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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

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

Commission File Number 001-05647

MATTEL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 95-1567322
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

333 Continental Blvd. 90245-5012
El Segundo, CA
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(310) 252-2000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report):
NONE

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 (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes ☒ No ☐

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

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐

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

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

Number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, \$1.00 par value, as of October 14, 2016:

342,045,279 shares

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(Unaudited; in thousands, except share data)		
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and equivalents	\$ 297,089	\$ 289,697	\$ 892,814
Accounts receivable, net	1,528,808	1,451,250	1,145,099
Inventories	910,546	870,785	587,521
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	342,362	367,953	375,625
Total current assets	3,078,805	2,979,685	3,001,059
Noncurrent Assets			
Property, plant, and equipment, net	747,451	721,299	741,147
Goodwill	1,392,155	1,387,959	1,384,520
Other noncurrent assets	1,430,456	1,540,678	1,408,417
Total Assets	\$ 6,648,867	\$ 6,629,621	\$ 6,535,143
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current Liabilities			
Short-term borrowings	\$ —	\$ 161,008	\$ 16,914
Current portion of long-term debt	300,000	—	300,000
Accounts payable	694,757	560,668	651,681
Accrued liabilities	629,114	687,869	658,182
Income taxes payable	21,695	31,918	18,752
Total current liabilities	1,645,566	1,441,463	1,645,529
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Long-term debt	2,133,489	2,084,015	1,784,721
Other noncurrent liabilities	454,434	531,480	471,639
Total noncurrent liabilities	2,587,923	2,615,495	2,256,360
Stockholders' Equity			
Common stock \$1.00 par value, 1.0 billion shares authorized; 441.4 million shares issued	441,369	441,369	441,369
Additional paid-in capital	1,781,540	1,779,176	1,789,870
Treasury stock at cost: 99.3 million shares, 102.1 million shares, and 101.7 million shares, respectively	(2,434,520)	(2,503,757)	(2,494,901)
Retained earnings	3,502,076	3,660,796	3,745,815
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(875,087)	(804,921)	(848,899)
Total stockholders' equity	2,415,378	2,572,663	2,633,254
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 6,648,867	\$ 6,629,621	\$ 6,535,143
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements			

MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(Unaudited; in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Net Sales	\$1,795,575	\$1,791,968	\$3,622,250	\$3,702,869
Cost of sales	924,810	912,371	1,929,247	1,899,966
Gross Profit	870,765	879,597	1,693,003	1,802,903
Advertising and promotion expenses	202,900	213,245	384,614	420,417
Other selling and administrative expenses	350,469	365,579	1,051,799	1,135,617
Operating Income	317,396	300,773	256,590	246,869
Interest expense	24,989	21,409	70,133	62,516
Interest (income)	(2,477)	(1,990)	(7,550)	(5,757)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	856	(4,785)	23,210	(2,984)
Income Before Income Taxes	294,028	286,139	170,797	193,094
Provision from income taxes	57,778	62,355	26,620	38,838
Net Income	\$236,250	\$223,784	\$144,177	\$154,256
Net Income Per Common Share—Basic	\$0.69	\$0.66	\$0.42	\$0.45
Weighted average number of common shares	341,961	339,420	341,089	338,954
Net Income Per Common Share—Diluted	\$0.68	\$0.66	\$0.42	\$0.45
Weighted average number of common and potential common shares	344,226	339,790	343,298	339,544
Dividends Declared Per Common Share	\$0.38	\$0.38	\$1.14	\$1.14

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

MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	September 30, 2015		September 30, 2015	
	(Unaudited; in thousands)			
Net Income	\$236,250	\$ 223,784	\$144,177	\$ 154,256
Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax:				
Currency translation adjustments	(14,570)	(90,486)	(18,926)	(179,802)
Defined benefit pension plan adjustments	2,024	6,724	4,568	6,311
Net unrealized losses on derivative instruments:				
Unrealized holding gains	974	8,866	642	32,367
Reclassification adjustment for realized gains included in net income	(2,157)	(19,152)	(12,472)	(41,708)
	(1,183)	(10,286)	(11,830)	(9,341)
Other Comprehensive Loss, Net of Tax	(13,729)	(94,048)	(26,188)	(182,832)
Comprehensive Income (Loss)	\$222,521	\$ 129,736	\$117,989	\$ (28,576)

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

MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(Unaudited; in thousands)	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$144,177	\$ 154,256
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows used for operating activities:		
Depreciation	177,939	173,026
Amortization	19,577	24,396
Deferred income taxes	(38,424)	(14,551)
Share-based compensation	38,744	41,130
(Decrease) increase from changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquired assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(389,550)	(411,829)
Inventories	(311,141)	(349,476)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	25,292	(24,369)
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, and income taxes payable	42,006	180,969
Other, net	(39,966)	4,110
Net cash flows used for operating activities	(331,346)	(222,338)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Purchases of tools, dies, and molds	(101,562)	(95,751)
Purchases of other property, plant, and equipment	(77,586)	(74,856)
Payments for acquisitions	(33,154)	—
Proceeds from (payments for) foreign currency forward exchange contracts	6,228	(68,443)
Other, net	1,349	33,091
Net cash flows used for investing activities	(204,725)	(205,959)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities:		
Payments of short-term borrowings, net	(83,914)	—
Proceeds from short-term borrowings, net	67,000	161,008
Proceeds from long-term borrowings, net	350,000	—
Payments of dividends on common stock	(388,518)	(386,102)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	28,531	10,458
Other, net	(16,341)	(15,330)
Net cash flows used for financing activities	(43,242)	(229,966)
Effect of Currency Exchange Rate Changes on Cash	(16,412)	(23,690)
Decrease in Cash and Equivalents	(595,725)	(681,953)
Cash and Equivalents at Beginning of Period	892,814	971,650
Cash and Equivalents at End of Period	\$297,089	\$ 289,697

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

MATTEL, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related disclosures have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") applicable to interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, consisting of only those of a normal recurring nature, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and interim results of Mattel, Inc. and its subsidiaries ("Mattel") as of and for the periods presented have been included. As Mattel's business is seasonal, results for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of those that may be expected for a full year.

The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements; however, the accompanying interim notes to the consolidated financial statements do not include all disclosures required by GAAP.

The financial information included herein should be read in conjunction with Mattel's consolidated financial statements and related notes in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

2. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are net of allowances for doubtful accounts of \$30.9 million, \$26.0 million, and \$24.4 million as of September 30, 2016, September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2015, respectively.

3. Inventories

Inventories include the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		
Raw materials and work in process	\$ 137,385	\$ 126,261	\$ 105,917
Finished goods	773,161	744,524	481,604
	\$ 910,546	\$ 870,785	\$ 587,521

4. Property, Plant, and Equipment

Property, plant, and equipment, net includes the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		
Land	\$ 25,193	\$ 27,055	\$ 27,049
Buildings	277,974	273,139	275,266
Machinery and equipment	819,501	748,247	764,657
Software	342,974	327,190	331,251
Tools, dies, and molds	876,642	820,772	840,586
Capital leases	23,970	23,970	23,970
Leasehold improvements	255,769	242,060	245,082
	2,622,023	2,462,433	2,507,861
Less: accumulated depreciation	(1,874,572)	(1,741,134)	(1,766,714)
	\$ 747,451	\$ 721,299	\$ 741,147

5. Goodwill

Goodwill is allocated to various reporting units, which are at the operating segment level, for purposes of evaluating whether goodwill is impaired. Mattel's reporting units are: (i) North America, (ii) International, and (iii) American Girl. Mattel tests its goodwill for impairment annually in the third quarter and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of a reporting unit may exceed its fair value. In the third quarter of 2016, Mattel performed its annual impairment tests and determined that goodwill was not impaired since each reporting unit's fair value exceeded its carrying value.

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill by operating segment for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 is shown below. Brand-specific goodwill held by foreign subsidiaries is allocated to the North America and American Girl operating segments selling those brands, thereby causing a foreign currency translation impact for these operating segments.

	December 31, 2015	Acquisitions	Currency Exchange Rate Impact	September 30, 2016
(In thousands)				
North America	\$718,999	\$ 12,061	\$ (866)	\$ 730,194
International	452,879	10,312	(14,047)	449,144
American Girl	212,642	—	175	212,817
Total goodwill	\$1,384,520	\$ 22,373	\$ (14,738)	\$ 1,392,155

Acquisitions of Sproutling, Inc. and Fuhu, Inc.

In January 2016, Mattel completed its acquisition of Sproutling, Inc. ("Sproutling"), a maker of smart technology products for parents and families, for total consideration of \$9.9 million and additional contingent consideration that may become payable under the terms of the agreement based on Sproutling's operating results over the next three years. Also in January 2016, Mattel acquired substantially all of the assets of Fuhu, Inc. ("Fuhu"), a developer of high technology products for children and families and best known for its nabi® brand of products, for total consideration of \$23.3 million. These acquisitions are expected to strengthen Mattel's digital and smart technology capabilities and create opportunities to bring new technology-enabled products to market.

Mattel is in the process of finalizing the valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The determination of the final values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed may result in adjustments to these values and a corresponding adjustment to goodwill. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel recognized \$0.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively, of integration and acquisition costs. Integration and acquisition costs are recorded within other selling and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. The pro forma and actual results of operations for these acquisitions have not been presented because they are not material, individually or in the aggregate, to Mattel.

6. Other Noncurrent Assets

Other noncurrent assets include the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
(In thousands)			
Deferred income taxes	\$548,437	\$ 589,719	\$ 510,928
Nonamortizable identifiable intangibles	466,384	492,979	488,144
Identifiable intangibles (net of amortization of \$147.9 million, \$124.6 million, and \$131.5 million, respectively)	206,874	219,311	212,161
Other	208,761	238,669	197,184
	\$1,430,456	\$ 1,540,678	\$ 1,408,417

In connection with the acquisitions of Fuhu and Sproutling, as more fully described in "Note 5 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Goodwill" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, Mattel recognized \$11.2 million of amortizable identifiable intangible assets, primarily related to patents.

Mattel tests nonamortizable intangible assets, including trademarks and trade names, for impairment annually in the third quarter and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying values may exceed the fair values. During the third quarter of 2016, Mattel performed its annual impairment assessments and determined that its nonamortizable intangible assets were not impaired.

Mattel also tests its amortizable intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. Amortizable intangible assets were determined to not be impaired during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

7. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities include the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		
Advertising and promotion	\$ 101,649	\$ 116,529	\$ 75,991
Royalties	92,739	111,082	122,153
Taxes other than income taxes	60,031	70,815	66,848
Other	374,695	389,443	393,190
	\$ 629,114	\$ 687,869	\$ 658,182

8. Seasonal Financing

Mattel maintains and periodically amends or replaces its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility with a commercial bank group. The credit facility is used as a back-up to Mattel's commercial paper program, which is used as the primary source of financing for the seasonal working capital requirements of its domestic subsidiaries. The agreement governing the credit facility was amended and restated on June 8, 2015 to, among other things, (i) extend the maturity date of the credit facility to June 9, 2020, (ii) amend the definition of consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("Consolidated EBITDA") used in calculating Mattel's financial ratio covenants, and (iii) increase the maximum allowed consolidated debt-to-Consolidated EBITDA ratio to 3.50 to 1. The aggregate commitments under the credit facility remain at \$1.60 billion, with an "accordion feature," which allows Mattel to increase the aggregate availability under the credit facility to \$1.85 billion under certain circumstances. In addition, applicable interest rate margins remain within a range of 0% to 0.75% above the applicable base rate for base rate loans and 0.88% to 1.75% above the applicable LIBOR for Eurodollar rate loans, and the commitment fees range from 0.08% to 0.25% of the unused commitments under the credit facility, in each case depending on Mattel's senior unsecured long-term debt rating.

The proportion of unamortized debt issuance costs from the prior credit facility renewal related to creditors involved in both the prior credit facility and amended credit facility and borrowing costs incurred as a result of the amendment were deferred, and such costs will be amortized over the term of the amended credit facility.

Mattel is required to meet financial ratio covenants at the end of each quarter and fiscal year, using the formulae specified in the credit agreement to calculate the ratios. Mattel was in compliance with such covenants at September 30, 2016.

The agreement governing the credit facility is a material agreement, and failure to comply with the financial ratio covenants may result in an event of default under the terms of the credit facility. If Mattel were to default under the terms of the credit facility, its ability to meet its seasonal financing requirements could be adversely affected.

9. Long-Term Debt

During the first quarter of 2016, Mattel retrospectively adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. As such, prior periods were restated to present debt issuance costs as a deduction from long-term debt. Long-term debt includes the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		
2010 Senior Notes due October 2020 and October 2040	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
2011 Senior Notes due November 2016 and November 2041	600,000	600,000	600,000
2013 Senior Notes due March 2018 and March 2023	500,000	500,000	500,000
2014 Senior Notes due May 2019	500,000	500,000	500,000
2016 Senior Notes due August 2021	350,000	—	—
Debt issuance costs	(16,511)	(15,985)	(15,279)
	2,433,489	2,084,015	2,084,721
Less: current portion	(300,000)	—	(300,000)
Total long-term debt	\$ 2,133,489	\$ 2,084,015	\$ 1,784,721

In August 2016, Mattel issued \$350.0 million aggregate principal amount of 2.35% senior unsecured notes due August 15, 2021 ("2016 Senior Notes"). Interest on the 2016 Senior Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on February 15 and August 15 of each year, beginning February 15, 2017. Mattel may redeem all or part of the 2016 Senior Notes at any time or from time to time prior to July 15, 2021 (one month prior to the maturity date of the 2016 Senior Notes) (the "Par Call Date"), at its option, at a redemption price equal to the greater of (1) 100% of the principal amount of the 2016 Senior Notes being redeemed or (2) a "make-whole" amount based on the yield of a comparable U.S. Treasury security plus 20 basis points, plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest on the 2016 Senior Notes being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date. Mattel may redeem all or part of the 2016 Senior Notes at any time or from time to time on or after the Par Call Date, at its option, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the principal amount of the 2016 Senior Notes to be redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest on the 2016 Senior Notes being redeemed to, but excluding, the redemption date.

