also taking measures to reduce GHG emissions, such as requiring GHG emissions reporting or the development of regional cap-and-trade programs. California has enacted a cap-and-trade program that took effect in 2012, and includes enforceable compliance obligations that began on January 1, 2013. We do not have any manufacturing facilities that are subject to the cap-and-trade requirements in California; however, we are continuing to monitor the implementation of this program as well as proposed mandatory GHG reduction efforts in other states. Also, the Washington Department of Ecology is working on a rulemaking which is intended to limit GHGs from facilities that have average annual carbon dioxide equivalent emissions equal to or exceeding 100,000 metric tons/year and proposes to begin GHG emissions reduction requirements for some regulated entities in 2017. Energy intensive and trade exposed facilities and transportation fuel importers, including our Tacoma, WA mill, would be subject to regulation under this program. We are carefully monitoring the development of this rulemaking to assess its potential impact on our Tacoma operations.

In April 2016, the U.S. and over 170 other countries signed the Paris Agreement, which arose out of negotiations at the United Nation's Conference of Parties (COP21) climate summit in December 2015. The Paris Agreement establishes a framework for reducing global GHG emissions. By signing the Paris Agreement, the U.S. made a non-binding commitment to reduce economy-wide GHG emissions by 26% to 28% below 2005 levels by 2025. Other countries in which we conduct business, including, China, European Union member states and India, have set similar GHG reduction targets. The Paris Agreement will enter into force 30 days after the date on which at least 55 parties accounting in total for at least an estimated 55% of the total global GHG emissions have ratified it. It is unclear at this time whether the Paris Agreement will become legally binding or how it will impact the company's operations; however, mandatory GHG reduction requirements that may be imposed in accordance with the Paris Agreement could require process changes, capital expenditures and/or increase the Company's operating costs at some facilities.

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Several of our international facilities are located in countries that have already adopted GHG emissions trading schemes. For example, Quebec has become a member of the Western Climate Initiative, which is a collaboration among California and certain Canadian provinces that have joined together to create a cap-and-trade program to reduce GHG emissions. In 2009, Quebec adopted a target of reducing GHG emissions by 20% below 1990 levels by 2020. In 2011, Quebec issued a final regulation establishing a regional cap-and-trade program that required reductions in GHG emissions from covered emitters as of January 1, 2013. Our mill in Quebec is subject to these cap-and-trade requirements, although the direct impact of this regulation has not been material to date. Compliance with this program and other similar programs may require future expenditures to meet required GHG emission reduction requirements in future years.

The regulation of climate change continues to develop in the areas of the world where we conduct business. We have systems in place for tracking the GHG emissions from our energy-intensive facilities, and we carefully monitor developments in climate change laws, regulations and policies to assess the potential impact of such developments on our results of operations, financial condition, cash flows and disclosure obligations.

Litigation

In 2010, Smurfit-Stone was one of nine U.S. and Canadian containerboard producers named as defendants in a lawsuit, in the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois, alleging that these producers violated the Sherman Act by conspiring to limit the supply and fix the prices of containerboard from mid-2005 through November 8, 2010 (the “**Antitrust Litigation**”). Plaintiffs have since amended their complaint by alleging a class period from February 15, 2004 through November 8, 2010. RockTenn CP, LLC, as the successor to Smurfit-Stone, is a defendant with respect to the period after Smurfit-Stone’s discharge from bankruptcy on June 30, 2010 through November 8, 2010. The complaint seeks treble damages and costs, including attorney’s fees. In March 2015, the court granted the Plaintiffs’ motion for class certification and the class defendants, including us, appealed that decision. On August 4, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the District Court’s decision regarding class certification. We believe the allegations are without merit and will defend this lawsuit vigorously. However, at this stage of the litigation, we are unable to predict the ultimate outcome or estimate a range of reasonably possible losses.

As with numerous other large industrial companies, we have been named a defendant in asbestos-related personal injury litigation. Typically, these suits also name many other corporate defendants. To date, the costs resulting from the litigation, including settlement costs, have not been significant. As of June 30, 2016, there were approximately 575 lawsuits. We believe that we have substantial insurance coverage, subject to applicable deductibles and policy limits, with respect to asbestos claims. We have valid defenses to these claims and intend to continue to defend them vigorously. Should the volume of litigation grow substantially, it is possible that we could incur significant costs resolving these cases. We believe that the resolution of pending litigation and proceedings is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or liquidity. In any given period or periods, however, it is possible such proceedings or matters could have a material effect on our results of operations.

We are a defendant in a number of other lawsuits and claims arising out of the conduct of our business. While the ultimate results of such suits or other proceedings against us cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes the resolution of these other matters will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Guarantees

We make certain guarantees in the course of conducting our operations or in connection with certain business dispositions. The guarantees include items such as funding of net losses in proportion to our ownership share of certain joint ventures, debt guarantees related to certain unconsolidated entities acquired in acquisitions, indemnifications of lessors in certain facilities and equipment operating leases for items such as additional taxes being assessed due to a change in tax law, and certain other agreements and regulatory obligations. We estimate the exposure for these matters could be up to \$50 million. As of June 30, 2016, we have recorded \$5.2 million for the estimated fair value of these guarantees. We are unable to estimate our maximum exposure under operating leases because it is dependent on potential changes in the tax law; however, we believe our exposure related to guarantees would not have a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

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Note 16. Segment Information

Subsequent to the Separation, we report our financial results of operations in the following three reportable segments: Corrugated Packaging, which consists of our corrugated mill and packaging operations, as well as our recycling operations; Consumer Packaging, which consists of consumer mills, folding carton, beverage, merchandising displays, home, health and beauty dispensing, and partition operations; and Land and Development, which develops and sells real estate primarily in the Charleston, SC market. Certain income and expenses are not allocated to our segments and, thus, the information that management uses to make operating decisions and assess performance does not reflect such amounts. Items not allocated are reported as non-allocated expenses or in other line items in the table below after segment income.

The following table shows selected operating data for our segments (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net sales (aggregate):				
Corrugated Packaging	\$ 1,967.7	\$ 1,887.3	\$ 5,864.8	\$ 5,529.6
Consumer Packaging	1,635.8	690.2	4,766.4	2,098.1
Land and Development	42.0	—	76.1	—
Total	\$ 3,645.5	\$ 2,577.5	\$ 10,707.3	\$ 7,627.7
Less net sales (intersegment):				
Corrugated Packaging	\$ 31.4	\$ 29.7	\$ 99.2	\$ 93.4
Consumer Packaging	17.6	8.9	48.0	25.6
Land and Development	—	—	—	—
Total	\$ 49.0	\$ 38.6	\$ 147.2	\$ 119.0
Net sales (unaffiliated customers):				
Corrugated Packaging	\$ 1,936.3	\$ 1,857.6	\$ 5,765.6	\$ 5,436.2
Consumer Packaging	1,618.2	681.3	4,718.4	2,072.5
Land and Development	42.0	—	76.1	—
Total	\$ 3,596.5	\$ 2,538.9	\$ 10,560.1	\$ 7,508.7
Segment income:				
Corrugated Packaging	\$ 192.4	\$ 217.0	\$ 547.5	\$ 571.3
Consumer Packaging	151.7	77.9	342.6	189.3
Land and Development	9.5	—	6.2	—
Segment income	353.6	294.9	896.3	760.6
Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net	—	0.4	—	(11.5)
Restructuring and other costs, net	(43.1)	(13.1)	(317.0)	(35.7)
Non-allocated expenses	(15.3)	(12.7)	(29.0)	(43.5)
Interest expense	(64.0)	(22.6)	(193.2)	(68.9)
Interest income and other income (expense), net	20.9	(0.7)	43.2	(1.0)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$ 252.1	\$ 246.2	\$ 400.3	\$ 600.0

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) (Continued)

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 are as follows (in millions):

	Corrugated Packaging	Consumer Packaging	Land and Development	Total
Balances as of September 30, 2015				
Goodwill	\$ 1,667.5	\$ 3,022.4	\$ —	\$ 4,689.9
Accumulated impairment losses	—	(42.8)	—	(42.8)
	<u>1,667.5</u>	<u>2,979.6</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>4,647.1</u>
Goodwill acquired	50.5	10.2	—	60.7
Purchase price allocation adjustments	(3.7)	77.0	—	73.3
Goodwill disposed of	(24.0)	—	—	(24.0)
Foreign exchange translation adjustment	34.7	(3.8)	—	30.9
Balances as of June 30, 2016				
Goodwill	1,725.0	3,105.8	—	4,830.8
Accumulated impairment losses	—	(42.8)	—	(42.8)
	<u>\$ 1,725.0</u>	<u>\$ 3,063.0</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 4,788.0</u>

The goodwill acquired in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 relates to the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition, and the purchase price allocation adjustments relate to the refinement of the purchase price allocation in the Combination. The goodwill disposed of in the Corrugated Packaging segment relates to the disposal of a portion of the reporting unit in connection with the investment in the Grupo Gondi unconsolidated joint venture in the third quarter of fiscal 2016. In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, prior to the Separation and subsequent classification of the Specialty Chemicals business as a discontinued operation, we recorded a goodwill impairment charge related to our Specialty Chemicals reporting unit. See “**Note 6. Discontinued Operations**” for more information.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto included herein and our audited Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, as well as the information under the heading “*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*” that are part of our Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K. The table in “*Note 16. Segment Information*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein shows certain operating data for our segments. See our reconciliations of non-GAAP measures in the “Results of Operations (Consolidated)” and “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” sections below.

On July 1, 2015, pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, RockTenn and MWV completed a strategic combination of their respective businesses. The Combination is described in “*Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein. RockTenn was the accounting acquirer in the Combination; therefore, the historical consolidated financial statements of RockTenn for periods prior to the Combination are considered to be the historical financial statements of WestRock and thus WestRock's condensed consolidated financial statements for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 reflect only RockTenn's results. We aligned our financial results in four reportable segments: Corrugated Packaging, Consumer Packaging, Specialty Chemicals, and Land and Development. We reclassified prior period segment results to align to these segments for all periods presented herein. On May 15, 2016, we completed the Separation. Accordingly, we have presented the financial position and results of operations of our former Specialty Chemicals segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for all periods presented, as well as in the “*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*”. See “*Note 6. Discontinued Operations*” for more information. Subsequent to the Separation, we report our financial results of our continuing operations in the following three reportable segments: Corrugated Packaging, Consumer Packaging, and Land and Development.

