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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 February 29, 2016

OR

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

Commission File Number: 1-15829

FEDEX CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization)

942 South Shady Grove Road Memphis, Tennessee
(Address of principal executive offices)

62-1721435
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

38120
(ZIP Code)

(901) 818-7500

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, 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 Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

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

Common Stock
Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share

Outstanding Shares at March 16, 2016
268,423,762

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FEDEX CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(IN MILLIONS)

	February 29, 2016 (Unaudited)	May 31, 2015
<u>ASSETS</u>		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,841	\$ 3,763
Receivables, less allowances of \$187 and \$185	5,634	5,719
Spare parts, supplies and fuel, less allowances of \$212 and \$207	476	498
Deferred income taxes	608	606
Prepaid expenses and other	678	355
Total current assets	10,237	10,941
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST	46,032	42,864
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	23,480	21,989
Net property and equipment	22,552	20,875
OTHER LONG-TERM ASSETS		
Goodwill	3,764	3,810
Other assets	1,266	1,443
Total other long-term assets	5,030	5,253
	\$ 37,819	\$ 37,069

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

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FEDEX CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT SHARE DATA)

	February 29, 2016 (Unaudited)	May 31, 2015
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 11	\$ 19
Accrued salaries and employee benefits	1,451	1,436
Accounts payable	2,024	2,066
Accrued expenses	2,453	2,436
Total current liabilities	5,939	5,957
LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT PORTION	8,477	7,249
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES		
Deferred income taxes	2,046	1,747
Pension, postretirement healthcare and other benefit obligations	4,628	4,893
Self-insurance accruals	1,282	1,120
Deferred lease obligations	723	711
Deferred gains, principally related to aircraft transactions	161	181
Other liabilities	236	218
Total other long-term liabilities	9,076	8,870
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
COMMON STOCKHOLDERS' INVESTMENT		
Common stock, \$0.10 par value; 800 million shares authorized; 318 million shares issued as of February 29, 2016 and May 31, 2015	32	32
Additional paid-in capital	2,869	2,786
Retained earnings	18,481	16,900
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	(159)	172
Treasury stock, at cost	(6,896)	(4,897)
Total common stockholders' investment	14,327	14,993
	\$ 37,819	\$ 37,069

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FEDEX CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)
(IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	February 29, 2016	February 28, 2015	February 29, 2016	February 28, 2015
REVENUES	\$ 12,654	\$ 11,716	\$ 37,386	\$ 35,339
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Salaries and employee benefits	4,712	4,335	13,807	12,678
Purchased transportation	2,623	2,165	7,505	6,404
Rentals and landing fees	744	686	2,121	2,009
Depreciation and amortization	663	652	1,964	1,954
Fuel	537	810	1,864	2,982
Maintenance and repairs	504	505	1,581	1,604
Other	2,007	1,525	5,399	4,520
	11,790	10,678	34,241	32,151
OPERATING INCOME	864	1,038	3,145	3,188
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):				
Interest, net	(81)	(58)	(218)	(153)
Other, net	(1)	5	(6)	8
	(82)	(53)	(224)	(145)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	782	985	2,921	3,043
PROVISION FOR INCOME TAXES	275	357	1,031	1,099
NET INCOME	\$ 507	\$ 628	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,944
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.21	\$ 6.79	\$ 6.85
Diluted	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.18	\$ 6.71	\$ 6.75
DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE	\$ 0.25	\$ 0.20	\$ 1.00	\$ 0.80

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Table of Contents**FEDEX CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****(UNAUDITED)****(IN MILLIONS)**

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	February 29, 2016	February 28, 2015	February 29, 2016	February 28, 2015
NET INCOME	\$ 507	\$ 628	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,944
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax of \$11, \$18, \$28 and \$41	(99)	(152)	(270)	(305)
Amortization of prior service credit, net of tax of \$12, \$10, \$30 and \$31	(19)	(18)	(61)	(52)
	(118)	(170)	(331)	(357)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 389	\$ 458	\$ 1,559	\$ 1,587

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Table of Contents**FEDEX CORPORATION****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS****(UNAUDITED)****(IN MILLIONS)**

	Nine Months Ended	
	February 29, 2016	February 28, 2015
Operating Activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,944
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	1,964	1,954
Provision for uncollectible accounts	90	112
Stock-based compensation	115	106
Deferred income taxes and other noncash items	288	220
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	(78)	(200)
Other assets	(322)	(38)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(146)	(599)
Other, net	(5)	(26)
Cash provided by operating activities	3,796	3,473
Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(3,562)	(2,969)
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(1,429)
Asset dispositions and other, net	(17)	16
Cash used in investing activities	(3,579)	(4,382)
Financing Activities:		
Principal payments on debt	(28)	(1)
Proceeds from debt issuances	1,238	2,491
Proceeds from stock issuances	79	272
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options	9	31
Dividends paid	(210)	(171)
Purchases of treasury stock	(2,133)	(1,016)
Other, net	(16)	(23)
Cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,061)	1,583
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(78)	(104)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(922)	570
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	3,763	2,908
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,841	\$ 3,478

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Table of Contents**FEDEX CORPORATION****NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****(UNAUDITED)****(1) General**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES. These interim financial statements of FedEx Corporation (FedEx) have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) instructions for interim financial information, and should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2015 (Annual Report). Accordingly, significant accounting policies and other disclosures normally provided have been omitted since such items are disclosed in our Annual Report.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments (including normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly our financial position as of February 29, 2016, the results of our operations for the three- and nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015. Operating results for the three- and nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending May 31, 2016.

Except as otherwise specified, references to years indicate our fiscal year ending May 31, 2016 or ended May 31 of the year referenced and comparisons are to the corresponding period of the prior year.

REVENUE RECOGNITION. On June 1, 2015, we began recording revenues associated with the FedEx SmartPost service on a gross basis including postal fees in revenues and expenses, versus our previous net treatment, due to operational changes occurring in 2016 that result in us being the principal in all cases for the FedEx SmartPost service. This change has been recognized prospectively.

BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS. As discussed in our Annual Report, on April 6, 2015, we entered into a conditional agreement to acquire TNT Express N.V. (TNT Express) for 4.4 billion (currently, approximately \$4.9 billion). This combination is expected to expand our global portfolio, particularly in Europe, lower our costs to serve our European markets by increasing density in our pickup-and-delivery operations and accelerate our global growth. This acquisition is expected to be completed in the first half of calendar year 2016. The closing of the acquisition is subject to customary conditions, including obtaining all necessary approvals and competition clearances. We expect to secure all relevant competition approvals.

We completed our acquisitions of GENCO Distribution System, Inc. (GENCO) and Bongo International, LLC (Bongo) in the third quarter of 2015 and have included the financial results and estimated fair values of the assets and liabilities related to these acquisitions in the FedEx Ground and FedEx Express segments, respectively. These acquisitions are included in the accompanying balance sheets based on an allocation of the purchase price (summarized in the table below, in millions).

Current assets	\$ 344
Property and equipment	113
Goodwill	1,194
Intangible assets	69
Other non-current assets	25
Current liabilities	(244)
Long-term liabilities	(56)
 Total purchase price	 \$ 1,445

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The goodwill recorded is primarily attributable to expected benefits from synergies of the combinations with existing businesses and other acquired entities and the work force in place at GENCO. The majority of the purchase price allocated to goodwill is not deductible for U.S. income tax purposes. The intangible assets acquired consist primarily of customer-related intangible assets, which are amortized on an accelerated basis over an estimated life of 15 years.

EMPLOYEES UNDER COLLECTIVE BARGAINING ARRANGEMENTS. The pilots of Federal Express Corporation (FedEx Express), which represent a small number of FedEx Express's total employees, are employed under a collective bargaining agreement (CBA) that took effect on November 2, 2015. The CBA is scheduled to become amendable in November 2021, after a six-year term. In addition to our pilots at FedEx Express, GENCO has a small number of employees who are members of unions, and certain non-U.S. employees are unionized.

STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION. We have two types of equity-based compensation: stock options and restricted stock. The key terms of the stock option and restricted stock awards granted under our incentive stock plans and all financial disclosures about these programs are set forth in our Annual Report.

Our stock-based compensation expense was \$29 million for the three-month period ended February 29, 2016 and \$115 million for the nine-month period ended February 29, 2016. Our stock-based compensation expense was \$26 million for the three-month period ended February 28, 2015 and \$106 million for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2015. Due to its immateriality, additional disclosures related to stock-based compensation have been excluded from this quarterly report.

RECENT ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE. New accounting rules and disclosure requirements can significantly impact our reported results and the comparability of our financial statements. These matters are described in our Annual Report.

In the second quarter of 2016, we chose to early adopt the authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) requiring acquirers in a business combination to recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period that the adjustment amounts are determined and eliminates the requirement to retrospectively account for these adjustments. It also requires additional disclosure about the effects of the adjustments on prior periods. Adoption of this guidance had no impact on our financial reporting. See the Business Acquisitions section above for further discussion regarding our recent business acquisitions.

On February 25, 2016, the FASB issued the new lease accounting standard which requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets but recognize the expenses on their income statements in a manner similar to current practice. The new standard states that a lessee will recognize a lease liability for the obligation to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset for the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. Expense related to leases determined to be operating leases will be recognized on a straight-line basis, while those determined to be financing leases will be recognized following a front-loaded expense profile in which interest and amortization are presented separately in the income statement. We are currently evaluating the impact of this new standard on our financial reporting, but recognizing the lease liability and related right-of-use asset will significantly impact our balance sheet. These changes will be effective for our fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 (fiscal 2020), with a modified retrospective adoption method to the beginning of 2018.

On November 20, 2015, the FASB issued an Accounting Standards Update that will require companies to classify all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent on the balance sheet instead of separating deferred taxes into current and noncurrent amounts. This new guidance will have minimal impact on our accounting and financial reporting, and we plan to early adopt on a retrospective basis in the fourth quarter of 2016.

We believe that no other new accounting guidance was adopted or issued during the nine months of 2016 that is relevant to the readers of our financial statements.

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TREASURY SHARES. In January 2016, the stock repurchase authorization announced in September 2014 for 15 million shares was completed. On January 26, 2016, our Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program of up to 25 million shares. Shares under the new repurchase program may be repurchased from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing and volume of repurchases are at the discretion of management, based on the capital needs of the business, the market price of FedEx common stock and general market conditions. No time limit was set for the completion of the program, and the program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

During the third quarter of 2016, we repurchased 7.3 million shares of FedEx common stock at an average price of \$140.42 per share for a total of \$1.0 billion. As of February 29, 2016, 22.8 million shares remained under the share repurchase authorization.

DIVIDENDS DECLARED PER COMMON SHARE. On February 19, 2016, our Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock. The dividend will be paid on April 1, 2016 to stockholders of record as of the close of business on March 14, 2016. Each quarterly dividend payment is subject to review and approval by our Board of Directors, and we evaluate our dividend payment amount on an annual basis at the end of each fiscal year.

(2) Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following table provides changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) (AOCI), net of tax, reported in our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 (in millions; amounts in parentheses indicate debits to AOCI):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Foreign currency translation gain (loss):				
Balance at beginning of period	\$ (424)	\$ (72)	\$ (253)	\$ 81
Translation adjustments	(99)	(152)	(270)	(305)
Balance at end of period	(523)	(224)	(523)	(224)
Retirement plans adjustments:				
Balance at beginning of period	383	391	425	425
Reclassifications from AOCI	(19)	(18)	(61)	(52)
Balance at end of period	364	373	364	373
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income at end of period	\$ (159)	\$ 149	\$ (159)	\$ 149

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The following table presents details of the reclassifications from AOCI for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 (in millions; amounts in parentheses indicate debits to earnings):

	Amount Reclassified from				Affected Line Item in the Income Statement
	AOCI				
	Three Months Ended 2016	2015	Nine Months Ended 2016	2015	
Amortization of retirement plans prior service credits, before tax	\$ 31	\$ 28	\$ 91	\$ 83	Salaries and employee benefits
Income tax benefit	(12)	(10)	(30)	(31)	Provision for income taxes
AOCI reclassifications, net of tax	\$ 19	\$ 18	\$ 61	\$ 52	Net income

(3) Financing Arrangements

We have a shelf registration statement filed with the SEC that allows us to sell, in one or more future offerings, any combination of our unsecured debt securities and common stock.

On October 23, 2015, we issued \$1.25 billion of senior unsecured 4.75% fixed-rate notes due in November 2045 under our current shelf registration statement. Interest on the notes is paid semiannually. We utilized the net proceeds for working capital and general corporate purposes, including share repurchases.

On November 13, 2015, we replaced our revolving and letter of credit facilities with a new, single five-year \$1.75 billion revolving credit facility that expires in November 2020. The facility, which includes a \$500 million letter of credit sublimit, is available to finance our operations and other cash flow needs. The agreement contains a financial covenant, which requires us to maintain a ratio of debt to consolidated earnings (excluding non-cash pension mark-to-market adjustments and non-cash asset impairment charges) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (adjusted EBITDA) of not more than 3.5 to 1.0, calculated as of the end of the applicable quarter on a rolling four quarters basis. The ratio of our debt to adjusted EBITDA was 1.2 to 1.0 at February 29, 2016. We believe this covenant is the only significant restrictive covenant in our revolving credit agreement. Our revolving credit agreement contains other customary covenants that do not, individually or in the aggregate, materially restrict the conduct of our business. We are in compliance with the financial covenant and all other covenants of our revolving credit agreement and do not expect the covenants to affect our operations, including our liquidity or expected funding needs. As of February 29, 2016, no commercial paper was outstanding. However, we had a total of \$318 million in letters of credit outstanding at February 29, 2016, with \$182 million of the letter of credit sublimit unused under our revolving credit facility.

