

ATLAS AIR WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS INC

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 001-16545

Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction

13-4146982
(IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

10577
(Zip Code)

(914) 701-8000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§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 definitions of accelerated filer, large 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

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

As of October 31, 2016, there were 25,009,609 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

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| | September 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|--|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 100,671 | \$ 425,950 |
| Short-term investments | 2,133 | 5,098 |
| Restricted cash | 14,897 | 12,981 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$1,192 and \$1,247, respectively | 157,491 | 164,308 |
| Prepaid maintenance | 7,002 | 6,052 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 48,121 | 37,548 |
| Total current assets | 330,315 | 651,937 |
| Property and Equipment | | |
| Flight equipment | 3,818,812 | 3,687,248 |
| Ground equipment | 67,018 | 58,487 |
| Less: accumulated depreciation | (536,192) | (450,217) |
| Purchase deposits for flight equipment | 147,787 | 39,678 |
| Property and equipment, net | 3,497,425 | 3,335,196 |
| Other Assets | | |
| Long-term investments and accrued interest | 32,693 | 37,604 |
| Deferred costs and other assets | 191,854 | 81,183 |
| Intangible assets, net and goodwill | 114,375 | 58,483 |
| Total Assets | \$ 4,166,662 | \$ 4,164,403 |
| Liabilities and Equity | | |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 49,687 | \$ 93,278 |
| Accrued liabilities | 317,115 | 293,138 |
| Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases | 179,482 | 161,811 |
| Total current liabilities | 546,284 | 548,227 |

| Other Liabilities | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Long-term debt | 1,693,163 | 1,739,496 |
| Deferred taxes | 273,573 | 286,928 |
| Financial instruments and other liabilities | 169,689 | 135,569 |
| Total other liabilities | 2,136,425 | 2,161,993 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Equity | | |
| Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued | | |
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 100,000,000 and 50,000,000 shares authorized; 29,621,192 and 28,955,445 shares issued, 25,009,141 and 24,636,651, shares outstanding (net of treasury stock), as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively | | |
| | 296 | 290 |
| Additional paid-in-capital | 652,163 | 625,244 |
| Treasury stock, at cost; 4,612,051 and 4,318,794 shares, respectively | (182,915) | (171,844) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (5,246) | (6,063) |
| Retained earnings | 1,019,655 | 1,006,556 |
| Total equity | 1,483,953 | 1,454,183 |
| Total Liabilities and Equity | \$ 4,166,662 | \$ 4,164,403 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

Table of Contents**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations***(in thousands, except per share data)**(Unaudited)*

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Operating Revenue | \$ 448,015 | \$ 449,904 | \$ 1,309,902 | \$ 1,350,582 |
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | 125,978 | 86,434 | 321,365 | 262,069 |
| Aircraft fuel | 65,409 | 87,330 | 189,982 | 262,156 |
| Maintenance, materials and repairs | 49,761 | 41,899 | 162,220 | 142,169 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 37,509 | 32,787 | 109,722 | 96,753 |
| Aircraft rent | 35,730 | 36,811 | 109,490 | 107,883 |
| Travel | 31,958 | 27,555 | 94,291 | 72,198 |
| Passenger and ground handling services | 21,673 | 20,504 | 64,571 | 61,820 |
| Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent | 15,640 | 25,413 | 56,391 | 71,582 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 208 | (11) | 1,531 |
| Special charge | | 7,674 | 6,631 | 7,605 |
| Transaction-related expenses | 3,905 | | 21,486 | |
| Other | 34,465 | 34,294 | 106,885 | 97,567 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 422,017 | 400,909 | 1,243,023 | 1,183,333 |
| Operating Income | 25,998 | 48,995 | 66,879 | 167,249 |
| Non-operating Expenses (Income) | | | | |
| Interest income | (1,316) | (2,040) | (4,325) | (10,953) |
| Interest expense | 21,355 | 22,110 | 63,595 | 71,691 |
| Capitalized interest | (1,059) | (556) | (2,106) | (759) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | | 66,729 | 132 | 66,729 |
| Gain on investments | | (13,439) | | (13,439) |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments | 1,462 | | (25,013) | |
| Other expense (income), net | (180) | 1,364 | (372) | 1,755 |
| Total Non-operating Expenses (Income) | 20,262 | 74,168 | 31,911 | 115,024 |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | 5,736 | (25,173) | 34,968 | 52,225 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 13,237 | (12,419) | 21,079 | 7,357 |

| | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes | (7,501) | (12,754) | 13,889 | 44,868 |
| Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (445) | | (790) | |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (7,946) | \$ (12,754) | \$ 13,099 | \$ 44,868 |
| Earnings (Loss) per share from continuing operations: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.30) | \$ (0.51) | \$ 0.56 | \$ 1.81 |
| Diluted | \$ (0.30) | \$ (0.51) | \$ (0.49) | \$ 1.80 |
| Earnings (Loss) per share from discontinued operations: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.02) | \$ | \$ (0.03) | \$ |
| Diluted | \$ (0.02) | \$ | \$ (0.03) | \$ |
| Earnings (Loss) per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.32) | \$ (0.51) | \$ 0.53 | \$ 1.81 |
| Diluted | \$ (0.32) | \$ (0.51) | \$ (0.52) | \$ 1.80 |
| Weighted average shares: | | | | |
| Basic | 24,840 | 24,798 | 24,788 | 24,771 |
| Diluted | 24,840 | 24,798 | 25,116 | 24,947 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

Table of Contents**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)***(in thousands)**(Unaudited)*

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, |
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Net Income (Loss) | \$ (7,946) | \$ (12,754) | \$ 13,099 | \$ 44,868 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | |
| Interest rate derivatives: | | | | |
| Reclassification to interest expense | 439 | 636 | 1,334 | 1,924 |
| Income tax expense | (170) | (243) | (517) | (735) |
| Foreign currency translation: | | | | |
| Translation adjustment | | | | (343) |
| Other comprehensive income | 269 | 393 | 817 | 846 |
| Comprehensive Income (Loss) | \$ (7,677) | \$ (12,361) | \$ 13,916 | \$ 45,714 |