10. Other Noncurrent Liabilities

Other noncurrent liabilities include the following:

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		
Benefit plan liabilities	\$ 179,979	\$ 203,251	\$ 195,916
Noncurrent tax liabilities	96,447	164,915	106,584
Other	178,008	163,314	169,139
	\$ 454,434	\$ 531,480	\$ 471,639

11. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following tables present changes in the accumulated balances for each component of other comprehensive income (loss), including current period other comprehensive income (loss) and reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016

Derivative Instrument	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Currency Translation Adjustments	Total
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(In thousands)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of June 30, 2016	\$4,716	\$ (157,314)	\$ (708,760)	\$ (861,358)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	974	(74)	(14,570)	(13,670)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(2,157)	2,098	—	(59)
Net (decrease) increase in other comprehensive income (loss)	(1,183)	2,024	(14,570)	(13,729)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of September 30, 2016	\$3,533	\$ (155,290)	\$ (723,330)	\$ (875,087)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016

Derivative Instrument	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Currency Translation Adjustments	Total
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(In thousands)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of December 31, 2015	\$15,363	\$ (159,858)	\$ (704,404)	\$ (848,899)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	642	(208)	(18,926)	(18,492)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(12,472)	4,776	—	(7,696)
Net (decrease) increase in other comprehensive income (loss)	(11,830)	4,568	(18,926)	(26,188)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of September 30, 2016	\$3,533	\$ (155,290)	\$ (723,330)	\$ (875,087)

For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015

Derivative Instrument	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Currency Translation Adjustments	Total
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(In thousands)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of June 30, 2015	\$30,970	\$ (161,920)	\$ (579,923)	\$ (710,873)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	8,866	(103)	(90,486)	(81,723)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(19,152)	6,827	—	(12,325)
Net (decrease) increase in other comprehensive income (loss)	(10,286)	6,724	(90,486)	(94,048)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of September 30, 2015	\$20,684	\$ (155,196)	\$ (670,409)	\$ (804,921)

For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2015

Derivative Instrument	Defined Benefit Pension Plans	Currency Translation Adjustments	Total
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(In thousands)

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of December 31, 2014	\$ 30,025	\$ (161,507)	\$ (490,607)	\$ (622,089)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	32,367	(1,053)	(179,802)	(148,488)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(41,708)	7,364	—	(34,344)
Net (decrease) increase in other comprehensive income (loss)	(9,341)	6,311	(179,802)	(182,832)
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), Net of Tax, as of September 30, 2015	\$ 20,684	\$ (155,196)	\$ (670,409)	\$ (804,921)

The following tables present the classification and amount of the reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) to the consolidated statements of operations:

For the Three Months

Ended

September 30, 2016 September 30, 2015 Statements of Operations

2016 2015 Classification

(In thousands)

Derivative Instruments

Gain on foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$ 2,383	\$ 18,909	Cost of sales
	(226)	243	Provision for income taxes
	\$ 2,157	\$ 19,152	Net income

Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Amortization of prior service cost	\$(8)	\$(6)	(a)
Recognized actuarial loss	(1,769)	(3,172)	(a)
Settlement loss	(1,495)	(5,233)	Other selling and administrative expenses
	(3,272)	(8,411)	
	1,174	1,584	Provision for income taxes
	\$(2,098)	\$(6,827)	Net income

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		Statements of Operations Classification
	2016	2015	
	(In thousands)		
Derivative Instruments			
Gain on foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$ 13,260	\$ 41,290	Cost of sales
	(788)	418	Provision for income taxes
	\$ 12,472	\$ 41,708	Net income
Defined Benefit Pension Plans			
Amortization of prior service (cost) credit	\$(23)	\$ 522	(a)
Recognized actuarial loss	(5,305)	(13,030)	(a)
Curtailment gain	—	8,639	Other selling and administrative expenses
Settlement loss	(1,495)	(5,233)	Other selling and administrative expenses
	(6,823)	(9,102)	
	2,047	1,738	Provision for income taxes
	\$(4,776)	\$ (7,364)	Net income

The amortization of prior service (cost) credit and recognized actuarial loss are included in the computation of net (a) periodic benefit cost. Refer to “Note 15 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Employee Benefit Plans” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for additional information regarding Mattel’s net periodic benefit cost.

Currency Translation Adjustments

Mattel’s reporting currency is the US dollar. The translation of its net investments in subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies subjects Mattel to the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations in its results of operations and financial position. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal period-end exchange rates. Income, expense, and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal period. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) within stockholders’ equity. Currency translation adjustments resulted in a net loss of \$18.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016, primarily due to the weakening of the British pound sterling and the Mexican Peso against the US dollar, partially offset by the strengthening of the Euro and the Brazilian real. Currency translation adjustments resulted in a net loss of \$179.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, primarily due to the weakening of the Euro, Mexican peso, and Brazilian real against the US dollar.

12. Derivative Instruments

Mattel seeks to mitigate its exposure to foreign currency transaction risk by monitoring its foreign currency transaction exposure for the year and partially hedging such exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts. Mattel uses foreign currency forward exchange contracts as cash flow hedges primarily to hedge its purchases and sales of inventory denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts generally have maturity dates of up to 18 months. These derivative instruments have been designated as effective cash flow hedges, whereby the unsettled hedges are reported in Mattel’s consolidated balance sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of the hedges reflected in other comprehensive income (“OCI”). Realized gains and losses for these contracts are recorded in the consolidated statements of operations in the period in which the inventory is sold to customers. Additionally, Mattel uses foreign currency forward exchange contracts to hedge intercompany loans and advances denominated in foreign currencies. Due to the short-term nature of the contracts involved, Mattel has not designated these contracts as hedging instruments, and as such, changes in fair value are recorded in the period of change in the consolidated statements of operations. As of September 30, 2016, September 30, 2015, and December 31, 2015, Mattel held foreign currency forward exchange contracts with notional amounts of approximately \$1.15 billion, \$972 million, and \$931

million, respectively. As of September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, Mattel also held cross currency swap contracts with notional amounts of \$16.9 million and \$30.0 million, respectively.

The following tables present Mattel's derivative assets and liabilities:

		Derivative Assets		
		Balance Sheet Classification		
		Fair Value		
		September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
		(In thousands)		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$7,127	\$ 21,138	\$ 15,279
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Other noncurrent assets	1,122	1,027	1,611
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$8,249	\$ 22,165	\$ 16,890
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$826	\$ 827	\$ 1,216
Cross currency swap contract	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	—	5,288	—
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$826	\$ 6,115	\$ 1,216
Total		\$9,075	\$ 28,280	\$ 18,106

Derivative Liabilities		Fair Value		
Balance Sheet Classification		September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
		(In thousands)		
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Accrued liabilities	\$5,131	\$ 6,773	\$ 1,214
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Other noncurrent liabilities	1,382	672	219
Total derivatives designated as hedging instruments		\$6,513	\$ 7,445	\$ 1,433
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:				
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	Accrued liabilities	\$—	\$ 816	\$ 2,287
Cross currency swap contract	Accrued liabilities	1,532	—	—
Total derivatives not designated as hedging instruments		\$1,532	\$ 816	\$ 2,287
Total		\$8,045	\$ 8,261	\$ 3,720

The following tables present the classification and amount of gains and losses, net of tax, from derivatives reported in the consolidated statements of operations:

	For the Three Months Ended		September 30, 2015		Statements of Operations Classification
	September 30, 2016	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI	September 30, 2015	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI	
		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized from Accumulated OCI to Statements of Operations		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized from Accumulated OCI to Statements of Operations	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments		(In thousands)			
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$974	\$ 2,157	\$8,866	\$ 19,152	Cost of sales

	For the Nine Months Ended		September 30, 2015		Statements of Operations Classification
	September 30, 2016	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI	September 30, 2015	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI	
		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized from Accumulated OCI to Statements of Operations		Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized from Accumulated OCI to Statements of Operations	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments		(In thousands)			
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$642	\$ 12,472	\$32,367	\$ 41,708	Cost of sales

The net gains of \$2.2 million and \$12.5 million reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and the net gains of \$19.2 million and \$41.7 million reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, are offset by the changes in cash flows associated with the underlying hedged transactions.

	Amount of Gain (Loss) Recognized in the Statements of Operations		Statements of Operations Classification
	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2015	
	(In thousands)	(In thousands)	
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments			
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$306	\$ (14,711)	Non-operating income/expense
Cross currency swap contract	(274)	6,085	Non-operating income/expense
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	619	896	Cost of sales
Total	\$651	\$ (7,730)	

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For the Nine Months Classification
Ended
September 30,
2016 2015
(In thousands)

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	\$5,909	\$ (55,033	)	Non-operating income/expense
Cross currency swap contract	(1,532	) 5,288		Non-operating income/expense
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts	2,217	(3	)	Cost of sales
Total	\$6,594	\$ (49,748	)	

The net gains of \$0.7 million and \$6.6 million recognized in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and the net losses of \$7.7 million and \$49.7 million recognized in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, are offset by foreign currency transaction gains and losses on the related hedged balances.

13. Fair Value Measurements

The following tables present information about Mattel's assets and liabilities measured and reported in the financial statements at fair value and indicates the fair value hierarchy of the valuation techniques utilized to determine such fair value. The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are as follows:

Level 1 – Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the entity has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities, quoted prices in markets that are not active, or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 – Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable, supported by little or no market activity, and that are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

Mattel's financial assets and liabilities measured and reported at fair value on a recurring basis include the following:

September 30, 2016

Level Level
Level 1 3 Total
2

(In thousands)

Assets:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a) \$—\$9,075 \$ —\$9,075

Liabilities:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a) \$—\$6,513 \$ —\$6,513

Cross currency swap contract (a) —1,532 — 1,532

Total liabilities \$—\$8,045 \$ —\$8,045

September 30, 2015
Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total
(In thousands)

Assets:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a)	\$—\$22,992	\$—	—\$22,992
Cross currency swap contract (a)	—5,288	—	5,288
Total assets	\$—\$28,280	\$—	—\$28,280

Liabilities:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a)	\$—\$8,261	\$—	—\$8,261
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December 31, 2015
Level 1 Level 2 Level 3 Total
(In thousands)

Assets:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a)	\$—\$18,106	\$—	—\$18,106
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Liabilities:

Foreign currency forward exchange contracts (a)	\$—\$3,720	\$—	—\$3,720
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The fair values of the foreign currency forward exchange contracts and cross currency swap contracts are based on (a) dealer quotes of market forward rates and reflect the amount that Mattel would receive or pay at their maturity dates for contracts involving the same notional amounts, currencies, and maturity dates.

During the third quarter of 2015, Mattel sold its auction rate security and received proceeds of \$32.3 million.

Other Financial Instruments

Mattel's financial instruments include cash and equivalents, accounts receivable and payable, short-term borrowings, and accrued liabilities. The fair values of these instruments approximate their carrying values because of their short-term nature and are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

The estimated fair value of Mattel's long-term debt, including the current portion, was \$2.57 billion (compared to a carrying value of \$2.45 billion) as of September 30, 2016, \$2.15 billion (compared to a carrying value of \$2.10 billion) as of September 30, 2015, and \$2.15 billion (compared to a carrying value of \$2.10 billion) as of December 31, 2015. The estimated fair values have been calculated based on broker quotes or rates for the same or similar instruments and are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy.

14. Earnings Per Share

Unvested share-based payment awards that contain nonforfeitable rights to dividends or dividend equivalents (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities and are included in the computation of earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method. Certain of Mattel's restricted stock units ("RSUs") are considered participating securities because they contain nonforfeitable rights to dividend equivalents.

Under the two-class method, net income is reduced by the amount of dividends declared in the period for each class of common stock and participating securities. The remaining undistributed earnings are then allocated to common stock and participating securities as if all of the net income for the period had been distributed. Basic earnings per common share excludes dilution and is calculated by dividing net income allocable to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share is calculated by dividing net income allocable to common shares by the weighted average number of common shares for the period, as adjusted for the potential dilutive effect of non-participating share-based awards.

The following table reconciles earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	September 30, 2015		September 30, 2015	
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)			
Basic:				
Net income	\$236,250	\$ 223,784	\$144,177	\$ 154,256
Less: net income allocable to participating RSUs (a)	(610)	(1,036)	(1,628)	(2,393)
Net income available for basic common shares	\$235,640	\$ 222,748	\$142,549	\$ 151,863
Weighted average common shares outstanding	341,961	339,420	341,089	338,954
Basic net income per common share	\$0.69	\$ 0.66	\$0.42	\$ 0.45
Diluted:				
Net income	\$236,250	\$ 223,784	\$144,177	\$ 154,256
Less: net income allocable to participating RSUs (a)	(609)	(1,035)	(1,628)	(2,393)
Net income available for diluted common shares	\$235,641	\$ 222,749	\$142,549	\$ 151,863
Weighted average common shares outstanding	341,961	339,420	341,089	338,954
Weighted average common equivalent shares arising from:				
Dilutive stock options and non-participating RSUs	2,265	370	2,209	590
Weighted average number of common and potential common shares	344,226	339,790	343,298	339,544
Diluted net income per common share	\$0.68	\$ 0.66	\$0.42	\$ 0.45

(a) During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, Mattel allocated a proportionate share of both dividends and undistributed earnings to participating RSUs.

The calculation of potential common shares assumes the exercise of dilutive stock options and vesting of non-participating RSUs, net of assumed treasury share repurchases at average market prices. Nonqualified stock options and non-participating RSUs totaling 9.8 million and 7.7 million shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, because they were antidilutive. Nonqualified stock options and non-participating RSUs totaling 14.9 million and 8.6 million shares were excluded from the calculation of diluted net income per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, because they were antidilutive.

15. Employee Benefit Plans

Mattel and certain of its subsidiaries have qualified and nonqualified retirement plans covering substantially all employees of these companies, which are more fully described in Part II, Item 8 “Financial Statements and Supplementary Data—Note 4 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Employee Benefit Plans” in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

A summary of the components of net periodic benefit cost for Mattel's defined benefit pension plans is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Service cost	\$ 1,609	\$ 624	\$ 4,293	\$ 4,988
Interest cost	6,107	7,036	18,407	19,568
Expected return on plan assets	(6,393)	(7,356)	(19,309)	(22,629)
Amortization of prior service cost (credit)	8	6	23	(522)
Recognized actuarial loss	1,732	3,138	5,194	12,919
Curtailment gain	—	—	—	(8,639)
Settlement loss	1,495	5,233	1,495	5,233
	\$ 4,558	\$ 8,681	\$ 10,103	\$ 10,918

A summary of the components of net periodic benefit cost for Mattel's postretirement benefit plans is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Service cost (credit)	\$ 13	\$ (1)	\$ 39	\$ 41
Interest cost	286	270	857	896
Recognized actuarial loss	37	34	111	111
	\$ 336	\$ 303	\$ 1,007	\$ 1,048

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel made cash contributions totaling approximately \$17 million and \$2 million related to its defined benefit pension and postretirement benefit plans, respectively. During the remainder of 2016, Mattel expects to make additional cash contributions of approximately \$2 million.