Long-term debt, exclusive of capital leases, had carrying values of \$8.5 billion at February 29, 2016 and \$7.2 billion at May 31, 2015, compared with estimated fair values of \$8.5 billion at February 29, 2016 and \$7.4 billion at May 31, 2015. The estimated fair values were determined based on quoted market prices and the current rates offered for debt with similar terms and maturities. The fair value of our long-term debt is classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. This classification is defined as a fair value determined using market-based inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the liability, either directly or indirectly.

Table of Contents**(4) Computation of Earnings Per Share**

The calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 was as follows (in millions, except per share amounts):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Basic earnings per common share:				
Net earnings allocable to common shares ⁽¹⁾	\$ 506	\$ 626	\$ 1,888	\$ 1,941
Weighted-average common shares	272	283	278	284
Basic earnings per common share	\$ 1.86	\$ 2.21	\$ 6.79	\$ 6.85
Diluted earnings per common share:				
Net earnings allocable to common shares ⁽¹⁾	\$ 506	\$ 626	\$ 1,888	\$ 1,941
Weighted-average common shares	272	283	278	284
Dilutive effect of share-based awards	3	4	3	4
Weighted-average diluted shares	275	287	281	288
Diluted earnings per common share	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.18	\$ 6.71	\$ 6.75
Anti-dilutive options excluded from diluted earnings per common share	4.8	2.0	4.0	2.1

⁽¹⁾ Net earnings available to participating securities were immaterial in all periods presented.

(5) Retirement Plans

We sponsor programs that provide retirement benefits to most of our employees. These programs include defined benefit pension plans, defined contribution plans and postretirement healthcare plans. Key terms of our retirement plans are provided in our Annual Report. Our retirement plans costs for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 were as follows (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Defined benefit pension plans	\$ 53	\$ (10)	\$ 160	\$ (27)
Defined contribution plans	104	96	304	284
Postretirement healthcare plans	20	21	61	61
	\$ 177	\$ 107	\$ 525	\$ 318

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Net periodic benefit cost of the pension and postretirement healthcare plans for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 included the following components (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Pension Plans				
Service cost	\$ 166	\$ 165	\$ 497	\$ 493
Interest cost	295	274	885	824
Expected return on plan assets	(377)	(420)	(1,131)	(1,260)
Amortization of prior service credit and other	(31)	(29)	(91)	(84)
	\$ 53	\$ (10)	\$ 160	\$ (27)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Postretirement Healthcare Plans				
Service cost	\$ 10	\$ 10	\$ 30	\$ 30
Interest cost	10	11	31	31
	\$ 20	\$ 21	\$ 61	\$ 61

Contributions to our tax qualified U.S. domestic pension plans (U.S. Pension Plans) for the nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 were as follows (in millions):

	2016	2015
Required	\$ 8	\$ 380
Voluntary	487	115
	\$ 495	\$ 495

In March 2016, we made an additional voluntary contribution of \$165 million to our U.S. Pension Plans. Our U.S. Pension Plans have ample funds to meet expected benefit payments.

Table of Contents**(6) Business Segment Information**

We provide a broad portfolio of transportation, e-commerce and business services through companies competing collectively, operating independently and managed collaboratively under the respected FedEx brand. Our primary operating companies include FedEx Express, the world's largest express transportation company; FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. (FedEx Ground), a leading North American provider of small-package ground delivery services; and FedEx Freight, Inc. (FedEx Freight), a leading U.S. provider of less-than-truckload (LTL) freight services.

Our reportable segments include the following businesses:

FedEx Express Segment	FedEx Express (express transportation) FedEx Trade Networks (air and ocean freight forwarding and customs brokerage) FedEx SupplyChain Systems (logistics services) Bongo (cross-border enablement technology and solutions)
FedEx Ground Segment	FedEx Ground (small-package ground delivery) GENCO (third-party logistics)
FedEx Freight Segment	FedEx Freight (LTL freight transportation) FedEx Custom Critical (time-critical transportation)
FedEx Services Segment	FedEx Services (sales, marketing, information technology, communications and back-office functions) FedEx TechConnect (customer service, technical support, billings and collections) FedEx Office (document and business services and package acceptance)

FedEx Services Segment

The FedEx Services segment operates combined sales, marketing, administrative and information technology functions in shared services operations that support our transportation businesses and allow us to obtain synergies from the combination of these functions. For the international regions of FedEx Express, some of these functions are performed on a regional basis by FedEx Express and reported in the FedEx Express segment in their natural expense line items.

The FedEx Services segment provides direct and indirect support to our transportation businesses, and we allocate all of the net operating costs of the FedEx Services segment (including the net operating results of FedEx Office) to reflect the full cost of operating our transportation businesses in the results of those segments. Within the FedEx Services segment allocation, the net operating results of FedEx Office, which are an immaterial component of our allocations, are allocated to FedEx Express and FedEx Ground. We review and evaluate the performance of our transportation segments based on operating income (inclusive of FedEx Services segment allocations). For the FedEx Services segment, performance is evaluated based on the impact of its total allocated net operating costs on our transportation segments.

Operating expenses for each of our transportation segments include the allocations from the FedEx Services segment to the respective transportation segments. These allocations also include charges and credits for administrative services provided between operating companies. The allocations of net operating costs are based on metrics such as relative revenues or estimated services provided. We believe these allocations approximate the net cost of providing these functions. Our allocation methodologies are refined periodically, as necessary, to reflect changes in our businesses.

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Certain FedEx operating companies provide transportation and related services for other FedEx companies outside their reportable segment. Billings for such services are based on negotiated rates, which we believe approximate fair value, and are reflected as revenues of the billing segment. These rates are adjusted from time to time based on market conditions. Such intersegment revenues and expenses are eliminated in our consolidated results and are not separately identified in the following segment information, because the amounts are not material.

Corporate and other includes corporate headquarters costs for executive officers, certain other legal and financial functions, as well as certain other costs and credits not attributed to our core business. These costs are not allocated to the business segments.

The following table provides a reconciliation of reportable segment revenues and operating income to our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statement totals for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Revenues				
FedEx Express segment	\$ 6,557	\$ 6,656	\$ 19,736	\$ 20,542
FedEx Ground segment	4,408	3,393	12,288	9,416
FedEx Freight segment	1,447	1,428	4,595	4,622
FedEx Services segment	384	370	1,177	1,138
Eliminations and other	(142)	(131)	(410)	(379)
	\$ 12,654	\$ 11,716	\$ 37,386	\$ 35,339
Operating Income				
FedEx Express segment	\$ 595	\$ 393	\$ 1,762	\$ 1,262
FedEx Ground segment	557	559	1,620	1,569
FedEx Freight segment	56	67	289	347
Eliminations, corporate and other	(344)	19	(526)	10
	\$ 864	\$ 1,038	\$ 3,145	\$ 3,188

(7) Commitments

As of February 29, 2016, our purchase commitments under various contracts for the remainder of 2016 and annually thereafter were as follows (in millions):

	Aircraft and Aircraft-Related	Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
2016 (remainder)	\$ 94	\$ 151	\$ 245
2017	1,283	291	1,574
2018	1,748	173	1,921
2019	1,569	78	1,647
2020	1,633	26	1,659
Thereafter	5,779	102	5,881
Total	\$ 12,106	\$ 821	\$ 12,927

⁽¹⁾ Primarily equipment and advertising contracts.

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The amounts reflected in the table above for purchase commitments represent noncancelable agreements to purchase goods or services. As of February 29, 2016, our obligation to purchase five Boeing 767-300 Freighter (B767F) aircraft and nine Boeing 777 Freighter (B777F) aircraft is conditioned upon there being no event that causes FedEx Express or its employees not to be covered by the Railway Labor Act of 1926, as amended. Open purchase orders that are cancelable are not considered unconditional purchase obligations for financial reporting purposes and are not included in the table above.

We had \$363 million in deposits and progress payments as of February 29, 2016 on aircraft purchases and other planned aircraft-related transactions. These deposits are classified in the Other assets caption of our consolidated balance sheets. Aircraft and aircraft-related contracts are subject to price escalations. The following table is a summary of the key aircraft we are committed to purchase as of February 29, 2016 with the year of expected delivery:

	B767F	B777F	Total
2016 (remainder)	1		1
2017	12		12
2018	16	2	18
2019	13	2	15
2020	12	3	15
Thereafter	26	9	35
Total	80	16	96

A summary of future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases with an initial or remaining term in excess of one year at February 29, 2016 is as follows (in millions):

	Operating Leases		Total
	Aircraft and Related Equipment	Facilities and Other	Operating Leases
2016 (remainder)	\$ 84	\$ 691	\$ 775
2017	403	1,980	2,383
2018	332	1,583	1,915
2019	274	1,396	1,670
2020	190	1,231	1,421
Thereafter	360	7,711	8,071
Total	\$ 1,643	\$ 14,592	\$ 16,235

Future minimum lease payments under capital leases were immaterial at February 29, 2016. While certain of our lease agreements contain covenants governing the use of the leased assets or require us to maintain certain levels of insurance, none of our lease agreements include material financial covenants or limitations.

(8) Contingencies

Wage-and-Hour. We are a defendant in a number of lawsuits containing various class-action allegations of wage-and-hour violations. The plaintiffs in these lawsuits allege, among other things, that they were forced to work off the clock, were not paid overtime or were not provided work breaks or other benefits. The complaints generally seek unspecified monetary damages, injunctive relief, or both. We do not believe that a material loss is reasonably possible with respect to any of these matters.

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Independent Contractor – Lawsuits and State Administrative Proceedings. FedEx Ground is involved in numerous class-action lawsuits (including 25 that have been certified as class actions), individual lawsuits and state tax and other administrative proceedings that claim that the company's owner-operators should be treated as employees, rather than independent contractors.

Most of the class-action lawsuits were consolidated for administration of the pre-trial proceedings by a single federal court, the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Indiana. The multidistrict litigation court granted class certification in 28 cases and denied it in 14 cases. On December 13, 2010, the court entered an opinion and order addressing all outstanding motions for summary judgment on the status of the owner-operators (i.e., independent contractor vs. employee). In sum, the court ruled on our summary judgment motions and entered judgment in favor of FedEx Ground on all claims in 20 of the 28 multidistrict litigation cases that had been certified as class actions, finding that the owner-operators in those cases were contractors as a matter of the law of 20 states. The plaintiffs filed notices of appeal in all of these 20 cases. The Seventh Circuit heard the appeal in the Kansas case in January 2012 and, in July 2012, issued an opinion that did not make a determination with respect to the correctness of the district court's decision and, instead, certified two questions to the Kansas Supreme Court related to the classification of the plaintiffs as independent contractors under the Kansas Wage Payment Act. The other 19 cases that are before the Seventh Circuit were stayed.

On October 3, 2014, the Kansas Supreme Court determined that a 20 factor right to control test applies to claims under the Kansas Wage Payment Act and concluded that under that test, the class members were employees, not independent contractors. The case was subsequently transferred back to the Seventh Circuit, where both parties made filings requesting the action necessary to complete the resolution of the appeals. The parties also made recommendations to the court regarding next steps for the other 19 cases that are before the Seventh Circuit. FedEx Ground requested that each of those cases be separately briefed given the potential differences in the applicable state law from that in Kansas. On July 8, 2015, the Seventh Circuit issued an order and opinion confirming the decision of the Kansas Supreme Court, concluding that the class members are employees, not independent contractors. Additionally, the Seventh Circuit referred the other 19 cases to a representative of the court for purposes of setting a case management conference to address briefing and argument for those cases.

During the second quarter of 2015, we established an accrual for the estimated probable loss in the Kansas case. In the second quarter of 2016 the Kansas case settled, and we increased the accrual to the amount of the settlement. The settlement will require court approval.

During the third quarter of 2016, we reached agreements in principle to settle all of the 19 cases on appeal in the multidistrict independent contractor litigation. All of these settlements require court approval. We recognized a liability for the expected loss (net of recognized insurance recovery) related to these cases and certain other pending independent-contractor-related proceedings of \$204 million.

The multidistrict litigation court remanded the other eight certified class actions back to the district courts where they were originally filed because its summary judgment ruling did not completely dispose of all of the claims in those lawsuits. Three of these matters settled for immaterial amounts and have received court approval. The cases in Arkansas and Florida settled in the second quarter of 2016, and we established an accrual in each of these cases for the amount of the settlement. The settlements are subject to court approval. On January 13, 2016, the court preliminarily approved the settlement of the Florida case and set a fairness hearing for July 15, 2016. On January 29, 2016, the parties filed their motion for preliminary approval of the settlement in the Arkansas case.

Two cases in Oregon and one in California were appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, where the court reversed the district court decisions and held that the plaintiffs in California and Oregon were employees as a matter of law and remanded the cases to their respective district courts for further proceedings. In the first quarter of 2015, we recognized an accrual for the then-estimated probable loss in those cases.

In June 2015, the parties in the California case reached an agreement to settle the matter for \$228 million, and in the fourth quarter of 2015 we increased the accrual to that amount. The court has scheduled a final approval hearing regarding the settlement for April 7, 2016.

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The two cases in Oregon were consolidated with a non-multidistrict litigation independent contractor case in Oregon. The three cases collectively settled in the second quarter of 2016, and we increased the accrual in these cases to the amount of the settlement. The settlement is subject to court approval.