Overview

Net sales of \$3,596.5 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$1,057.6 million, or 41.7%, over the third quarter of fiscal 2015. The net sales increase was primarily the result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition that together contributed \$1,146.1 million of net sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2016. Segment income increased \$58.7 million, or 19.9%, to \$353.6 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year quarter, primarily as a result of the Combination. Segment income in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was reduced by \$2.0 million of expense for inventory stepped-up in purchase accounting, net of the related LIFO impact.

Income from continuing operations in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was \$152.4 million compared to \$157.9 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2015. Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 of \$182.7 million increased \$17.9 million over the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

Results of Operations (Consolidated)

The following table summarizes our consolidated results for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net sales	\$ 3,596.5	\$ 2,538.9	\$ 10,560.1	\$ 7,508.7
Cost of goods sold	2,869.2	2,012.6	8,520.8	6,055.8
Gross profit	727.3	526.3	2,039.3	1,452.9
Selling, general and administrative expenses, excluding intangible amortization	341.5	224.7	1,019.4	676.5
Selling, general and administrative intangible amortization	53.3	22.1	159.4	66.6
Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net	—	(0.4)	—	11.5
Restructuring and other costs, net	43.1	13.1	317.0	35.7
Operating profit	289.4	266.8	543.5	662.6
Interest expense	(64.0)	(22.6)	(193.2)	(68.9)
Interest income and other income (expense), net	20.9	(0.7)	43.2	(1.0)
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	5.8	2.7	6.8	7.3
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	252.1	246.2	400.3	600.0
Income tax expense	(99.7)	(88.3)	(159.1)	(206.1)
Income from continuing operations	152.4	157.9	241.2	393.9
Loss from discontinued operations (net of income tax benefit of \$46.2, \$0, \$39.0 and \$0)	(58.7)	—	(539.4)	—
Consolidated net income (loss)	93.7	157.9	(298.2)	393.9
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1.4)	(1.5)	(6.1)	(2.6)
Net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$ 92.3	\$ 156.4	\$ (304.3)	\$ 391.3

Set forth below is a reconciliation of the non-GAAP financial measure Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations Per Diluted Share to Earnings from continuing operations per diluted share, the most directly comparable GAAP measure for the periods indicated. The reconciliation is followed by a discussion of the adjustments. See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” for more information on why our management believes that presentation of this non-GAAP financial measure provides useful information to investors regarding our financial condition and results of operations as well as the additional purposes for which our management uses this non-GAAP financial measure.

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Earnings from continuing operations per diluted share	\$ 0.59	\$ 1.10	\$ 0.93	\$ 2.74
Restructuring and other items	0.12	0.05	0.89	0.17
Inventory stepped-up in purchase accounting, net of LIFO	0.01	—	0.02	0.01
Gain on investment in Grupo Gondi	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	—
Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net	—	—	—	0.05
Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations Per Diluted Share	\$ 0.71	\$ 1.15	\$ 1.83	\$ 2.97

In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, our restructuring and other items included \$11.0 million of pre-tax facility closure costs, which primarily related to the closure of a merchandising display facility, exiting a recycling facility and costs at other previously closed facilities; \$30.3 million of pre-tax integration expenses primarily including severance and other costs associated with the

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Combination; \$2.1 million of pre-tax operating losses and transition costs primarily associated with operations in the process of being closed; and \$1.8 million of pre-tax acquisition and divestiture expenses. Additionally, we incurred \$2.0 million of pre-tax expense for inventory stepped-up in purchase accounting, net of related LIFO impact and a \$12.1 million pre-tax gain on investment in our Grupo Gondi joint venture that was \$1.5 million after-tax as a result of goodwill written-off in connection with the formation of the joint venture that was non-deductible for tax purposes.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2015, our restructuring and other items consisted primarily of \$13.3 million of pre-tax acquisition and integration costs.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2016, our restructuring and other items included \$227.7 million of pre-tax facility closure costs, which primarily related to the previously announced permanent closures of the Coshocton, OH and Uncasville, CT medium mills, the permanent closure of the Newberg, OR mill, the permanent closure of the Vapi, India linerboard mill, the closure of a merchandising display facility, exiting a recycling facility and other previously closed facilities; \$82.0 million of pre-tax integration expenses primarily including severance and other costs primarily associated with the Combination; \$17.8 million of operating losses and transition costs primarily associated with operations in the process of being closed; and \$7.3 million of acquisition and divestiture expenses. Additionally, we incurred \$6.6 million of expense for inventory stepped-up in purchase accounting, net of related LIFO impact and \$1.5 million after-tax gain on investment in our Grupo Gondi joint venture.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2015, our restructuring and other items consisted primarily of \$29.8 million of pre-tax acquisition and integration costs and \$7.8 million of pre-tax facility closure and related operating losses and transition costs primarily related to charges associated with previously closed facilities. In addition, in the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we completed our previously announced lump sum pension settlement to certain eligible former employees and recorded a pre-tax charge of \$20.0 million. Changes in retiree medical coverage for certain employees covered by the United Steelworkers Union master agreement resulted in the recognition of an \$8.1 million pre-tax curtailment gain in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 and was subsequently adjusted during the third quarter of fiscal 2015 to \$8.5 million. These two items aggregated to an \$11.5 million pre-tax charge.

We discuss these charges in more detail in “*Note 6. Discontinued Operations*”, “*Note 7. Restructuring and Other Costs, Net*” and “*Note 13. Retirement Plans*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Net Sales (Unaffiliated Customers)

(In millions, except percentages)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015	\$ 2,514.2	\$ 2,455.6	\$ 2,538.9	\$ 7,508.7	\$ 3,616.1	\$ 11,124.8
Fiscal 2016	\$ 3,470.9	\$ 3,492.7	\$ 3,596.5	\$ 10,560.1		
% Change	38.1%	42.2%	41.7%	40.6%		

Net sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased \$1,057.6 million compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2015 as a result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition that together contributed \$1,146.1 million of net sales. Excluding these transactions, net sales decreased due to an estimated \$56.0 million of lower selling price/mix and lower volume of \$32.5 million.

Net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 increased \$3,051.4 million compared to the nine months ended June 30, 2015 as a result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition that together contributed \$3,292.7 million of net sales. Excluding these transactions, net sales decreased due to an estimated \$131.1 million of lower selling price/mix and lower volume of \$110.2 million.

Cost of Goods Sold
(In millions, except percentages)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015	\$ 2,044.7	\$ 1,998.5	\$ 2,012.6	\$ 6,055.8	\$ 2,930.7	\$ 8,986.5
<i>(% of Net Sales)</i>	81.3%	81.4%	79.3%	80.7%	81.0%	80.8%
Fiscal 2016	\$ 2,816.2	\$ 2,835.4	\$ 2,869.2	\$ 8,520.8		
<i>(% of Net Sales)</i>	81.1%	81.2%	79.8%	80.7%		

The increase in cost of goods sold in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the third quarter of fiscal 2015 was due to the higher sales as a result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition. Cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased compared to the prior year quarter primarily due to lower selling prices in the current year quarter that were partially offset by increased synergies and performance improvements, and lower energy and commodity costs. Excluding the aforementioned transactions, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year quarter, energy costs decreased \$13.2 million, commodity costs decreased \$11.5 million, shipping and warehousing costs decreased \$13.9 million and aggregate depreciation and amortization decreased \$1.6 million.

The increase in cost of goods sold in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the nine months ended June 30, 2015 was due to the higher sales as a result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition. Cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 was flat compared to the prior year period due to increased synergies and performance improvements, and lower energy and fiber costs, which were largely offset by the impact of lower selling prices in the current year period. Excluding the aforementioned transactions, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year period, energy costs decreased \$78.2 million, commodity costs decreased \$46.6 million, shipping and warehousing costs decreased \$31.0 million and aggregate depreciation and amortization increased \$4.9 million.

Selling, General and Administrative Excluding Intangible Amortization
(In millions, except percentages)

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015	\$ 221.3	\$ 230.5	\$ 224.7	\$ 676.5	\$ 338.1	\$ 1,014.6
<i>(% of Net Sales)</i>	8.8%	9.4%	8.9%	9.0%	9.3%	9.1%
Fiscal 2016	\$ 335.9	\$ 342.0	\$ 341.5	\$ 1,019.4		
<i>(% of Net Sales)</i>	9.7%	9.8%	9.5%	9.7%		

SG&A excluding intangible amortization increased \$116.8 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year quarter primarily as a result of the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition. Similarly, SG&A increased \$ 342.9 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the prior year period.

Selling, General and Administrative Intangible Amortization

SG&A intangible amortization was \$53.3 million and \$22.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and 2015, respectively. SG&A intangible amortization was \$159.4 million and \$66.6 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively. The increase in SG&A intangible amortization in both periods was primarily due to the intangibles acquired in the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition and the Packaging Acquisition. See “**Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information.

Pension Lump Sum Settlement and Retiree Medical Curtailment, Net

During the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we completed our previously announced lump sum pension settlement to certain eligible former employees and as a result recorded a pre-tax charge of \$20.0 million. In addition, during the first quarter of fiscal 2015, changes in retiree medical coverage for certain employees covered by the United Steelworkers Union master agreement resulted in the recognition of an \$8.1 million pre-tax curtailment gain which was subsequently adjusted during the third quarter of fiscal 2015 to \$8.5 million. For additional information, see “**Note 13. Retirement Plans**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Restructuring and Other Costs, Net

We recorded aggregate pre-tax restructuring and other costs of \$43.1 million and \$13.1 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and 2015, respectively. We recorded aggregate pre-tax restructuring and other costs of \$317.0 million and \$35.7 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2015, respectively. Costs recorded in each period are not comparable since the timing and scope of the individual actions associated with a restructuring, acquisition or integration can vary. We discuss these charges, and those included in discontinued operations, in more detail in “**Note 7. Restructuring and Other Costs, Net**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Merger, Acquisitions and Investment

On April 1, 2016, we completed the formation of a joint venture with Grupo Gondi to combine our respective operations in Mexico. The joint venture operates paper machines, corrugated packaging and high graphic folding carton facilities across 13 production sites. As the majority equity holder, Grupo Gondi will manage the joint venture and we will provide technical and commercial resources. We believe the joint venture will help grow our presence in the attractive Mexican market. We have included the financial results of the Grupo Gondi investment since the formation in our Corrugated Packaging segment, and are accounting for the investment on the equity method.

On January 19, 2016, we completed the Packaging Acquisition. The entities acquired provide value-added folding carton and litho-laminated display packaging solutions. We believe the transaction has provided us with attractive and complementary customers, markets and facilities. We have included the financial results of the acquired entities since the date of the acquisition in our Consumer Packaging segment.