See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

Table of Contents**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows***(in thousands)**(Unaudited)*

| | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Operating Activities: | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ 13,889 | \$ 44,868 |
| Less: Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes | (790) | |
| Net Income | 13,099 | 44,868 |
| Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 124,198 | 110,872 |
| Accretion of debt securities discount | (968) | (4,316) |
| Provision for allowance for doubtful accounts | 267 | 61 |
| Special charge, net of cash payments | 6,631 | 6,589 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 132 | 66,729 |
| Unrealized gain on financial instruments | (25,013) | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 1,531 |
| Deferred taxes | 20,794 | 6,417 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 27,919 | 14,481 |
| Changes in: | | |
| Accounts receivable | 32,767 | (4,920) |
| Prepaid expenses, current assets and other assets | (19,287) | 24,977 |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | (79,684) | (1,440) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 100,844 | 265,849 |
| Investing Activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (36,872) | (33,835) |
| Purchase deposits and payments for flight equipment | (237,093) | (77,502) |
| Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired | (107,498) | |
| Changes in restricted cash | (1,916) | 3,196 |
| Proceeds from investments | 8,843 | 76,752 |
| Proceeds from disposal of aircraft | | 25,166 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (374,536) | (6,223) |
| Financing Activities: | | |
| Proceeds from debt issuance | 84,790 | 224,500 |
| Customer maintenance reserves received | 11,172 | 12,250 |
| Customer maintenance reserves paid | | (1,752) |
| Proceeds from sale of warrants | | 36,290 |

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Payments for convertible note hedges | | (52,903) |
| Proceeds from stock option exercises | | 1,193 |
| Purchase of treasury stock | (11,071) | (26,393) |
| Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense | 443 | 588 |
| Payment of debt extinguishment costs | | (34,014) |
| Payment of debt issuance costs | (1,078) | (6,804) |
| Payments of debt | (135,843) | (334,487) |
| Net cash used for financing activities | (51,587) | (181,532) |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | (325,279) | 78,094 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period | 425,950 | 298,601 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period | \$ 100,671 | \$ 376,695 |
| Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities: | | |
| Acquisition of flight equipment included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 18,510 | \$ 18,321 |
| Acquisition of flight equipment under capital lease | \$ 10,650 | \$ |

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Table of Contents**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity***(in thousands, except share data)**(Unaudited)*

| | Common Stock | Treasury Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Retained Earnings | Total Stockholders Equity | Total Equity |
|---|-------------------------|---------------------------|---|---|------------------------------|--|-------------------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2014 | \$ 286 | \$ (145,322) | \$ 573,133 | \$ (9,572) | \$ 999,270 | \$ 1,417,795 | \$ 1,417,795 |
| Net Income | | | | | 44,868 | 44,868 | 44,868 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | | 846 | | 846 | 846 |
| Stock option and restricted stock compensation | | | 14,481 | | | 14,481 | 14,481 |
| Purchase of 562,202 shares of treasury stock | | (26,393) | | | | (26,393) | (26,393) |
| Exercise of 25,373 employee stock options | | | 1,193 | | | 1,193 | 1,193 |
| Issuance of 360,112 shares of restricted stock | 4 | | (4) | | | | |
| Equity component of convertible notes, net of tax | | | 32,233 | | | 32,233 | 32,233 |
| Purchase of convertible note hedges, net of tax | | | (33,837) | | | (33,837) | (33,837) |
| Issuance of warrants | | | 36,290 | | | 36,290 | 36,290 |
| Tax benefit (expense) on restricted stock and stock options | | | 65 | | | 65 | 65 |
| Balance at September 30, 2015 | \$ 290 | \$ (171,715) | \$ 623,554 | \$ (8,726) | \$ 1,044,138 | \$ 1,487,541 | \$ 1,487,541 |
| | Common Stock | Treasury Stock | Additional Paid-In Capital | Accumulated Other Comprehensive | Retained Earnings | Total Stockholders Equity | Total Equity |

Loss

| | | | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------------|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Balance at December 31, 2015 | \$ 290 | \$ (171,844) | \$ 625,244 | \$ (6,063) | \$ 1,006,556 | \$ 1,454,183 | \$ 1,454,183 |
| Net Income | | | | | 13,099 | 13,099 | 13,099 |
| Other comprehensive income | | | | 817 | | 817 | 817 |
| Stock option and restricted stock compensation | | | 27,919 | | | 27,919 | 27,919 |
| Purchase of 293,257 shares of treasury stock | | (11,071) | | | | (11,071) | (11,071) |
| Issuance of 665,747 shares of restricted stock | 6 | | (6) | | | | |
| Tax benefit (expense) on restricted stock and stock options | | | (994) | | | (994) | (994) |
| Balance at September 30, 2016 | \$ 296 | \$ (182,915) | \$ 652,163 | \$ (5,246) | \$ 1,019,655 | \$ 1,483,953 | \$ 1,483,953 |

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Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements

September 30, 2016

1. Basis of Presentation

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the holding company, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. (AAWW), and its consolidated subsidiaries. AAWW is the parent company of Atlas Air, Inc. (Atlas), Southern Air Holdings, Inc. (Southern Air) and Polar Air Cargo LLC (Old Polar). Southern Air was acquired on April 7, 2016 (see Note 4). AAWW is also the parent company of several subsidiaries related to our dry leasing services (collectively referred to as Titan). AAWW has a 51% equity interest and 75% voting interest in Polar Air Cargo Worldwide, Inc. (Polar). We record our share of Polar s results under the equity method of accounting.

The terms we, us, our, and the Company mean AAWW and all entities included in its consolidated financial statements.

We provide outsourced aircraft and aviation operating services throughout the world, serving Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and South America through: (i) contractual service arrangements, including those through which we provide aircraft to customers and value-added services, including crew, maintenance and insurance (ACMI), as well as those through which we provide crew, maintenance and insurance, but not the aircraft (CMI); (ii) cargo and passenger charter services (Charter); and (iii) dry leasing aircraft and engines (Dry Leasing or Dry Lease).

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes (the Financial Statements) have been prepared in accordance with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) requirements for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and consequently exclude certain disclosures normally included in audited consolidated financial statements prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes included in the AAWW Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which includes additional disclosures and a summary of our significant accounting policies. The December 31, 2015 balance sheet data was derived from that Annual Report. In our opinion, the Financial Statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring items, necessary to fairly state the financial position of AAWW and its consolidated subsidiaries as of September 30, 2016, the results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, comprehensive income (loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, and shareholders equity as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Our quarterly results are subject to seasonal and other fluctuations, and the operating results for any quarter are therefore not necessarily indicative of results that may be otherwise expected for the entire year.

Except for per share data, all dollar amounts are in thousands unless otherwise noted.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Heavy Maintenance

Except for engines used on our 747-8F aircraft, we account for heavy maintenance costs for airframes and engines used in our ACMI and Charter segments using the direct expense method. Under this method, heavy maintenance costs are charged to expense upon induction, based on our best estimate of the costs.