16. Share-Based Payments

Mattel has various stock compensation plans, which are more fully described in Part II, Item 8 "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data—Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Share-Based Payments" in its 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Under the Mattel, Inc. Amended and Restated 2010 Equity and Long-Term Compensation Plan, Mattel has the ability to grant nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, RSUs, performance awards, dividend equivalent rights, and shares of common stock to officers, employees, and other persons providing services to Mattel. Stock options are granted with exercise prices at the fair market value of Mattel's common stock on the applicable grant date and expire no later than ten years from the date of grant. Both stock options and time-vesting RSUs generally provide for vesting over a period of three years from the date of grant.

In March 2016, the Compensation Committee approved a new long-term incentive program ("LTIP") for the performance cycle of January 1, 2016–December 31, 2018, while also maintaining the current January 1, 2014–December 31, 2016 LTIP performance cycle.

For the January 1, 2016–December 31, 2018 LTIP performance cycle, Mattel granted performance-based restricted stock units ("Performance RSUs") under the Mattel, Inc. Amended and Restated 2010 Equity and Long-Term Compensation Plan to senior executives. Performance RSUs granted under this program will be earned based on the product of the initial target number of Performance RSUs multiplied by a performance factor based on achievement of Mattel's performance with respect to a cumulative three-year EPS target for the performance cycle ("the 2016-2018 performance-related component") and then adjusted upward or downward based on Mattel's total shareholder return ("TSR") for the three-year performance cycle relative to the TSR realized by companies comprising the S&P 500 (the "2016-2018 market-related component"). The Performance RSUs under the 2016-2018 LTIP performance cycle have dividend equivalent rights that are converted to shares of Mattel common stock only when and to the extent the underlying Performance RSUs are earned and paid. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel recognized \$1.7 million of expense related to the 2016-2018 performance-related component. Additionally, during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel recognized \$0.2 million of expense related to the 2016-2018 market-related component.

Compensation expense, included within other selling and administrative expenses in the consolidated statements of operations, related to stock options and RSUs is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	2015		2015	
(In thousands)				
Stock option compensation expense	\$2,528	\$ 4,644	\$6,826	\$ 11,833
RSU compensation expense	9,840	9,196	31,918	29,297
	\$12,368	\$ 13,840	\$38,744	\$ 41,130

As of September 30, 2016, total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based payments totaled \$100.3 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years.

Mattel uses treasury shares purchased under its share repurchase program to satisfy stock option exercises and the vesting of RSUs. Cash received for stock option exercises for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$28.5 million and \$10.5 million, respectively.

17. Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses include the following:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	2015		2015	
(In thousands)				
Design and development	\$54,680	\$ 54,278	\$160,264	\$ 164,824
Identifiable intangible asset amortization	5,524	7,035	16,354	20,963

18. Foreign Currency Transaction Gains and Losses

Currency exchange rate fluctuations impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Mattel's currency transaction exposures include gains and losses realized on unhedged inventory purchases and unhedged receivables and payables balances that are denominated in a currency other than the applicable functional currency. Gains and losses on unhedged inventory purchases and other transactions associated with operating activities are recorded in the components of operating income to which they relate in the consolidated statements of operations. For hedges of intercompany loans and advances, which do not qualify for hedge accounting treatment, the gains or losses on the hedges resulting from changes in fair value as well as the offsetting transaction gains or losses on the related hedged items, along with unhedged items, are recognized in other non-operating income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of operations. Inventory purchase and sale transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, Canadian dollar, Brazilian real, Russian ruble, and Indonesian rupiah are the primary transactions that cause foreign currency transaction exposure for Mattel.

Currency transaction (losses) gains included in the consolidated statements of operations are as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016	
	2015		2015	
(In thousands)				
Operating income	\$(48,076)	\$(16,463)	\$(85,081)	\$ 7,976
Other non-operating (expense) income, net	(1,269)	(2,926)	(29,388)	(6,324)
Net transaction (losses) gains	\$(49,345)	\$(19,389)	\$(114,469)	\$ 1,652

In March 2016, the Venezuelan government revised its currency exchange platform to a dual system. The Sistema Complementario de Administración de Divisas ("SICAD") rate merged with the official exchange rate, becoming the new Tipo de Cambio Protegido ("DIPRO") exchange rate. The existing Marginal Currency System ("SIMADI") rate was renamed the Tipo de Cambio Complementario ("DICOM") exchange rate. During the three months ended March 31, 2016, Mattel changed its remeasurement rate from the official exchange rate to the new DICOM exchange rate and recognized an unrealized foreign currency exchange loss of approximately \$26 million in other non-operating (expense) income, net as a result of the change in the remeasurement rate.

19. Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$26.6 million and \$38.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel recognized net discrete tax benefits of \$9.0 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, Mattel recognized net discrete tax expense of \$0.8 million and net discrete tax benefits of \$2.8 million, respectively, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes.

In the normal course of business, Mattel is regularly audited by federal, state, and foreign tax authorities. During the third quarter of 2016, the statute of limitations for Mattel's 2012 federal income tax return expired. Based on the current status of federal, state, and foreign audits, Mattel believes it is reasonably possible that in the next twelve months, the total unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$11.5 million related to the settlement of tax audits and/or the expiration of statutes of limitations. The ultimate settlement of any particular issue with the applicable taxing authority could have a material impact on Mattel's consolidated financial statements.

During the first quarter of 2016, Mattel retrospectively adopted ASU 2015-17, Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. As of September 30, 2015, prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$203.5 million, other noncurrent assets increased by \$199.6 million, accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased by \$0.1 million, and other noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$3.8 million from the previously reported amounts. As of December 31, 2015, prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$195.8 million, other noncurrent assets increased by \$193.6 million, and other noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$2.2 million from the previously reported amounts.

20. Contingencies

Litigation Related to Carter Bryant and MGA Entertainment, Inc.

In April 2004, Mattel filed a lawsuit in Los Angeles County Superior Court against Carter Bryant ("Bryant"), a former Mattel design employee. The suit alleges that Bryant aided and assisted a Mattel competitor, MGA Entertainment, Inc. ("MGA"), during the time he was employed by Mattel, in violation of his contractual and other duties to Mattel. In September 2004, Bryant asserted counterclaims against Mattel, including counterclaims in which Bryant sought, as a putative class action representative, to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees. Bryant also removed Mattel's suit to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In December 2004, MGA intervened as a party-defendant in Mattel's action against Bryant, asserting that its rights to Bratz properties are at stake in the litigation.

Separately, in November 2004, Bryant filed an action against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. The action sought a judicial declaration that Bryant's purported conveyance of rights in Bratz was proper and that he did not misappropriate Mattel property in creating Bratz.

In April 2005, MGA filed suit against Mattel in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. MGA's action alleges claims of trade dress infringement, trade dress dilution, false designation of origin, unfair competition, and unjust enrichment. The suit alleges, among other things, that certain products, themes, packaging, and/or television commercials in various Mattel product lines have infringed upon products, themes, packaging, and/or television commercials for various MGA product lines, including Bratz. The complaint also asserts that various alleged Mattel acts with respect to unidentified retailers, distributors, and licensees have damaged MGA and that various alleged acts by industry organizations, purportedly induced by Mattel, have damaged MGA. MGA's suit alleges that MGA has been damaged in an amount "believed to reach or exceed tens of millions of dollars" and further seeks punitive damages, disgorgement of Mattel's profits and injunctive relief.

In June 2006, the three cases were consolidated in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. On July 17, 2006, the Court issued an order dismissing all claims that Bryant had asserted against Mattel, including Bryant's purported counterclaims to invalidate Mattel's Confidential Information and Proprietary Inventions Agreements with its employees, and Bryant's claims for declaratory relief.

On January 12, 2007, Mattel filed an Amended Complaint setting forth counterclaims that included additional claims against Bryant as well as claims for copyright infringement, Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations ("RICO") violations, misappropriation of trade secrets, intentional interference with contract, aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty and breach of duty of loyalty, and unfair competition, among others, against MGA, its Chief Executive Officer Isaac Larian, certain MGA affiliates and an MGA employee. The RICO claim alleged that MGA stole Bratz and then, by recruiting and hiring key Mattel employees and directing them to bring with them Mattel confidential and proprietary information, unfairly competed against Mattel using Mattel's trade secrets, confidential information, and key employees to build their business.

Mattel sought to try all of its claims in a single trial, but in February 2007, the Court decided that the consolidated cases would be tried in two phases, with the first trial to determine claims and defenses related to Mattel's ownership of Bratz works and whether MGA infringed those works. On May 19, 2008, Bryant reached a settlement agreement with Mattel and is no longer a defendant in the litigation. In the public stipulation entered by Mattel and Bryant in connection with the resolution, Bryant agreed that he was and would continue to be bound by all prior and future Court Orders relating to Bratz ownership and infringement, including the Court's summary judgment rulings. The first phase of the first trial resulted in a unanimous jury verdict on July 17, 2008 in favor of Mattel. The jury found that almost all of the Bratz design drawings and other works in question were created by Bryant while he was employed at Mattel; that MGA and Isaac Larian intentionally interfered with the contractual duties owed by Bryant to Mattel, aided and abetted Bryant's breaches of his duty of loyalty to Mattel, aided and abetted Bryant's breaches of the fiduciary duties he owed to Mattel, and converted Mattel property for their own use. The same jury determined that defendants MGA, Larian, and MGA Entertainment (HK) Limited infringed Mattel's copyrights in the Bratz design drawings and other Bratz works, and awarded Mattel total damages of approximately \$100 million against the defendants. On December 3, 2008, the Court issued a series of orders rejecting MGA's equitable defenses and granting Mattel's motions for equitable relief, including an order enjoining the MGA party defendants from manufacturing, marketing, or selling certain Bratz fashion dolls or from using the "Bratz" name. The Court stayed its December 3, 2008 injunctive orders until further order of the Court.

The parties filed and argued additional motions for post-trial relief, including a request by MGA to enter judgment as a matter of law on Mattel's claims in MGA's favor and to reduce the jury's damages award to Mattel. Mattel additionally moved for the appointment of a receiver. On April 27, 2009, the Court entered an order confirming that Bratz works found by the jury to have been created by Bryant during his Mattel employment were Mattel's property and that hundreds of Bratz female fashion dolls infringe Mattel's copyrights. The Court also upheld the jury's award of damages in the amount of \$100 million and ordered an accounting of post-trial Bratz sales. The Court further vacated the stay of the December 3, 2008 orders.

MGA appealed the Court's equitable orders to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. On December 9, 2009, the Ninth Circuit heard oral argument on MGA's appeal and issued an order staying the District Court's equitable orders pending a further order to be issued by the Ninth Circuit. On July 22, 2010, the Ninth Circuit vacated the District Court's equitable orders. The Ninth Circuit stated that, because of several jury instruction errors it identified, a

significant portion-if not all-of the jury verdict and damage award should be vacated.

In its opinion, the Ninth Circuit found that the District Court erred in concluding that Mattel's Invention Agreement unambiguously applied to "ideas;" that it should have considered extrinsic evidence in determining the application of the agreement; and if the conclusion turns on conflicting evidence, it should have been up to the jury to decide. The Ninth Circuit also concluded that the District Judge erred in transferring the entire brand to Mattel based on misappropriated names and that the Court should have submitted to the jury, rather than deciding itself, whether Bryant's agreement assigned works created outside the scope of his employment and whether Bryant's creation of the Bratz designs and sculpt was outside of his employment. The Court then went on to address copyright issues which would be raised after a retrial, since Mattel "might well convince a properly instructed jury" that it owns Bryant's designs and sculpt. The Ninth Circuit stated that the sculpt itself was entitled only to "thin" copyright protection against virtually identical works, while the Bratz sketches were entitled to "broad" protection against substantially similar works; in applying the broad protection, however, the Ninth Circuit found that the lower court had erred in failing to filter out all of the unprotectable elements of Bryant's sketches. This mistake, the Court said, caused the lower court to conclude that all Bratz dolls were substantially similar to Bryant's original sketches.

Judge Stephen Larson, who presided over the first trial, retired from the bench during the course of the appeal, and the case was transferred to Judge David O. Carter. After the transfer, Judge Carter granted Mattel leave to file a Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaims which focused on RICO, trade secret and other claims, and added additional parties, and subsequently granted in part and denied in part a defense motion to dismiss those counterclaims.

Later, on August 16, 2010, MGA asserted several new claims against Mattel in response to Mattel's Fourth Amended Answer and Counterclaims, including claims for alleged trade secret misappropriation, an alleged violation of RICO, and wrongful injunction. MGA alleged, in summary, that, for more than a decade dating back to 1992, Mattel employees engaged in a pattern of stealing alleged trade secret information from competitors "toy fair" showrooms, and then sought to conceal that alleged misconduct. Mattel moved to strike and/or dismiss these claims, as well as certain MGA allegations regarding Mattel's motives for filing suit. The Court granted that motion as to the wrongful injunction claim, which it dismissed with prejudice, and as to the allegations about Mattel's motives, which it struck. The Court denied the motion as to MGA's trade secret misappropriation claim and its claim for violations of RICO. The Court resolved summary judgment motions in late 2010. Among other rulings, the Court dismissed both parties' RICO claims; dismissed Mattel's claim for breach of fiduciary duty and portions of other claims as "preempted" by the trade secrets act; dismissed MGA's trade dress infringement claims; dismissed MGA's unjust enrichment claim; dismissed MGA's common law unfair competition claim; and dismissed portions of Mattel's copyright infringement claim as to "later generation" Bratz dolls.

Trial of all remaining claims began in early January 2011. During the trial, and before the case was submitted to the jury, the Court granted MGA's motions for judgment as to Mattel's claims for aiding and abetting breach of duty of loyalty and conversion. The Court also granted a defense motion for judgment on portions of Mattel's claim for misappropriation of trade secrets relating to thefts by former Mattel employees located in Mexico.