In addition, we are defending contractor-model cases that are not or are no longer part of the multidistrict litigation. These cases are in varying stages of litigation. For these cases, we do not expect to incur a material loss in these matters; however, it is reasonably possible that potential loss in some of these lawsuits or changes to the independent contractor status of FedEx Ground's owner-operators could be material. In these cases, we continue to evaluate what facts may arise in the course of discovery and what legal rulings the courts may render and how these facts and rulings might impact FedEx Ground's loss. For a number of reasons, we are not currently able to estimate a range of reasonably possible loss in these cases. The number and identities of plaintiffs in these lawsuits are uncertain, as they are dependent on how the class of full-time drivers is defined and how many individuals will qualify based on whatever criteria may be established. In addition, the parties have conducted only very limited discovery into damages in certain of these cases, which could vary considerably from plaintiff to plaintiff and be dependent on evidence pertaining to individual plaintiffs, which has yet to be produced in the cases. Further, the range of potential loss could be impacted substantially by future rulings by the court, including on the merits of the claims, on FedEx Ground's defenses, and on evidentiary issues. As a consequence of these factors, as well as others that are specific to these cases, we are not currently able to estimate a range of reasonably possible loss. We do not believe that a material loss is probable in these matters.

Adverse determinations in matters related to FedEx Ground's independent contractors, could, among other things, entitle certain of our owner-operators and their drivers to the reimbursement of certain expenses and to the benefit of wage-and-hour laws and result in employment and withholding tax and benefit liability for FedEx Ground. We believe that FedEx Ground's owner-operators are properly classified as independent contractors and that FedEx Ground is not an employer of the drivers of the company's independent contractors.

City and State of New York Cigarette Suit. The City of New York (City) and the State of New York (State) filed two related lawsuits against FedEx Ground in December 2013 and November 2014 arising from FedEx Ground's alleged shipments of cigarettes to New York residents in contravention of several statutes, including the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act (RICO) and New York's Public Health Law, as well as common law nuisance claims. The first lawsuit alleges that FedEx Ground provided delivery services on behalf of four shippers, none of which continues to ship in our network. The second lawsuit alleges that FedEx Ground provided delivery services on behalf of six additional shippers. In March 2015, the court ruled on our motion to dismiss in the first case, granting our motions to limit the applicable statute of limitations to four years and to dismiss a portion of the claims. The court, however, denied our motion to dismiss some of the claims, including the RICO claims. In July 2015, FedEx Ground filed a motion to dismiss in the second case and the court has not issued its ruling on this motion. The likelihood of loss is reasonably possible, but the amount of loss cannot be estimated at this stage of the litigation and we expect the amount of any loss to be immaterial.

Environmental Matters. SEC regulations require disclosure of certain environmental matters when a governmental authority is a party to the proceedings and the proceedings involve potential monetary sanctions that management reasonably believes could exceed \$100,000.

In February 2014, FedEx Ground received oral communications from District Attorneys' Offices (representing California's county environmental authorities) and the California Attorney General's Office (representing the California Division of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC)) that they were seeking civil penalties for alleged violations of the state's hazardous waste regulations. Specifically, the California environmental authorities alleged that FedEx Ground improperly generates and/or handles, stores and transports hazardous waste from its stations to its hubs in California. In April 2014, FedEx Ground filed a declaratory judgment action in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California against the Director of the California DTSC and the County District Attorneys with whom we have been negotiating. In June 2014, the California Attorney General filed a complaint against FedEx Ground in Sacramento County Superior Court alleging violations by FedEx Ground as described above. The County District Attorneys filed a similar complaint in Sacramento County Superior Court in July 2014. The county and state authorities filed a motion to dismiss FedEx Ground's declaratory judgment action, and their motion was granted on January 22, 2015. FedEx Ground filed a notice of appeal with the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals on February 23, 2015.

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FedEx Ground and the County District Attorneys reached an agreement to resolve all claims between them, and on August 10, 2015, they filed a negotiated final judgment in Sacramento County Superior Court that the court subsequently approved. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we established an accrual for the final judgment amount, which was immaterial. On November 19, 2015, FedEx Ground and the DTSC agreed to settle their dispute, subject to memorializing a consent judgment consistent with the terms FedEx Ground agreed upon with the District Attorneys. We established an accrual for the settlement amount in the second quarter of 2016. This amount was immaterial.

On January 14, 2014, the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) issued a Grand Jury Subpoena to FedEx Express relating to an asbestos matter previously investigated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. On May 1, 2014, the DOJ informed us that it had determined to continue to pursue the matter as a criminal case, citing seven asbestos-related regulatory violations associated with removal of roof materials from a hangar in Puerto Rico during cleaning and repair activity, as well as violation of waste disposal requirements. Loss is reasonably possible; however, the amount of any loss is expected to be immaterial.

Department of Justice Indictment – Internet Pharmacy Shipments. In the past, we received requests for information from the DOJ in the Northern District of California in connection with a criminal investigation relating to the transportation of packages for online pharmacies that may have shipped pharmaceuticals in violation of federal law. In July 2014, the DOJ filed a criminal indictment in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California in connection with the matter. A superseding indictment was filed in August 2014. The indictment alleges that FedEx Corporation, FedEx Express and FedEx Services, together with certain pharmacies, conspired to unlawfully distribute controlled substances, unlawfully distributed controlled substances and conspired to unlawfully distribute misbranded drugs. The superseding indictment adds conspiracy to launder money counts related to services provided to and payments from online pharmacies. We continue to believe that our employees have acted in good faith at all times and that we have not engaged in any illegal activities.

Accordingly, we will vigorously defend ourselves in this matter. If we are convicted, remedies could include fines, penalties, forfeiture and compliance conditions. Given the stage of this proceeding, we cannot estimate the amount or range of loss, if any; however, it is reasonably possible that it could be material if we are convicted.

Other Matters. On June 30, 2014, we received a Statement of Objections from the French Competition Authority (FCA) addressed to FedEx Express France, formerly known as TATEX, regarding an investigation by the FCA into anticompetitive behavior that is alleged to have occurred primarily in the framework of trade association meetings that included the former general managers of TATEX prior to our acquisition of that company in July 2012. In September 2014, FedEx Express France submitted its observations in response to the Statement of Objections to the FCA. In April 2015, the FCA issued a report responding to the observations submitted by all companies involved in the investigation. We submitted an answer to the FCA's report in early July. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we established an accrual for the estimated probable loss. This amount was immaterial.

A hearing in this matter before the Board of the FCA occurred on September 30, 2015. On December 15, 2015, the FCA announced its decision and related fines against all companies involved in the investigation. FedEx Express France was fined 17 million. We did not appeal the FCA decision. In the third quarter of 2016, we increased the accrual to that amount (\$19 million). We plan to pursue all available remedies against the sellers of TATEX to recover our losses in this matter.

The U.S. Customs and Border Protection (the CBP) previously notified FedEx Trade Networks that it would be reviewing certain customs entries made at U.S. ports from 2008 to December 2013. In November 2015, the CBP notified FedEx Trade Networks that it may be liable for \$76 million to \$210 million in estimated uncollected duties and merchandising processing fees. On January 4, 2016, FedEx Trade Networks submitted an offer of compromise to the CBP to resolve the company's potential liability from December 24, 2008 through January 4, 2016. On February 19, 2016, CBP informed FedEx Trade Networks that it accepted the offer of compromise, and we recognized a liability (net of recognized insurance recovery) in the amount of \$69 million.

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FedEx and its subsidiaries are subject to other legal proceedings that arise in the ordinary course of their business. In the opinion of management, the aggregate liability, if any, with respect to these other actions will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

(9) Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Cash paid for interest expense and income taxes for the nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 was as follows (in millions):

	2016	2015
Cash payments for:		
Interest (net of capitalized interest)	\$ 284	\$ 196
Income taxes	\$ 919	\$ 859
Income tax refunds received	(3)	(7)
Cash tax payments, net	\$ 916	\$ 852

(10) Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements

We are required to present condensed consolidating financial information in order for the subsidiary guarantors of our public debt to continue to be exempt from reporting under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. FedEx Express, however, currently files reports under such act with respect to certain indebtedness previously issued under registration statements filed by FedEx Express with the SEC.

The guarantor subsidiaries, which are 100% owned by FedEx, guarantee \$8.25 billion of our debt. The guarantees are full and unconditional and joint and several. Our guarantor subsidiaries were not determined using geographic, service line or other similar criteria, and as a result, the Guarantor Subsidiaries and Non-guarantor Subsidiaries columns each include portions of our domestic and international operations. Accordingly, this basis of presentation is not intended to present our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows for any purpose other than to comply with the specific requirements for subsidiary guarantor reporting. Prior year amounts have been recast to conform to the pension accounting changes as discussed in our Annual Report.

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Condensed consolidating financial statements for our guarantor subsidiaries and non-guarantor subsidiaries are presented in the following tables (in millions):

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

(UNAUDITED)

February 29, 2016

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,498	\$ 331	\$ 1,044	\$ (32)	\$ 2,841
Receivables, less allowances	20	4,415	1,246	(47)	5,634
Spare parts, supplies, fuel, prepaid expenses and other, less allowances	298	730	126		1,154
Deferred income taxes		571	37		608
Total current assets	1,816	6,047	2,453	(79)	10,237
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST	29	43,938	2,065		46,032
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	24	22,334	1,122		23,480
Net property and equipment	5	21,604	943		22,552
INTERCOMPANY RECEIVABLE		1,646	1,130	(2,776)	
GOODWILL		1,571	2,193		3,764
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES	24,828	3,052		(27,880)	
OTHER ASSETS	2,797	802	384	(2,717)	1,266
	\$ 29,446	\$ 34,722	\$ 7,103	\$ (33,452)	\$ 37,819
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS					
INVESTMENT					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$ 4	\$ 7	\$	\$ 11
Accrued salaries and employee benefits	58	1,201	192		1,451
Accounts payable	70	1,369	664	(79)	2,024
Accrued expenses	805	1,378	270		2,453
Total current liabilities	933	3,952	1,133	(79)	5,939
LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT PORTION	8,217	248	12		8,477
INTERCOMPANY PAYABLE	2,776			(2,776)	
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Deferred income taxes		4,583	180	(2,717)	2,046
Other liabilities	3,193	3,577	260		7,030
Total other long-term liabilities	3,193	8,160	440	(2,717)	9,076
STOCKHOLDERS INVESTMENT	14,327	22,362	5,518	(27,880)	14,327
	\$ 29,446	\$ 34,722	\$ 7,103	\$ (33,452)	\$ 37,819

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

May 31, 2015

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
CURRENT ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,383	\$ 487	\$ 971	\$ (78)	\$ 3,763
Receivables, less allowances	3	4,383	1,385	(52)	5,719
Spare parts, supplies, fuel, prepaid expenses and other, less allowances	41	689	123		853
Deferred income taxes		571	35		606
Total current assets	2,427	6,130	2,514	(130)	10,941
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, AT COST	29	40,364	2,471		42,864
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	23	20,685	1,281		21,989
Net property and equipment	6	19,679	1,190		20,875
INTERCOMPANY RECEIVABLE		686	1,563	(2,249)	
GOODWILL		1,552	2,258		3,810
INVESTMENT IN SUBSIDIARIES	23,173	3,800		(26,973)	
OTHER ASSETS	2,752	898	477	(2,684)	1,443
	\$ 28,358	\$ 32,745	\$ 8,002	\$ (32,036)	\$ 37,069
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS					
INVESTMENT					
CURRENT LIABILITIES					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	\$ 7	\$ 12	\$	\$ 19
Accrued salaries and employee benefits	34	1,208	194		1,436
Accounts payable	5	1,433	758	(130)	2,066
Accrued expenses	604	1,557	275		2,436
Total current liabilities	643	4,205	1,239	(130)	5,957
LONG-TERM DEBT, LESS CURRENT PORTION	6,978	248	23		7,249
INTERCOMPANY PAYABLE	2,249			(2,249)	
OTHER LONG-TERM LIABILITIES					
Deferred income taxes		4,206	225	(2,684)	1,747
Other liabilities	3,495	3,367	261		7,123
Total other long-term liabilities	3,495	7,573	486	(2,684)	8,870
STOCKHOLDERS INVESTMENT	14,993	20,719	6,254	(26,973)	14,993
	\$ 28,358	\$ 32,745	\$ 8,002	\$ (32,036)	\$ 37,069

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended February 29, 2016

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES	\$	\$ 10,838	\$ 1,892	\$ (76)	\$ 12,654
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Salaries and employee benefits	32	4,072	608		4,712
Purchased transportation		2,106	545	(28)	2,623
Rentals and landing fees	1	660	84	(1)	744
Depreciation and amortization		608	55		663
Fuel		520	17		537
Maintenance and repairs		471	33		504
Intercompany charges, net	(344)	294	50		
Other	311	1,344	399	(47)	2,007
		10,075	1,791	(76)	11,790
OPERATING INCOME		763	101		864
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):					
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	507	86		(593)	
Interest, net	(90)	6	3		(81)
Intercompany charges, net	95	(105)	10		
Other, net	(5)	(1)	5		(1)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	507	749	119	(593)	782
Provision for income taxes		249	26		275
NET INCOME	\$ 507	\$ 500	\$ 93	\$ (593)	\$ 507
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 488	\$ 487	\$ 7	\$ (593)	\$ 389

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(UNAUDITED)