We account for heavy maintenance costs for airframes and engines used in our Dry Leasing segment and engines used on our 747-8F aircraft using the deferral method. Under this method, we defer the expense recognition of scheduled heavy maintenance events, which are amortized over the estimated period until the next scheduled heavy maintenance event is required. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, deferred maintenance was \$11.1 million and zero, respectively, which was included within Deferred costs and other assets.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) amended its accounting guidance for share-based compensation. The amended guidance changes how companies account for certain aspects of share-based payment awards to employees, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. This amended guidance is effective as of the beginning of 2017, with early adoption permitted. We are still assessing the amended guidance but plan to adopt this guidance on its required effective date. Upon adoption of this amended guidance, the excess tax benefit associated with share-based compensation, which is currently recognized within equity, will be reflected within income tax expense (benefit) in our consolidated statements of operations. Additionally, our consolidated statements of cash flows will present such excess tax benefit, which is currently presented as a financing activity, as an operating activity. The impact of adopting this amended guidance on our consolidated financial statements will be dependent on the timing and intrinsic value of future share-based compensation award vesting.

In February 2016, the FASB amended its accounting guidance for leases. The guidance requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities on the balance sheet arising from leases with terms greater than twelve months. While lessor accounting guidance is relatively unchanged, certain amendments were made to conform with changes made to lessee accounting and recently released revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance will continue to classify leases as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense and income recognition in the statement of operations. It also requires additional quantitative and qualitative disclosures about leasing arrangements. The amended guidance is effective as of the beginning of 2019, with early adoption permitted. While we are still assessing the impact the amended guidance will have on our financial statements, recognizing the right-of-use asset and related lease liability will significantly impact our balance sheet.

In May 2014, the FASB amended its accounting guidance for revenue recognition. Subsequently, the FASB has issued several clarifications and updates. The fundamental principles of the new guidance are that companies should recognize revenue in a manner that reflects the timing of the transfer of services to customers and consideration that a company expects to receive for the services provided. It also requires additional disclosures necessary for the financial statement users to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date by one year to the beginning of 2018, with early adoption permitted. We plan to adopt this guidance on its required effective date. While we are still assessing the impact the amended guidance will have on our financial statements, we expect that an immaterial amount of revenue currently recognized based on flight departure will likely be recognized over time as the services are performed.

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AAWW has a 51% equity interest and 75% voting interest in Polar. DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. (DHL), a subsidiary of Deutsche Post AG (DP), holds a 49% equity interest and a 25% voting interest in Polar. Polar is a variable interest entity that we do not consolidate because we are not the primary beneficiary as the risks associated with the direct costs of operation are with DHL. Under a 20-year blocked space agreement (the BSA), Polar provides air cargo capacity to DHL. Atlas has several agreements with Polar to provide ACMI, CMI, Dry Leasing, administrative, sales and ground support services to one another. We do not have any financial exposure to fund debt obligations or operating losses of Polar, except for any liquidated damages that we could incur under these agreements. The following table summarizes our transactions with Polar:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Revenue and Expenses: | | | | |
| Revenue from Polar | \$ 101,432 | \$ 102,487 | \$ 302,149 | \$ 293,692 |
| Ground handling and airport fees paid to Polar | \$ 424 | \$ 414 | \$ 1,048 | \$ 1,641 |
| | September 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 | | |
| Accounts receivable/payable as of: | | | | |
| Receivables from Polar | \$ 6,158 | \$ 6,527 | | |
| Payables to Polar | \$ 170 | \$ 4,660 | | |
| | September 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 | | |
| Aggregate Carrying Value of Polar Investment as of: | | | | |
| Aggregate Carrying Value of Polar Investment | \$ 4,870 | \$ 4,870 | | |

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We hold a 50% interest in GATS GP (BVI) Ltd. (GATS), a joint venture with an unrelated third party. The purpose of the joint venture is to purchase rotatable parts and provide repair services for those parts, primarily for our 747-8F aircraft. The joint venture is a variable interest entity that we do not consolidate because we are not the primary beneficiary as we do not exercise financial control. As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, our investment in GATS was \$20.4 million and \$20.7 million, respectively, and our maximum exposure to losses from the entity is limited to our investment, which is comprised primarily of rotatable inventory parts. GATS does not have any third-party debt obligations. We had Accounts payable to GATS of \$2.2 million as of September 30, 2016 and \$2.3 million as of December 31, 2015.

4. Southern Air Holdings Acquisition

On January 15, 2016, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger to acquire all the outstanding shares of Southern Air (the Southern Acquisition). Southern Air is the parent company of several subsidiaries, including Southern Air Inc. and Florida West International Airways, Inc. (Florida West). The Southern Acquisition provided us with immediate entry into 777 and 737 aircraft operating platforms, with the potential for developing additional business with existing and new customers of both companies. We believe the platforms provided by these aircraft will augment our ability to offer customers the broadest array of aircraft and operating services for domestic, regional and international applications. Southern Air currently flies five 777-200LRF and five 737-400F aircraft under CMI agreements for DHL.

The Southern Acquisition was completed on April 7, 2016. Total consideration of \$105.8 million, net of cash acquired, consisted of the following:

| Fair value of consideration | |
|--|----------------|
| Cash paid, net of \$15,615 cash acquired | \$ 107,498 |
| Working capital adjustment | (2,106) |
| Other adjustments | 372 |
| Total consideration | \$ 105,764 |

Tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed were recorded at fair value as of the acquisition date. The current fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed are considered preliminary until we obtain final information regarding their fair values. During the three months ended September 30, 2016, we made certain measurement-period adjustments, including the finalization of working capital and other adjustments, that resulted in a net decrease to goodwill of \$0.2 million. We expect to finalize the valuation as soon as practicable, but not later than one year from the acquisition date.