On October 1, 2015, we acquired SP Fiber in a stock purchase. The transaction included the acquisition of mills located in Dublin, GA and Newberg, OR, which produce lightweight recycled containerboard and kraft and bag paper. The Newberg mill also produced newsprint. As part of the transaction, we also acquired SP Fiber's 48 percent interest in GPS that we consolidate. GPS is a renewable energy joint venture providing steam to the Dublin mill and energy to Georgia Power. We believe the Dublin mill will help balance the fiber mix of our mill system and that the addition of kraft and bag paper will diversify our product offering including our ability to serve the increasing demand for lighter weight containerboard. Subsequent to the transaction, we announced the permanent closure of the Newberg mill due to the decline in market conditions of the newsprint business and our need to balance supply and demand in our containerboard system. We have included the financial results of SP Fiber and GPS since the date of the acquisition in our Corrugated Packaging segment.

On July 1, 2015, pursuant to the Business Combination Agreement, RockTenn and MWV completed a strategic combination of their respective businesses. We have included the results of MWV's operations since the date of the Combination in our condensed consolidated financial statements as follows: Corrugated Packaging includes MWV's former Industrial segment (along with RockTenn's former Corrugated Packaging and Recycling segments); Consumer Packaging includes MWV's former Food & Beverage, and Home, Health & Beauty segments (along with RockTenn's former Consumer Packaging and Merchandising Displays segments); and, Land and Development is the former MWV Community Development and Land Management segment that develops and sells real estate primarily in the Charleston, SC market. On May 15, 2016, we completed the Separation. Accordingly, we have presented the financial position and results of operations of our former Specialty Chemicals segment as discontinued operations in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements for all periods presented. Subsequent to the Separation, we report our financial results of operations in the following three reportable segments: Corrugated Packaging, Consumer Packaging, and Land and Development.

We discuss these acquisitions in more detail in “**Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment**” and the Separation in “**Note 6. Discontinued Operations**” for more information. of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Interest Expense

Interest expense for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased to \$64.0 million from \$22.6 million for the same quarter last year. The increase was primarily due to debt assumed in the Combination, the SP Fiber Acquisition, the Packaging Acquisition and cash to fund the joint venture with Grupo Gondi, partially offset by a \$12.0 million reduction in interest expense related to the amortization of the fair value of debt step-up from those transactions.

Interest expense for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 increased to \$193.2 million from \$68.9 million for the same period last year. Similarly, the increase was primarily due to debt assumed in the transactions outlined above, partially offset by a \$31.3 million reduction in interest expense related to the amortization of the fair value of debt step-up from those transactions.

Provision for Income Taxes

We recorded income tax expense from continuing operations of \$99.7 million and \$159.1 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, respectively, compared to income tax expense from continuing operations of \$88.3 million and \$206.1 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015, respectively. The effective tax rates for continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 were approximately 39.5% and 39.7%, respectively. The effective tax rates from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 were approximately 35.9% and 34.4%, respectively.

The effective tax rate from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 was different than the statutory rate primarily due to the impact of states taxes, the domestic manufacturer's deduction, no tax benefit being recorded for the non-deductible goodwill disposed of in connection with the contribution to the Grupo Gondi joint venture, the exclusion of tax benefits related to certain foreign losses and a tax rate differential with respect to foreign earnings primarily in Canada. The effective tax rates from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2015 were different than the statutory rate primarily due to the impact of state taxes, the domestic manufacturer's deduction and a lower tax rate with respect to foreign earnings primarily in Canada. The three months ended June 30, 2015 also included charges related to a return to provision true-up.

Interest Income and Other Income (Expense), net

Interest income and other income (expense), net for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 increased to income of \$20.9 million from expense of \$0.7 million for the same quarter last year. The current year quarter primarily included a \$12.1 million pre-tax gain on investment in Grupo Gondi related to the three corrugated box plants WestRock contributed to the joint venture and interest income increased \$11.6 million.

Interest income and other income (expense), net for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 increased to income of \$43.2 million from expense of \$1.0 million for the same period last year. The current year-to-date period primarily included a \$12.1 million gain on investment in Grupo Gondi and interest income increased \$31.4 million.

Loss from Discontinued Operations

Subsequent to the Separation, the operating results of our former Specialty Chemicals segment are reported as discontinued operations. Loss from discontinued operations, net of tax, was \$58.7 million and \$539.4 million for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016, respectively. The losses were the result of income from operations being more than offset by goodwill and intangible impairments, and restructuring and other costs.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2016, in conjunction with the Separation, we performed an impairment assessment under the held for sale model and recorded a pre-tax non-cash impairment charge of \$101.1 million for a customer relationships intangible. In the first quarter of fiscal 2016, in light of changing market conditions, expected revenue and earnings of the reporting unit, lower comparative market valuations for companies in Specialty Chemicals' peer group and the results of our preliminary "Step 2" test, we concluded that an impairment of the Specialty Chemicals reporting unit was probable and could be reasonably estimated. As a result, we recorded a pre-tax and after-tax non-cash goodwill impairment charge of \$478.3 million. For additional information on the Specialty Chemicals impairments and restructuring charges or the financial results of the discontinued operations, see " **Note 6. Discontinued Operations** " of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Results of Operations (Segment Data)**North American Corrugated Packaging Shipments**

Corrugated Packaging Segment Shipments are expressed as a tons equivalent which includes external and intersegment tons shipped from our Corrugated Packaging mills plus Corrugated Packaging container shipments converted from BSF to tons. We have presented the Corrugated Packaging shipments in two groups following the Combination, North America and Brazil / India. We have included the impact of the Combination beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. We have recast the North American Corrugated Container Shipments in the table below to remove the historical impact of the three box plants contributed to the Grupo Gondi joint venture to provide comparability to the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and future results. Our recycled fiber tons reclaimed and brokered are also separately presented below.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015						
North American Corrugated Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	1,995.8	1,936.7	2,032.6	5,965.1	2,018.0	7,983.1
North American Corrugated Containers Shipments - BSF	18.2	18.1	18.8	55.1	18.7	73.8
North American Corrugated Containers Per Shipping Day - MMSF	297.7	292.6	298.7	296.3	292.6	295.4
Fiscal 2016						
North American Corrugated Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	2,046.7	2,040.3	2,114.1	6,201.1		
North American Corrugated Containers Shipments - BSF	18.7	18.2	18.6	55.5		
North American Corrugated Containers Per Shipping Day - MMSF	306.3	288.6	291.4	295.3		

Brazil / India Corrugated Packaging Shipments

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015						
Brazil / India Corrugated Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	—	—	—	—	171.4	171.4
Brazil / India Corrugated Containers Shipments - BSF	—	—	—	—	1.4	1.4
Brazil / India Corrugated Containers Per Shipping Day - MMSF	—	—	—	—	18.1	18.1
Fiscal 2016						
Brazil / India Corrugated Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	180.2	173.5	166.8	520.5		
Brazil / India Corrugated Containers Shipments - BSF	1.5	1.3	1.4	4.2		
Brazil / India Corrugated Containers Per Shipping Day - MMSF	19.2	19.8	19.1	19.4		

Fiber Reclaimed and Brokered

<i>(Shipments in thousands of tons)</i>	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015	1,628.0	1,576.6	1,781.8	4,986.4	1,834.9	6,821.3
Fiscal 2016	1,975.2	1,911.2	1,885.8	5,772.2		

Corrugated Packaging Segment (Aggregate Before Intersegment Eliminations)

	Net Sales (Aggregate)	Segment Income	Return on Sales
(In millions, except percentages)			
Fiscal 2015			
First Quarter	\$ 1,842.8	\$ 184.9	10.0%
Second Quarter	1,799.5	169.4	9.4
Third Quarter	1,887.3	217.0	11.5
Nine Months Ended June 30, 2015	5,529.6	571.3	10.3
Fourth Quarter	1,987.3	235.4	11.8
Fiscal 2015	<u>\$ 7,516.9</u>	<u>\$ 806.7</u>	<u>10.7%</u>
Fiscal 2016			
First Quarter	\$ 1,964.3	\$ 180.1	9.2%
Second Quarter	1,932.8	175.0	9.1
Third Quarter	1,967.7	192.4	9.8
Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016	<u>\$ 5,864.8</u>	<u>\$ 547.5</u>	<u>9.3%</u>

Net Sales (Corrugated Packaging Segment)

Net sales of the Corrugated Packaging segment increased \$80.4 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year quarter primarily due to \$159.1 million of net sales from facilities acquired in the Combination and the SP Fiber Acquisition partially offset by the impact of an estimated \$48.0 million of lower corrugated selling price/mix and \$30.7 million of lower volumes excluding these transactions.

Net sales of the Corrugated Packaging segment increased \$335.2 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the prior year period primarily due to \$499.6 million of net sales from facilities acquired in the Combination and the SP Fiber Acquisition partially offset by the impact of an estimated \$122.9 million of lower corrugated selling price/mix and \$41.5 million of lower volumes excluding these transactions.

Segment Income (Corrugated Packaging Segment)

Segment income attributable to the Corrugated Packaging segment in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 decreased \$24.6 million compared to the prior year quarter. The decrease in segment income was primarily due to lower corrugated selling price/mix that was partially offset by synergies and productivity improvements, lower energy and commodity costs, and lower aggregate freight, shipping and warehousing costs. The estimated impact of lower selling price/mix and volume in the third quarter fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year quarter were \$48.0 million and \$23.3 million, respectively. Excluding the Combination and the SP Fiber Acquisition, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year quarter, energy costs decreased \$10.6 million, commodity costs decreased \$10.8 million, and aggregate freight, shipping and warehousing costs decreased \$15.2 million. Segment income in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 was also reduced by \$2.8 million of pre-tax inventory step-up expense.

Segment income attributable to the Corrugated Packaging segment in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 decreased \$23.8 million compared to the prior year period. The decrease in segment income was primarily a result of lower selling price/mix and volume that were partially offset by synergies and productivity improvements, lower energy and commodity costs, and lower aggregate freight, shipping and warehousing costs. The estimated impact of lower selling price/mix was \$122.9 million and the estimated impact of lower volume was \$34.1 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the prior year period.

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Excluding the Combination and the SP Fiber Acquisition, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year period, energy costs decreased \$66.0 million, commodity costs decreased \$34.3 million, aggregate freight, shipping and warehousing costs decreased \$33.2 million, and depreciation and amortization expense increased \$6.3 million. Segment income was also reduced by \$3.4 million of pre-tax merger inventory step-up expense, net of the related LIFO impact in the nine months ended June 30, 2016. Segment income in the nine months ended June 30, 2015 included a reduction of cost of goods sold of \$6.7 million related to the recording of additional value of spare parts at our containerboard mills acquired in the Smurfit-Stone Acquisition.