The jury reached verdicts on the remaining claims in April 2011. In those verdicts, the jury ruled against Mattel on its claims for ownership of Bratz-related works, for copyright infringement, and for misappropriation of trade secrets. The jury ruled for MGA on its claim of trade secret misappropriation as to 26 of its claimed trade secrets and awarded \$88.5 million in damages. The jury ruled against MGA as to 88 of its claimed trade secrets. The jury found that Mattel's misappropriation was willful and malicious.

In early August 2011, the Court ruled on post-trial motions. The Court rejected MGA's unfair competition claims and also rejected Mattel's equitable defenses to MGA's misappropriation of trade secrets claim. The Court reduced the jury's damages award of \$88.5 million to \$85.0 million. The Court awarded MGA an additional \$85.0 million in punitive damages and approximately \$140 million in attorney's fees and costs. The Court entered a judgment which totaled approximately \$310 million in favor of MGA.

On August 11, 2011, Mattel appealed the judgment, challenging on appeal the entirety of the District Court's monetary award in favor of MGA, including both the award of \$170 million in damages for alleged trade secret misappropriation and approximately \$140 million in attorney's fees and costs. On January 24, 2013, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals issued a ruling on Mattel's appeal. In that ruling, the Court found that MGA's claim for trade secrets misappropriation was not compulsory to any Mattel claim and could not be filed as a counterclaim-in-reply.

Accordingly, the Court of Appeals vacated the portion of the judgment awarding damages and attorney's fees and costs to MGA for prevailing on its trade secrets misappropriation claim, totaling approximately \$172.5 million. It ruled that, on remand, the District Court must dismiss MGA's trade secret claim without prejudice. In its ruling, the Court of Appeals also affirmed the District Court's award of attorney's fees and costs under the Copyright Act. Accordingly, Mattel recorded a litigation accrual of approximately \$138 million during the fourth quarter of 2012 to cover these fees and costs.

Because multiple claimants asserted rights to the attorney's fees portion of the judgment, on February 13, 2013, Mattel filed a motion in the District Court for orders permitting Mattel to interplead the proceeds of the judgment and releasing Mattel from liability to any claimant based on Mattel's payment of the judgment.

On February 27, 2013, MGA filed a motion for leave to amend its prior complaint in the existing federal court lawsuit so that it could reassert its trade secrets claim. Mattel opposed that motion. On December 17, 2013, the District Court denied MGA's motion for leave to amend and entered an order dismissing MGA's trade secrets claim without prejudice. Also on December 17, 2013, following a settlement between MGA and certain insurance carriers, the District Court denied Mattel's motion for leave to interplead the proceeds of the judgment.

On December 21, 2013, a stipulation regarding settlement with insurers and payment of judgment was filed in the District Court, which provided that (i) Mattel would pay approximately \$138 million, including accrued interest, in full satisfaction of the copyright fees judgment, (ii) all parties would consent to entry of an order exonerating and discharging the appeal bond posted by Mattel, and (iii) MGA's insurers would dismiss all pending actions related to the proceeds of the copyright fees judgment, including an appeal by Evanston Insurance Company in an action against Mattel that was pending in the Ninth Circuit. On December 23, 2013, Mattel paid the copyright fees judgment in the total sum, including interest, of approximately \$138 million. On December 26, 2013, the District Court entered an order exonerating and discharging the appeal bond posted by Mattel, and on December 27, 2013, MGA filed an acknowledgment of satisfaction of judgment. On December 30, 2013, Evanston Insurance Company's appeal in its action against Mattel was dismissed.

On January 13, 2014, MGA filed a new, but virtually identical, trade secrets claim against Mattel in Los Angeles County Superior Court. In its complaint, MGA purports to seek damages in excess of \$1 billion. Mattel believes that MGA's claim should be barred as a matter of law, and intends to vigorously defend against it. On December 3, 2014, the Court overruled Mattel's request to dismiss MGA's case as barred as a result of prior litigation between the parties. In light of that ruling, Mattel believes that it is reasonably possible that damages in this matter could range from \$0 to approximately \$12.5 million. In addition, Mattel believes that if such damages are awarded, it is reasonably possible that pre-judgment interest, ranging from \$0 to approximately \$10 million, could be awarded. Mattel may be entitled to an offset against any damages awarded to MGA. Mattel has not quantified the amount of any such offset as it is not currently estimable. As Mattel believes a loss in this matter is reasonably possible but not probable, no liability has been accrued to date.

Litigation Related to Yellowstone do Brasil Ltda.

Yellowstone do Brasil Ltda. (formerly known as Trebbor Informática Ltda.) was a customer of Mattel's subsidiary Mattel do Brasil Ltda. when a commercial dispute arose between Yellowstone and Mattel do Brasil regarding the supply of product and related payment terms. As a consequence of the dispute, in April 1999, Yellowstone filed a declarative action against Mattel do Brasil before the 15th Civil Court of Curitiba - State of Parana (the "Trial Court"), requesting the annulment of its security bonds and promissory notes given to Mattel do Brasil as well as requesting the Trial Court to find Mattel do Brasil liable for damages incurred as a result of Mattel do Brasil's alleged abrupt and unreasonable breach of an oral exclusive distribution agreement between the parties relating to the supply and sale of toys in Brazil. Yellowstone's complaint sought alleged loss of profits of approximately \$1 million, plus an unspecified amount of damages consisting of: (i) compensation for all investments made by Yellowstone to develop Mattel do Brasil's business; (ii) reimbursement of the amounts paid by Yellowstone to terminate labor and civil contracts in connection with the business; (iii) compensation for alleged unfair competition and for the goodwill of trade; and (iv) compensation for non-pecuniary damages.

Mattel do Brasil filed its defenses to these claims and simultaneously presented a counterclaim for unpaid accounts receivable for goods supplied to Yellowstone in the approximate amount of \$4 million.

During the evidentiary phase a first accounting report was submitted by a court-appointed expert. Such report stated that Yellowstone had invested approximately \$3 million in its business. Additionally, the court-appointed expert calculated a loss of profits compensation of approximately \$1 million. Mattel do Brasil challenged the report since it was not made based on the official accounting documents of Yellowstone and since the report calculated damages based only on documents unilaterally submitted by Yellowstone.

The Trial Court accepted the challenge and ruled that a second accounting examination should take place in the lawsuit. Yellowstone appealed the decision to the Court of Appeals of the State of Parana (the “Appeals Court”), but it was upheld by the Appeals Court.

The second court-appointed expert’s report submitted at trial did not assign a value to any of Yellowstone’s claims and found no evidence of causation between Mattel do Brasil’s actions and such claims.

In January 2010, the Trial Court ruled in favor of Mattel do Brasil and denied all of Yellowstone's claims based primarily on the lack of any causal connection between the acts of Mattel do Brasil and Yellowstone's alleged damages. Additionally, the Trial Court upheld Mattel do Brasil's counterclaim and ordered Yellowstone to pay Mattel do Brasil approximately \$4 million. The likelihood of Mattel do Brasil recovering this amount was uncertain due to the fact that Yellowstone was declared insolvent and filed for bankruptcy protection. In February 2010, Yellowstone filed a motion seeking clarification of the decision which was denied.

In September 2010, Yellowstone filed a further appeal with the Appeals Court. Under Brazilian law, the appeal was de novo and Yellowstone restated all of the arguments it made at the Trial Court level. Yellowstone did not provide any additional information supporting its unspecified alleged damages. The Appeals Court held hearings on the appeal in March and April 2013. On July 26, 2013, the Appeals Court awarded Yellowstone approximately \$17 million in damages, plus attorney's fees, as adjusted for inflation and interest. The Appeals Court also awarded Mattel do Brasil approximately \$7.5 million on its counterclaim, as adjusted for inflation. On August 2, 2013, Mattel do Brasil filed a motion with the Appeals Court for clarification since the written decision contained clear errors in terms of amounts awarded and interest and inflation adjustments. Mattel do Brasil's motion also asked the Appeals Court to decide whether Yellowstone's award could be offset by the counterclaim award, despite Yellowstone's status as a bankrupt entity. Yellowstone also filed a motion for clarification on August 5, 2013. A decision on the clarification motions was rendered on November 11, 2014, and the Appeals Court accepted partially the arguments raised by Mattel do Brasil. As a result, the Appeals Court awarded Yellowstone approximately \$14.5 million in damages, as adjusted for inflation and interest, plus attorney's fees. The Appeals Court also awarded Mattel do Brasil approximately \$7.5 million on its counterclaim, as adjusted for inflation. The decision also recognized the existence of legal rules that support Mattel do Brasil's right to offset its counterclaim award of approximately \$7.5 million. Mattel do Brasil filed a new motion for clarification with the Appeals Court on January 21, 2015, due to the incorrect statement made by the reporting judge of the Appeals Court, that the court-appointed expert analyzed the "accounting documents" of Yellowstone. On April 26, 2015, a decision on the motion for clarification was rendered. The Appeals Court ruled that the motion for clarification was denied and imposed a fine on Mattel do Brasil equal to 1% of the value of the claims made for the delay caused by the motion. On July 3, 2015, Mattel do Brasil filed a special appeal to the Superior Court of Justice based upon both procedural and substantive grounds. This special appeal seeks to reverse the Appeals Court's decision of July 26, 2013, and to reverse the fine as inappropriate under the law. This special appeal was submitted to the Appeals Court which must rule on its admissibility before it is transferred to the Superior Court. Yellowstone also filed a special appeal with the Appeals Court in February 2015, which was made available to Mattel do Brasil on October 7, 2015. Yellowstone's special appeal seeks to reverse the Appeals Court decision with respect to: (a) the limitation on Yellowstone's loss of profits claim to the amount requested in the complaint, instead of the amount contained in the first court-appointed experts report, and (b) the award of damages to Mattel do Brasil on the counterclaim, since the specific amount was not requested in Mattel do Brasil's counterclaim brief.

On October 19, 2015, Mattel do Brasil filed its answer to the special appeal filed by Yellowstone and Yellowstone filed its answer to the special appeal filed by Mattel do Brasil. On April 4, 2016, the Appeals Court rendered a decision denying the admissibility of Mattel's and Yellowstone's special appeals. On May 11, 2016, both Mattel and Yellowstone filed interlocutory appeals and are awaiting the decision.

Mattel believes that it is reasonably possible that a loss in this matter could range from \$0 to approximately \$14.0 million. The high end of this range, approximately \$14.0 million, is based on the calculation of the current amount of the damages (reported in the first court-appointed examination report submitted in the lawsuit), and loss of profits (indicated in the complaint by Yellowstone), including interest, inflation, currency adjustments, plus attorney's fees. Mattel do Brasil will be entitled to offset its counterclaim award of approximately \$6.1 million, the current amount including inflation, and currency adjustment, against such loss. The existence of procedural matters that will be addressed to the Superior Court of Justice adds some uncertainty to the final outcome of the matter. Mattel do Brasil believes, however, that it has valid legal grounds for an appeal of the Appeals Court decision and currently does not believe that a loss is probable for this matter. Accordingly, a liability has not been accrued to date. Mattel do Brasil may be required by the Trial Court to place a bond for the full amount of the damage award in escrow pending an appeal decision by the Superior Court.

21. Segment Information

Mattel, through its subsidiaries, sells a broad variety of toy products which are grouped into four major brand categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands—including Barbie® fashion dolls and accessories (“Barbie”), Monster High®, Ever After High®, Polly Pocket®, and DC Super Hero Girls™ (collectively “Other Girls”), Hot Wheels® and Matchbox® vehicles and play sets (collectively “Wheels”), and CARS™, DC Comics™, WWE® Wrestling, Minecraft®, Max Steel®, BOOMco.®, Toy Story®, and games and puzzles (collectively “Entertainment”).

Fisher-Price Brands—including Fisher-Price®, Little People®, Baby Gear™, Laugh & Learn®, and Imaginext® (collectively “Core Fisher-Price”), Thomas & Friends™, Dora the Explorer®, Mickey Mouse® Clubhouse, and Disney Jake and the Never Land Pirates® (collectively “Fisher-Price Friends”), and Power Wheels®.

American Girl Brands—including Truly Me®, Girl of the Year®, BeForever®, Bitty Baby®, and WellieWishers™. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers via its catalog, website, and proprietary retail stores, as well as sold directly to certain retailers.

Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands—including MEGA BLOKS® and RoseArt®.

Mattel’s operating segments are: (i) North America, which consists of the US and Canada, (ii) International, and (iii) American Girl. The North America and International segments sell products in the Mattel Girls & Boys Brands, Fisher-Price Brands, and Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands categories, although some are developed and adapted for particular international markets.

Segment Data

The following tables present information about revenues, income, and assets by segment. In the following tables, Mattel does not include sales adjustments such as trade discounts and other allowances in the calculation of segment revenues (referred to as “gross sales” and reconciled to net sales in Part I, Item 2 “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations–Non-GAAP Financial Measures” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q). Mattel records these adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale to each customer, but the adjustments are not allocated to brands or individual products. For this reason, Mattel’s chief operating decision maker uses gross sales by segment as one of the metrics to measure segment performance. Such sales adjustments are included in the determination of segment income from operations based on the adjustments recorded in the financial accounting systems. Segment income represents each segment’s operating income, while consolidated operating income represents income from operations before net interest, other non-operating income (expense), and income taxes as reported in the consolidated statements of operations. The corporate and other expense category includes costs not allocated to individual segments, including charges related to incentive compensation, share-based payments, and corporate headquarters functions managed on a worldwide basis, and the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on intercompany transactions.

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Revenues by Segment				
North America	\$1,071,030	\$1,069,116	\$2,077,147	\$2,053,053
International	774,211	798,584	1,614,169	1,732,125
American Girl	130,109	115,651	298,933	313,504
Gross sales	1,975,350	1,983,351	3,990,249	4,098,682
Sales adjustments	(179,775)	(191,383)	(367,999)	(395,813)
Net sales	\$1,795,575	\$1,791,968	\$3,622,250	\$3,702,869

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Segment Income				
North America	\$265,597	\$ 230,216	\$371,096	\$ 283,356
International	150,232	142,576	155,949	160,250
American Girl	28,056	7,142	21,850	5,617
	443,885	379,934	548,895	449,223
Corporate and other expense (a)	(126,489)	(79,161)	(292,305)	(202,354)
Operating income	317,396	300,773	256,590	246,869
Interest expense	24,989	21,409	70,133	62,516
Interest (income)	(2,477)	(1,990)	(7,550)	(5,757)
Other non-operating expense (income), net	856	(4,785)	23,210	(2,984)
Income before income taxes	\$294,028	\$ 286,139	\$170,797	\$ 193,094

Corporate and other expense includes severance and restructuring expenses of \$6.4 million and \$33.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$13.3 million and \$61.1 million for the (a) three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and share-based compensation expense of \$12.4 million and \$38.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and \$13.8 million and \$41.1 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

Segment assets are comprised of accounts receivable and inventories, net of applicable reserves and allowances.