Three Months Ended February 28, 2015

(As Adjusted)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES	\$	\$ 9,793	\$ 2,024	\$ (101)	\$ 11,716
OPERATING EXPENSES:					

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Salaries and employee benefits	25	3,712	598		4,335
Purchased transportation		1,527	695	(57)	2,165
Rentals and landing fees	1	597	89	(1)	686
Depreciation and amortization		593	59		652
Fuel		790	20		810
Maintenance and repairs		468	37		505
Intercompany charges, net	(48)	(34)	82		
Other	22	1,231	315	(43)	1,525
		8,884	1,895	(101)	10,678
OPERATING INCOME		909	129		1,038
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):					
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	628	91		(719)	
Interest, net	(66)	6	2		(58)
Intercompany charges, net	68	(74)	6		
Other, net	(2)	(4)	11		5
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	628	928	148	(719)	985
Provision for income taxes		274	83		357
NET INCOME	\$ 628	\$ 654	\$ 65	\$ (719)	\$ 628
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 611	\$ 640	\$ (74)	\$ (719)	\$ 458

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended February 29, 2016

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES	\$	\$ 31,190	\$ 6,449	\$ (253)	\$ 37,386
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Salaries and employee benefits	92	11,811	1,904		13,807
Purchased transportation		5,481	2,132	(108)	7,505
Rentals and landing fees	4	1,843	278	(4)	2,121
Depreciation and amortization	1	1,792	171		1,964
Fuel		1,808	56		1,864
Maintenance and repairs		1,476	105		1,581
Intercompany charges, net	(525)	338	187		
Other	428	3,901	1,211	(141)	5,399
		28,450	6,044	(253)	34,241
OPERATING INCOME		2,740	405		3,145
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):					
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	1,890	220		(2,110)	
Interest, net	(246)	20	8		(218)
Intercompany charges, net	257	(264)	7		
Other, net	(11)	(10)	15		(6)
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,890	2,706	435	(2,110)	2,921
Provision for income taxes		915	116		1,031
NET INCOME	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,791	\$ 319	\$ (2,110)	\$ 1,890
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 1,834	\$ 1,758	\$ 77	\$ (2,110)	\$ 1,559

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended February 28, 2015

(As Adjusted)

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
REVENUES	\$	\$ 29,488	\$ 6,136	\$ (285)	\$ 35,339
OPERATING EXPENSES:					
Salaries and employee benefits	78	10,902	1,698		12,678

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Purchased transportation		4,381	2,170	(147)	6,404
Rentals and landing fees	4	1,746	263	(4)	2,009
Depreciation and amortization	1	1,783	170		1,954
Fuel		2,913	69		2,982
Maintenance and repairs		1,497	107		1,604
Intercompany charges, net	(191)	(82)	273		
Other	108	3,635	911	(134)	4,520
		26,775	5,661	(285)	32,151
OPERATING INCOME		2,713	475		3,188
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):					
Equity in earnings of subsidiaries	1,944	292		(2,236)	
Interest, net	(172)	15	4		(153)
Intercompany charges, net	176	(192)	16		
Other, net	(4)	(5)	17		8
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAXES	1,944	2,823	512	(2,236)	3,043
Provision for income taxes		916	183		1,099
NET INCOME	\$ 1,944	\$ 1,907	\$ 329	\$ (2,236)	\$ 1,944
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	\$ 1,891	\$ 1,864	\$ 68	\$ (2,236)	\$ 1,587

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended February 29, 2016

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (833)	\$ 4,213	\$ 370	\$ 46	\$ 3,796
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Capital expenditures		(3,434)	(128)		(3,562)
Asset dispositions and other	(55)	26	12		(17)
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(55)	(3,408)	(116)		(3,579)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Net transfers from (to) Parent	1,036	(1,039)	3		
Payment on loan between subsidiaries		109	(109)		
Intercompany dividends		20	(20)		
Principal payments on debt		(7)	(21)		(28)
Proceeds from debt issuance	1,238				1,238
Proceeds from stock issuances	79				79
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options	9				9
Dividends paid	(210)				(210)
Purchase of treasury stock	(2,133)				(2,133)
Other, net	(16)	(27)	27		(16)
CASH (USED IN) PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	3	(944)	(120)		(1,061)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(17)	(61)		(78)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(885)	(156)	73	46	(922)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	2,383	487	971	(78)	3,763
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 1,498	\$ 331	\$ 1,044	\$ (32)	\$ 2,841

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(UNAUDITED)

Nine Months Ended February 28, 2015

	Parent	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$ (460)	\$ 3,443	\$ 382	\$ 108	\$ 3,473
INVESTING ACTIVITIES					
Capital expenditures	(1)	(2,849)	(119)		(2,969)
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,429)				(1,429)
Asset dispositions and other		35	(19)		16
CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(1,430)	(2,814)	(138)		(4,382)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES					
Net transfers from (to) Parent	692	(681)	(11)		
Payment on loan between subsidiaries		202	(202)		
Intercompany dividends		38	(38)		
Principal payments on debt		(1)			(1)
Proceeds from debt issuance	2,491				2,491
Proceeds from stock issuances	272				272
Excess tax benefit on the exercise of stock options	31				31
Dividends paid	(171)				(171)
Purchase of treasury stock	(1,016)				(1,016)
Other, net	(23)	(105)	105		(23)
CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	2,276	(547)	(146)		1,583
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash		(31)	(73)		(104)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	386	51	25	108	570
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	1,756	441	861	(150)	2,908
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 2,142	\$ 492	\$ 886	\$ (42)	\$ 3,478

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED

PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

FedEx Corporation

We have reviewed the condensed consolidated balance sheet of FedEx Corporation as of February 29, 2016, and the related condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the nine-month periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of FedEx Corporation as of May 31, 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in stockholders' investment, and cash flows for the year then ended, not presented herein, and we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those consolidated financial statements in our report dated July 14, 2015. In our opinion, the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of FedEx Corporation as of May 31, 2015, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Memphis, Tennessee

March 17, 2016

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

GENERAL

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition (MD&A) describes the principal factors affecting the results of operations, liquidity, capital resources, contractual cash obligations and critical accounting estimates of FedEx Corporation (FedEx). This discussion should be read in conjunction with the accompanying quarterly unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2015 (Annual Report). Our Annual Report includes additional information about our significant accounting policies, practices and the transactions that underlie our financial results, as well as a detailed discussion of the most significant risks and uncertainties associated with our financial condition and operating results.

We provide a broad portfolio of transportation, e-commerce and business services through companies competing collectively, operating independently and managed collaboratively, under the respected FedEx brand. Our primary operating companies are Federal Express Corporation (FedEx Express), the world's largest express transportation company; FedEx Ground Package System, Inc. (FedEx Ground), a leading North American provider of small-package ground delivery services; and FedEx Freight, Inc. (FedEx Freight), a leading U.S. provider of less-than-truckload (LTL) freight services. These companies represent our major service lines and, along with FedEx Corporate Services, Inc. (FedEx Services), form the core of our reportable segments.

Our FedEx Services segment provides sales, marketing, information technology, communications and certain back-office support to our transportation segments. In addition, the FedEx Services segment provides customers with retail access to FedEx Express and FedEx Ground shipping services through FedEx Office and Print Services, Inc. (FedEx Office) and provides customer service, technical support and billing and collection services through FedEx TechConnect, Inc. (FedEx TechConnect). See Reportable Segments for further discussion. Additional information on our businesses can also be found in our Annual Report.

The key indicators necessary to understand our operating results include:

the overall customer demand for our various services based on macro-economic factors and the global economy;

the volumes of transportation services provided through our networks, primarily measured by our average daily volume and shipment weight and size;

the mix of services purchased by our customers;

the prices we obtain for our services, primarily measured by yield (revenue per package or pound or revenue per hundredweight and shipment for LTL freight shipments);

our ability to manage our cost structure (capital expenditures and operating expenses) to match shifting volume levels; and

the timing and amount of fluctuations in fuel prices and our ability to recover incremental fuel costs through our fuel surcharges. The majority of our operating expenses are directly impacted by revenue and volume levels. Accordingly, we expect these operating expenses to fluctuate on a year-over-year basis consistent with the change in revenues and volumes. Therefore, the discussion of operating expense captions focuses on the key drivers and trends impacting expenses other than changes in revenues and volume. The line item Other operating expenses predominantly includes costs associated with outside service contracts (such as security, facility services and cargo handling), insurance, professional fees, uniforms and advertising.

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Except as otherwise specified, references to years indicate our fiscal year ending May 31, 2016 or ended May 31 of the year referenced and comparisons are to the corresponding period of the prior year. References to our transportation segments include, collectively, our FedEx Express, FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight segments.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**CONSOLIDATED RESULTS**

The following table compares summary operating results (dollars in millions, except per share amounts) for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Percent Change	Nine Months Ended		Percent Change
	2016	2015		2016	2015	
Revenues	\$ 12,654	\$ 11,716	8	\$ 37,386	\$ 35,339	6
FedEx Express Segment operating income	595	393	51	1,762	1,262	40
FedEx Ground Segment operating income	557	559		1,620	1,569	3
FedEx Freight Segment operating income	56	67	(16)	289	347	(17)
Eliminations, corporate and other	(344)	19	NM	(526)	10	NM
Consolidated operating income	864	1,038	(17)	3,145	3,188	(1)
FedEx Express Segment operating margin	9.1%	5.9%	320 bp	8.9%	6.1%	280 bp
FedEx Ground Segment operating margin	12.6%	16.5%	(390)bp	13.2%	16.7%	(350)bp
FedEx Freight Segment operating margin	3.9%	4.7%	(80)bp	6.3%	7.5%	(120)bp
Consolidated operating margin	6.8%	8.9%	(210)bp	8.4%	9.0%	(60)bp
Consolidated Net income	\$ 507	\$ 628	(19)	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,944	(3)
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.84	\$ 2.18	(16)	\$ 6.71	\$ 6.75	(1)

The following table shows changes in revenues and operating income by reportable segment for the periods ended February 29, 2016 compared to February 28, 2015 (dollars in millions):

	Change in Revenue		Change in Operating Income	
	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
FedEx Express segment	\$ (99)	\$ (806)	\$ 202	\$ 500
FedEx Ground segment	1,015	2,872	(2)	51
FedEx Freight segment	19	(27)	(11)	(58)
FedEx Services segment	14	39		
Eliminations, corporate and other	(11)	(31)	(363)	(536)
	\$ 938	\$ 2,047	\$ (174)	\$ (43)

Overview

Our consolidated results above include certain amounts in Eliminations, corporate and other that significantly impacted our income and margin. We recorded provisions for the settlement of (and certain expected losses related to) independent contractor litigation matters involving FedEx Ground for \$204 million (\$126 million, net of tax, or \$0.46 per diluted share) in the third quarter and \$245 million (\$152 million, net of tax, or \$0.54 per diluted share) in the nine months of 2016.

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The third quarter of 2016 also included expenses related to the settlement of a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) notice of action regarding uncollected duties and merchandising processing fees in the amount of \$69 million (\$43 million, net of tax, or \$0.15 per diluted share for the third quarter and nine months of 2016). Both of these third quarter provisions are net of recognized insurance recoveries. The nine months of 2015 included a legal contingency reserve associated with an independent contractor litigation matter involving FedEx Ground.

In addition, we incurred expenses related to our pending acquisition of TNT Express N.V. (TNT Express) of \$25 million (\$15 million, net of tax, or \$0.06 per diluted share) in the third quarter and \$53 million (\$33 million, net of tax, or \$0.12 per diluted share) in the nine months of 2016.

Our segment results improved during the third quarter and the nine months of 2016 due to higher operating income at FedEx Express, and as our profit improvement program commenced in 2013 continues to improve revenue quality and constrain expenses. In addition, one additional operating day benefited all our transportation segments in the nine months of 2016. These factors were partially offset in the third quarter and the nine months of 2016 by lower than anticipated volume at FedEx Freight, and network expansion costs, higher self-insurance expenses and increased purchased transportation rates at FedEx Ground. In addition, in the third quarter of 2016, higher operational costs at FedEx Ground during our peak season negatively impacted results. Higher healthcare costs and incentive compensation accruals also negatively impacted results in the nine months of 2016.

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The following graphs for FedEx Express, FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight show selected volume trends (in thousands) over the five most recent quarters:

⁽¹⁾ International domestic average daily package volume represents our international intra-country express operations.

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The following graphs for FedEx Express, FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight show selected yield trends over the five most recent quarters:

Revenue

Revenues increased 8% in the third quarter and 6% in the nine months of 2016 driven by the FedEx Ground segment due to volume growth in our residential services coupled with rate increases, and the inclusion of GENCO Distribution System, Inc. (GENCO) revenue. In addition, revenues increased approximately \$350 million in the third quarter and \$890 million in the nine months of 2016 as a result of recording FedEx SmartPost service revenues on a gross basis, versus our previous net treatment, as further discussed in our Annual Report and in Note 1 of our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Lower fuel surcharges had a significant negative impact on revenues at all of our transportation segments, but had a modest benefit on our earnings in the third quarter and nine months of 2016. Unfavorable exchange rates also negatively impacted revenues at FedEx Express in the third quarter and nine months of 2016. One additional operating day benefited revenues at all our transportation segments in the nine months of 2016.