Consumer Packaging Shipments

Consumer Packaging Segment Shipments are expressed as a tons equivalent which includes external and intersegment tons shipped from our Consumer Packaging mills plus Consumer Packaging converting shipments converted from BSF to tons. We have included the impact of the Combination beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. The shipment data table excludes merchandising displays and dispensing sales since there is not a common unit of measure, as well as gypsum paperboard liner tons produced by Seven Hills Paperboard LLC since it is not consolidated.

	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Nine Months Ended 6/30	Fourth Quarter	Fiscal Year
Fiscal 2015						
Consumer Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	371.2	378.5	388.6	1,138.3	1,043.9	2,182.2
Consumer Packaging Converting Shipments - BSF	5.2	5.3	5.5	16.0	9.2	25.2
Consumer Packaging Converting Per Shipping Day - MMSF	84.8	86.7	86.3	85.9	144.5	100.9
Fiscal 2016						
Consumer Packaging Segment Shipments - thousands of tons	949.3	974.4	986.3	2,910.0		
Consumer Packaging Converting Shipments - BSF	8.8	9.0	9.5	27.3		
Consumer Packaging Converting Per Shipping Day - MMSF	144.2	143.7	148.5	145.5		

Consumer Packaging Segment (Aggregate Before Intersegment Eliminations)

	Net Sales (Aggregate)	Segment Income	Return on Sales
(In millions, except percentages)			
Fiscal 2015			
First Quarter	\$ 713.0	\$ 59.0	8.3%
Second Quarter	694.9	52.4	7.5
Third Quarter	690.2	77.9	11.3
Nine Months Ended June 30, 2015	2,098.1	189.3	9.0
Fourth Quarter	1,642.0	77.7	4.7
Fiscal 2015	\$ 3,740.1	\$ 267.0	7.1%
Fiscal 2016			
First Quarter	\$ 1,542.2	\$ 91.2	5.9%
Second Quarter	1,588.4	99.7	6.3
Third Quarter	1,635.8	151.7	9.3
Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016	\$ 4,766.4	\$ 342.6	7.2%

[Table of Contents](#)*Net Sales (Consumer Packaging Segment)*

The \$945.6 million increase in net sales for the Consumer Packaging segment for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year third quarter was primarily due to \$954.3 million of net sales from facilities acquired in the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition.

The \$2,668.3 million increase in net sales for the Consumer Packaging segment for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the prior year period was primarily due to \$2,741.5 million of net sales from facilities acquired in the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition. The net sales from the facilities acquired in the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition were partially offset by \$58.5 million of lower display sales due to softness in customer promotional spending, an estimated \$8.3 million of lower consumer packaging, excluding display, selling price/mix and \$6.4 million of lower volumes excluding these transactions.

Segment Income (Consumer Packaging Segment)

Segment income of the Consumer Packaging segment for the quarter ended June 30, 2016 increased \$73.8 million compared to the prior year quarter primarily reflecting \$79.7 million from facilities acquired in the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition, the impact of synergy and productivity improvements, and lower fiber and energy related costs compared to the prior year quarter partially offset by lower volumes and selling price/mix. The estimated impact of lower selling price/mix was \$8.1 million and lower volumes of \$4.7 million in the third quarter fiscal 2016 compared to the prior year quarter. Excluding the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year quarter, energy costs decreased \$2.5 million.

Segment income of the Consumer Packaging segment for the nine months ended June 30, 2016 increased \$153.3 million compared to the prior year period primarily reflecting \$154.3 million from facilities acquired in the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition, the impact of synergy and productivity improvements, and lower fiber and energy related costs compared to the prior year period partially offset by the impact of lower volume and lower selling price/mix. The estimated impact of lower volume was \$19.0 million and lower selling price/mix was \$8.3 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 compared to the prior year period. Excluding the Combination and the Packaging Acquisition, on a volume adjusted basis compared to the prior year period, commodity costs decreased \$12.4 million and energy costs decreased \$12.2 million. Segment income was reduced by \$3.2 million of pre-tax merger inventory step-up expense, net of the related LIFO impact in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 .

Land and Development (Aggregate Before Intersegment Eliminations)

	Net Sales (Aggregate)	Segment Income (Loss)	Return on Sales
	(In millions, except percentages)		
Fiscal 2015			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 45.0	\$ (3.4)	(7.6)
Fiscal 2015	\$ 45.0	\$ (3.4)	(7.6)%
Fiscal 2016			
First Quarter	\$ 15.4	\$ 0.7	4.5 %
Second Quarter	18.7	(4.0)	(21.4)
Third Quarter	42.0	9.5	22.6
Nine Months Ended June 30, 2016	\$ 76.1	\$ 6.2	8.1 %

Net Sales (Land and Development Segment)

Land and Development's net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and the nine months ended June 30, 2016 were \$42.0 million and \$ 76.1 million , respectively. The segment was formed as a result of the Combination; therefore, there are no prior year comparisons in our financial statements for the three and nine months ended June 30, 2016 .

Segment Income (Land and Development Segment)

Segment income attributable to the Land and Development segment was \$9.5 million in the third quarter of fiscal 2016 and \$6.2 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 . The segment's assets were stepped-up to fair value as a result of purchase accounting which resulted in substantially lower margins on the properties sold compared to pre-Combination levels. The step-

up of our land portfolio in this segment is expected to reduce future profitability on existing projects but should not impact future cash flows.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We fund our working capital requirements, capital expenditures, mergers and acquisitions, restructuring activities, dividends and stock repurchases from net cash provided by operating activities, borrowings under our credit facilities, proceeds from our A/R Sales Agreement, proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment removed from service and proceeds received in connection with the issuance of debt and equity securities. Our primary credit facilities are summarized below. See “**Note 11. Debt**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information on our outstanding debt and the fair value of our debt.

Funding for our domestic operations in the foreseeable future is expected to come from sources of liquidity within our domestic operations, including cash and cash equivalents, and available borrowings under our credit facilities. As such, our foreign cash and cash equivalents are not a key source of liquidity to our domestic operations.

Cash and cash equivalents were \$258.7 million at June 30, 2016 and \$207.8 million at September 30, 2015 . Approximately 80% of the cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2016 were outside of the U.S. At June 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 , total debt was \$5,859.1 million and \$5,621.9 million , respectively, \$345.2 million of which was short-term at June 30, 2016 . The increase in debt was primarily related to the SP Fiber Acquisition, the Packaging Acquisition, the cash to fund the joint venture with Grupo Gondi, capital investments, dividends and stock repurchases net of cash receipts related to the Separation and cash generated from operations. Prior to the Separation, Ingevity (then a subsidiary of WestRock) borrowed \$500.0 million in contemplation of the Separation. Ingevity used \$68.9 million to fund a trust as security for a long term capital lease obligation and we used the balance to pay down other debt and for general corporate purposes. The \$500.0 million of Ingevity debt and the \$68.9 million funded to the trust were assumed by Ingevity, and removed from our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements as part of our discontinued operations reporting.

Certain restrictive covenants govern our maximum availability under our credit facilities. We test and report our compliance with these covenants as required by these facilities and were in compliance with all of those covenants at June 30, 2016 . At June 30, 2016 , we had \$111.5 million of outstanding letters of credit not drawn upon, approximately \$2.5 billion of availability under our committed credit facilities and approximately \$0.4 billion available under our uncommitted credit facilities. This liquidity may be used to provide for ongoing working capital needs and for other general corporate purposes, including acquisitions, dividends and stock repurchases.

Term Loans and Revolving Credit Facilities

In connection with the Combination, on July 1, 2015, we entered into a Credit Facility that provides for a 5-year senior unsecured term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$2.3 billion (\$1.1 billion of which was previously available to be drawn on a delayed draw basis not later than April 1, 2016 in up to two separate draws) and a 5-year senior unsecured revolving credit facility in an aggregate committed principal amount of \$2.0 billion. On March 24, 2016, we drew \$600 million of the 5-year senior unsecured delayed draw term loan and used the proceeds for general corporate purposes. The balance of this 5-year senior unsecured term loan facility has been terminated. The Credit Facility is unsecured and is guaranteed by WestRock’s wholly-owned subsidiaries WestRock RKT Company and WestRock MWV, LLC. The Credit Facility contains usual and customary representations, warranties and covenants. On June 22, 2016, we pre-paid \$200.0 million of amortization payments through the second quarter of fiscal 2018, reducing our outstanding debt under the term loan facility from \$1.8 billion to \$1.6 billion. Our next amortization payment will be due in June 2018. On July 1, 2016, we executed an option to extend the term of our senior unsecured revolving credit facility for one year beyond the original 5-year term. Approximately \$1.82 billion of the original \$2.0 billion aggregate committed principal amount has been extended to July 1, 2021, and the remainder of this facility matures on July 1, 2020.

On July 1, 2015, we also entered into the Farm Loan Credit Agreement which provides for a 7-year senior unsecured term loan in an aggregate principal amount of \$600.0 million . The Farm Credit Facility is guaranteed by WestRock and its wholly-owned subsidiaries WestRock RKT Company and WestRock MWV, LLC. On December 1, 2015, we entered into a \$200.0 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation that matures on December 1, 2016. On February 11, 2016, we entered into a \$100.0 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with The Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi that matures on February 9, 2017. On March 4, 2016, we entered into a \$100.0 million uncommitted and revolving line of credit with Cooperatieve Rabobank U.A., New York Branch that matures on March 2, 2017.

Receivables-Backed Financing Facility

We have a \$700.0 million Receivables Facility and on July 22, 2016, we executed an agreement to extend the maturity of this facility from October 24, 2017 to July 22, 2019. Borrowing availability under this facility is based on the eligible underlying accounts receivable and certain covenants. The Receivables Facility includes certain restrictions on what constitutes eligible receivables under the facility and allows for the exclusion of eligible receivables of specific obligors each calendar year subject to certain restrictions as outlined in the Receivables Facility. We have continuing involvement with the underlying receivables as we provide credit and collections services pursuant to the securitization agreement.

Public Bonds and Other Indebtedness

In connection with the Combination, the public bonds previously issued by WestRock RKT Company and WestRock MWV, LLC are guaranteed by WestRock and have cross-guarantees between companies. The IDBs associated with the capital lease obligations of WestRock MWV, LLC are guaranteed by WestRock. We also have certain international and other debt. In connection with the Combination, we increased the value of debt assumed by \$364.5 million to reflect the debt at fair value. The stepped-up debt value will be amortized to income over the life of the underlying instruments. Total debt at June 30, 2016 includes unamortized fair market value step-up of \$329.4 million from purchase accounting, primarily related to the Combination.