	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)		

Assets by Segment			
North America	\$1,050,120	\$ 1,011,546	\$ 764,945
International	1,049,008	1,063,727	759,709
American Girl	184,101	147,517	108,414
	2,283,229	2,222,790	1,633,068
Corporate and other	156,125	99,245	99,552
Accounts receivable and inventories, net	\$2,439,354	\$ 2,322,035	\$ 1,732,620

The table below presents worldwide revenues by brand:

	For the Three Months Ended		For the Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Worldwide Revenues by Brand				
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands	\$1,061,113	\$ 1,120,612	\$2,142,665	\$ 2,327,555
Fisher-Price Brands	661,489	625,277	1,280,435	1,226,023
American Girl Brands	125,499	109,879	286,910	300,128
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	118,605	118,480	252,802	221,560
Other	8,644	9,103	27,437	23,416
Gross sales	1,975,350	1,983,351	3,990,249	4,098,682
Sales adjustments	(179,775)	(191,383)	(367,999)	(395,813)
Net sales	\$1,795,575	\$ 1,791,968	\$3,622,250	\$ 3,702,869

22. New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 605, Revenue Recognition, and most industry-specific guidance. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The new guidance establishes a five-step model to achieve that core principle and also requires additional disclosures about the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts. ASU 2014-09 was originally effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) – Deferral of the Effective Date, which defers the effective date to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted after December 15, 2016. In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-08, Principal versus Agent Considerations (Reporting Revenue Gross versus Net), which clarifies the implementation guidance on principal versus agent considerations, and ASU 2016-10, Identifying Performance Obligations and Licensing, which clarifies the identification of performance obligations and the licensing implementation guidance. In May 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-12, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606) - Narrow-Scope Improvements and Practical Expedients, which clarifies guidance on assessing collectibility, presenting sales taxes and other similar taxes collected from customers, measuring noncash consideration, and certain transition matters. Mattel is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2014-09, ASU 2015-14, ASU 2016-08, ASU 2016-10, and ASU 2016-12 on its operating results and financial position.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory, which requires an entity that uses first-in, first-out or average cost to measure its inventory at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. ASU 2015-11 will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early application is permitted. Mattel is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2015-11 on its operating results and financial position.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which requires a lessee to recognize a lease asset and lease liability on its balance sheet for all leases with a term greater than 12 months. ASU 2016-02 will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early application is permitted. Mattel is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-02 on its operating results and financial position.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting, which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, accounting for forfeitures, and classification on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-09 will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early application is permitted. Mattel is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-09 on its operating results and financial position.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows - Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which adds and clarifies guidance on the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-15 will be effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early application is permitted. Mattel is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of ASU 2016-15 on its operating results and financial position.

23. Subsequent Event

On October 19, 2016, Mattel announced that its Board of Directors declared a fourth quarter dividend of \$0.38 per common share. The dividend is payable on December 9, 2016 to stockholders of record on November 22, 2016.

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

In the discussion that follows, “Mattel” refers to Mattel, Inc. and/or one or more of its family of companies.

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial information and related notes that appear in Part I, Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. Mattel’s business is seasonal with consumers making a large percentage of all toy purchases during the traditional holiday season; therefore, results of operations are comparable only with corresponding periods.

The following discussion also includes gross sales and currency exchange rate impact, non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission (“Regulation G”), to supplement the financial results as reported in accordance with GAAP. Gross sales represent sales to customers, excluding the impact of sales adjustments, such as trade discounts and other allowances. The currency exchange rate impact reflects the portion (expressed as a percentage) of changes in Mattel's reported results that are attributable to fluctuations in currency exchange rates. Mattel uses these non-GAAP financial measures to analyze its continuing operations and to monitor, assess, and identify meaningful trends in its operating and financial performance. These measures are not, and should not be viewed as, a substitute for GAAP financial measures. Refer to “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for a more detailed discussion, including a reconciliation of gross sales, a non-GAAP financial measure, to net sales, its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Factors That May Affect Future Results

(Cautionary Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995)

Mattel is including this Cautionary Statement to caution investors and qualify for the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “Act”) for forward-looking statements. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Act. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words such as “believes,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “intends,” “plans,” “seeks,” “aims,” “estimates,” “projects,” “on track” or words of similar future or conditional verbs, such as “will,” “should,” “could,” or “may.” A forward-looking statement is neither a prediction nor a guarantee of future events or circumstances, and those future events or circumstances may not occur. Investors should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. These forward-looking statements are all based on currently available operating, financial, economic and competitive information and are subject to various risks and uncertainties. Mattel’s actual future results and trends may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the risks and uncertainties detailed in Part 1, Item 1A “Risk Factors” in Mattel’s 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. Mattel expressly disclaims any obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new developments or otherwise.

Overview

Mattel designs, manufactures, and markets a broad variety of toy products worldwide which are sold to its customers and directly to consumers. Mattel is the owner of a portfolio of global brands with untapped intellectual property potential. Mattel's products are among the most widely recognized toy products in the world. Mattel’s portfolio of brands and products are grouped into four major brand categories:

Mattel Girls & Boys Brands—including Barbie fashion dolls and accessories (“Barbie”), Monster High, Ever After High, Polly Pocket, and DC Super Hero Girls (collectively “Other Girls”), Hot Wheels and Matchbox vehicles and play sets (collectively “Wheels”), and CARS, DC Comics, WWE Wrestling, Minecraft, Max Steel, BOOMco., Toy Story, and games and puzzles (collectively “Entertainment”).

Fisher-Price Brands—including Fisher-Price, Little People, Baby Gear, Laugh & Learn, and Imaginext (collectively “Core Fisher-Price”), Thomas & Friends, Dora the Explorer, Mickey Mouse Clubhouse, and Disney Jake and the Never Land Pirates (collectively “Fisher-Price Friends”), and Power Wheels.

American Girl Brands—including Truly Me, Girl of the Year, BeForever, Bitty Baby, and WellieWishers. American Girl Brands products are sold directly to consumers via its catalog, website, and proprietary retail stores, as well as sold directly to certain retailers.

Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands—including MEGA BLOKS and RoseArt.

In order to leverage Mattel's intellectual properties, as well as a number of premier licensed entertainment properties, and its capabilities as a world-class toy maker, management has established the following strategies:

First, Mattel is focused on embracing brand building, creativity, and innovation, and management will put a premium on speed and personal accountability. Management is focused on putting Mattel back on track for growth and improved profitability.

Additionally, Mattel is organizing around the following five strategic priorities:

- Build powerful brand franchises;
- Establish Toy Box as the partner of choice;
- Develop unmatched commercial excellence;
- Drive continuous cost improvement; and
- Build emerging market leadership.

Third Quarter 2016 Overview

Mattel's performance during the third quarter of 2016 reflected continuing progress on its turnaround efforts. Sales were aligned with positive and improving global trends in consumer takeaway. Despite foreign exchange headwinds and the loss of Disney Princess®, Mattel experienced solid performance in a number of its core brands, including Barbie, Fisher-Price, and Hot Wheels, as well as in Toy Box, with games and entertainment properties and MEGA Brands. American Girl performed well in the third quarter due to the new franchise licensing agreement to expand the brand into the Middle East, the introduction of the new WellieWishers line, and expanded distribution. Finally, Mattel continued to make good progress against its cost reduction goals in both cost of sales and other selling and administrative expenses. Mattel's third quarter 2016 financial highlights include the following:

• Net sales in the third quarter of 2016 were \$1.80 billion, flat as compared to third quarter of 2015 net sales of \$1.79 billion.

• Gross sales in the third quarter of 2016 were \$1.98 billion, flat as compared to third quarter of 2015 gross sales of \$1.98 billion.

• Gross margin in the third quarter of 2016 was 48.5%, a decrease of 60 basis points from the third quarter of 2015.

• Operating income in the third quarter of 2016 was \$317.4 million, as compared to operating income of \$300.8 million in the third quarter of 2015.

• Earnings per share in the third quarter of 2016 was \$0.68, as compared to earnings per share of \$0.66 in the third quarter of 2015.

Results of Operations—Third Quarter

Consolidated Results

Net sales for the third quarter of 2016 were \$1.80 billion, which is flat as compared to \$1.79 billion in the third quarter of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points. Net income for the third quarter of 2016 was \$236.3 million, or \$0.68 per diluted share, as compared to net income of \$223.8 million, or \$0.66 per diluted share, in the third quarter of 2015. Net income for the third quarter of 2016 was positively impacted by higher licensing income, lower other selling and administrative expenses, and lower advertising and promotion expenses.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for the third quarter of 2016 and 2015 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

	For the Three Months Ended				Year/Year Change			
	September 30, 2016		September 30, 2015					
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales	%		Basis Points of Net Sales	
Net sales	\$1,795.6	100.0 %	\$1,792.0	100.0 %	—	%	—	
Gross profit	\$870.8	48.5 %	\$879.6	49.1 %	-1	%	-60	
Advertising and promotion expenses	202.9	11.3 %	213.2	11.9 %	-5	%	-60	
Other selling and administrative expenses	350.5	19.5 %	365.6	20.4 %	-4	%	-90	
Operating income	317.4	17.7 %	300.8	16.8 %	6	%	90	
Interest expense	25.0	1.4 %	21.4	1.2 %	17	%	20	
Interest (income)	(2.5)	-0.1 %	(2.0)	-0.1 %	24	%	—	
Other non-operating expense (income), net	0.9		(4.7)					
Income before income taxes	\$294.0	16.4 %	\$286.1	16.0 %	3	%	40	

Sales

Net sales for the third quarter of 2016 were \$1.80 billion, which is flat as compared to \$1.79 billion in the third quarter of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated gross sales by brand for the third quarter of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as		Currency	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate Impact	
(In millions, except percentage information)						
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$349.7	\$ 302.0	16	%	-1	%
Other Girls	161.6	320.4	-50	%	-4	%
Wheels	281.9	266.9	6	%	—	%
Entertainment	267.9	231.3	16	%	—	%
	1,061.1	1,120.6	-5	%	-1	%
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	453.3	426.8	6	%	-1	%
Fisher-Price Friends	166.7	162.3	3	%	-4	%
Other Fisher-Price	41.5	36.2	15	%	—	%
	661.5	625.3	6	%	-2	%
American Girl Brands	125.5	109.9	14	%	-1	%
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	118.6	118.5	—	%	-6	%
Other	8.7	9.1				
Total Gross Sales	\$1,975.4	\$ 1,983.4	—	%	-1	%
Sales Adjustments	(179.8)	(191.4)				
Total Net Sales	\$1,795.6	\$ 1,792.0	—	%	-2	%

Gross sales were \$1.98 billion in the third quarter of 2016, a decrease of \$8.0 million, or flat as compared to \$1.98 billion in the third quarter of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 1 percentage point. The decrease in gross sales was primarily due to lower sales of Other Girls products, offset by higher sales of Barbie, Entertainment, and American Girl products. Of the 50% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 51% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products. The 16% increase in Barbie gross sales was due to sales of the Fashionista® and I Can Be® product lines, and the new younger girl product line, Barbie™ Dreamtopia. Of the 16% increase in Entertainment gross sales, 12% was due to higher sales of DC Comics products. The 14% increase in American Girl products was primarily due to the new franchise licensing agreement to expand the brand into the Middle East, the introduction of the new WellieWishers line, and expanded distribution.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 51.5% in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to 50.9% in the third quarter of 2015. Cost of sales increased by \$12.4 million, or 1%, to \$924.8 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$912.4 million in the third quarter of 2015, as compared to net sales, which remained flat. Within cost of sales, product and other costs increased by \$28.8 million, or 4%, to \$765.0 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$736.2 million in the third quarter of 2015; royalty expenses decreased by \$15.7 million, or 18%, to \$71.1 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$86.8 million in the third quarter of 2015; freight and logistics expenses decreased by \$0.7 million, or 1%, to \$88.7 million in the third quarter of 2016 from \$89.4 million in the third quarter of 2015.

Gross Margin

Gross margin decreased to 48.5% in the third quarter of 2016 from 49.1% in the third quarter of 2015. The decrease in gross margin was due to unfavorable foreign exchange, unfavorable product mix, and higher input costs, partially offset by strategic pricing and Funding Our Future savings.

Advertising and Promotion Expenses

Advertising and promotion expenses primarily consist of: (i) media costs, which primarily include the media, planning, and buying fees for television, print, and online advertisements, (ii) non-media costs, which primarily include commercial and website production, merchandising, and promotional costs, (iii) retail advertising costs, which primarily include consumer direct catalogs, newspaper inserts, fliers, and mailers and (iv) generic advertising costs, which primarily include trade show costs. Advertising and promotion expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 11.3% in the third quarter of 2016 from 11.9% in the third quarter of 2015, primarily as a result of lower media and non-media costs.

Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses were \$350.5 million, or 19.5% of net sales, in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to \$365.6 million, or 20.4% of net sales, in the third quarter of 2015. The decrease in other selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to Funding Our Future net savings of approximately \$11 million.

Provision for Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$57.8 million and \$62.4 million in the third quarter of 2016 and 2015, respectively. Mattel recognized net discrete tax benefits of \$9.0 million in the third quarter of 2016 and net discrete tax expense of \$0.8 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes.