The following table summarizes the preliminary amounts recognized for fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed:

| | Estimated Fair Value |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 21,515 |

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| | | |
|---|-----------|----------------|
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | | 8,831 |
| Property and equipment | | 6,355 |
| Intangible assets and goodwill | | 63,140 |
| Deferred income taxes | | 35,653 |
| Other assets | | 1,498 |
| Total assets acquired | \$ | 136,992 |
| Accounts payable | \$ | 22,438 |
| Accrued liabilities | | 8,790 |
| Total liabilities assumed | | 31,228 |
| Net assets acquired | \$ | 105,764 |

The fair values and useful lives assigned to all intangible assets and goodwill are as follows:

| | Estimated Useful Lives | Estimated Fair Value |
|---|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Customer relationship | 16 years | \$ 26,280 |
| Trade name | 1.5 years | 700 |
| Goodwill | Indefinite | 36,160 |
| Total intangible assets and goodwill | | \$ 63,140 |

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Customer relationship represents the underlying relationship and agreements with DHL. The trade name relates to the Southern Air brand. Goodwill is not deductible for tax purposes and is primarily attributable to the expanded market opportunities expected from combining the service offerings of Southern Air with ours, as well as the employee work force acquired. Southern Air's results of operations and goodwill are reflected in our ACMI segment.

Southern Air's results of operations have been included in our unaudited consolidated statements of operations from the date of acquisition. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, our consolidated results include Southern Air's operating revenue of \$26.8 million and \$52.5 million, respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, we incurred Transaction-related expenses of \$3.1 million and \$17.2 million, respectively, primarily related to: certain compensation costs, including employee termination benefits; professional fees; and integration costs associated with the acquisition. A summary of the employee termination benefit liability, which is expected to be paid by the first quarter of 2018, is as follows:

| | Employee Termination Benefits |
|---|--|
| Transaction-related expenses | \$ 4,366 |
| Cash payments | (2,002) |
| Liability as of September 30, 2016 | \$ 2,364 |

The unaudited pro forma operating revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 was \$448.0 million and \$474.1 million, respectively. The unaudited pro forma operating revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015 was \$1,337.0 million and \$1,416.6 million, respectively. This pro forma information has been calculated as if the acquisition had taken place on January 1, 2015 and is not necessarily indicative of the net sales that actually would have been achieved. This information includes adjustments to conform with our accounting policies. The earnings of Southern Air were not material and, accordingly, pro forma and actual earnings information have not been presented.

As part of integrating Southern Air, management decided and committed to pursue a plan to sell Florida West. As a result, the financial results for Florida West are presented as a discontinued operation and the assets and liabilities of Florida West are classified as held for sale. The aggregate carrying value of Florida West's assets held for sale, consisting primarily of goodwill, was \$5.0 million at September 30, 2016, which was included in Prepaid expenses and other current assets. The sale of Florida West is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2016.

5. Special Charge

The carrying value of five CF6-80 engines held for sale at December 31, 2015 was \$7.7 million. During the first quarter of 2016, we classified five additional CF6-80 engines as held for sale, recognized an impairment loss of \$6.5 million and ceased depreciation on the engines. Seven engines were traded in during the first three quarters of 2016. The remaining three engines had a carrying value of \$4.6 million at September 30, 2016 and are expected to be sold during the fourth quarter of 2016.

6. Amazon

In May 2016, we entered into certain agreements with Amazon.com, Inc. and its subsidiary, Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc., (collectively Amazon), which will involve, among other things, CMI operation of 20 Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft for Amazon by Atlas, as well as Dry Leasing by Titan. The Dry Leases will have a term of ten years, while the CMI operations will be for seven years (with an option for Amazon to extend the term to a total of ten years). The first aircraft was placed in service during the third quarter of 2016 and the remainder are expected to be placed in service by the end of 2018.

In conjunction with these agreements, we granted Amazon a warrant providing the right to acquire up to 20% of our outstanding common shares, after giving effect to the issuance of shares pursuant to the warrants, at an exercise price of \$37.50 per share. A portion of the warrant, representing the right to purchase 3.75 million shares, vested immediately upon issuance of the warrant and the remainder of the warrant, representing the right to purchase 3.75 million shares, will vest in increments of 375,000 as the lease and operation of each of the 11th through 20th aircraft commences. The warrant will be exercisable in accordance with its terms through 2021.

The agreements also provide incentives for future growth of the relationship as Amazon may increase its business with us. In that regard, we granted Amazon a warrant to acquire up to an additional 10% of our outstanding common shares,

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after giving effect to the issuance of shares pursuant to the warrants, for an exercise price of \$37.50 per share. This warrant to purchase 3.75 million shares will vest in conjunction with payments by Amazon for additional business with us. The warrant will be exercisable in accordance with its terms through 2023.

At a special meeting on September 20, 2016, the Company's shareholders, by a vote of approximately 99.9% of the votes cast, approved the issuance of warrants to acquire up to 30% of our outstanding common shares. This approval constituted a change in control, as defined under certain of the Company's benefit plans. As a result, we recognized \$26.2 million in expense, including accelerated compensation expense for restricted and performance share and cash awards, during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2016. The share-based portion of the compensation expense was \$11.6 million. As of September 30, 2016, no warrants have been exercised.

The \$92.9 million fair value of the vested portion of the warrant issued to Amazon as of May 4, 2016 was recorded as a warrant liability within Financial instruments and other liabilities (the Amazon Warrant). The initial fair value of the warrant was recognized as a customer incentive asset within Deferred costs and other assets, net and is being amortized as a reduction of revenue in proportion to the amount of revenue recognized over the terms of the Dry Leases and CMI agreements. During the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2016, we amortized \$0.2 million of the customer incentive asset. The balance of the customer incentive asset, net of amortization, was \$92.7 million as of September 30, 2016.

The Amazon Warrant liability is marked-to-market at the end of each reporting period with changes in fair value recorded in Other non-operating expenses. We utilized a Monte Carlo simulation approach to estimate the fair value of the Amazon Warrant which requires inputs such as our common stock price, strike price, estimated stock price volatility and risk-free interest rate, among other assumptions. We recognized an unrealized loss of \$1.5 million and a net unrealized gain of \$25.0 million on the Amazon Warrant during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2016, respectively. The fair value of the Amazon Warrant liability was \$67.9 million as of September 30, 2016.

7. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following as of:

| | September 30, 2016 | December 31, 2015 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| Customer maintenance reserves | \$ 78,310 | \$ 70,252 |
| Maintenance | 52,405 | 52,070 |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | 48,895 | 51,649 |
| U.S. class action settlement | 35,000 | 35,000 |
| Aircraft fuel | 18,398 | 12,983 |
| Deferred revenue | 14,467 | 12,702 |
| Other | 69,640 | 58,482 |
| Accrued liabilities | \$ 317,115 | \$ 293,138 |

8. Debt*Term Loans and Capital Leases*

In February 2016, we borrowed \$14.8 million related to the conversion of a 767-300BDSF aircraft under an eight-year term loan with a final payment of \$3.8 million due in February 2024 (the First 2016 Term Loan). The First 2016 Term Loan, which is secured by a mortgage against aircraft tail number N642GT, contains customary covenants and events of default and accrues interest at a fixed rate of 3.19%, with principal and interest payable monthly.