Accounts Receivable Sales Agreement

We have an A/R Sales Agreement to sell to a third party financial institution all of the short term receivables generated from certain customer trade accounts, on a revolving basis, until the agreement is terminated by either party. Transfers under this agreement meet the requirements to be accounted for as sales in accordance with the “Transfers and Servicing” guidance in ASC 860. On June 27, 2016, the A/R Sales Agreement was amended to increase the maximum amount of receivables from \$300.0 million to \$400.0 million. Cash proceeds related to the sales are included in cash from operating activities in the consolidated statement of cash flows in the accounts receivable line item. The loss on sale is not material as it is currently less than 1% per annum of the receivables sold, and is included in interest income and other income (expense), net. For additional information, see “*Note 12. Fair Value — Accounts Receivable Sales Agreement*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein.

Cash Flow Activity

	Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,	
	2016	2015
	(In millions)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,306.8	\$ 816.6
Net cash used for investing activities	\$ (1,179.6)	\$ (331.6)
Net cash used for financing activities	\$ (91.2)	\$ (471.7)

Net cash provided by operating activities during the nine months ended June 30, 2016 increased \$490.2 million compared to the nine months ended June 30, 2015 primarily due to the impact of the Combination and a smaller use for working capital in the current year period of \$26.9 million as compared to \$87.8 million in the nine months ended June 30, 2015. The change in working capital in the current and prior year period included a source of cash resulting from the sale of \$97.2 million and \$66.4 million, respectively, of accounts receivables in connection with the A/R Sales Agreement.

Net cash used for investing activities in the nine months ended June 30, 2016 consisted primarily of \$614.7 million of capital expenditures, \$376.4 million for the SP Fiber Acquisition and Packaging Acquisition, \$175.0 million for the investment in Grupo Gondi and \$36.5 million for the purchase of debt owed by GPS in connection with the SP Fiber Acquisition. Net cash used for investing activities in the nine months ended June 30, 2015 consisted primarily of \$358.9 million of capital expenditures.

We expect fiscal 2016 capital expenditures to be in the range of \$800 million to \$825 million. We expect to invest in projects (i) to maintain and operate our mills and plants safely, reliably and in compliance with regulations, (ii) that support our strategy to improve the competitiveness of mill and converting assets, (iii) to support our \$1.0 billion annualized run rate synergy and performance improvement target, before inflation, to be realized by September 30, 2018 and (iv) to generate attractive returns. Our fiscal 2016 capital expenditures include approximately \$29 million of payments related to a fiscal 2012 major capital investment project at one of our containerboard mills that was paid in fiscal 2016. It is possible that our capital expenditure

assumptions may change, project completion dates may change, or we may decide to invest a different amount depending upon opportunities we identify or to comply with regulatory changes, such as those promulgated by the EPA, including but not limited to compliance with Boiler MACT.

In the nine months ended June 30, 2016, net cash used for financing activities consisted primarily of a net increase in debt of \$629.2 million more than offset by cash dividends paid to stockholders of \$286.3 million, purchases of Common Stock of \$285.1 million and \$118.9 million for the Specialty Chemicals spin-off of cash and trust funding. For more information on Specialty Chemicals spin-off see “**Note 6. Discontinued Operations**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein. In the nine months ended June 30, 2015, net cash used for financing activities consisted primarily of net repayments of debt aggregating \$335.5 million, cash dividends paid to stockholders of \$116.6 million, purchases of RockTenn common stock of \$8.7 million and \$24.6 million for the issuance of RockTenn common stock, net of related minimum tax withholdings. These items were partially offset by \$16.7 million of excess tax benefits from share-based compensation. In July 2016, April 2016 and February 2016, our board of directors approved our August 2016, May 2016 and February 2016 quarterly dividends of \$0.375 per share, respectively, indicating an annualized dividend of \$1.50 per share.

At June 30, 2016, the U.S. federal, state and foreign net operating losses, alternative minimum tax credits and other U.S. federal and state tax credits available to us aggregated approximately \$379 million in future potential reductions of U.S. federal, state and foreign cash taxes. Based on our current projections, we expect to utilize the remaining U.S. federal net operating losses, alternative minimum tax and other U.S. federal credits primarily over the next three years. We expect to receive tax benefits in fiscal 2016 and future years from the U.S. manufacturer’s deduction, which has been limited to us in recent years due to lower levels of U.S. federal taxable income due to the use of U.S. federal net operating losses. Foreign and state net operating losses and credits will be used over a longer period of time. Including the estimated impact of book and tax differences, we expect our cash tax payments to be substantially similar to our income tax expense in fiscal 2016 and lower than our income tax expense in fiscal 2017 and 2018. It is possible that our utilization of these net operating losses and credits may change due to changes in taxable income, tax laws or tax rates, capital expenditures or other factors.

We made contributions of \$39.9 million to our pension and supplemental retirement plans during the nine months ended June 30, 2016. Based on current facts and assumptions, we expect to contribute approximately \$47 million to our pension and supplemental retirement plans in fiscal 2016, primarily to our foreign pension plans. We have made contributions and expect to continue to make contributions in the coming years to our pension plans in order to ensure that our funding levels remain adequate in light of projected liabilities in certain plans and to meet the requirements of the Pension Act and other regulations. Our estimates are based on current factors, such as discount rates and expected return on plan assets. Future contributions are subject to changes in our underfunded status based on factors such as investment performance, discount rates, return on plan assets, changes in mortality or other assumptions and changes in legislation. It is possible that our assumptions may change, actual market performance may vary or we may decide to contribute different amounts. There can be no assurance that such changes, including potential turmoil in financial and capital markets, will not be material to our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

We anticipate that we will be able to fund our capital expenditures, interest payments, dividends and stock repurchases, pension payments, working capital needs, note repurchases, restructuring activities, repayments of current portion of long-term debt and other corporate actions for the foreseeable future from cash generated from operations, borrowings under our credit facilities, proceeds from our A/R Sales Agreement, proceeds from the issuance of debt or equity securities or other additional long-term debt financing, including new or amended facilities. In addition, we continually review our capital structure and conditions in the private and public debt markets in order to optimize our mix of indebtedness. In connection therewith, we may seek to refinance existing indebtedness to extend maturities, reduce borrowing costs or otherwise improve the terms and composition of our indebtedness.

New Accounting Standards

See “**Note 2. New Accounting Standards**” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for a full description of recent accounting pronouncements including the respective expected dates of adoption and expected effects on results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We report our financial results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). However, we have included in the discussion under the caption "*Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*" above financial measures that were not prepared in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures should be viewed in addition to, and not as an alternative for, our GAAP results. The non-GAAP financial measures we present may differ from similarly captioned measures presented by other companies. We discuss below details of the non-GAAP financial measures presented by us.

We also use the non-GAAP financial measures "Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations" and "Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations Per Diluted Share". Management believes these non-GAAP financial measures provide our board of directors, investors, potential investors, securities analysts and others with useful information to evaluate our performance because the measures exclude restructuring and other costs, net, and other specific items that management believes are not indicative of the ongoing operating results of the business. WestRock and our board of directors use these measures to evaluate our performance relative to other periods. We believe that the most directly comparable GAAP measures to Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations and Adjusted Earnings from Continuing Operations Per Diluted Share are Income from continuing operations and Earnings from continuing operations per diluted share, respectively.

Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measures

Set forth below is a reconciliation of Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations to the most directly comparable GAAP measure, Income from continuing operations, for the periods indicated (in millions, net of tax):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Income from continuing operations	\$ 152.4	\$ 157.9	\$ 241.2	\$ 393.9
Restructuring and other items	30.8	8.7	229.8	24.6
Inventory stepped-up in purchase accounting, net of LIFO	1.4	—	4.6	0.8
Gain on investment in Grupo Gondi	(1.5)	—	(1.5)	—
Pension lump sum settlement and retiree medical curtailment, net	—	(0.3)	—	7.6
Noncontrolling interest from continuing operations	(0.4)	(1.5)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 182.7	\$ 164.8	\$ 472.3	\$ 424.3

Forward-Looking Statements

Statements in this report that do not relate strictly to historical facts are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, beliefs, plans or forecasts and use words such as "may", "will", "could", "would", "anticipate", "intend", "estimate", "project", "plan", "believe", "expect", "target" and "potential", or refer to future time periods, and include statements made in this report regarding, among other things: our belief that the Dublin mill will help balance the fiber mix of our mill system and that the addition of kraft and bag paper will diversify our product offering; our anticipation that we will be able to fund our capital expenditures, interest payments, dividends and stock repurchases, pension payments, working capital needs, note repurchases, restructuring activities, repayments of current portion of long-term debt and other corporate actions for the foreseeable future from cash generated from operations, borrowings under our credit facilities, proceeds from our A/R Sales Agreement, proceeds from the issuance of debt or equity securities or other additional long-term debt financing, including new or amended facilities; that we may seek to refinance existing indebtedness to extend maturities, reduce borrowing costs or otherwise improve the terms and composition of our indebtedness based on our continual review of our capital structure and conditions in the private and public debt markets in order to optimize our mix of indebtedness; the step-up to fair value of our land portfolio in our Land and Development segment is expected to reduce future profitability on existing projects but should not impact future cash flows; our expectation of paying an annualized dividend of \$1.50 per share in fiscal 2016; that we expect to contribute approximately \$47 million to our qualified defined benefit plans in fiscal 2016; we expect to continue to make contributions in the coming years to our pension plans in order to ensure that our funding levels remain adequate in light of projected liabilities in certain plans and to meet the requirements of the Pension Act and other regulations; the timing of our adoption of various recently adopted or issued accounting standards and our expectation that each of ASU 2014-12, ASU 2015-02, ASU 2015-04, ASU 2015-07, ASU 2015-11, ASU 2016-05, ASU