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Table of Contents**Operating Expenses**

The following tables compare operating expenses expressed as dollar amounts (in millions) and as a percent of revenue for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	\$ 4,712	\$ 4,335	\$ 13,807	\$ 12,678
Purchased transportation	2,623	2,165	7,505	6,404
Rentals and landing fees	744	686	2,121	2,009
Depreciation and amortization	663	652	1,964	1,954
Fuel	537	810	1,864	2,982
Maintenance and repairs	504	505	1,581	1,604
Other	2,007	1,525	5,399	4,520
Total operating expenses	\$ 11,790	\$ 10,678	\$ 34,241	\$ 32,151
Total operating income	\$ 864	\$ 1,038	\$ 3,145	\$ 3,188

	Percent of Revenue			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	37.2%	36.9%	36.9%	35.9%
Purchased transportation	20.7	18.5	20.1	18.1
Rentals and landing fees	5.9	5.9	5.7	5.7
Depreciation and amortization	5.2	5.6	5.3	5.5
Fuel	4.3	6.9	5.0	8.4
Maintenance and repairs	4.0	4.3	4.2	4.6
Other	15.9	13.0	14.4	12.8
Total operating expenses	93.2	91.1	91.6	91.0
Operating margin	6.8%	8.9%	8.4%	9.0%

Our operating margin for the third quarter of 2016 was negatively impacted by corporate level provisions for the settlement of (and certain expected losses relating to) independent contractor litigation matters involving FedEx Ground and the settlement of the CBP matter as described above, higher salaries and employee benefits at FedEx Freight, the recording of FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis and higher operational costs during our peak season at FedEx Ground. During the nine months of 2016, operating margin was negatively impacted by the same factors, as well as higher self-insurance expenses. The independent contractor litigation and CBP items affected operating margin by a combined 220 basis points in the third quarter and 80 basis points in the nine months of 2016.

Our operating expenses included an increase in salaries and employee benefits expense of 9% in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 due to the inclusion of GENCO results and pay initiatives coupled with increased staffing at FedEx Freight. Higher healthcare costs and incentive compensation accruals also impacted salaries and employee benefits in the nine months of 2016. Purchased transportation costs increased 21% in the third quarter and 17% in the nine months of 2016 due to the recording of FedEx SmartPost service revenues on a gross basis and higher volumes and increased rates at FedEx Ground. Other expenses were driven 32% higher in the third quarter due to the independent contractor litigation and CBP matters further discussed in Note 8 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the inclusion of GENCO results and 19% in the nine months of 2016 due to the inclusion of GENCO results, the independent contractor litigation and CBP matters and higher self-insurance insurance costs at FedEx Ground. Rentals and landing fees increased 8% in the third quarter and 6% in the nine months of 2016 due to network expansion and the inclusion of GENCO results at FedEx Ground.

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Fuel

The following graph for our transportation segments shows our average cost of jet and vehicle fuel per gallon for the five most recent quarters:

Fuel expense decreased 34% in the third quarter and 37% in the nine months of 2016 due to lower fuel prices. However, fuel prices represent only one component of the two factors we consider meaningful in understanding the impact of fuel on our business. Consideration must also be given to the fuel surcharge revenue we collect. Accordingly, we believe discussion of the net impact of fuel on our results, which is a comparison of the year-over-year change in these two factors, is important to understand the impact of fuel on our business. In order to provide information about the impact of fuel surcharges on the trend in revenue and yield growth, we have included the comparative weighted-average fuel surcharge percentages in effect for the third quarter and nine months of 2016 and 2015 in the accompanying discussions of each of our transportation segments.

The index used to determine the fuel surcharge percentage for our FedEx Freight business adjusts weekly, while our fuel surcharges for the FedEx Express and FedEx Ground businesses incorporate a timing lag of approximately six to eight weeks before they are adjusted for changes in fuel prices. For example, the fuel surcharge index in effect at FedEx Express in February 2016 was set based on December 2015 fuel prices. In addition, the structure of the table that is used to determine our fuel surcharge at FedEx Express and FedEx Ground does not adjust immediately for changes in fuel price, but allows for the fuel surcharge revenue charged to our customers to remain unchanged as long as fuel prices remain within certain ranges.

Beyond these factors, the manner in which we purchase fuel also influences the net impact of fuel on our results. For example, our contracts for jet fuel purchases at FedEx Express are tied to various indices, including the U.S. Gulf Coast index. While many of these indices are aligned, each index may fluctuate at a different pace, driving variability in the prices paid for jet fuel. Furthermore, under these contractual arrangements, approximately 75% of our jet fuel is purchased based on the index price for the preceding week, with the remainder of our purchases tied to the index price for the preceding month, rather than based on daily spot rates. These contractual provisions mitigate the impact of rapidly changing daily spot rates on our jet fuel purchases.

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Because of the factors described above, our operating results may be affected should the market price of fuel suddenly change by a significant amount or change by amounts that do not result in an adjustment in our fuel surcharges, which can significantly affect our earnings either positively or negatively in the short-term.

We routinely review our fuel surcharges and our fuel surcharge methodology. On November 2, 2015, FedEx Express and FedEx Ground updated certain tables used to determine fuel surcharges.

The net impact of fuel had a modest benefit in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 to operating income. This was driven by the year-over-year decrease in fuel prices during the third quarter and nine months of 2016, which was partially offset by decreased fuel surcharge revenue during these periods.

The net impact of fuel on our operating results does not consider the effects that fuel surcharge levels may have on our business, including changes in demand and shifts in the mix of services purchased by our customers. While fluctuations in fuel surcharge percentages can be significant from period to period, fuel surcharges represent one of the many individual components of our pricing structure that impact our overall revenue and yield. Additional components include the mix of services sold, the base price and extra service charges we obtain for these services and the level of pricing discounts offered.

Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate was 35.2% for the third quarter of 2016 and 35.3% for the nine months of 2016, compared with 36.2% in the third quarter and 36.1% in the nine months of 2015. The tax rates in 2016 have decreased primarily due to a lower state tax rate including the resolution of a state income tax matter during the second quarter. For 2016, we expect an effective tax rate of 35.0% to 36.0% prior to any year-end mark-to-market accounting adjustment for defined benefit pension and postretirement healthcare plans (MTM Adjustment). The actual rate, however, will depend on a number of factors, including the amount and source of operating income, the impact of the MTM Adjustment and when the proposed TNT Express acquisition is completed.

We are subject to taxation in the United States and various U.S. state, local and foreign jurisdictions. During the third quarter, we closed the Internal Revenue Service examination for the 2012 and 2013 tax years. The conclusion of the audit had an immaterial impact to our balance of unrecognized tax benefits. As of February 29, 2016, there were no material changes to our liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits from May 31, 2015.

Business Acquisitions

As discussed in our Annual Report, on April 6, 2015, we entered into a conditional agreement to acquire TNT Express for 4.4 billion (currently, approximately \$4.9 billion). This combination is expected to expand our global portfolio, particularly in Europe, lower our costs to serve our European markets by increasing density in our pickup-and-delivery operations and accelerate our global growth. This acquisition is expected to be completed in the first half of calendar year 2016. The closing of the acquisition is subject to customary conditions, including obtaining all necessary approvals and competition clearances. We expect to secure all relevant competition approvals.

During 2015, we acquired two businesses, expanding our portfolio in e-commerce and supply chain solutions. On January 30, 2015, we acquired GENCO, a leading North American third-party logistics provider, for \$1.4 billion, which was funded using a portion of the proceeds from our January 2015 debt issuance. The financial results of this business are included in the FedEx Ground segment from the date of acquisition.

In addition, on December 16, 2014, we acquired Bongo International, LLC (Bongo), a leader in cross-border enablement technologies and solutions, for \$42 million in cash from operations. The financial results of this business are included in the FedEx Express segment from the date of acquisition.

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These acquisitions will allow us to enter new markets, as well as strengthen our current service offerings to existing customers. See Note 1 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these acquisitions.

Outlook

We expect earnings growth in the fourth quarter and full year of 2016 (prior to any MTM Adjustment and exclusive of certain litigation matters) driven by improvements in the results of our FedEx Express and FedEx Ground segments due to volume growth and yield management initiatives, despite weaker than anticipated industrial production. We expect this weakness to drive lower than anticipated revenue growth and have a negative impact on the earnings of our FedEx Freight segment in the fourth quarter and full year of 2016. Our results in 2016 will continue to benefit from execution of the profit improvement programs announced in 2013, which are further described in our Annual Report. Our expectations for earnings growth in the fourth quarter and the remainder of 2016 are dependent on key external factors, including fuel prices and moderate growth in the global economy. Our outlook for 2016 also does not include any impact from our announced intent to acquire TNT Express, such as integration planning or transaction costs, the operating activities of TNT Express, or the related tax consequences if the transaction is consummated.

Other Outlook Matters. For details on key 2016 capital projects, refer to the *Liquidity Outlook* section of this MD&A.

We plan to merge FedEx TechConnect into FedEx Services, effective May 31, 2016. This internal structure change will enhance FedEx Services ability to serve our operating companies and our customers. There will be no personnel reduction associated with the merger and the estimated cost of the merger will be immaterial to our results.

We are involved in a number of lawsuits and other proceedings that challenge the status of FedEx Ground's owner-operators as independent contractors. For a description of these proceedings, see Note 8 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the *Independent Contractor Model* section of our FedEx Ground segment MD&A.

In the third quarter of 2016, FedEx Ground announced plans to implement the Independent Service Provider (ISP) model throughout its entire U.S. pickup and delivery network. To date, service providers in 24 states are operating under, or transitioning to, the ISP model. The transition to the ISP model in the remaining 26 states is expected to be completed by May 31, 2020. The costs associated with these transitions will be recognized in the periods incurred and are not expected to be material to any future quarter.

See *Forward-Looking Statements* for a discussion of these and other potential risks and uncertainties that could materially affect our future performance.

RECENT ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE

New accounting rules and disclosure requirements can significantly impact our reported results and the comparability of our financial statements. These matters are described in our Annual Report.

In the second quarter of 2016, we chose to early adopt the authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) requiring acquirers in a business combination to recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period that the adjustment amounts are determined and eliminates the requirement to retrospectively account for these adjustments. It also requires additional disclosure about the effects of the adjustments on prior periods. Adoption of this guidance had no impact on our financial reporting. See the *Business Acquisitions* section above for further discussion regarding our recent business acquisitions.

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On February 25, 2016, the FASB issued the new lease accounting standard which requires lessees to put most leases on their balance sheets but recognize the expenses on their income statements in a manner similar to current practice. The new standard states that a lessee will recognize a lease liability for the obligation to make lease payments and a right-of-use asset for the right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. Expense related to leases determined to be operating leases will be recognized on a straight-line basis, while those determined to be financing leases will be recognized following a front-loaded expense profile in which interest and amortization are presented separately in the income statement. We are currently evaluating the impact of this new standard on our financial reporting, but recognizing the lease liability and related right-of-use asset will significantly impact our balance sheet. These changes will be effective for our fiscal year beginning June 1, 2019 (fiscal 2020), with a modified retrospective adoption method to the beginning of 2018.

On November 20, 2015, the FASB issued an Accounting Standards Update that will require companies to classify all deferred tax assets and liabilities as noncurrent on the balance sheet instead of separating deferred taxes into current and noncurrent amounts. This new guidance will have minimal impact on our accounting and financial reporting, and we plan to early adopt on a retrospective basis in the fourth quarter of 2016.

We believe that no other new accounting guidance was adopted or issued during the nine months of 2016 that is relevant to the readers of our financial statements.

REPORTABLE SEGMENTS

FedEx Express, FedEx Ground and FedEx Freight represent our major service lines and, along with FedEx Services, form the core of our reportable segments. Our reportable segments include the following businesses:

FedEx Express Segment	FedEx Express (express transportation) FedEx Trade Networks (air and ocean freight forwarding and customs brokerage) FedEx SupplyChain Systems (logistics services) Bongo (cross-border enablement technology and solutions)
FedEx Ground Segment	FedEx Ground (small-package ground delivery) GENCO (third-party logistics)
FedEx Freight Segment	FedEx Freight (LTL freight transportation) FedEx Custom Critical (time-critical transportation)
FedEx Services Segment	FedEx Services (sales, marketing, information technology, communications and back-office functions) FedEx TechConnect (customer service, technical support, billings and collections) FedEx Office (document and business services and package acceptance)

FEDEX SERVICES SEGMENT

The operating expenses line item *Intercompany charges* on the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of our transportation segments reflects the allocations from the FedEx Services segment to the respective transportation segments. The allocations of net operating costs are based on metrics such as relative revenues or estimated services provided.

The FedEx Services segment provides direct and indirect support to our transportation businesses, and we allocate all of the net operating costs of the FedEx Services segment (including the net operating results of FedEx Office) to reflect the full cost of operating our transportation businesses in the results of those segments. Within the FedEx Services segment allocation, the net operating results of FedEx Office, which are an immaterial component of our allocations, are allocated to FedEx Express and FedEx Ground. We review and evaluate the performance of our transportation segments based on operating income (inclusive of FedEx Services segment allocations).

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For the FedEx Services segment, performance is evaluated based on the impact of its total allocated net operating costs on our transportation segments. We believe these allocations approximate the net cost of providing these functions. Our allocation methodologies are refined periodically, as necessary, to reflect changes in our businesses.

ELIMINATIONS, CORPORATE AND OTHER

Certain FedEx operating companies provide transportation and related services for other FedEx companies outside their reportable segment. Billings for such services are based on negotiated rates, which we believe approximate fair value, and are reflected as revenues of the billing segment. These rates are adjusted from time to time based on market conditions. Such intersegment revenues and expenses are eliminated in our consolidated results and are not separately identified in the following segment information, because the amounts are not material.