North America Segment

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the North America segment for the third quarter of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2016		September 30, 2015		% Change as Reported	Currency Exchange Rate Impact
(In millions, except percentage information)						
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$ 183.0	\$ 156.0	17	%	—%	
Other Girls	79.6	161.7	-51	%	—%	
Wheels	157.5	140.1	12	%	—%	
Entertainment	157.0	129.1	22	%	—%	
	577.1	586.9	-2	%	—%	
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	279.1	266.3	5	%	—%	
Fisher-Price Friends	88.6	94.7	-6	%	—%	
Other Fisher-Price	40.3	34.9	16	%	—%	
	408.0	395.9	3	%	—%	
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	82.9	83.3	—	%	—%	
Other	3.0	3.0				
Total Gross Sales	\$1,071.0	\$ 1,069.1	—	%	—%	

Gross sales for the North America segment were \$1.07 billion in the third quarter of 2016, an increase of \$1.9 million, or flat, as compared to \$1.07 billion in the third quarter of 2015. The increase in the North America segment gross sales was primarily due to higher sales of Entertainment, Barbie, and Wheels products, partially offset by lower sales of Other Girls products. Of the 22% increase in Entertainment gross sales, 13% was due to higher sales of DC Comics products and 6% was due to higher sales of Minecraft products. The 17% increase in Barbie gross sales was due to sales of the Fashionista and I Can Be product lines, and the new younger girl product line, Barbie Dreamtopia. Of the 12% increase in Wheels gross sales, 6% was due to higher sales of Tyco RC® products and 4% was due to higher sales of Hot Wheels products. Of the 51% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 53% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products. Cost of sales decreased 1% in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to a 2% increase in net sales, primarily due to lower royalty costs. Gross margins in the third quarter of 2016 increased as a result of strategic pricing and Funding Our Future savings, partially offset by higher input costs.

North America segment income increased by 15% to \$265.6 million in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to \$230.2 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily due to higher gross profit and lower advertising and promotion expenses.

International Segment

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in net sales within the International segment in the third quarter of 2016 versus 2015:

	% Change in Net Sales as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
Total International Segment	-4	%	-4	%
Europe	-8	%	-6	%
Latin America	-4	%	-2	%
Asia Pacific	11	%	—	%

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in gross sales within the International segment in the third quarter of 2016 versus 2015:

	% Change in Gross Sales as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
Total International Segment	-3	%	-4	%
Europe	-7	%	-6	%
Latin America	-5	%	-2	%
Asia Pacific	15	%	—	%

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the International segment for the third quarter of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
	September 2016	September 2015				
(In millions, except percentage information)						
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$166.6	\$146.0	14	%	-2	%
Other Girls	82.1	158.6	-48	%	-7	%
Wheels	124.4	126.8	-2	%	-2	%
Entertainment	110.9	102.3	8	%	-2	%
	484.0	533.7	-9	%	-3	%
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	174.2	160.5	9	%	-2	%
Fisher-Price Friends	78.1	67.6	16	%	-6	%
Other Fisher-Price	1.2	1.3				
	253.5	229.4	11	%	-3	%
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	35.7	35.2	1	%	-17	%
Other	1.0	0.3				
Total Gross Sales	\$774.2	\$798.6	-3	%	-4	%

Gross sales for the International segment were \$774.2 million in the third quarter of 2016, a decrease of \$24.4 million, or 3%, as compared to \$798.6 million in the third quarter of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 4 percentage points. The decrease in the International segment gross sales was primarily due to lower sales of Other Girls products, partially offset by higher sales of Fisher-Price Friends and Barbie products. Of the 48% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 50% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products. Of the 16% increase in Fisher-Price Friends gross sales, 18% was due to higher sales of Nickelodeon products. The 14% increase in Barbie gross sales was due to sales of the Fashionista and I Can Be product lines, and the new younger girl product line, Barbie Dreamtopia. Cost of sales increased 5% in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to a 4% decrease in net sales, primarily due to unfavorable product mix, partially offset by lower royalty expense. Gross margins in the third quarter of 2016 decreased as a result of unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates and unfavorable product mix, partially offset by strategic pricing and lower royalty expenses.

International segment income increased 5% to \$150.2 million in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to \$142.6 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily due to lower advertising and promotion expenses and lower other selling and administrative expenses, partially offset by lower gross profit.

American Girl Segment

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the American Girl segment for the third quarter of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
	September 2016	September 2015				
(In millions, except percentage information)						

American Girl Segment:

American Girl Brands	\$ 124.5	\$ 109.9	13	%	-1	%
Other Brands	5.6	5.8	-3	%	—	%
Total Gross Sales	\$ 130.1	\$ 115.7	13	%	—	%

Gross sales for the American Girl segment were \$130.1 million in the third quarter of 2016, an increase of \$14.4 million, or 13%, as compared to \$115.7 million in the third quarter of 2015. The 13% increase in the American Girl segment gross sales was primarily due to the new franchise licensing agreement to expand the brand into the Middle East, the introduction of the new WellieWishers line, and expanded distribution. Cost of sales decreased 1% in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to a 13% increase in net sales, primarily due to lower freight and logistics costs. Gross margins in the third quarter of 2016 increased as a result of higher licensing income.

American Girl segment income increased 293% to \$28.1 million in the third quarter of 2016, as compared to \$7.1 million in the third quarter of 2015, primarily due to higher licensing income and lower advertising and promotion expenses.

Results of Operations—First Nine Months

Consolidated Results

Net sales for the first nine months of 2016 were \$3.62 billion, a 2% decrease, as compared to \$3.70 billion in the first nine months of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points. Net income for the first nine months of 2016 was \$144.2 million, or \$0.42 per diluted share, as compared to net income of \$154.3 million, or \$0.45 per diluted share, in the first nine months of 2015. Net income for the first nine months of 2016 was negatively impacted by lower gross profit, partially offset by lower other selling and administrative expenses and lower advertising and promotion expenses.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated results for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015 (in millions, except percentage and basis point information):

	For the Nine Months Ended				Year/Year Change			
	September 30, 2016		September 30, 2015					
	Amount	% of Net Sales	Amount	% of Net Sales	%		Basis Points of Net Sales	
Net sales	\$3,622.3	100.0 %	\$3,702.9	100.0 %	-2 %		—	
Gross profit	\$1,693.0	46.7 %	\$1,802.9	48.7 %	-6 %		-200	
Advertising and promotion expenses	384.6	10.6 %	420.4	11.4 %	-9 %		-80	
Other selling and administrative expenses	1,051.8	29.0 %	1,135.6	30.7 %	-7 %		-170	
Operating income	256.6	7.1 %	246.9	6.7 %	4 %		40	
Interest expense	70.1	1.9 %	62.5	1.7 %	12 %		20	
Interest (income)	(7.6)	-0.2 %	(5.8)	-0.2 %	31 %		—	
Other non-operating expense (income), net	23.3		(2.9)					
Income before income taxes	\$170.8	4.7 %	\$193.1	5.2 %	-12 %		-50	

Sales

Net sales for the first nine months of 2016 were \$3.62 billion, a 2% decrease, as compared to \$3.70 billion in the first nine months of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 2 percentage points.

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's consolidated gross sales by brand results for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Nine Months Ended		% Change as		Currency	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate	
	(In millions, except percentage information)					
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$ 651.3	\$ 578.3	13	%	-2	%
Other Girls	304.5	685.9	-56	%	-4	%
Wheels	579.0	559.5	3	%	-4	%
Entertainment	607.9	503.9	21	%	-2	%
	2,142.7	2,327.6	-8	%	-3	%
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	870.1	823.1	6	%	-2	%
Fisher-Price Friends	330.8	326.5	1	%	-4	%
Other Fisher-Price	79.5	76.5	4	%	-1	%
	1,280.4	1,226.1	4	%	-3	%
American Girl Brands	286.9	300.1	-4	%	-1	%
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	252.8	221.6	14	%	-9	%
Other	27.4	23.3				
Total Gross Sales	\$ 3,990.2	\$ 4,098.7	-3	%	-3	%
Sales Adjustments	(367.9)	(395.8)				
Total Net Sales	\$ 3,622.3	\$ 3,702.9	-2	%	-2	%

Gross sales were \$3.99 billion in the first nine months of 2016, a decrease of \$108.5 million, or 3%, as compared to \$4.10 billion in the first nine months of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 3 percentage points. The decrease in gross sales was due to lower sales of Other Girls products, partially offset by higher sales of Entertainment, Construction and Arts & Crafts, and Barbie products. Of the 56% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 50% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products. Of the 21% increase in Entertainment gross sales, 17% was due to higher sales of DC Comics products. Of the 14% increase in Construction and Arts & Crafts gross sales, 19% was due to higher sales of Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles™ MEGA Bloks products. The 13% increase in Barbie gross sales was due to sales of the Fashionista and I Can Be product lines, and the new younger girl product line, Barbie Dreamtopia, as well as licensing revenue recorded during the second quarter.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 53.3% in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to 51.3% in the first nine months of 2015. Cost of sales increased by \$29.3 million, or 2%, to \$1.93 billion in the first nine months of 2016 from \$1.90 billion in the first nine months of 2015, as compared to a 2% decrease in net sales. Within cost of sales, product and other costs increased by \$62.7 million, or 4%, to \$1.57 billion in the first nine months of 2016 from \$1.51 billion in the first nine months of 2015; royalty expenses decreased by \$28.6 million, or 16%, to \$148.0 million in the first nine months of 2016 from \$176.6 million in the first nine months of 2015; freight and logistics expenses decreased by \$4.8 million, or 2%, to \$209.3 million in the first nine months of 2016 from \$214.1 million in the first nine months of 2015.

Gross Margin

Gross margin decreased to 46.7% in the first nine months of 2016 from 48.7% in the first nine months of 2015. The decrease in gross margin was due to unfavorable foreign exchange, unfavorable product mix, and higher input costs, partially offset by strategic pricing and Funding Our Future savings.

Advertising and Promotion Expenses

Advertising and promotion expenses primarily consist of: (i) media costs, which primarily include the media, planning, and buying fees for television, print, and online advertisements, (ii) non-media costs, which primarily include commercial and website production, merchandising, and promotional costs, (iii) retail advertising costs, which primarily include consumer direct catalogs, newspaper inserts, fliers, and mailers and (iv) generic advertising costs, which primarily include trade show costs. Advertising and promotion expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 10.6% in the first nine months of 2016 from 11.4% in the first nine months of 2015, primarily as a result of lower media and non-media costs.

Other Selling and Administrative Expenses

Other selling and administrative expenses were \$1.05 billion, or 29.0% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$1.14 billion, or 30.7% of net sales, in the first nine months of 2015. The decrease in other selling and administrative expenses was primarily due to Funding Our Future net savings of approximately \$53 million and lower severance and restructuring charges of approximately \$27 million.

Other Non-Operating Expenses

Other non-operating expenses were \$23.3 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to other non-operating income of \$2.9 million in the first nine months of 2015. The increase in other non-operating expenses was primarily due to the change in the remeasurement rate used by Mattel's Venezuelan subsidiary, which resulted in an unrealized foreign currency exchange loss of approximately \$26 million, in the first quarter of 2016.

Provision for Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$26.6 million and \$38.8 million in the first nine months of 2016 and 2015, respectively. Mattel recognized net discrete tax benefits of \$12.8 million and \$2.8 million in the first nine months of 2016 and 2015, respectively, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes.

North America Segment

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the North America segment for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,		% Change as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
	2016	2015				
(In millions, except percentage information)						
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$327.7	\$ 268.4	22	%	—	%
Other Girls	154.4	330.6	-53	%	—	%
Wheels	294.4	273.3	8	%	—	%
Entertainment	356.9	275.5	30	%	—	%
	1,133.4	1,147.8	-1	%	—	%
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	515.7	485.1	6	%	—	%
Fisher-Price Friends	168.3	177.4	-5	%	-1	%
Other Fisher-Price	77.5	74.7	4	%	—	%
	761.5	737.2	3	%	-1	%
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	170.1	158.8	7	%	—	%
Other	12.1	9.3				
Total Gross Sales	\$2,077.1	\$ 2,053.1	1	%	—	%

Gross sales for the North America segment were \$2.08 billion in the first nine months of 2016, an increase of \$24.0 million, or 1%, as compared to \$2.05 billion in the first nine months of 2015. The increase in the North America segment gross sales was primarily due to higher sales of Entertainment and Barbie products, partially offset by lower sales of Other Girls products. Of the 30% increase in Entertainment gross sales, 17% was due to higher sales of DC Comics products, 5% was due to higher sales of Minecraft products, and 4% was due to sales of Ghostbusters™ products. The 22% increase in Barbie gross sales was due to sales of the Fashionista and I Can Be product lines, and the new younger girl product line, Barbie Dreamtopia, as well as licensing revenue recorded during the second quarter. Of the 53% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 50% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products. Cost of sales remained flat in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to a 3% increase in net sales, primarily due to higher product and other costs offset by lower royalty costs. Gross margins in the first nine months of 2016 increased as a result of Funding Our Future savings and strategic pricing, partially offset by higher input costs.

North America segment income increased by 31% to \$371.1 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$283.4 million in the first nine months of 2015, primarily due to higher gross profit and lower advertising and promotion expenses.

International Segment

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in net sales within the International segment in the first nine months of 2016 versus 2015:

	% Change in Net Sales as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
Total International Segment	-8	%	-6	%
Europe	-7	%	-5	%
Latin America	-13	%	-9	%
Asia Pacific	-1	%	-3	%

The following table provides a summary of percentage changes in gross sales within the International segment in the first nine months of 2016 versus 2015:

	% Change in Gross Sales as Reported		Currency Exchange Rate Impact	
Total International Segment	-7	%	-6	%
Europe	-7	%	-6	%
Latin America	-14	%	-9	%
Asia Pacific	2	%	-3	%

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the International segment for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Nine Months Ended				Currency	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	% Change as Reported		Exchange Rate Impact	
(In millions, except percentage information)						
Mattel Girls & Boys Brands:						
Barbie	\$ 323.6	\$ 309.9	4	%	-4	%
Other Girls	150.0	355.3	-58	%	-7	%
Wheels	284.6	286.1	-1	%	-7	%
Entertainment	251.0	228.4	10	%	-6	%
	1,009.2	1,179.7	-14	%	-6	%
Fisher-Price Brands:						
Core Fisher-Price	354.4	338.0	5	%	-5	%
Fisher-Price Friends	162.5	149.1	9	%	-7	%
Other Fisher-Price	2.0	1.8				
	518.9	488.9	6	%	-5	%
Construction and Arts & Crafts Brands	82.7	62.8	32	%	-24	%
Other	3.4	0.8				
Total Gross Sales	\$ 1,614.2	\$ 1,732.1	-7	%	-6	%

Gross sales for the International segment were \$1.61 billion in the first nine months of 2016, a decrease of \$117.9 million, or 7%, as compared to \$1.73 billion in the first nine months of 2015, with an unfavorable impact from changes in currency exchange rates of 6 percentage points. The decrease in the International segment gross sales was primarily due to lower sales of Other Girls products, partially offset by higher sales of Construction and Arts & Crafts and Entertainment products. Of the 58% decrease in Other Girls gross sales, 50% was due to lower sales of Disney Princess products and 14% was due to lower sales of Monster High products, partially offset by higher sales of DC Super Hero Girls products of 6%. Of the 32% increase in Construction and Arts & Crafts gross sales, 30% was due to higher sales of MEGA Bloks Preschool products. Of the 10% increase in Entertainment gross sales, 17% was due to higher sales of DC Comics products, partially offset by lower sales of Max Steel products of 6%. Cost of sales increased 4% in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to an 8% decrease in net sales, primarily due to unfavorable product mix, partially offset by lower royalty expenses. Gross margins in the first nine months of 2016 decreased as a result of unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates and unfavorable product mix, partially offset by strategic pricing and Funding Our Future savings.