2016-07, ASU 2016-09 and ASU-2016-13 will not have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements; amounts and timing of capital expenditure projects; the estimate of the timing of our compliance with Boiler MACT; our belief that the Quebec cap-and-trade program may require expenditures to meet required GHG emission reduction requirements in future years; that if the Paris Agreement becomes legally binding, mandatory GHG reduction requirements that may be imposed in accordance with the Paris Agreement could require process changes, capital expenditures and/or increase the company's operating costs at some facilities; the expectation that buyer-specific synergies will arise after the Combination and the SP Fiber Acquisition and Packaging Acquisition; our belief that we have significant opportunities to improve our performance through capital investment in our box plant system; that management does not believe that the currently expected outcome of any environmental proceedings and claims that are pending or threatened against us will have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; that the resolution of pending litigation and proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; the U.S. federal, state and foreign net operating losses, alternative minimum tax credits and other U.S. federal and state tax credits available to us aggregated approximately \$379 million in future potential reductions of U.S. federal, state and foreign cash taxes; that we expect to utilize the remaining U.S. federal net operating losses, alternative minimum tax and other U.S. federal credits primarily over the next three years; that we expect to receive tax benefits in fiscal 2016 and future years from the U.S. manufacturer's deduction which has been limited to us in recent years; foreign and state net operating losses and credits will be used over a longer period of time; that we expect our cash tax payments to be substantially similar to our income tax expense in fiscal 2016 and lower than our income tax expense in fiscal 2017 and 2018; that we expect integration activities to continue during fiscal 2016 and 2017; our belief that the costs of projects related to certain of our current or former locations being investigated or remediated under various environmental laws and regulations will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; our estimate of our exposure for matters related to guarantees being up to \$50 million; our belief that our exposure related to guarantees would not have a material impact on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; our availability under our credit facilities may be used to provide for ongoing working capital needs and for other general corporate purposes including acquisitions, dividends and stock repurchases; the tax basis in the acquired U.S. assets from the stock purchase of certain legal entities formerly owned by Cenveo Inc. will increase subject to our election under section 338(h)(10) of the Code; the stock purchase of certain legal entities formerly owned by Cenveo Inc. has provided us with attractive and complementary customers, markets and facilities; our belief that we have identified more opportunities in our mill system to improve the productivity and cost structure and we expect to purchase printing presses, digital printers, and other equipment in our converting operations; funding for our domestic operations in the foreseeable future is expected to come from sources of liquidity within our domestic operations and available borrowings under our credit facilities; our belief that the Grupo Gondi joint venture will help grow our presence in the attractive Mexican market; that with respect to the Packaging Acquisition, we expect the goodwill and intangibles of the U.S. entities to be amortizable for income tax purposes; expected totals for restructuring and other costs, net; and our expectation that fiscal 2016 capital expenditures will be in the range of \$800 million to \$825 million.

With respect to these statements, we have made assumptions regarding, among other things, the results and impacts of the Combination and the Separation; our ability to effectively integrate the operations of RockTenn and MWV; economic, competitive and market conditions; volumes and price levels of purchases by customers; competitive conditions in our businesses; possible adverse actions of our customers, competitors and suppliers; labor costs; the amount and timing of capital expenditures, including installation costs, project development and implementation costs, severance and other shutdown costs; restructuring costs; utilization of real property that is subject to the restructurings due to realizable values from the sale of such property; credit availability; volumes and price levels of purchases by customers; raw material and energy costs; and competitive conditions in our businesses.

You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements as such statements involve risks, uncertainties, assumptions and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially, including the following: the level of demand for our products; our ability to successfully identify and make performance improvements; anticipated returns on our capital investments; our ability to achieve benefits from acquisitions and the timing thereof, including synergies, performance improvements and successful implementation of capital projects; our belief that matters relating to previously identified third party PRP sites and certain formerly owned facilities of Smurfit-Stone have been or will be satisfied claims in the Smurfit-Stone bankruptcy proceedings; the level of demand for our products; our belief that we can assert claims for indemnification pursuant to existing rights we have under settlement and purchase agreements in connection with certain of our existing environmental remediation sites; our ability to successfully identify and make performance improvements; uncertainties related to planned mill outages or production disruptions, including associated costs and the length of those outages; the possibility of unplanned mill outages; investment performance, discount rates, return on pension plan assets and expected compensation levels; market risk from changes in, including but not limited to, interest rates and commodity prices; possible increases in energy, raw materials, shipping and capital equipment costs; any reduction in the supply of raw materials; fluctuations in selling prices and volumes; intense competition; the potential loss of certain customers; the impact of operational restructuring activities, including the cost and timing of such activities, the size and cost of employment terminations, operational consolidation, capacity utilization, cost reductions and production efficiencies, estimated fair values of assets, and returns from planned asset transactions, and the impact

of such factors on earnings; potential liability for outstanding guarantees and indemnities and the potential impact of such liabilities; the impact of economic conditions, including the nature of the current market environment, raw material and energy costs and market trends or factors that affect such trends, such as expected price changes, competitive pricing pressures and cost increases, as well as the impact and continuation of such factors; our results of operations, including operational inefficiencies, costs, sales growth or declines; our desire or ability to continue to repurchase company stock; the timing and impact of customer transitioning, the impact of announced price increases or decreases and the impact of the gain and loss of customers; pension plan contributions and expense, funding requirements and earnings; environmental law liability as well as the impact of related compliance efforts, including the cost of required improvements and the availability of certain indemnification claims; capital expenditures; the cost and other effects of complying with governmental laws and regulations and the timing of such costs; the scope, and timing and outcome of any litigation, including the Antitrust Litigation or other dispute resolutions and the impact of any such litigation or other dispute resolutions on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows; income tax rates, future deferred tax expense and future cash tax payments; future debt repayment; our ability to fund capital expenditures, interest payments, dividends and stock repurchases, pension payments, working capital needs, note repurchases, restructuring activities, repayments of current portion of long term debt and other corporate actions for the foreseeable future from cash generated from operations, borrowings under our credit facilities, proceeds from our A/R Sales Agreement, proceeds from the issuance of debt or equity securities or other additional long-term debt financing, including new or amended facilities; our estimates and assumptions regarding our contractual obligations and the impact of our contractual obligations on our liquidity and cash flow; the impact of changes in assumptions and estimates underlying accounting policies; the expected impact of implementing new accounting standards; the impact of changes in assumptions and estimates on which we based the design of our system of disclosure controls and procedures; the expected cash tax payments that may change due to changes in taxable income, tax laws or tax rates, capital expenditures or other factors; the occurrence of severe weather or a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, tropical storm, earthquake, tornado, flood, fire, or other unanticipated problems such as labor difficulties, equipment failure or unscheduled maintenance and repair, which could result in operational disruptions of varied duration; adverse changes in general market and industry conditions; and other risks, uncertainties and factors discussed in Item 1A “Risk Factors” of our Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K and by similar disclosures in any of our subsequent SEC filings. The information contained herein speaks as of the date hereof and we do not have or undertake any obligation to update such information as future events unfold.

Item 3. *QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK*

For a discussion of certain of the market risks to which we are exposed, see the “*Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk*” section in our Fiscal 2015 Form 10-K. There have been no material changes in our exposure to market risk since September 30, 2015.

Item 4. *CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES*

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e)) under the Exchange Act as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that occurred during our last fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting except as described below. During the quarter ended September 30, 2015, we completed the Combination. See “*Note 5. Merger, Acquisitions and Investment*” of the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included herein for additional information. We are in the process of integrating the acquired operations into our overall internal control over financial reporting process.

PART II: OTHER INFORMATION**Item 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

In 2010, Smurfit-Stone was one of nine U.S. and Canadian containerboard producers named as defendants in a lawsuit, in the U.S. District Court of the Northern District of Illinois, alleging that these producers violated the Sherman Act by conspiring to limit the supply and fix the prices of containerboard from mid-2005 through November 8, 2010. Plaintiffs have since amended their complaint by alleging a class period from February 15, 2004 through November 8, 2010. RockTenn CP, LLC, as the successor to Smurfit-Stone, is a defendant with respect to the period after Smurfit-Stone's discharge from bankruptcy on June 30, 2010 through November 8, 2010. The complaint seeks treble damages and costs, including attorney's fees. In March 2015, the court granted the Plaintiffs' motion for class certification and the class defendants, including us, appealed that decision. On August 4, 2016, the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the District Court's decision regarding class certification. We believe the allegations are without merit and will defend this lawsuit vigorously. However, at this stage of the litigation, we are unable to predict the ultimate outcome or estimate a range of reasonably possible losses.

As with numerous other large industrial companies, we have been named a defendant in asbestos-related personal injury litigation. Typically, these suits also name many other corporate defendants. To date, the costs resulting from the litigation, including settlement costs, have not been significant. As of June 30, 2016, there were approximately 575 lawsuits. We believe that we have substantial insurance coverage, subject to applicable deductibles and policy limits, with respect to asbestos claims. We have valid defenses to these claims and intend to continue to defend them vigorously. Should the volume of litigation grow substantially, it is possible that we could incur significant costs resolving these cases. We believe that the resolution of pending litigation and proceedings is not expected to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or liquidity. In any given period or periods, however, it is possible such proceedings or matters could have a material effect on our results of operations.

We are a defendant in a number of other lawsuits and claims arising out of the conduct of our business. While the ultimate results of such suits or other proceedings against us cannot be predicted with certainty, management believes the resolution of these other matters will not have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition or cash flows.

Item 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS**Stock Repurchase Program**

In July 2015, our board of directors authorized a repurchase program of up to 40.0 million shares of Common Stock, representing approximately 15 percent of our outstanding Common Stock as of July 1, 2015. The shares of Common Stock may be repurchased over an indefinite period of time at the discretion of management. As of September 30, 2015, the remaining authorization under our repurchase program was approximately 34.6 million shares. Pursuant to that repurchase program, in the three months ended June 30, 2016, we repurchased approximately 1.2 million shares of Common Stock for an aggregate cost of \$46.3 million. As of June 30, 2016, we had approximately 27.6 million shares of Common Stock available for repurchase under the program.

The following table presents information with respect to purchases of Common Stock that we made during the three months ended:

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
April 1, 2016 through April 30, 2016	—	\$ —	—	28,776,684
May 1, 2016 through May 31, 2016	210,500	37.52	210,500	28,566,184
June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016	973,128	39.49	973,128	27,593,056
Total	1,183,628		1,183,628	

Item 6. ***EXHIBITS***

See separate Exhibit Index attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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.

WESTROCK COMPANY
(Registrant)

Date: August 9, 2016

By: /s/ Ward H. Dickson

Ward H. Dickson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and duly authorized officer)

WESTROCK COMPANY

INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit 10.30**	WestRock Company 2016 Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.
Exhibit 10.31	Trust Agreement among Ingevity Corporation, The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. and WestRock Company, dated May 6, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 11, 2016).
Exhibit 10.32	Covington Plant Services Agreement between Ingevity Virginia Corporation and WestRock Virginia, LLC, dated May 6, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 11, 2016).
Exhibit 10.33	Separation and Distribution Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.34	Separation and Distribution Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 2.1 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.35	Tax Matters Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.1 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.36	Transition Services Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.2 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.37	Employee Matters Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.3 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.38	Crude Tall Oil and Black Liquor Soap Skimmings Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.4 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 10.39	Intellectual Property Agreement between Ingevity Corporation and WestRock Company, dated May 14, 2016. (incorporated by reference to exhibit 10.5 of WestRock's current report on Form 8-K filed on May 19, 2016).
Exhibit 31.1**	Certification Accompanying Periodic Report Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, executed by Steven C. Voorhees, Chief Executive Officer and President of WestRock Company.
Exhibit 31.2**	Certification Accompanying Periodic Report Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, executed by Ward H. Dickson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of WestRock Company.
Exhibit 101.INS**	XBRL Instance Document.
Exhibit 101.SCH**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema.
Exhibit 101.CAL**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase.
Exhibit 101.DEF**	XBRL Taxonomy Definition Label Linkbase.
Exhibit 101.LAB**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase.
Exhibit 101.PRE**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.