In June 2016, we borrowed \$70.0 million under a five-year term loan with a final payment of \$30.2 million due in June 2021 (the Second 2016 Term Loan). The Second 2016 Term Loan, which is secured by a mortgage against six spare GEnx engines, contains customary covenants and events of default and accrues interest at an initial variable rate of 2.93%, with principal and interest payable monthly. The Second 2016 Term Loan was converted to a fixed rate loan in July 2016 at a rate of 3.12%, with principal and interest payable quarterly.

In September 2016, we entered into a capital lease, with an option and the intention to purchase, for a 767-300 passenger aircraft (tail number N661GT), which expires in February 2017. The present value of the future minimum lease payments at September 30, 2016 was \$10.7 million.

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In June 2015, we issued \$224.5 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes (the Convertible Notes) in an underwritten public offering. The Convertible Notes are senior unsecured obligations and accrue interest payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year at a fixed rate of 2.25%. The Convertible Notes will mature on June 1, 2022, unless earlier converted or repurchased pursuant to their terms. Proceeds from the issuance of the Convertible Notes were used to refinance higher-rate debt related to five 747-400 freighter aircraft that had an average cash coupon of 8.1%. As of September 30, 2016, the remaining life of the Convertible Notes is 6.0 years and consisted of the following:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Liability component: | |
| Gross proceeds | \$ 224,500 |
| Less: debt discount, net of amortization | (44,600) |
| Less: debt issuance cost, net of amortization | (4,318) |
| Net carrying amount | \$ 175,582 |
| Equity component (1) | \$ 52,903 |

(1) Included in Additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheet as of September 30, 2016. The following table presents the amount of interest expense recognized related to the Convertible Notes:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Contractual interest coupon | \$ 1,263 | \$ 1,263 | \$ 3,788 | \$ 1,656 |
| Amortization of debt discount | 1,618 | 1,517 | 4,777 | 1,984 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 170 | 166 | 505 | 215 |
| Total interest expense recognized | \$ 3,051 | \$ 2,946 | \$ 9,070 | \$ 3,855 |

9. Income Taxes

Our effective income tax rates were an expense of 230.8% and a benefit of 49.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively. Our effective income tax rates were 60.3% and 14.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively. The effective rate for the three and nine month period ended on September 30, 2016 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate principally due to nondeductible expenses resulting from a change in control, as defined under certain of the Company's benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6). The effective rate for the nine month period ended on September 30, 2015 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate due to nonrecurring tax benefits related to extraterritorial income

(ETI) and the favorable resolution of an income tax examination. In addition, the effective rates for all periods differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate due to the income tax impact of foreign operations taxed at different rates, our assertion to indefinitely reinvest the net earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries outside the U.S., U.S. state income taxes, routine nondeductible expenses, adjustments to our liability for uncertain tax positions, and the relationship of these items to our projected operating results for the year. For interim accounting purposes, we recognize income taxes using an estimated annual effective tax rate.

10. Financial Instruments

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). Inputs used to measure fair value are classified in the following hierarchy:

- | | |
|---------|--|
| Level 1 | Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities; |
| Level 2 | Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or inactive quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets; |
| Level 3 | Unobservable inputs reflecting assumptions about the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability. |

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We endeavor to utilize the best available information to measure fair value.

The carrying value of Cash and cash equivalents, Short-term investments and Restricted cash is based on cost, which approximates fair value.

Long-term investments consist of debt securities for which we have both the ability and the intent to hold until maturity. These investments are classified as held-to-maturity and reported at amortized cost. The fair value of our Long-term investments is based on a discounted cash flow analysis using the contractual cash flows of the investments and a discount rate derived from unadjusted quoted interest rates for debt securities of comparable risk. Such debt securities represent investments in Pass-Through Trust Certificates (PTCs) related to enhanced equipment trust certificates (EETCs) issued by Atlas in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

The fair value of our term loans, notes guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank of the United States (Ex-Im Bank) and EETCs are based on a discounted cash flow analysis using current borrowing rates for instruments with similar terms.

The fair value of our Convertible Notes is based on unadjusted quoted market prices for these securities.

The fair value of the Amazon Warrant is based on a Monte Carlo simulation which requires inputs such as our common stock price, strike price, estimated stock price volatility, and risk-free interest rate, among other assumptions.

The following table summarizes the carrying value, estimated fair value and classification of our financial instruments as of:

| | September 30, 2016 | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 100,671 | \$ 100,671 | \$ 100,671 | \$ | \$ |
| Short-term investments | 2,133 | 2,133 | | | 2,133 |
| Restricted cash | 14,897 | 14,897 | 14,897 | | |
| Long-term investments and accrued interest | 32,693 | 38,774 | | | 38,774 |
| | \$ 150,394 | \$ 156,475 | \$ 115,568 | \$ | \$ 40,907 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Term loans and capital leases | \$ 1,039,665 | \$ 1,106,294 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,106,294 |
| Ex-Im Bank guaranteed notes | 635,305 | 669,239 | | | 669,239 |
| EETCs | 22,093 | 24,904 | | | 24,904 |
| Convertible Notes | 175,582 | 218,439 | 218,439 | | |
| Amazon Warrant | 67,875 | 67,875 | | 67,875 | |
| | \$ 1,940,520 | \$ 2,086,751 | \$ 218,439 | \$ 67,875 | \$ 1,800,437 |

| | December 31, 2015 | | | | |
|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Carrying Value | Fair Value | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 |
| Assets | | | | | |

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|--|--------------|--------------|------------|----|--------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 425,950 | \$ 425,950 | \$ 425,950 | \$ | \$ |
| Short-term investments | 5,098 | 5,098 | | | 5,098 |
| Restricted cash | 12,981 | 12,981 | 12,981 | | |
| Long-term investments and accrued interest | 37,604 | 45,867 | | | 45,867 |
| | \$ 481,633 | \$ 489,896 | \$ 438,931 | \$ | \$ 50,965 |
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Term loans | \$ 1,013,265 | \$ 1,049,785 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,049,785 |
| Ex-Im Bank guaranteed notes | 689,720 | 715,890 | | | 715,890 |
| EETCs | 28,022 | 30,074 | | | 30,074 |
| Convertible Notes | 170,300 | 185,325 | 185,325 | | |
| | \$ 1,901,307 | \$ 1,981,074 | \$ 185,325 | \$ | \$ 1,795,749 |