Corporate and other includes corporate headquarters costs for executive officers, certain other legal and financial functions, as well as certain other costs and credits not attributed to our core business. These costs are not allocated to the business segments. The year-over-year increase in these costs was driven by the 2016 legal reserves described above and prior year benefits of approximately \$67 million in the third quarter and \$200 million in the nine months as a result of our change in recognizing expected return on plan assets for our defined benefit pension and postretirement healthcare plans at the segment level, which had no impact at the consolidated level.

Table of Contents**FEDEX EXPRESS SEGMENT**

FedEx Express offers a wide range of U.S. domestic and international shipping services for delivery of packages and freight including priority services, which provide time-definite delivery within one, two or three business days worldwide, and deferred or economy services, which provide time-definite delivery within five business days worldwide. The following tables compare revenues, operating expenses, operating expenses as a percent of revenue, operating income (dollars in millions) and operating margin for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Percent	Nine Months Ended		Percent
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Revenues:						
Package:						
U.S. overnight box	\$ 1,704	\$ 1,653	3	\$ 5,044	\$ 5,040	
U.S. overnight envelope	408	392	4	1,227	1,207	2
U.S. deferred	926	895	3	2,568	2,524	2
Total U.S. domestic package revenue	3,038	2,940	3	8,839	8,771	1
International priority	1,346	1,463	(8)	4,243	4,742	(11)
International economy	546	560	(3)	1,688	1,729	(2)
Total international export package revenue	1,892	2,023	(6)	5,931	6,471	(8)
International domestic ⁽¹⁾	303	328	(8)	966	1,082	(11)
Total package revenue	5,233	5,291	(1)	15,736	16,324	(4)
Freight:						
U.S.	647	580	12	1,798	1,745	3
International priority	325	375	(13)	1,029	1,182	(13)
International airfreight	30	45	(33)	98	133	(26)
Total freight revenue	1,002	1,000		2,925	3,060	(4)
Other ⁽²⁾	322	365	(12)	1,075	1,158	(7)
Total revenues	6,557	6,656	(1)	19,736	20,542	(4)
Operating expenses:						
Salaries and employee benefits	2,602	2,572	1	7,638	7,574	1
Purchased transportation	545	614	(11)	1,762	1,942	(9)
Rentals and landing fees	452	436	4	1,261	1,284	(2)
Depreciation and amortization	342	364	(6)	1,038	1,106	(6)
Fuel	455	697	(35)	1,579	2,573	(39)
Maintenance and repairs	306	324	(6)	981	1,060	(7)
Intercompany charges	464	460	1	1,371	1,360	1
Other	796	796		2,344	2,381	(2)
Total operating expenses	5,962	6,263	(5)	17,974	19,280	(7)
Operating income	\$ 595	\$ 393	51	\$ 1,762	\$ 1,262	40
Operating margin	9.1%	5.9%	320bp	8.9%	6.1%	280bp

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- (1) International domestic revenues represent our international intra-country express operations.
- (2) Includes FedEx Trade Networks, FedEx SupplyChain Systems and Bongo.

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	Percent of Revenue			
	Three Months Ended 2016	Three Months Ended 2015	Nine Months Ended 2016	Nine Months Ended 2015
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	39.7%	38.7%	38.7%	36.9%
Purchased transportation	8.3	9.2	8.9	9.5
Rentals and landing fees	6.9	6.5	6.4	6.2
Depreciation and amortization	5.2	5.5	5.3	5.4
Fuel	6.9	10.5	8.0	12.5
Maintenance and repairs	4.7	4.9	5.0	5.2
Intercompany charges	7.1	6.9	6.9	6.6
Other	12.1	11.9	11.9	11.6
Total operating expenses	90.9	94.1	91.1	93.9
Operating margin	9.1%	5.9%	8.9%	6.1%

The following table compares selected statistics (in thousands, except yield amounts) for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Percent	Nine Months Ended		Percent
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Package Statistics⁽¹⁾						
Average daily package volume (ADV):						
U.S. overnight box	1,316	1,258	5	1,271	1,243	2
U.S. overnight envelope	535	516	4	536	521	3
U.S. deferred	1,015	1,024	(1)	926	928	
Total U.S. domestic ADV	2,866	2,798	2	2,733	2,692	2
International priority	386	398	(3)	393	410	(4)
International economy	179	175	2	180	175	3
Total international export ADV	565	573	(1)	573	585	(2)
International domestic ⁽²⁾	878	831	6	895	854	5
Total ADV	4,309	4,202	3	4,201	4,131	2
Revenue per package (yield):						
U.S. overnight box	\$ 20.56	\$ 20.85	(1)	\$ 20.77	\$ 21.34	(3)
U.S. overnight envelope	12.11	12.07		11.99	12.18	(2)
U.S. deferred	14.48	13.88	4	14.52	14.32	1
U.S. domestic composite	16.83	16.68	1	16.93	17.15	(1)
International priority	55.35	58.40	(5)	56.59	60.79	(7)
International economy	48.36	50.60	(4)	49.02	52.03	(6)
International export composite	53.14	56.01	(5)	54.21	58.17	(7)
International domestic ⁽²⁾	5.47	6.28	(13)	5.65	6.67	(15)
Composite package yield	19.27	19.99	(4)	19.61	20.80	(6)
Freight Statistics⁽¹⁾						
Average daily freight pounds:						
U.S.	8,340	8,145	2	7,937	7,831	1
International priority	2,414	2,823	(14)	2,503	2,866	(13)

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International airfreight	622	718	(13)	636	673	(5)
Total average daily freight pounds	11,376	11,686	(3)	11,076	11,370	(3)
Revenue per pound (yield):						
U.S.	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.13	9	\$ 1.19	\$ 1.17	2
International priority	2.14	2.11	1	2.15	2.17	(1)
International airfreight	0.76	1.00	(24)	0.81	1.04	(22)
Composite freight yield	1.40	1.36	3	1.38	1.42	(3)

(1) Package and freight statistics include only the operations of FedEx Express.

(2) International domestic statistics represent our international intra-country express operations.

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FedEx Express segment revenues decreased 1% in the third quarter and 4% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to lower fuel surcharges and unfavorable exchange rates. These factors were partially offset by improved U.S. domestic and international export yield management and U.S. domestic volume growth. Revenues in the nine months of 2016 also benefited from one additional operating day.

U.S. domestic yields increased 1% in the third quarter due to higher base rates and were partially offset by the negative impact of lower fuel surcharges and decreased 1% in the nine months of 2016 due to the negative impact of lower fuel surcharges, which were partially offset by higher base rates. U.S. domestic volumes increased 2% in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 driven by our overnight service offerings. International export yields decreased 5% in the third quarter and 7% in the nine months of 2016 due to the negative impact of lower fuel surcharges and unfavorable exchange rates, which were partially offset by higher base rates. Freight yields decreased 3% in the nine months of 2016 as the negative impact of lower fuel surcharges and unfavorable exchange rates offset higher base rates. International domestic revenues declined 8% in the third quarter and 11% in the nine months of 2016 due to the negative impact of unfavorable exchange rates, which were partially offset by increased volumes.

Our U.S. domestic and outbound fuel surcharge and the international fuel surcharges ranged as follows for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
U.S. Domestic and Outbound Fuel Surcharge:				
Low	0.75%	3.50%	0.75%	3.50%
High	2.75	6.00	4.00	9.50
Weighted-average	2.00	4.80	2.40	7.62
International Fuel Surcharges:				
Low	0.75	0.50	0.75	0.50
High	9.50	15.00	12.00	18.00
Weighted-average	5.83	11.57	7.08	14.49

On January 4, 2016, FedEx Express implemented a 4.9% average list price increase for FedEx Express U.S. domestic, U.S. export and U.S. import services. In addition, effective November 2, 2015, FedEx Express updated certain tables used to determine fuel surcharges. On February 2, 2015, FedEx Express updated the tables used to determine fuel surcharges. On January 5, 2015, FedEx Express implemented a 4.9% average list price increase for FedEx Express U.S. domestic, U.S. export and U.S. import services.

FedEx Express Segment Operating Income

FedEx Express operating income and operating margin increased despite lower revenues in the third quarter and in the nine months of 2016. This increase was primarily driven by improved U.S. domestic and international export yield management and U.S. domestic volume growth, profit improvement program initiatives that continued to improve revenue quality and constrain expenses, lower international expenses due to currency exchange rates and the positive net impact of fuel. Also, operating income and operating margin benefited from one additional operating day in the nine months of 2016.

Salaries and employee benefits increased 1% in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 due to merit increases, which were partially offset by a favorable exchange rate impact. Higher incentive compensation accruals also impacted salaries and employee benefits in the nine months of 2016. Purchased transportation decreased 11% in the third quarter and 9% in the nine months of 2016 driven by a favorable exchange rate impact. Aircraft retirements during 2015 caused depreciation and amortization expense to decrease 6% in the third quarter and nine months of 2016. Maintenance and repairs expense decreased 6% in the third quarter and 7% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to the timing of prior year aircraft maintenance events.

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Fuel expense decreased 35% in the third quarter and 39% in the nine months of 2016 due to lower aircraft fuel prices. The net impact of fuel had a modest benefit in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 to operating income. See the Fuel section of this MD&A for a description and additional discussion of the net impact of fuel on our operating results.

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FedEx Ground service offerings include day-certain delivery to businesses in the U.S. and Canada and to nearly 100% of U.S. residences. On August 31, 2015, our FedEx SmartPost business was merged into FedEx Ground. The FedEx SmartPost service remains an important component of our FedEx Ground service offerings; however, for presentation purposes, FedEx SmartPost service revenues and operating statistics have been combined with our FedEx Ground service offerings. Also, on June 1, 2015, we prospectively began recording revenues associated with the FedEx SmartPost service on a gross basis and including postal fees in revenues and expenses, versus our previous net treatment, as discussed in our Annual Report. On January 30, 2015, we acquired GENCO, a leading North American third-party logistics provider. GENCO's financial results are included in the following table from the date of acquisition, which has impacted the year-over-year comparability of revenue and operating expenses. The following tables compare revenues, operating expenses, operating expenses as a percent of revenue, operating income (dollars in millions), operating margin and selected package statistics (in thousands, except yield amounts) for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Percent	Nine Months Ended		Percent
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Revenues:						
FedEx Ground	\$ 4,025	\$ 3,306	22	\$ 11,161	\$ 9,329	20
GENCO	383	87	NM	1,127	87	NM
Total revenues	4,408	3,393	30	12,288	9,416	31
Operating expenses:						
Salaries and employee benefits	756	564	34	2,105	1,497	41
Purchased transportation	1,891	1,348	40	5,130	3,765	36
Rentals	166	126	32	466	349	34
Depreciation and amortization	159	136	17	451	381	18
Fuel	3	3		8	9	(11)
Maintenance and repairs	71	61	16	209	174	20
Intercompany charges	312	281	11	910	834	9
Other	493	315	57	1,389	838	66
Total operating expenses	3,851	2,834	36	10,668	7,847	36
Operating income	\$ 557	\$ 559		\$ 1,620	\$ 1,569	3
Operating margin	12.6%	16.5%	(390)bp	13.2%	16.7%	(350)bp
Average daily package volume						
FedEx Ground	8,339	7,496	11	7,551	6,970	8
Revenue per package (yield)						
FedEx Ground	\$ 7.65	\$ 7.06	8	\$ 7.72	\$ 7.06	9

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	Percent of Revenue			
	Three Months Ended 2016	Three Months Ended 2015	Nine Months Ended 2016	Nine Months Ended 2015
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	17.1%	16.6%	17.1%	15.9%
Purchased transportation	42.9	39.7	41.7	40.0
Rentals	3.8	3.7	3.8	3.7
Depreciation and amortization	3.6	4.0	3.7	4.0
Fuel	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Maintenance and repairs	1.6	1.8	1.7	1.8
Intercompany charges	7.1	8.3	7.4	8.9
Other	11.2	9.3	11.3	8.9
Total operating expenses	87.4	83.5	86.8	83.3
Operating margin	12.6%	16.5%	13.2%	16.7%

FedEx Ground Segment Revenues

FedEx Ground segment revenues increased 30% in the third quarter and 31% in the nine months of 2016 due to volume and yield growth at FedEx Ground and the inclusion of GENCO revenue, which were partially offset by lower fuel surcharges. Revenues increased approximately \$350 million in the third quarter and \$890 million in the nine months of 2016 as a result of recording FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis, versus our previous net treatment, as further discussed in our Annual Report.

Average daily volume at FedEx Ground increased 11% in the third quarter and 8% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to continued growth in our residential services driven by e-commerce. FedEx Ground yield increased 8% during the third quarter and 9% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to the recording of FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis, versus our previous net treatment and increased base rates, which include additional dimensional weight charges. These factors were partially offset by lower fuel surcharges.

The FedEx Ground fuel surcharge is based on a rounded average of the national U.S. on-highway average price for a gallon of diesel fuel, as published by the Department of Energy. Our fuel surcharge ranged as follows for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Low	3.80%	5.50%	3.50%	5.50%
High	4.30	6.00	4.50	7.00
Weighted-average	4.00	5.85	4.10	6.38

On January 4, 2016, FedEx Ground implemented a 4.9% increase in average list price. In addition, on November 2, 2015, FedEx Ground increased surcharges for shipments that exceed the published maximum weight or dimensional limits and updated certain tables used to determine fuel surcharges. On February 2, 2015, FedEx Ground updated the tables used to determine fuel surcharges. On January 5, 2015, FedEx Ground implemented a 4.9% increase in average list price. In addition, on January 5, 2015, FedEx Ground began applying dimensional weight pricing to all shipments.