**Filed as part of this quarterly report.

Additional Exhibits

In accordance with SEC Release No. 33-8238, Exhibit 32.1 is to be treated as “accompanying” this report rather than “filed” as part of the report.

Exhibit 32.1 Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, executed by Steven C. Voorhees, Chief Executive Officer and President of WestRock Company, and by Ward H. Dickson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of WestRock Company.

WESTROCK COMPANY
2016 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN FOR NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS

§ 1

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Plan is to provide members of the Board who are not employed by the Company an opportunity to elect to defer cash compensation and equity compensation grants.

§ 2

DEFINITIONS

The following terms shall have the meanings set forth below for purposes of this Plan:

Account: a Deferred Cash Account or a Stock Unit Account.

Administration Committee: a committee of management employees designated by the Chief Executive Officer of the Company from time to time to serve as the body charged with the administration of this Plan and at the discretion of the Chief Executive Officer any other benefit plans established by the Company.

Benchmark Fund: a mutual fund or other collective investment arrangement the shares or other interests in which are publicly traded on an established securities exchange.

Beneficiary: in the case of any Participant who dies, the person or persons named on the most recent Beneficiary Election Form filed and not revoked by the Participant, in each case, in accordance with procedures established by the Administration Committee or, if no such procedures have been established or the Participant has not properly filed any Beneficiary Election Form or the Beneficiary fails to survive the Participant, the Participant's estate.

Beneficiary Designation Form: the form provided by the Administration Committee for a Participant to use to designate his or her Beneficiary, which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Board: the Board of Directors of the Company.

Cash Deferral Election: an election made by an Eligible Director on a Cash Deferral Election Form to defer the payment of his or her Eligible Cash Compensation.

Cash Deferral Election Form: the form provided by the Administration Committee for an Eligible Director to make a Cash Deferral Election, which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Code: the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Common Stock: shares of Common Stock of the Company which are available for issuance to Participants under the Company's Incentive Stock Plan.

Company: WestRock Company and any successor to WestRock Company.

Compensation Committee: the Compensation Committee of the Board or any subcommittee of such committee, or any other committee or subcommittee of the Board, as determined by the Board from time to time.

Deferral Election Form: the Cash Deferral Election Form and the Stock Unit Election Form or a combination of a Cash Deferral Election Form and a Stock Unit Election Form, which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Deferred Cash Account: a bookkeeping account established for a Participant representing Eligible Cash Compensation, the payment of which the Participant has deferred under § 4 of this Plan.

Distribution Election Form: the form for a Participant to elect the form of distribution for his or her Deferred Cash Account under §6.2(b), which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Distribution Election Change Form: the form for a Participant to elect under § 6.2(c) to change the distribution of his or her Deferred Cash Account, which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Dividend Equivalent: the amount of any cash dividend or other cash distribution paid by the Company, or the Fair Market Value of any dividend or other distribution in the form of property other than Common Stock distributed by the Company, on a number of shares of Common Stock equal to the number of Stock Units credited, as of the applicable record date, to an Eligible Director's Stock Unit Account.

Eligible Cash Compensation: with respect to any Eligible Director, 100% of the Eligible Director's total cash compensation from the Company for service on the Board and on any committee of the Board otherwise payable for a calendar year but for a Cash Deferral Election.

Eligible Director: any member of the Board who is not employed by the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates while a member of the Board.

Eligible Stock Compensation: with respect to any Eligible Director, 100% of the number of shares of Common Stock which would have been granted to the Eligible Director under the Incentive Stock Plan for service on the Board and on any committee of the Board for any Plan Year but for a Stock Unit Election or, if applicable, 100% of the number of Stock Units which would have been granted to the Eligible Director under the Incentive Stock Plan for service on the Board and on any committee of the Board for any Plan Year but for a Stock Unit Election.

Fair Market Value: with respect to Common Stock, the mean of the high and low prices at which the Common Stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange during normal business hours on any designated date or, if no Common Stock is traded on such designated date, the mean of the high and low prices at which the Common Stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange during normal business hours on the last trading day before such designated date.

Incentive Stock Plan: the Company's Amended and Restated 2004 Incentive Stock Plan, as amended, and any successor to such plan or any other plan selected by the Administration Committee which has been assumed by or adopted by the Company and under which grants of Common Stock or Stock Units may be made to Eligible Directors.

MWV Plan: the MeadWestvaco Corporation Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors.

New Eligible Director: an individual who is an Eligible Director and who previously had not been eligible to defer compensation under this Plan or another any other nonqualified "account balance plan" described in either Treas. Reg. § 1.409A-1(c)(2)(i)(A) or (B) that is maintained by the Company or any entity that would be required to be combined with the Company as a single employer under § 414(b) or (c) of the Code.

Participant: an Eligible Director who has elected to defer Eligible Cash Compensation or Eligible Stock Compensation under this Plan and who still has a balance credited to his or her Account.

Plan: this WestRock Company 2016 Deferred Compensation Plan for Non-Employee Directors as set forth in this plan document and as amended from time to time.

Plan Year: the calendar year, starting with calendar year 2016.

Stock Unit: an accounting unit representing one hypothetical share of Common Stock or a fraction of such a unit which represents a fraction of a share of Common Stock.

Stock Unit Account: a bookkeeping account established for a Participant representing the Stock Units which were substituted for his or her Eligible Stock Compensation pursuant to a Stock Unit Election under § 4 of this Plan.

Stock Unit Election: an election to substitute one Stock Unit for each share of Common Stock which would have been included in a Participant's Eligible Stock Compensation for service on the Board and on any committee of the Board for any Plan Year but for such Stock Unit

Election or, if applicable, an election to substitute one Stock Unit credit to his or her Stock Unit Account for each Stock Unit which would have been included in his or her Eligible Stock Compensation for service on the Board and on any committee of the Board for any Plan Year but for such Stock Unit Election.

Stock Unit Election Form: the form provided by the Administration Committee for a Participant to make a Stock Unit Election, which form may be in any paper or electronic format approved by the Administration Committee.

Termination of Board Membership: with respect to any Participant, the date of the Participant's separation from service (within the meaning of § 409A(a)(2)(A)(i) of the Code) as a member of the Board, as determined by the Company in accordance with Treas. Reg. § 1.409A-1(h)(1).

§ 3

GENERAL

§ 3.1 Administration. Except as specifically provided in this § 3.1, the Administration Committee shall be responsible for administering this Plan in all respects, including the operation of this Plan, preparing, distributing, collecting and administering Deferral Election Forms, and interpreting this Plan and all associated documentation. The Administration Committee may delegate any or all of its respective responsibilities to one or more of its members or to appropriate officers or employees of the Company or to any third party service provider, in which event the Administration Committee shall have the power to direct the Company to pay the third party service provider's fees. Provided, however, if and to the extent necessary to ensure the exemption of transactions pursuant to this Plan from Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Board or the Compensation Committee shall be responsible for such administration.

§ 3.2 Unfunded Plan. This Plan is intended to be an unfunded plan which provides deferred compensation to or on behalf of Participants which is payable solely from the general assets of the Company. Participants are, and shall at all times be, no more than general and unsecured creditors of the Company with respect to the payment of their Account balances.

§ 3.3 Non-Transferability. None of the rights or interests of Participants under this Plan shall be transferable or otherwise assignable, and any attempt to transfer or otherwise assign such rights or interests shall automatically be null and void *ab initio*.

§ 4

DEFERRAL ELECTIONS AND DISTRIBUTION ELECTIONS

§ 4.1 General. Each Eligible Director in accordance with this § 4 shall be provided the opportunity to elect on a Deferral Election Form to defer for each Plan Year 100% of his or her Eligible Cash Compensation and to substitute Stock Units or Stock Unit credits for 100% of his or her Eligible Stock Compensation and, when an Eligible Director first makes a deferral election under this § 4, he or she also shall make an election in accordance with § 6 with respect to the distribution of his or her related Deferred Cash Account.

§ 4.2 Deferral Election Forms. Deferral Election Forms shall be filed and revoked in such manner as the Administration Committee shall from time to time determine consistent with the provisions of this § 4.

§ 4.3 Deadline for Filing Deferral Election Forms.

(a) First Year of Eligibility. An individual who first becomes a New Eligible Director during any Plan Year and who wants to make an election for such Plan Year needs to file a Deferral Election Form within 30 days after first becoming a New Eligible Director and any such election shall be irrevocable when filed for the remainder of the Plan Year; provided, that the related election shall apply only to Eligible Cash Compensation or Eligible Stock Compensation for services performed in the Plan Year after the Deferral Election Form is filed. An election made under this § 4.3(a) for a part of a Plan Year may after the end of such Plan Year become a continuing election under § 4.4(b).

(b) After First Year of Eligibility. An Eligible Director who wants to make an election for any Plan Year (other than a Plan Year described in § 4.3(a)) needs to file such a Deferral Election Form by the deadline established by the Administration Committee, which deadline shall be no later than the December 31 of the Plan Year which comes immediately before the Plan Year for which the election will apply. An election made for a Plan Year under this § 4.3(b) shall be irrevocable after the start of such Plan Year, and such an election may after the end of such Plan Year become a continuing election under § 4.4(b).

§ 4.4 Deferral Election Revocations.

(a) General. A deferral election made under § 4.3 can continue under § 4.4(b) without any action by a Participant or an election under § 4.3 can be revoked by a Participant in accordance with an election under §4.4(b) and thereafter an election revocation made in accordance with § 4.4(b) can be revoked by a Participant in accordance with an election made under § 4.4(c).

(b) Election made under § 4.3. A Participant's deferral election made under § 4.3 shall be irrevocable for the Plan Year for which the election is made and automatically shall continue to be irrevocable for each subsequent Plan Year unless

the Participant before the beginning of a subsequent Plan Year files a Deferral Election Form to revoke such election for such subsequent Plan Year.