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The following table presents the carrying value, gross unrealized gain (loss) and fair value of our long-term investments and accrued interest by contractual maturity as of:

| | September 30, 2016 | | | December 31, 2015 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| | Carrying Value | Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Fair Value | Carrying Value | Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss) | Fair Value |
| Debt securities | | | | | | |
| Due after one but within five years | 32,693 | 6,081 | 38,774 | 37,604 | 8,263 | 45,867 |
| Total | \$ 32,693 | \$ 6,081 | \$ 38,774 | \$ 37,604 | \$ 8,263 | \$ 45,867 |

11. Segment Reporting

Our business is organized into three operating segments based on our service offerings: ACMI, Charter and Dry Leasing. All segments are directly or indirectly engaged in the business of air transportation services but have different commercial and economic characteristics. Each operating segment is separately reviewed by our chief operating decision maker to assess operating results and make resource allocation decisions. We do not aggregate our operating segments and, therefore, our operating segments are our reportable segments.

We use an economic performance metric (Direct Contribution) that shows the profitability of each segment after allocation of direct operating and ownership costs. Direct Contribution represents Income from continuing operations before income taxes excluding the following: Special charges, Transaction-related expenses, nonrecurring items, Losses (gains) on the disposal of aircraft, Losses on early extinguishment of debt, Unrealized losses (gains) on financial instruments, Gains on investments and Unallocated income and expenses, net. Direct operating and ownership costs include crew costs, maintenance, fuel, ground operations, sales costs, aircraft rent, interest expense on the portion of debt used for financing aircraft, interest income on debt securities and aircraft depreciation. Unallocated income and expenses, net include corporate overhead, nonaircraft depreciation, noncash expenses and income, interest expense on the portion of debt used for general corporate purposes, interest income on nondebt securities, capitalized interest, foreign exchange gains and losses, other revenue and other non-operating costs.

The following table sets forth Operating Revenue and Direct Contribution for our reportable segments reconciled to Operating Income and Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Operating Revenue: | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 206,310 | \$ 197,020 | \$ 600,772 | \$ 575,322 |
| Charter | 212,040 | 225,068 | 616,794 | 680,642 |
| Dry Leasing | 25,907 | 23,915 | 79,165 | 83,235 |
| Customer incentive asset amortization | (174) | | (174) | |
| Other | 3,932 | 3,901 | 13,345 | 11,383 |

| | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Operating Revenue | \$ 448,015 | \$ 449,904 | \$ 1,309,902 | \$ 1,350,582 |
| Direct Contribution: | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 51,607 | \$ 46,991 | \$ 121,837 | \$ 138,051 |
| Charter | 32,948 | 29,496 | 78,580 | 84,974 |
| Dry Leasing | 7,413 | 7,673 | 24,699 | 34,092 |
| Total Direct Contribution for Reportable Segments | 91,968 | 84,160 | 225,116 | 257,117 |
| Add back (subtract): | | | | |
| Unallocated income and expenses, net | (80,876) | (48,161) | (186,923) | (142,466) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | | (66,729) | (132) | (66,729) |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments | (1,462) | | 25,013 | |
| Gain on investments | | 13,439 | | 13,439 |
| Special charge | | (7,674) | (6,631) | (7,605) |
| Transaction-related expenses | (3,905) | | (21,486) | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | 11 | (208) | 11 | (1,531) |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes | 5,736 | (25,173) | 34,968 | 52,225 |

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| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, | September 30, |
| | 2016 | 2015 | 2016 | 2015 |
| Add back (subtract): | | | | |
| Interest income | (1,316) | (2,040) | (4,325) | (10,953) |
| Interest expense | 21,355 | 22,110 | 63,595 | 71,691 |
| Capitalized interest | (1,059) | (556) | (2,106) | (759) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | | 66,729 | 132 | 66,729 |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments | 1,462 | | (25,013) | |
| Gain on investments | | (13,439) | | (13,439) |
| Other expense (income), net | (180) | 1,364 | (372) | 1,755 |
| Operating Income | \$ 25,998 | \$ 48,995 | \$ 66,879 | \$ 167,249 |

We are exposed to a concentration of revenue from the U.S. Military Air Mobility Command (the AMC) and Polar (see Note 3 for further discussion regarding Polar). No other customer accounted for more than 10.0% of our Total Operating Revenue. Revenue from the AMC was \$116.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and \$122.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015. Revenue from the AMC was \$346.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and \$326.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Accounts receivable from the AMC were \$21.3 million and \$26.3 million as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. We have not experienced any credit issues with either of these customers.

12. Labor and Legal Proceedings***Labor***

Pilots of Atlas and Southern Air, and flight dispatchers of Atlas and Polar are represented by the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (the IBT). We have a five-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) with our Atlas pilots, which became amendable in September 2016 and a four-year CBA with the Southern Air pilots, which will become amendable in the fourth quarter of 2016. We also have a five-year CBA with our Atlas and Polar dispatchers, which becomes amendable in the fourth quarter of 2017.

After we completed the acquisition of Southern Air in April 2016, we informed the IBT of our intention to pursue a complete operational merger of Atlas and Southern Air. Pursuant to the merger provisions in both the Atlas and Southern Air CBAs, joint negotiations for a single CBA for Atlas and Southern Air can commence immediately. Once a seniority list is presented to us by the unions, it triggers an agreed-upon time frame to negotiate a new joint CBA with any unresolved issues submitted to binding arbitration. After the process began, an application was filed with the National Mediation Board (NMB) by the Atlas pilots to facilitate the negotiation process. We have opposed the mediation application as it is not in accordance with the merger provisions in the parties' existing CBAs, which have a defined and streamlined process for negotiating a joint CBA when a merger occurs, as in the case with the Atlas and Southern Air merger. We are currently awaiting the NMB's decision and are in ongoing discussions with the union on how the merger process will proceed.

We are subject to risks of work interruption or stoppage as permitted by the Railway Labor Act of 1926 (the Railway Labor Act) and may incur additional administrative expenses associated with union representation of our employees.

Matters Related to Alleged Pricing Practices

The Company and Old Polar were named defendants, along with a number of other cargo carriers, in several class actions in the U.S. arising from allegations about the pricing practices of Old Polar and a number of air cargo carriers. These actions were all centralized in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Polar was later joined as an additional defendant. The consolidated complaint alleged, among other things, that the defendants, including the Company and Old Polar, manipulated the market price for air cargo services sold domestically and abroad through the use of surcharges, in violation of U.S., state, and European Union antitrust laws. The suit sought treble damages and attorneys' fees.