FedEx Ground Segment Operating Income

FedEx Ground segment operating income was flat in the third quarter as higher volumes were offset by higher costs driven significantly by network expansion and by our peak season demand that exceeded both volume and package size expectations. Additionally, higher self-insurance expenses and increased purchased transportation rates negatively impacted operating income in the third quarter of 2016. Operating income in the nine months of 2016 increased 3% due to higher volumes and increased yield, as well as the benefit from one additional operating day. These factors were partially offset by network expansion costs, higher self-insurance expenses, increased purchased transportation rates and higher operational costs during our peak season.

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Operating margin decreased in the third quarter of 2016 due to the recording of FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis, increased operational costs during our peak season and higher self-insurance expenses. In the nine months of 2016, operating margin decreased due to the recording of FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis, the inclusion of GENCO results, and higher self-insurance expenses. The change in FedEx SmartPost revenue recognition and the inclusion of GENCO collectively decreased operating margin by 190 basis points in the third quarter and 210 basis points in the nine months of 2016.

The inclusion of GENCO in the FedEx Ground segment results has impacted the year-over-year comparability of all operating expenses. Along with incremental costs from GENCO, purchased transportation expense increased 40% in the third quarter and 36% in the nine months of 2016 due to the recording of FedEx SmartPost revenues on a gross basis, as further discussed in this MD&A, and higher volumes and increased rates. Salaries and employee benefits expense increased 34% in the third quarter and 41% in the nine months of 2016 due to the inclusion of GENCO results and additional staffing to support volume growth. Higher healthcare costs also impacted salaries and employee benefits in the nine months of 2016. Other expenses increased 57% in the third quarter and 66% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to the addition of GENCO results and higher self-insurance costs. Rentals expense increased 32% in the third quarter and 34% in the nine months of 2016 due to network expansion and the inclusion of GENCO results. Depreciation and amortization expense increased 17% in the third quarter and 18% in the nine months of 2016 due to the inclusion of GENCO results and network expansion.

Independent Contractor Model

FedEx Ground is involved in numerous lawsuits and other proceedings (such as state tax or other administrative challenges) where the classification of its independent contractors is at issue. During the third quarter of 2016, we reached agreements in principle to settle all of the 19 cases on appeal in the multidistrict litigation. These cases involve a contractor model which FedEx Ground has not operated since 2011. In addition, we are defending contractor-model cases that are not or are no longer part of the multidistrict litigation. These cases are in varying stages of litigation. We will continue to vigorously defend ourselves in these proceedings and continue to believe that FedEx Ground's owner-operators are properly classified as independent contractors and not employees of FedEx Ground. For a description of these proceedings, see Note 8 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

For additional information on the FedEx Ground Independent Service Provider model, see Part 1, Item 1 of our Annual Report under the caption Independent Contractor Model and Other Outlook Matters under Consolidated Results.

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FedEx Freight service offerings include priority services when speed is critical and economy services when time can be traded for savings. The following tables compare revenues, operating expenses, operating expenses as a percent of revenue, operating income (dollars in millions), operating margin and selected statistics for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Percent	Nine Months Ended		Percent
	2016	2015	Change	2016	2015	Change
Revenues	\$ 1,447	\$ 1,428	1	\$ 4,595	\$ 4,622	(1)
Operating expenses:						
Salaries and employee benefits	716	664	8	2,168	2,006	8
Purchased transportation	223	235	(5)	720	792	(9)
Rentals	33	33		109	96	14
Depreciation and amortization	65	54	20	185	170	9
Fuel	80	109	(27)	277	399	(31)
Maintenance and repairs	48	49	(2)	154	148	4
Intercompany charges	112	108	4	337	329	2
Other	114	109	5	356	335	6
Total operating expenses	1,391	1,361	2	4,306	4,275	1
Operating income	\$ 56	\$ 67	(16)	\$ 289	\$ 347	(17)
Operating margin	3.9%	4.7%	(80)bp	6.3%	7.5%	(120)bp
Average daily LTL shipments (in thousands)						
Priority	64.7	62.0	4	66.7	67.1	(1)
Economy	30.0	26.8	12	30.7	28.4	8
Total average daily LTL shipments	94.7	88.8	7	97.4	95.5	2
Weight per LTL shipment (lbs)						
Priority	1,189	1,287	(8)	1,189	1,262	(6)
Economy	1,152	1,007	14	1,154	1,010	14
Composite weight per LTL shipment	1,177	1,203	(2)	1,178	1,187	(1)
LTL revenue per shipment						
Priority	\$ 218.15	\$ 231.92	(6)	\$ 220.03	\$ 229.43	(4)
Economy	258.35	265.66	(3)	263.84	265.51	(1)
Composite LTL revenue per shipment	\$ 231.61	\$ 242.52	(4)	\$ 234.07	\$ 240.30	(3)
LTL yield (revenue per hundredweight)						
Priority	\$ 18.35	\$ 18.02	2	\$ 18.51	\$ 18.18	2
Economy	22.42	26.38	(15)	22.86	26.29	(13)
Composite LTL yield	\$ 19.67	\$ 20.17	(2)	\$ 19.87	\$ 20.24	(2)

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	Percent of Revenue			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Operating expenses:				
Salaries and employee benefits	49.5%	46.5%	47.2%	43.4%
Purchased transportation	15.4	16.5	15.7	17.1
Rentals	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.1
Depreciation and amortization	4.5	3.8	4.0	3.7
Fuel	5.5	7.6	6.0	8.6
Maintenance and repairs	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.2
Intercompany charges	7.7	7.6	7.3	7.1
Other	7.9	7.6	7.7	7.3
Total operating expenses	96.1	95.3	93.7	92.5
Operating margin	3.9%	4.7%	6.3%	7.5%

FedEx Freight Segment Revenues

FedEx Freight segment revenues increased 1% in the third quarter due to higher average daily shipments, which were partially offset by lower fuel surcharges. Revenues decreased 1% in the nine months of 2016 as lower fuel surcharges more than offset higher average daily shipments and the benefit of one additional operating day. Average daily LTL shipments increased 7% in the third quarter and 2% in the nine months of 2016 due to increased volume related to small and mid-sized customers. LTL revenue per shipment decreased 4% in the third quarter and 3% in the nine months of 2016 due to lower fuel surcharges and lower weight per shipment.

The weekly indexed LTL fuel surcharge is based on the average of the U.S. on-highway average prices for a gallon of diesel fuel, as published by the Department of Energy. The indexed LTL fuel surcharge ranged as follows for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Low	18.50%	20.90%	18.50%	20.90%
High	20.70	24.60	23.10	26.20
Weighted-average	19.50	22.70	21.00	24.70

On January 4, 2016, FedEx Freight implemented zone-based pricing on U.S. and other LTL shipping rates. Also, on January 4, 2016, FedEx Freight implemented a 4.9% average increase in certain U.S. and other shipping rates. On February 2, 2015, FedEx Freight updated the tables used to determine fuel surcharges. On January 5, 2015, FedEx Freight implemented a 4.9% average increase in certain U.S. and other shipping rates.

FedEx Freight Segment Operating Income

FedEx Freight segment operating income and operating margin decreased in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 primarily due to salaries and employee benefits expense outpacing volume growth, as well as a facility closure charge in the nine months of 2016. Within operating expenses, salaries and employee benefits increased 8% in the third quarter and nine months of 2016 driven by pay initiatives and increased staffing levels for higher shipment volumes. Other expenses increased 6% in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to higher insurance claims, a legal reserve, and higher supplies expense. Depreciation and amortization increased 20% in the third quarter and 9% in the nine months of 2016 due to investments in transportation equipment. Rentals increased 14% in the nine months of 2016 driven primarily by a charge related to a facility closure. Purchased transportation expense decreased 5% in the third quarter and 9% in the nine months of 2016 due to lower rates and lower utilization of third-party transportation providers.

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Fuel expense decreased 27% in the third quarter and 31% in the nine months of 2016 due to lower average price per gallon of diesel fuel. See the Fuel section of this MD&A for a description and additional discussion of the net impact of fuel on our operating results.

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Cash and cash equivalents totaled \$2.8 billion at February 29, 2016, compared to \$3.8 billion at May 31, 2015. The following table provides a summary of our cash flows for the nine month-periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 (in millions):

	2016	2015
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,890	\$ 1,944
Noncash charges and credits	2,457	2,392
Changes in assets and liabilities	(551)	(863)
Cash provided by operating activities	3,796	3,473
Investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(3,562)	(2,969)
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(1,429)
Asset dispositions and other, net	(17)	16
Cash used in investing activities	(3,579)	(4,382)
Financing activities:		
Principal payments on debt	(28)	(1)
Proceeds from debt issuances	1,238	2,491
Proceeds from stock issuances	79	272
Dividends paid	(210)	(171)
Purchases of treasury stock	(2,133)	(1,016)
Other	(7)	8
Cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(1,061)	1,583
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(78)	(104)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (922)	\$ 570
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	\$ 2,841	\$ 3,478

Cash flows from operating activities increased \$323 million in the nine months of 2016 primarily due to higher segment operating income, which was partially offset by the timing of cash payments. Capital expenditures during the nine months of 2016 were higher primarily due to increased spending for sort facility expansion at FedEx Ground and aircraft at FedEx Express. See [Capital Resources](#) for a discussion of capital expenditures during 2016 and 2015.

During the second quarter of 2016, we issued \$1.25 billion of senior unsecured debt under our current shelf registration statement. We utilized the net proceeds for working capital and general corporate purposes, including share repurchases. See Note 3 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for further discussion of this debt.

In January 2016, the stock repurchase authorization announced in September 2014 for 15 million shares was completed. On January 26, 2016, our Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase program of up to 25 million shares. Shares under the new repurchase program may be repurchased from time to time in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. The timing and volume of repurchases are at the discretion of management, based on the capital needs of the business, the market price of FedEx common stock and general market conditions. No time limit was set for the completion of the program, and the program may be suspended or discontinued at any time.

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During the third quarter of 2016, we repurchased 7.3 million shares of FedEx common stock at an average price of \$140.42 per share for a total of \$1.0 billion. As of February 29, 2016, 22.8 million shares remained under the share repurchase authorization. Stock repurchases had a \$0.07 year-over-year positive impact on the third quarter earnings per diluted share and a \$0.12 positive impact on the nine months of 2016 earnings per diluted share (net of interest expense on debt used to fund a portion of the repurchases).

CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our operations are capital intensive, characterized by significant investments in aircraft, vehicles, technology, facilities, and package-handling and sort equipment. The amount and timing of capital additions depend on various factors, including pre-existing contractual commitments, anticipated volume growth, domestic and international economic conditions, new or enhanced services, geographical expansion of services, availability of satisfactory financing and actions of regulatory authorities.

The following table compares capital expenditures by asset category and reportable segment for the periods ended February 29, 2016 and February 28, 2015 (in millions):

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Percent Change 2016/2015	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	Three Months Ended	Nine Months Ended
Aircraft and related equipment	\$ 230	472	1,388	1,270	(51)	9
Facilities and sort equipment	408	294	1,067	746	39	43
Vehicles	175	184	652	523	(5)	25
Information and technology investments	95	59	256	209	61	22
Other equipment	92	71	199	221	30	(10)
Total capital expenditures	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,080	\$ 3,562	\$ 2,969	(7)	20
FedEx Express segment	\$ 345	569	1,865	1,649	(39)	13
FedEx Ground segment	387	291	1,033	794	33	30
FedEx Freight segment	161	147	367	285	10	29
FedEx Services segment	107	73	297	240	47	24
Other				1		NM
Total capital expenditures	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,080	\$ 3,562	\$ 2,969	(7)	20

Capital expenditures during the nine months of 2016 were higher than the prior-year period primarily due to increased spending for sort facility expansion at FedEx Ground and aircraft at FedEx Express. Aircraft and related equipment purchases at FedEx Express during the nine months of 2016 included the delivery of ten Boeing 767-300 Freighter aircraft and two Boeing 777 Freighter aircraft, as well as the modification of certain aircraft before being placed into service.

LIQUIDITY OUTLOOK

We believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, cash flow from operations and available financing sources are adequate to meet our liquidity needs, including working capital, capital expenditure and business acquisition requirements and debt payment obligations. Our cash and cash equivalents balance at February 29, 2016 includes \$598 million of cash in offshore jurisdictions associated with our permanent reinvestment strategy. We do not believe that the indefinite reinvestment of these funds offshore impairs our ability to meet our domestic debt or working capital obligations. Although we expect higher capital expenditures in 2016, we anticipate that our cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund these expenditures. Historically, we have been successful in obtaining unsecured financing, from both domestic and international sources, although the marketplace for such investment capital can become restricted depending on a variety of economic factors.

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Our capital expenditures are expected to be approximately \$4.8 billion in 2016 and include spending for aircraft and aircraft-related equipment at FedEx Express, sort facility expansion, primarily at FedEx Ground, and vehicle replacement at all our transportation segments. We invested \$1.4 billion in aircraft and aircraft-related equipment in the nine months of 2016 and expect to invest an additional \$245 million for aircraft and aircraft-related equipment during the remainder of 2016. In March 2016, we made \$165 million in voluntary contributions to our tax-qualified U.S. domestic pension plans (U.S. Pension Plans). Our U.S. Pension Plans have ample funds to meet expected benefit payments. See Note 5 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for expected future benefit payments for the remainder of 2016.