International segment income decreased by 3% to \$155.9 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$160.3 million in the first nine months of 2015, driven primarily by lower gross profit, partially offset by lower advertising and promotion expenses and lower other selling and administrative expenses.

American Girl Segment

The following table provides a summary of Mattel's gross sales by brand for the American Girl segment for the first nine months of 2016 and 2015:

	For the Nine Months Ended				Currency Exchange Rate	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	% Change as Reported		Impact	
(In millions, except percentage information)						
American Girl Segment:						
American Girl Brands	\$ 285.9	\$ 300.1	-5	%	-1	%
Other Brands	13.0	13.4	-3	%	—	%
Total Gross Sales	\$ 298.9	\$ 313.5	-5	%	—	%

Gross sales for the American Girl segment were \$298.9 million in the first nine months of 2016, a decrease of \$14.6 million, or 5%, as compared to \$313.5 million in the first nine months of 2015. Cost of sales decreased 8% in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to a 4% decrease in net sales, primarily due to lower product and other costs. Gross margins in the first nine months of 2016 increased as a result of higher licensing income and Funding Our Future savings.

American Girl segment income increased by 289% to \$21.9 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$5.6 million in the first nine months of 2015, driven primarily by higher licensing income.

Funding Our Future

In 2015, Mattel initiated its current cost savings program, Funding Our Future, which targets cumulative gross cost savings of approximately \$250 million to \$300 million by the end of 2016. The cost savings program is designed to generate cost savings through various initiatives, including structural and process improvements and supply chain optimization.

For the third quarter of 2016, Mattel realized gross cost savings, excluding severance charges and investments, of approximately \$31 million (or approximately \$28 million of net savings, including severance charges and investments). Of the gross cost savings realized in the third quarter of 2016, approximately \$18 million was reflected within gross profit, approximately \$11 million within other selling and administrative expenses, and approximately \$2 million within advertising and promotion expenses.

For the first nine months of 2016, Mattel realized gross cost savings, excluding severance charges and investments, of approximately \$108 million (or approximately \$92 million of net savings, including severance charges and investments). Of the gross cost savings realized in the first nine months of 2016, approximately \$51 million was reflected within gross profit, approximately \$52 million within other selling and administrative expenses, and approximately \$5 million within advertising and promotion expenses.

Income Taxes

Mattel's provision for income taxes was \$26.6 million and \$38.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, Mattel recognized net discrete tax benefits of \$9.0 million and \$12.8 million, respectively, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, Mattel recognized net discrete tax expense of \$0.8 million and net discrete tax benefits of \$2.8 million, respectively, primarily related to reassessments of prior years' tax liabilities based on the status of audits and tax filings in various jurisdictions around the world, settlements, and enacted tax law changes.

In the normal course of business, Mattel is regularly audited by federal, state, and foreign tax authorities. During the third quarter of 2016, the statute of limitations for Mattel's 2012 federal income tax return expired. Based on the current status of federal, state, and foreign audits, Mattel believes it is reasonably possible that in the next twelve months, the total unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$11.5 million related to the settlement of tax audits and/or the expiration of statutes of limitations. The ultimate settlement of any particular issue with the applicable taxing authority could have a material impact on Mattel's consolidated financial statements.

During the first quarter of 2016, Mattel retrospectively adopted ASU 2015-17, Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. As of September 30, 2015, prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$203.5 million, other noncurrent assets increased by \$199.6 million, accounts payable and accrued liabilities decreased by \$0.1 million, and other noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$3.8 million from the previously reported amounts. As of December 31, 2015, prepaid expenses and other current assets decreased by \$195.8 million, other noncurrent assets increased by \$193.6 million, and other noncurrent liabilities decreased by \$2.2 million from the previously reported amounts.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Mattel's primary sources of liquidity are its cash and equivalents balances, access to short-term borrowing facilities, including its \$1.60 billion domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility"), and issuances of long-term debt securities. Cash flows from operating activities could be negatively impacted by decreased demand for Mattel's products, which could result from factors such as adverse economic conditions and changes in public and consumer preferences, or by increased costs associated with manufacturing and distribution of products or shortages in raw materials or component parts. Additionally, Mattel's ability to issue long-term debt and obtain seasonal financing could be adversely affected by factors such as global economic crises and tight credit environments, an inability to meet its debt covenant requirements, which include maintaining consolidated debt-to-earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization and interest coverage ratios, or a deterioration of Mattel's credit ratings. Mattel's ability to conduct its operations could be negatively impacted should these or other adverse conditions affect its primary sources of liquidity.

Of Mattel's \$297.1 million in cash and equivalents as of September 30, 2016, approximately \$259 million was held by foreign subsidiaries. Mattel may need to accrue and pay additional income taxes if some or all of the undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries were repatriated. Mattel does not intend nor foresee a need to repatriate undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries. Mattel has several liquidity options to fund its domestic operations and obligations, including investing and financing activities such as dividends, share repurchases, and debt service. Positive cash flows generated annually by its domestic operations, the Credit Facility, and access to both long-term and short-term public and private debt markets at competitive interest rates are available to fund domestic operations and obligations. If these sources are not adequate, Mattel also has the ability to repatriate highly taxed foreign earnings, receive repayment of intercompany loans to foreign subsidiaries, and distribute liquidating dividends from foreign subsidiaries, all of which would have a very nominal impact, if any, on Mattel's tax liabilities. Mattel believes that its policy to indefinitely reinvest the earnings of its foreign subsidiaries will not result in and is not reasonably likely to result in a material change to Mattel's liquidity position.

Current Market Conditions

Mattel is exposed to financial market risk resulting from changes in interest and foreign currency exchange rates. Mattel believes that it has ample liquidity to fund its business needs, including beginning of year cash and equivalents, cash flows from operations, and access to the commercial paper markets and its Credit Facility, which it uses for seasonal working capital requirements. As of September 30, 2016, Mattel had available incremental borrowing resources totaling \$1.60 billion under the Credit Facility, and Mattel has not experienced any limitations on its ability to access this source of liquidity. Market conditions could affect certain terms of other debt instruments that Mattel enters into from time to time.

Mattel monitors the third-party depository institutions that hold the Company's cash and equivalents. Mattel's emphasis is primarily on safety and liquidity of principal, and secondarily on maximizing the yield on those funds. Mattel diversifies its cash and equivalents among counterparties and securities to minimize risks.

Mattel is subject to credit risks relating to the ability of its counterparties in hedging transactions to meet their contractual payment obligations. The risks related to creditworthiness and nonperformance have been considered in the fair value measurements of Mattel's foreign currency forward exchange contracts. Mattel closely monitors its counterparties and takes action, as necessary, to manage its counterparty credit risk.

Mattel expects that some of its customers and vendors may experience difficulty in obtaining the liquidity required to buy inventory or raw materials. Mattel monitors its customers' financial condition and their liquidity in order to mitigate Mattel's accounts receivable collectibility risks, and customer terms and credit limits are adjusted, if necessary. Additionally, Mattel uses a variety of financial arrangements to help ensure collectibility of accounts receivable of customers deemed to be a credit risk, including requiring letters of credit, factoring, purchasing various forms of credit insurance with unrelated third parties, or requiring cash in advance of shipment.

Mattel sponsors defined benefit pension plans and postretirement benefit plans for its employees. Actual returns below the expected rate of return, along with changes in interest rates that affect the measurement of the liability, would impact the amount and timing of Mattel's future contributions to these plans.

Capital and Investment Framework

To guide future capital deployment decisions, with a goal of maximizing stockholder value, Mattel's Board of Directors established the following capital and investment framework:

- To maintain approximately \$800 million to \$1 billion in year-end cash available to fund a substantial portion of seasonal working capital;

- To maintain a year-end debt-to-capital ratio of about 35%;

- To invest approximately \$180 million to \$200 million in capital expenditures annually to maintain and grow the business;

- To make strategic opportunistic acquisitions; and

- To return excess funds to stockholders through dividends and share repurchases.

Over the long term, assuming annual cash flows from operating activities remain strong, Mattel plans to use its free cash flows to invest in strategic acquisitions and to return funds to stockholders through cash dividends and share repurchases. Mattel's share repurchase program has no expiration date and repurchases will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. The ability to successfully implement the capital deployment plan is directly dependent on Mattel's ability to generate strong annual cash flows from operating activities. There is no assurance that Mattel will continue to generate strong annual cash flows from operating activities or achieve its targeted goals for investing activities.

Operating Activities

Cash flows used for operating activities were \$331.3 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$222.3 million in the first nine months of 2015. The cash flows used for operating activities increased primarily due to higher working capital usage and lower net income.

Investing Activities

Cash flows used for investing activities were \$204.7 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$206.0 million in the first nine months of 2015. The cash flows used for investing activities decreased primarily due to proceeds from foreign currency forward exchange contracts, partially offset by the acquisitions of Fuhu and Sproutling.

Financing Activities

Cash flows used for financing activities were \$43.2 million in the first nine months of 2016, as compared to \$230.0 million in the first nine months of 2015. The decrease in cash flows used for financing activities was primarily due to proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt, partially offset by higher net repayments of short-term debt.

Seasonal Financing

Mattel maintains and periodically amends or replaces its domestic unsecured committed revolving credit facility with a commercial bank group. The credit facility is used as a back-up to Mattel's commercial paper program, which is used as the primary source of financing for the seasonal working capital requirements of its domestic subsidiaries. The agreement governing the credit facility was amended and restated on June 8, 2015 to, among other things, (i) extend the maturity date of the credit facility to June 9, 2020, (ii) amend the definition of consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization ("Consolidated EBITDA") used in calculating Mattel's financial ratio covenants and (iii) increase the maximum allowed consolidated debt-to-Consolidated EBITDA ratio to 3.50 to 1. The aggregate commitments under the credit facility remain at \$1.60 billion, with an "accordion feature," which allows Mattel to increase the aggregate availability under the credit facility to \$1.85 billion under certain circumstances. In addition, applicable interest rate margins remain within a range of 0.00% to 0.75% above the applicable base rate for base rate loans and 0.88% to 1.75% above the applicable LIBOR for Eurodollar rate loans, and commitment fees range from 0.08% to 0.25% of the unused commitments under the credit facility, in each case depending on Mattel's senior unsecured long-term debt rating.

Mattel is required to meet financial ratio covenants at the end of each quarter and fiscal year, using the formulae specified in the credit agreement to calculate the ratios. Mattel was in compliance with such covenants at the end of the nine months ended September 30, 2016. As of September 30, 2016, Mattel's consolidated debt-to-Consolidated EBITDA ratio, as calculated per the terms of the credit agreement, was 2.87 to 1 (compared to a maximum allowed of 3.50 to 1), and Mattel's interest coverage ratio was 9.19 to 1 (compared to a minimum required of 3.50 to 1).

The agreement governing the credit facility is a material agreement, and failure to comply with the financial ratio covenants may result in an event of default under the terms of the credit facility. If Mattel were to default under the terms of the credit facility, its ability to meet its seasonal financing requirements could be adversely affected. To finance seasonal working capital requirements of certain foreign subsidiaries, Mattel avails itself of individual short-term credit lines with a number of banks. Mattel expects to extend the majority of these credit lines throughout 2016.

Mattel believes its cash on hand, amounts available under its credit facility, and its foreign credit lines will be adequate to meet its seasonal financing requirements in 2016.

Financial Position

Mattel's cash and equivalents decreased \$595.7 million to \$297.1 million at September 30, 2016, as compared to \$892.8 million at December 31, 2015. The decrease was primarily due to dividend payments, working capital usage, purchases of tools, dies, and molds and other property, plant and equipment, and the acquisitions of Fuhu and Sproutling.

Accounts receivable increased \$383.7 million to \$1.53 billion at September 30, 2016, as compared to \$1.15 billion at December 31, 2015, primarily due to American Girl sales to external retailers and a shift from direct import sales to trade sales, which have longer payment terms. Inventory increased \$323.0 million to \$910.5 million at September 30, 2016, as compared to \$587.5 million at December 31, 2015, primarily due to higher inventory in the US to meet expected future demand of new products and higher American Girl production for sales to external retailers.

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities increased \$14.0 million to \$1.32 billion at September 30, 2016, as compared to \$1.31 billion at December 31, 2015. The increase was primarily due to the extension of terms with third-party manufacturers and tighter management of vendor disbursements.

Noncurrent long-term debt increased to \$2.13 billion as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$1.78 billion as of December 31, 2015, primarily due to the \$350.0 million issuance of long-term debt in the third quarter of 2016. The proceeds will be used to repay the \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2011 Senior Notes due in November 2016 and for general corporate purposes.

A summary of Mattel's capitalization is as follows:

	September 30, 2016			September 30, 2015			December 31, 2015		
	(In millions, except percentage information)								
2010 Senior Notes	\$500.0	10	%	\$500.0	10	%	\$500.0	10	%
2011 Senior Notes	300.0	6		600.0	12		300.0	6	
2013 Senior Notes	500.0	10		500.0	10		500.0	10	
2014 Senior Notes	500.0	10		500.0	10		500.0	10	
2016 Senior Notes	350.0	7		—	—		—	—	
Debt issuance costs	(16.5	)	—	(16.0	)	—	(15.3	)	—
Total noncurrent long-term debt	2,133.5	43		2,084.0	40		1,784.7	36	
Other noncurrent liabilities	454.4	9		531.5	10		471.6	10	
Stockholders' equity	2,415.4	48		2,572.7	50		2,633.3	54	
	\$5,003.3	100	%	\$5,188.2	100	%	\$4,889.6	100	%

Mattel's debt-to-total capital ratio, including short-term borrowings and the current portion of long-term debt, increased from 46.6% at September 30, 2015 to 50.2% at September 30, 2016 as a result of higher debt and lower stockholders' equity.