On January 7, 2016, the Company, Old Polar, and Polar entered into a settlement agreement to settle all claims by participating class members against the Company, Old Polar and Polar. The Company, Polar, and Old Polar deny any wrongdoing, and there is no admission of any wrongdoing in the settlement agreement. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the Company, Old Polar and Polar have agreed to make installment payments over three years to settle the plaintiffs' claims, with payments of \$35.0 million paid on January 15, 2016, \$35.0 million due on or before January 15,

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2017, and \$30.0 million due on or before January 15, 2018. The U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York issued an order granting preliminary approval of the settlement on January 12, 2016. On October 6, 2016, the final judgment was issued and the settlement was approved.

In the United Kingdom, several groups of named claimants have brought suit against British Airways in connection with the same alleged pricing practices at issue in the proceedings described above and are seeking damages allegedly arising from that conduct. British Airways has filed claims in the lawsuit against Old Polar and a number of air cargo carriers for contribution should British Airways be found liable to claimants. Old Polar's formal statement of defense was filed on March 2, 2015. On October 14, 2015, the U.K. Court of Appeal released decisions favorable to the defendant and contributory defendants on two matters under appeal. Permission has been sought to appeal the U.K. Court of Appeal's decisions to the U.K. Supreme Court. In December 2015, certain claimants settled with British Airways removing a significant portion of the claim against British Airways and therefore reducing the potential contribution required by the other airlines, including Old Polar. On December 16, 2015, the European General Court released decisions annulling decisions that the European Commission made against the majority of the air cargo carriers. The European Commission has not appealed the General Court decision, but may still reopen its investigation or reissue a revised decision, either of which would have a significant impact on the proceedings in the U.K. court. Future procedures, including the pretrial disclosure process, are continuing. We are unable to reasonably predict the outcome of the litigation.

In the Netherlands, Stichting Cartel Compensation, successor in interest to claims of various shippers, has filed suit in the district court in Amsterdam against British Airways, KLM, Martinair, Air France, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines seeking recovery for damages purportedly arising from the same pricing practices at issue in the proceedings described above. In response, British Airways, KLM, Martinair, Air France and Lufthansa filed third-party indemnification lawsuits against Old Polar and Polar seeking indemnification in the event the defendants are found to be liable in the main proceedings. Old Polar and Polar entered their initial court appearances on September 30, 2015. Various procedural issues are undergoing court review. Like the U.K. proceedings, the Netherlands proceedings are likely to be affected by the European Commission's response to the European General Court decisions of December 16, 2015. We are unable to reasonably predict the outcome of the litigation.

If the Company, Old Polar or Polar were to incur an unfavorable outcome in connection with the U.K. or Netherlands proceedings, such outcome may have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We are unable to reasonably estimate a range of possible loss for such matters at this time.

Brazilian Customs Claim

Old Polar was cited for two alleged customs violations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, relating to shipments of goods dating back to 1999 and 2000. Each claim asserts that goods listed on the flight manifest of two separate Old Polar scheduled service flights were not on board the aircraft upon arrival and therefore were improperly brought into Brazil. The two claims, which also seek unpaid customs duties, taxes and penalties from the date of the alleged infraction, are approximately \$9.3 million in aggregate based on September 30, 2016 exchange rates.

In both cases, we believe that the amounts claimed are substantially overstated due to a calculation error when considering the type and amount of goods allegedly missing, among other things. Furthermore, we may seek appropriate indemnity from the shipper in each claim as may be feasible. In the pending claim for one of the cases, we have received an administrative decision dismissing the claim in its entirety, which remains subject to a mandatory appeal by the Brazil customs authorities. As required to defend such claims, we have made deposits pending resolution of these matters. The balances were \$4.9 million as of September 30, 2016 and \$3.8 million as of December 31, 2015, and are included in Deposits and other assets.

We are currently defending these and other Brazilian customs claims and the ultimate disposition of these claims, either individually or in the aggregate, is not expected to materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Accruals

As of September 30, 2016, the Company had a remaining accrual of \$65.0 million related to the U.S. class action settlement. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, the Company recorded a net accrual of \$6.5 million within Other operating expense in the consolidated statement of operations related to pending litigation outside of the U.S.

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We have certain other contingencies incident to the ordinary course of business. Management believes that the ultimate disposition of such other contingencies is not expected to materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

13. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (EPS) represent income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the measurement period. Diluted EPS represent income (loss) divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the measurement period while also giving effect to all potentially dilutive common shares that were outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Anti-dilutive shares related to warrants and stock options that were out of the money and excluded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 were 3.0 million. Anti-dilutive shares related to restricted share units and warrants that were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS for the three months ended September 30, 2016 were 0.4 million.

The calculations of basic and diluted EPS were as follows:

| | For the Three Months Ended | | For the Nine Months Ended | |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ (7,501) | \$ (12,754) | \$ 13,889 | \$ 44,868 |
| Less: Unrealized gain on financial instruments, net of tax | | | (26,109) | |
| Diluted income (loss) from continuing operations, net of tax | \$ (7,501) | \$ (12,754) | \$ (12,220) | \$ 44,868 |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Basic EPS weighted average shares outstanding | 24,840 | 24,798 | 24,788 | 24,771 |
| Effect of dilutive warrant | | | 141 | |
| Effect of dilutive stock options and restricted stock | | | 187 | 176 |
| Diluted EPS weighted average shares outstanding | 24,840 | 24,798 | 25,116 | 24,947 |
| Earnings (loss) per share from continuing operations: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ (0.30) | \$ (0.51) | \$ 0.56 | \$ 1.81 |
| Diluted | \$ (0.30) | \$ (0.51) | \$ (0.49) | \$ 1.80 |

Earnings (loss) per share from discontinued operations:

| | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|--------|----|--|----|--------|----|
| Basic | \$ | (0.02) | \$ | | \$ | (0.03) | \$ |
|-------|----|--------|----|--|----|--------|----|

| | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|--------|----|--|----|--------|----|
| Diluted | \$ | (0.02) | \$ | | \$ | (0.03) | \$ |
|---------|----|--------|----|--|----|--------|----|

Earnings (loss) per share:

| | | | | | | | | |
|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|----|------|
| Basic | \$ | (0.32) | \$ | (0.51) | \$ | 0.53 | \$ | 1.81 |
|-------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|----|------|

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|
| Diluted | \$ | (0.32) | \$ | (0.51) | \$ | (0.52) | \$ | 1.80 |
|---------|----|--------|----|--------|----|--------|----|------|

The calculation of EPS does not include restricted share units and warrants in which performance or market conditions were not satisfied of 7.5 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, respectively, and 0.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015.