We have a shelf registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) that allows us to sell, in one or more future offerings, any combination of our unsecured debt securities and common stock.

On November 13, 2015, we replaced our existing revolving and letter of credit facilities with a new, single five-year \$1.75 billion revolving credit facility that expires in November 2020. See Note 3 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for a description of the term and significant covenants of our revolving credit facility.

During the fourth quarter, we plan to defease the underlying debt of certain leveraged operating leases which will be accounted for as a prepayment of the lease obligations. On April 1, 2016, we expect to redeem all of the outstanding \$245 million of tax-exempt Alliance Airport bonds. During the fourth quarter of 2016, we also expect to prepay and defease the \$238 million of outstanding tax-exempt Indianapolis Airport bonds, which are scheduled to mature on January 15, 2017. We expect to finance these prepayments with the proceeds of a debt offering. Proceeds from this offering also are expected to be used for working capital and general corporate purposes, including share repurchases under our current share repurchase authorization.

We expect to fund the acquisition of TNT Express with cash from operations and proceeds from a second debt offering, which we expect to launch shortly after the planned debt offering described above.

In December 2015, The Protecting Americans from Tax Hikes Act of 2015 (PATH Act) was passed into law. As a result, our current federal income taxes will be reduced due to the accelerated depreciation provisions on qualifying capital investments through December 31, 2019.

Standard & Poor's has assigned us a senior unsecured debt credit rating of BBB and commercial paper rating of A-2 and a ratings outlook of stable. On March 15, 2016, Moody's Investors Service lowered our senior unsecured debt credit rating from Baa1 to Baa2 and affirmed our commercial paper rating of P-2 and a ratings outlook of stable. If our credit ratings drop, our interest expense may increase. If our commercial paper ratings drop below current levels, we may have difficulty utilizing the commercial paper market. If our senior unsecured debt credit ratings drop below investment grade, our access to financing may become limited.

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The following table sets forth a summary of our contractual cash obligations as of February 29, 2016. Certain of these contractual obligations are reflected in our balance sheet, while others are disclosed as future obligations under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Except for the current portion of interest on long-term debt, this table does not include amounts already recorded in our balance sheet as current liabilities at February 29, 2016. We have certain contingent liabilities that are not accrued in our balance sheet in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. These contingent liabilities are not included in the table below. We have other long-term liabilities reflected in our balance sheet, including deferred income taxes, qualified and nonqualified pension and postretirement healthcare plan liabilities and other self-insurance accruals. The payment obligations associated with these liabilities are not reflected in the table below due to the absence of scheduled maturities. Accordingly, this table is not meant to represent a forecast of our total cash expenditures for any of the periods presented.

	Payments Due by Fiscal Year (Undiscounted)						Total
	(in millions)						
	2016 ⁽¹⁾	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter	
Operating activities:							
Operating leases	\$ 775	\$ 2,383	\$ 1,915	\$ 1,670	\$ 1,421	\$ 8,071	\$ 16,235
Non-capital purchase obligations and other	134	286	172	77	25	93	787
Interest on long-term debt	47	379	379	379	319	6,847	8,350
Investing activities:							
Aircraft and aircraft-related capital commitments	94	1,283	1,748	1,569	1,633	5,779	12,106
Other capital purchase obligations	18	5	1	1	1	9	35
Financing activities:							
Debt				750	400	7,340	8,490
Total	\$ 1,068	\$ 4,336	\$ 4,215	\$ 4,446	\$ 3,799	\$ 28,139	\$ 46,003

⁽¹⁾ Cash obligations for the remainder of 2016.

Open purchase orders that are cancelable are not considered unconditional purchase obligations for financial reporting purposes and are not included in the table above. Such purchase orders often represent authorizations to purchase rather than binding agreements. See Note 7 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for more information.

Operating Activities

The amounts reflected in the table above for operating leases represent future minimum lease payments under noncancelable operating leases (principally aircraft and facilities) with an initial or remaining term in excess of one year at February 29, 2016.

Included in the table above within the caption entitled "Non-capital purchase obligations and other" is our estimate of the current portion of the liability (\$1 million) for uncertain tax positions and amounts for purchase obligations that represent noncancelable agreements to purchase goods or services that are not capital related. Such contracts include those for printing and advertising and promotions contracts. We cannot reasonably estimate the timing of the long-term payments or the amount by which the liability for uncertain tax positions will increase or decrease over time; therefore, the long-term portion of the liability for uncertain tax positions (\$24 million) is excluded from the table.

The amounts reflected in the table above for interest on long-term debt represent future interest payments due on our long-term debt, all of which are fixed rate.

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We had \$363 million in deposits and progress payments as of February 29, 2016 on aircraft purchases and other planned aircraft-related transactions.

Investing Activities

The amounts reflected in the table above for capital purchase obligations represent noncancelable agreements to purchase capital-related equipment. Such contracts include those for certain purchases of aircraft, aircraft modifications, vehicles, facilities, computers and other equipment.

Financing Activities

The amounts reflected in the table above for long-term debt represent future scheduled payments on our long-term debt. For the remainder of 2016, we have no scheduled principal debt payments.

Additional information on amounts included within the operating, investing and financing activities captions in the table above can be found in our Annual Report.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make significant judgments and estimates to develop amounts reflected and disclosed in the financial statements. In many cases, there are alternative policies or estimation techniques that could be used. We maintain a thorough process to review the application of our accounting policies and to evaluate the appropriateness of the many estimates that are required to prepare the financial statements of a complex, global corporation. However, even under optimal circumstances, estimates routinely require adjustment based on changing circumstances and new or better information.

GOODWILL. Goodwill is tested for impairment between annual tests whenever events or circumstances make it more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit has fallen below its carrying value. We do not believe there has been any change of events or circumstances that would indicate that a reevaluation of the goodwill of our reporting units is required as of February 29, 2016, nor do we believe the goodwill of our reporting units is at risk of failing impairment testing. For additional details on goodwill impairment testing, refer to Note 1 of our Annual Report.

Information regarding our critical accounting estimates can be found in our Annual Report, including Note 1 to the financial statements therein. Management has discussed the development and selection of these critical accounting estimates with the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors and with our independent registered public accounting firm.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this report, including (but not limited to) those contained in Outlook, Liquidity, Capital Resources, Liquidity Outlook, Contractual Cash Obligations and Critical Accounting Estimates, and the Financing Arrangements, General, Retirement Plans, and Contingencies notes to the consolidated financial statements, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 with respect to our financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, plans, objectives, future performance and business. Forward-looking statements include those preceded by, followed by or that include the words may, could, would, should, will, believes, expects, anticipates, plans, estimates, targets, projects, intends or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results may differ materially from those contemplated (expressed or implied) by such forward-looking statements, because of, among other things, potential risks and uncertainties, such as:

economic conditions in the global markets in which we operate;

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significant changes in the volumes of shipments transported through our networks, customer demand for our various services or the prices we obtain for our services;

damage to our reputation or loss of brand equity;

cybersecurity incidents or disruptions to the Internet or our technology infrastructure, including those impacting our computer systems and website, which can adversely affect our operations and reputation among customers;

the price and availability of jet and vehicle fuel;

our ability to manage our cost structure for capital expenditures and operating expenses, and match it to shifting and future customer volume levels;

the impact of intense competition on our ability to maintain or increase our prices (including our fuel surcharges in response to fluctuating fuel prices) or to maintain or grow our market share;

our ability to successfully execute the TNT Express acquisition on favorable terms, a timely basis or at all;

our ability to effectively operate, integrate, leverage and grow acquired businesses, and to continue to support the value we allocate to these acquired businesses, including their goodwill;

our ability to maintain good relationships with our employees and prevent attempts by labor organizations to organize groups of our employees, which could significantly increase our operating costs and reduce our operational flexibility;

the impact of costs related to (i) challenges to the status of FedEx Ground's owner-operators as independent contractors, rather than employees, and (ii) any related changes to our relationship with these owner-operators;

our ability to execute on our profit improvement programs;

the impact of any international conflicts or terrorist activities on the United States and global economies in general, the transportation industry or us in particular, and what effects these events will have on our costs or the demand for our services;

any impacts on our businesses resulting from new domestic or international government laws and regulation, including regulatory actions affecting global aviation or other transportation rights, increased air cargo and other security or safety requirements, and tax, accounting, trade (such as protectionist measures enacted in response to weak economic conditions), labor (such as card-check legislation or changes to the Railway Labor Act of 1926, as amended, affecting FedEx Express employees), environmental (such as global climate change legislation) or postal rules;

adverse weather conditions or localized natural disasters in key geographic areas, such as earthquakes, volcanoes, and hurricanes, which can disrupt our electrical service, damage our property, disrupt our operations, increase our fuel costs and adversely affect our shipment

levels;

any impact on our business from disruptions or modifications in service by the U.S. Postal Service, which is a significant customer and vendor of FedEx;

increasing costs, the volatility of costs and funding requirements and other legal mandates for employee benefits, especially pension and healthcare benefits;

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the increasing costs of compliance with federal, state and foreign governmental agency mandates (including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act) and defending against inappropriate or unjustified enforcement or other actions by such agencies;

changes in foreign currency exchange rates, especially in the Chinese yuan, euro, British pound, Brazilian real, Mexican peso and the Canadian dollar, which can affect our sales levels and foreign currency sales prices;

market acceptance of our new service and growth initiatives;

any liability resulting from and the costs of defending against class-action litigation, such as wage-and-hour, joint employment and discrimination and retaliation claims, and any other legal or governmental proceedings;

the outcome of future negotiations to reach new collective bargaining agreements including with the union that represents the pilots of FedEx Express;

the impact of technology developments on our operations and on demand for our services, and our ability to continue to identify and eliminate unnecessary information technology redundancy and complexity throughout the organization;

governmental underinvestment in transportation infrastructure, which could increase our costs and adversely impact our service levels due to traffic congestion or sub-optimal routing of our vehicles and aircraft;

widespread outbreak of an illness or any other communicable disease, or any other public health crisis;

availability of financing on terms acceptable to us and our ability to maintain our current credit ratings, especially given the capital intensity of our operations; and

other risks and uncertainties you can find in our press releases and SEC filings, including the risk factors identified under the heading "Risk Factors" in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition in our Annual Report, as updated by our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

As a result of these and other factors, no assurance can be given as to our future results and achievements. Accordingly, 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. You should not place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this report. We are under no obligation, and we expressly disclaim any obligation, to update or alter any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

As of February 29, 2016, there had been no material changes in our market risk sensitive instruments and positions since our disclosures in our Annual Report.

The principal foreign currency exchange rate risks to which we are exposed are in the Chinese yuan, euro, British pound, Brazilian real, Mexican peso and the Canadian dollar. Historically, our exposure to foreign currency fluctuations is more significant with respect to our revenues than our expenses, as a significant portion of our expenses are denominated in U.S. dollars, such as aircraft and fuel expenses. During the nine months of 2016, the U.S. dollar strengthened relative to the currencies of the foreign countries in which we operate, as compared to May 31, 2015, and this strengthening had a slightly positive impact on our results.

While we have market risk for changes in the price of jet and vehicle fuel, this risk is largely mitigated by our indexed fuel surcharges. For additional discussion of our indexed fuel surcharges see the Fuel section of Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

The management of FedEx, with the participation of our principal executive and financial officers, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in our filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, including ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to FedEx management as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive and financial officers have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of February 29, 2016 (the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q).

During our fiscal quarter ended February 29, 2016, no change occurred in our internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

For a description of all material pending legal proceedings, see Note 8 of the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes from the risk factors disclosed in our Annual Report (under the heading "Risk Factors" in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Results of Operations and Financial Condition") in response to Part I, Item 1A of Form 10-K.

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

The following table provides information on FedEx's repurchases of our common stock during the third quarter of 2016:

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Program	Maximum Number of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Program
Dec. 1-31, 2015	2,660,000	\$ 149.48	2,660,000	2,435,000
Jan. 1-31, 2016	2,435,000	139.60	2,435,000	25,000,000
Feb. 1-29, 2016	2,250,000	130.59	2,250,000	22,750,000
Total	7,345,000	\$ 140.42	7,345,000	

The December and January repurchases were made under the stock repurchase program approved by our Board of Directors and announced on September 29, 2014 and through which we were authorized to purchase, in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions, up to an aggregate of 15 million shares of our common stock. The September 2014 stock repurchase program was completed in January 2016.

The February repurchases were made under the new stock repurchase program approved by our Board of Directors and announced on January 26, 2016 and through which we are authorized to purchase, in the open market or in the privately negotiated transactions, up to an aggregate of 25 million shares of our common stock. As of March 16, 2016, 21.5 million shares remained authorized for purchase under the January 2016 stock repurchase program, which is the only such program that currently exists. The program does not have an expiration date.

Item 5. Other Information

As previously disclosed, on March 7, 2016, the Board of Directors of FedEx approved amendments to the Amended and Restated Bylaws of FedEx (the "Bylaws"). As amended, Article III, Section 14 of the Bylaws implements proxy access. The proxy access bylaw permits up to 20 stockholders owning 3% or more of FedEx's outstanding voting stock continuously for at least three years to nominate and include in FedEx's proxy materials directors constituting up to two individuals or 20% of the Board, whichever is greater, provided that the stockholder(s) and the nominee(s) satisfy the requirements specified in the Bylaws.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: March 17, 2016

FEDEX CORPORATION

/s/ JOHN L. MERINO
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CORPORATE VICE PRESIDENT AND
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