Litigation

See Item 1 "Financial Statements—Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Contingencies" of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Mattel's critical accounting policies and estimates are included in its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and did not change during the first nine months of 2016.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Item 1 “Financial Statements—Note 22 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—New Accounting Pronouncements” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement the financial results presented in accordance with GAAP, Mattel presents gross sales and currency exchange rate impact, which are non-GAAP financial measures within the meaning of Regulation G. Mattel uses these non-GAAP financial measures to analyze its continuing operations and to monitor, assess, and identify meaningful trends in its operating and financial performance. These measures are not, and should not be viewed as, a substitute for GAAP financial measures and may not be comparable to similarly-titled measures used by other companies.

Currency Exchange Rate Impact

The currency exchange rate impact reflects the portion (expressed as a percentage) of changes in Mattel's reported results that are attributable to fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

For entities reporting in currencies other than the US dollar, Mattel calculates the percentage change of period-over-period results at constant currency exchange rates (established as described below) by translating current period and prior period results using these rates. It then determines the currency exchange rate impact percentage by calculating the difference between the percentage change at such constant currency exchange rates and the percentage change at actual exchange rates.

Mattel established the exchange rates that it uses for these constant currency calculations years ago. It considers whether any changes to these rates are appropriate at the beginning of each year but, generally, has held them unchanged.

Gross Sales

Gross sales represent sales to customers, excluding the impact of sales adjustments. Net sales, as reported, include the impact of sales adjustments, such as trade discounts and other allowances. Mattel presents changes in gross sales as a metric for comparing its aggregate, brand, and geographic results to highlight significant trends in Mattel's business. Changes in gross sales are discussed because, while Mattel records the details of such sales adjustments in its financial accounting systems at the time of sale, such sales adjustments are generally not associated with brands or individual products, making net sales less meaningful.

A reconciliation from Mattel's consolidated net sales to its consolidated gross sales is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as		Currency	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate	Impact
	(In millions, except percentage information)					
Net Sales	\$ 1,795.6	\$ 1,792.0	—	%	-2	%
Sales adjustments	179.8	191.4				
Gross Sales	\$ 1,975.4	\$ 1,983.4	—	%	-1	%

	For the Nine Months Ended		% Change as		Currency	
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate	Impact
	(In millions, except percentage information)					
Net Sales	\$ 3,622.3	\$ 3,702.9	-2	%	-2	%
Sales adjustments	367.9	395.8				
Gross Sales	\$ 3,990.2	\$ 4,098.7	-3	%	-3	%

A reconciliation from net sales to gross sales for the North America segment is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as		Currency
	September 30,	September 30,	Reported		Exchange Rate
	2016	2015			Impact
	(In millions, except percentage information)				
Net Sales	\$ 1,003.6	\$ 988.4	2	%	—%
Sales adjustments	67.4	80.7			
Gross Sales	\$ 1,071.0	\$ 1,069.1	—	%	—%
	For the Nine Months Ended		% Change as		Currency
	September 30,	September 30,	Reported		Exchange Rate
	2016	2015			Impact
	(In millions, except percentage information)				
Net Sales	\$ 1,954.1	\$ 1,906.3	3	%	—%
Sales adjustments	123.0	146.8			
Gross Sales	\$ 2,077.1	\$ 2,053.1	1	%	—%

A reconciliation from net sales to gross sales for the International segment is as follows:

	For the Three Months		% Change as		Currency	
	Ended		Reported		Exchange Rate	
	September 30,	September 30,			Impact	
	2016	2015				
	(In millions, except percentage information)					
Net Sales	\$ 665.9	\$ 691.6	-4	%	-4	%
Sales adjustments	108.3	107.0				
Gross Sales	\$ 774.2	\$ 798.6	-3	%	-4	%
	For the Nine Months Ended		% Change as		Currency	
	September 30,	September 30,	Reported		Exchange Rate	
	2016	2015			Impact	
	(In millions, except percentage information)					
Net Sales	\$ 1,381.0	\$ 1,496.2	-8	%	-6	%
Sales adjustments	233.2	235.9				
Gross Sales	\$ 1,614.2	\$ 1,732.1	-7	%	-6	%

A reconciliation from net sales to gross sales for the American Girl segment is as follows:

	For the Three Months Ended		% Change as		Currency
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate
	(In millions, except percentage information)				Impact
Net Sales	\$ 126.1	\$ 112.0	13	%	—%
Sales adjustments	4.0	3.7			
Gross Sales	\$ 130.1	\$ 115.7	13	%	—%

	For the Nine Months Ended		% Change as		Currency
	September 30, 2016	September 30, 2015	Reported		Exchange Rate
	(In millions, except percentage information)				Impact
Net Sales	\$ 287.2	\$ 300.4	-4	%	—%
Sales adjustments	11.7	13.1			
Gross Sales	\$ 298.9	\$ 313.5	-5	%	—%

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Currency exchange rate fluctuations impact Mattel's results of operations and cash flows. Inventory purchase and sale transactions denominated in the Euro, British pound sterling, Mexican peso, Canadian dollar, Brazilian real, Russian ruble, and Indonesian rupiah are the primary transactions that caused foreign currency transaction exposure for Mattel. Mattel seeks to mitigate its exposure to market risk by monitoring its foreign currency transaction exposure for the year and partially hedging such exposure using foreign currency forward exchange contracts primarily to hedge its purchase and sale of inventory and other intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. These contracts generally have maturity dates of up to 18 months. For those intercompany receivables and payables that are not hedged, the transaction gains or losses are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the exchange rate changes as part of operating income or other non-operating income/expense, net based on the nature of the underlying transaction. Transaction gains or losses on hedged intercompany inventory transactions are recorded in the consolidated statement of operations in the period in which the inventory is sold to customers. In addition, Mattel manages its exposure to currency exchange rate fluctuations through the selection of currencies used for international borrowings. Mattel does not trade in financial instruments for speculative purposes.

Mattel's financial position is also impacted by currency exchange rate fluctuations on translation of its net investments in subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries with non-US dollar functional currencies are translated into US dollars at fiscal period-end exchange rates. Income, expense, and cash flow items are translated at weighted average exchange rates prevailing during the fiscal period. The resulting currency translation adjustments are recorded as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within stockholders' equity. Mattel's primary currency translation exposures during the first nine months of 2016 were related to its net investments in entities having functional currencies denominated in the British pound sterling, Mexican Peso, Brazilian real, and Euro.

There are numerous factors impacting the amount by which Mattel's financial results are affected by foreign currency translation and transaction gains and losses resulting from changes in currency exchange rates, including, but not limited to, the level of foreign currency forward exchange contracts in place at a given time and the volume of foreign currency denominated transactions in a given period. However, assuming that such factors were held constant, Mattel estimates that a 1 percent change in the US dollar Trade-Weighted Index would impact Mattel's net sales by approximately 0.5% and its full year earnings per share by approximately \$0.01 to \$0.02.

Venezuelan Operations

Since January 1, 2010, Mattel has accounted for Venezuela as a highly inflationary economy as the three-year cumulative inflation rate for Venezuela exceeded 100%. Accordingly, Mattel's Venezuelan subsidiary uses the US dollar as its functional currency, and monetary assets and liabilities denominated in Venezuelan bolívar fuerte ("BsF") generate income or expense for changes in value associated with foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations against the US dollar. From January 2010 through January 2013, Mattel's Venezuelan subsidiary used the Sistema de Transacciones con Títulos en Moneda Extranjera ("SITME") rate, which was quoted at 5.30 BsF per US dollar as of December 31, 2012, to remeasure monetary assets and liabilities denominated in BsF. During February 2013, the Central Bank of Venezuela revised its official exchange rate to 6.30 BsF per US dollar and eliminated the SITME rate. During March 2013, the Venezuelan government introduced a complementary currency exchange system, the Sistema Complementario de Administración de Divisas 1 ("SICAD 1"). SICAD 1 was intended to function as an auction system, allowing entities in specific sectors to bid for US dollars to be used for specified import transactions. During February 2014, the Venezuelan government introduced an additional currency exchange system, the Sistema Complementario de Administración de Divisas 2 ("SICAD 2"), which was expected to provide a greater supply of US dollars from sources other than the Venezuelan government and increase participation to all sectors and companies.

During February 2015, the Venezuelan government announced the launch of a new three-tiered currency exchange platform, which includes a new exchange system called the Marginal Currency System ("SIMADI"). The first tier is used for food, medicine, agriculture, and other essential goods and uses the existing official exchange rate of 6.30 BsF per US dollar. The second tier is a merger of the SICAD 1 and SICAD 2 systems, which will continue to hold periodic auctions for entities in specific sectors. The third tier is the new SIMADI system, which is intended to be a market-driven exchange that allows for legal trading of foreign currency based on supply and demand.

During March 2016, the Venezuelan government further revised its currency exchange platform to a dual system. The SICAD rate merged with the official exchange rate, becoming the new Tipo de Cambio Protegido ("DIPRO") exchange rate, which will be fixed at 10.00 BsF per US dollar. The existing SIMADI rate was renamed the Tipo de Cambio Complementario ("DICOM") exchange rate. The DIPRO rate is used for essential imports, such as food and medicine, whereas the DICOM rate is used for all other transactions. During the first quarter of 2016, Mattel changed its remeasurement rate from the official exchange rate to the new DICOM exchange rate. The change in the remeasurement rate resulted in an unrealized foreign currency exchange loss of approximately \$26 million, which was recognized in other non-operating income (expense), net in the consolidated statement of operations in the first quarter of 2016.

Mattel's Venezuelan subsidiary represented less than 0.01% of Mattel's consolidated net sales in the first nine months of 2016 and had approximately \$1 million of net monetary assets denominated in BsF as of September 30, 2016.

Venezuela currency matters, along with economic and political instability, continue to impact the operating results of Mattel's Venezuelan subsidiary. If the Venezuelan bolívar fuerte significantly devalues in the future, or if the economic or political conditions significantly worsen, Mattel may consider ceasing operations of its Venezuelan subsidiary, which could result in a pre-tax charge to its consolidated statement of operations of up to \$71 million.

United Kingdom Operations

During June 2016, the referendum by British voters to exit the European Union ("Brexit") adversely impacted global markets and resulted in a sharp decline of the British pound sterling against the US dollar. In the short-term, volatility in the British pound sterling could continue as the United Kingdom negotiates its anticipated exit from the European Union. In the longer term, any impact from Brexit on Mattel's United Kingdom operations will depend, in part, on the outcome of tariff, trade, regulatory, and other negotiations. Mattel's United Kingdom operations represented approximately 5% of Mattel's consolidated net sales in the first nine months of 2016.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of September 30, 2016, Mattel's disclosure controls and procedures were evaluated, with the participation of Mattel's principal executive officer and principal financial officer, to assess whether they are effective in providing reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by Mattel in the reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure and to provide reasonable assurance that such information is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. The scope of Mattel's assessment of the effectiveness of its disclosure controls and procedures does not include any disclosure controls and procedures of Fuhu or Sproutling, which were acquired in January 2016, that are also part of Fuhu and Sproutling's internal controls over financial reporting. This exclusion is in accordance with the SEC's general guidance that a recently acquired business may be omitted from the scope of the assessment in the year of acquisition. Based on this evaluation, Christopher A. Sinclair, Mattel's principal executive officer, and Kevin M. Farr, Mattel's principal financial officer, concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of September 30, 2016.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended September 30, 2016, Mattel made no changes to its internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

The content of Part I, Item 1 “Financial Statements—Note 20 to the Consolidated Financial Statements—Contingencies” of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety in this Item 1.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed under Part I, Item 1A “Risk Factors” in Mattel’s 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

Recent Sales of Unregistered Equity Securities

During the third quarter of 2016, Mattel did not sell any unregistered equity securities.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

This table provides certain information with respect to Mattel’s purchases of its common stock during the third quarter of 2016:

Period	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
July 1—31	165,347	\$ 33.38	—	\$ 203,016,273
August 1—31	240,691	32.73	—	203,016,273
September 1—30	34,245	30.34	—	203,016,273
Total	420,283	\$ 32.90	—	\$ 203,016,273

The total number of shares purchased relates to 420,283 shares withheld from employees to satisfy minimum tax (1) withholding obligations that occur upon vesting of restricted stock units. These shares were not purchased as part of a publicly announced repurchase plan or program.

Mattel’s share repurchase program was first announced on July 21, 2003. On July 17, 2013, the Board of Directors (2) authorized Mattel to increase its share repurchase program by \$500.0 million. At September 30, 2016, share repurchase authorizations of \$203.0 million had not been executed. Repurchases under the program will take place from time to time, depending on market conditions. Mattel’s share repurchase program has no expiration date.

Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

Item 5. Other Information.

None.

Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description	Incorporated by Reference			Filing Date
		Form	File No.	Exhibit(s)	
3.0	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Mattel, Inc.	8-K	001-05647	99.0	May 21, 2007
3.1	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Mattel, Inc.	8-K	001-05647	3.1	September 1, 2015
4.0	Specimen Stock Certificate with respect to Mattel, Inc.'s Common Stock	10-Q	001-05647	4.0	August 3, 2007
4.1	Form of 2.350% Notes due 2021	8-K	001-05647	4.1	August 5, 2016
12.0*	Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges				
31.0*	Certification of Principal Executive Officer dated October 27, 2016 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
31.1*	Certification of Principal Financial Officer dated October 27, 2016 pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
32.0**	Certifications of Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer dated October 27, 2016 pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				
101.INS*	XBRL Instance Document				
101.SCH*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document				
101.CAL*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document				
101.DEF*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document				
101.LAB*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document				
101.PRE*	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document				

+ Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

* Filed herewith.

**Furnished herewith. This exhibit should not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

SIGNATURE

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.

MATTEL, INC.

Registrant

By: /s/ JOSEPH B. JOHNSON

Joseph B. Johnson

Senior Vice President and Corporate

Controller (Duly authorized officer and
chief accounting officer)

Date: October 27, 2016