(c) Election Revoked Under § 4.4(a). If a Participant revokes an election for a Plan Year under § 4.4(b), the revocation shall be irrevocable for such Plan Year and automatically shall continue to be irrevocable for each subsequent Plan Year unless the Participant timely files a new election pursuant to § 4.3(b) with respect to such subsequent Plan Year.

§ 5

PARTICIPANT ACCOUNTS

§ 5.1 General. The Administration Committee shall cause the Company to establish and maintain a Deferred Cash Account for each Participant who pursuant to § 4 of this Plan makes a Cash Deferral Election and a Stock Unit Account for each Participant who makes a Stock Unit Election.

§ 5.2 Deferred Cash Accounts.

(a) Cash Credits. If a Participant has a Cash Deferral Election in effect, his or her Deferral Cash Account shall be credited from time to time with the cash compensation he or she elected to defer under § 4, and such credits shall be made as of the day on which such cash compensation would otherwise have been paid to him or her.

(b) Deemed Earnings and Losses. The Administration Committee shall from time to time select one, or more than one, Benchmark Fund based upon such criteria as it may from time to time determine and shall establish procedures to permit Participants to elect that credits or debits be made to their Deferred Cash Account which track the investment performance of the Benchmark Fund or funds which the Participant has elected to be used for this purpose. A Benchmark Fund may be a money market fund.

(c) Adjustment. The Administration Committee shall cause the balance in a Participant's' Deferred Cash Account to be adjusted up or down, at such intervals as it may from time to time determine, to reflect the investment performance of the Benchmark Fund or funds which the Participant elected that the balance credited to his or her Deferred Cash Account track; provided, that no Deferred Cash Account may at any time have a balance less than zero.

(d) Reports. The Administration Committee shall provide, or cause to be provided, to each Participant at regular intervals, but at least annually, a statement of his or her Deferred Cash Account balance and the credits or debits made to such account since the date of the last such statement.

(e) Vesting. The rights of each Participant in respect of the balance credited to his or her Deferred Cash Account shall (subject to § 5.2(b) and § 5.2(c)) be vested at all times.

§ 5.3 Stock Unit Accounts.

(a) Stock Unit Credits. If a Participant has a Stock Unit Election in effect on the date that a grant of Common Stock would have been made to such Participant under the Incentive Stock Plan but for a Stock Unit Election or a Stock Unit grant would have been made but for a Stock Unit Election, a Stock Unit shall be credited as of such date to his or her Stock Unit Account for each share of Common Stock or each Stock Unit which would have been subject to such grant under the Incentive Stock Plan.

(b) Dividend Equivalents and Other Adjustments. The balance in a Participant's Stock Unit Account shall be credited with additional Stock Units on each payment date for any dividend or other distribution made with respect to the Common Stock with a record date that occurs on or before the date that the balance in such account is distributed pursuant to § 6. The number of Stock Units so credited shall equal the amount of the applicable Dividend Equivalent, divided by the Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock as of the applicable payment date for the related dividend or distribution. Furthermore, the number of Stock Units credited to a Participant's Deferred Stock Account shall be adjusted by the Administration Committee as deemed appropriate to reflect any dividends paid in Common Stock and any changes in the Company's capital structure and to reflect any corporate transactions which result in adjustments to the Company's Common Stock.

(c) Valuation. The value assigned to a Participant's Stock Unit Account as of any date shall be the same as the Fair Market Value of the number of shares of Common Stock which corresponds to the number of Stock Units credited to such Account.

(d) Vesting of Stock Units. The rights of each Participant in respect of the Stock Units credited to his or her Stock Unit Account shall (subject to § 5.3(b)) vest in accordance with the vesting schedule for the related Common Stock or Stock Unit grants under the Incentive Stock Plan.

§ 6 DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNT BALANCES

§ 6.1 General Rule. A Participant's Account shall be distributed pursuant to this § 6 to the Participant or, if the Participant dies before the distribution has been completed, to his or her Beneficiary.

§ 6.2 Deferred Cash Accounts.

(a) General Rule. One hundred percent (100%) of a Participant's Deferred Cash Account shall be distributed in accordance with the form elected under § 6.2(b) on the Distribution Election Form filed with the Administration Committee when the Participant first files a Cash Deferral Election under § 4 with the Administration Committee, and such distribution election shall (except as provided in § 6.2(c)) be irrevocable on the date the Distribution Election Form is filed with the Administration Committee. Finally, if a Participant fails to make a timely election under this § 6.2(a), he or she shall be deemed to have elected a lump sum under § 6.2(b)(1).

(b) Distribution Alternatives.

(1) Lump sum. A lump sum in cash which (subject to § 6.2(c)) shall be paid within 90 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the Participant's Termination of Board Membership occurs, the exact date to be determined by the Administrative Committee acting in its discretion.

(2) Quarterly Installments. Quarterly installment payments payable in cash over a fixed period of two (2), three (3), four (4), five (5), six (6), seven (7), eight (8), nine (9) or ten (10) years, whichever the Participant elects on his or her Distribution Election Form. The quarterly payments shall be determined in accordance with a formula approved by the Administration Committee which shall be intended to make the installments to the extent practicable level installments, and the installments shall (subject to § 6.2(c)) be paid on the first day of each calendar quarter following the date of the Participant's Termination of Board Membership.

(c) Change Distribution Election. A Participant may make a change to the form of payment elected under § 6.2(b) for the distribution of one hundred percent (100%) of his or her Deferred Cash Account after such election otherwise has become irrevocable under § 6.2(a) if, and only if,

(1) he or she files a Distribution Election Change Form with the Administration Committee which becomes irrevocable under this § 6.2(c) at least twelve (12) full months before the date on which the distribution of his or her Deferred Cash Account would have been made or would have begun but for such election change, and

(2) the distribution of his or her Deferred Cash Account to the Participant is delayed until at least five (5) years after the date on which the distribution of his or her Deferred Cash Account would have been made or would have begun but for such election change.

A Distribution Election Change Form shall become irrevocable on the date the form is filed with the Administration Committee; provided, however, any such election automatically shall be null and void *ab initio* if the election in retrospect fails to satisfy the requirement set forth in §6.2(c)(1). The Administration Committee shall have the right to limit the number election changes which a Participant may make under this § 6.2(c) to one election change. Finally,

the rules in this § 6.2(c) shall be interpreted by the Administration Committee to comply with the election change rules under § 409A of the Code.

§ 6.3 Stock Unit Accounts. The balance credited to each Participant's Stock Unit Account as of the date of the Participant's Termination of Board Membership shall be paid or distributed within 90 days after the end of the calendar quarter in which the Participant's Termination of Board Membership occurs, the exact date to be determined by the Administrative Committee acting in its discretion. The Participant's Stock Unit Account shall be paid through one issuance of Common Stock under the Incentive Stock Plan and one lump sum payment in cash in lieu of a fractional share of Common Stock based on the then Fair Market Value of a share of Common Stock.

§ 6.4 Death. If a Participant dies before his or her Account has been paid in full to the Participant, the balance then credited to the Participant's Account shall be paid in full to his or her Beneficiary in a lump sum within 90 days after the date of the Participant's death, the exact date to be determined by the Administration Committee acting in its discretion. The Participant's Deferred Cash Account shall be paid in cash and his or her Stock Unit Account shall be paid in accordance with § 6.3.

§ 7

MISCELLANEOUS

7.1 MWV Plan. This Plan replaces the MWV Plan effective January 1, 2016, but the MWV Plan shall remain in effect with respect to all deferrals made pursuant to the terms of the MWV Plan and any related elections for periods before January 1, 2016 and all such deferrals shall be distributed pursuant to the terms of the MWV Plan and any related distribution elections.

7.2 Shareholder Rights. A Participant shall not have any rights as a shareholder of the Company as a result of his or her participation in this Plan until such time as shares of Common Stock are actually transferred to the Participant in accordance with § 6.

7.3 Contract for Service as a Board Member. Participation in this Plan shall not confer on any Participant any right to remain a member of the Board.

7.4 Applicable Law. This Plan shall be construed under the laws of the State of Georgia.

7.5 Construction. All references to sections (§) are to sections (§) of this Plan unless otherwise indicated, and each term defined in § 2 shall (unless otherwise expressly stated) have the meaning set forth opposite such term and, for purposes of these definitions and this Plan generally, the singular shall include the plural and the plural shall include the singular.

7.6 § 409A. If a Participant at the time of his or her Termination of Board Membership is a "specified employee" within the meaning of § 409A, the Administration Committee shall delay the distributions called for under § 6 until the first day of the seventh month that begins after the Participant's Termination of Board Membership.

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AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION

The Company may amend or terminate this Plan at any time; provided, that unless necessary to comply with an applicable law (including the requirements of § 409A of the Code), no such amendment or termination may reduce the balance of any Participant's Accounts or change the timing of distributions from any Account unless (a) the Company determines that such change would not cause a violation of the requirements of § 409A of the Code and (b) the affected Participant or Beneficiary, as applicable, consents to the change.

Any amendment to this Plan may be adopted by resolution of the Board. In addition, the Chairman of the Board or the Chief Executive Officer of the Company may adopt any amendment in writing which (i) may be necessary or desirable to improve the administration of this Plan, so long as such amendment does not materially affect the substance of this Plan or the level of benefits this Plan provides, or (ii) may be required to comply with any applicable federal or state law (including any tax law that might result in any adverse tax consequences to any Participant or Beneficiary, or to the Company or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates).

WestRock Company

By: /s/ John Stakel

Title: SVP and Treasurer

Date: January 15, 2016

**CERTIFICATION ACCOMPANYING PERIODIC REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Steven C. Voorhees, Chief Executive Officer and President, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of WestRock Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 9, 2016

/s/ Steven C. Voorhees

Steven C. Voorhees

Chief Executive Officer and President

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 302, or other document authenticating, acknowledging, or otherwise adopting the signature that appears in typed form within the electronic version of this written statement required by Section 302, has been provided to WestRock Company and will be retained by WestRock Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**CERTIFICATION ACCOMPANYING PERIODIC REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 302
OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

I, Ward H. Dickson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of WestRock Company;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 9, 2016

/s/ Ward H. Dickson

Ward H. Dickson

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE
SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of WestRock Company (the “**Corporation**”), for the quarter ended June 30, 2016, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “**Report**”), the undersigned, Steven C. Voorhees, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Corporation, and Ward H. Dickson, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Corporation, each certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Corporation.

/s/ Steven C. Voorhees

Steven C. Voorhees
Chief Executive Officer and President
August 9, 2016

/s/ Ward H. Dickson

Ward H. Dickson
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
August 9, 2016