14. Commitments

As of September 30, 2016, our estimated payments remaining for flight equipment purchase commitments range between \$160.0 to \$180.0 million, of which \$30.0 to \$40.0 million are expected to be made during the remainder of 2016.

Table of Contents**15. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table summarizes the components of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):

| | Interest Rate Derivatives | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2014 | \$ (9,924) | \$ 352 | \$ (9,572) |
| Reclassification to interest expense | 1,924 | | 1,924 |
| Translation adjustment | | (343) | (343) |
| Tax effect | (735) | | (735) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2015 | \$ (8,735) | \$ 9 | \$ (8,726) |

| | Interest Rate Derivatives | Foreign Currency Translation | Total |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|--------------|
| Balance as of December 31, 2015 | \$ (6,072) | \$ 9 | \$ (6,063) |
| Reclassification to interest expense | 1,334 | | 1,334 |
| Tax effect | (517) | | (517) |
| Balance as of September 30, 2016 | \$ (5,255) | \$ 9 | \$ (5,246) |

Interest Rate Derivatives

As of September 30, 2016, there was \$8.6 million of unamortized net realized loss before taxes remaining in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to terminated forward-starting interest rate swaps, which had been designated as cash flow hedges to effectively fix the interest rates on two 747-8F financings in 2011 and three 777-200LRF financings in 2014. The net loss is amortized and reclassified into Interest expense over the remaining life of the related debt. Net realized losses reclassified into earnings were \$0.4 million and \$0.6 million for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Net realized losses reclassified into earnings were \$1.3 million and \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Net realized losses expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months are \$1.7 million as of September 30, 2016.

Table of Contents**ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements appearing in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Background**Certain Terms - Glossary**

The following represents terms and statistics specific to our business and industry. They are used by management to evaluate and measure operations, results, productivity and efficiency.

| | |
|-----------------------|---|
| Block Hour | The time interval between when an aircraft departs the terminal until it arrives at the destination terminal. |
| C Check | High-level or heavy airframe maintenance checks, which are more intensive in scope than Line Maintenance and are generally performed between 18 and 24 months depending on aircraft type. |
| D Check | High-level or heavy airframe maintenance checks, which are the most extensive in scope and are generally performed every six and eight years depending on aircraft type. |
| Heavy Maintenance | Scheduled maintenance activities, which are the most extensive in scope and are primarily based on time or usage intervals, include, but are not limited to, C Checks, D Checks and engine overhauls. In addition, unscheduled engine repairs involving the removal of the engine from the aircraft are considered to be heavy maintenance. |
| Line Maintenance | Unscheduled maintenance to rectify events occurring during normal day-to-day operations. |
| Non-heavy Maintenance | Discrete maintenance activities for the overhaul and repair of specific aircraft components, including landing gear, auxiliary power units and engine thrust reversers. |
| Yield | The average amount a customer pays to fly one tonne of cargo one mile. |

Business Overview

We are a leading global provider of outsourced aircraft and aviation operating services. We operate the world's largest fleet of 747 freighters and, with our recent acquisition of Southern Air, provide customers the broadest array of 747, 777, 767, 757 and 737 aircraft for domestic, regional and international applications. We also own and dry lease a portfolio of aircraft, including six 777 freighters. We provide unique value to our customers by giving them access to highly reliable new production freighters that deliver the lowest unit cost in the marketplace combined with outsourced aircraft operating services that we believe lead the industry in terms of quality and global scale. Our customers include express delivery providers, e-commerce retailers, airlines, freight forwarders, the U.S. military and charter brokers. We provide global services with operations in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and South America.

Our primary service offerings include the following:

ACMI, whereby we provide outsourced cargo and passenger aircraft operating solutions, including the provision of an aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance, while customers assume fuel, demand and Yield risk. In addition, customers are responsible for landing, navigation and most other operational fees and costs;

CMI, which is part of our ACMI business segment, whereby we provide outsourced cargo and passenger aircraft operating solutions, including the provision of crew, maintenance and insurance, but not the aircraft. Customers assume fuel, demand and Yield risk. In addition, customers are responsible for landing, navigation and most other operational fees and costs;

Charter, whereby we provide cargo and passenger aircraft charter services to customers, including the AMC, brokers, freight forwarders, direct shippers, airlines, sports teams and fans, and private charter customers. The customer pays a fixed charter fee that includes fuel, insurance, landing fees, navigation fees and most other operational fees and costs; and

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Dry Leasing, whereby we provide cargo and passenger aircraft and engine leasing solutions. The customer operates, and is responsible for insuring and maintaining, the flight equipment.

We look to achieve our growth plans and enhance shareholder value by:

Delivering superior service quality to our valued customers;

Focusing on securing attractive long-term customer contracts;

Aggressively managing our fleet with a focus on leading-edge aircraft;

Driving significant and ongoing productivity improvements;

Selectively pursuing and evaluating future acquisitions and alliances; while

Appropriately managing capital allocation.

See **Business Overview** and **Business Strategy** in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

Business Developments

Our ACMI results for the first three quarters of 2016, compared with 2015, were impacted by the following events:

In March 2015, we began ACMI flying one additional 747-8F aircraft for DHL following its transition from Panalpina Air & Ocean Ltd. The aircraft initially replaced a 747-400F aircraft.

In January, February and March of 2015, we began CMI flying three additional 767-200 freighters owned by DHL in its North American network. A fourth 767-200 freighter began CMI flying in April 2015.

In July 2015, we began ACMI flying one additional 747-400F aircraft for DHL, increasing the number of 747 freighter aircraft in ACMI service for DHL to thirteen.

In December 2015 and February 2016, we began CMI flying for DHL two 767-300 freighter aircraft, Dry Leased from Titan, in DHL's North American network, increasing the number of freighter aircraft in CMI service for DHL to twelve.

In April 2016, we acquired Southern Air, which currently operates five 777-200LRF and five 737-400F aircraft under CMI agreements for DHL.

In August 2016, we began CMI flying for Amazon the first of 20 Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft Dry Leased from Titan. The remaining aircraft are expected to be placed in service by the end of 2018. Charter results for the first three quarters of 2016 were impacted, compared with 2015, by a decline in Yield due to the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015. This impact was partially offset by an increase in Block Hours during 2016, reflecting increased cargo and passenger demand from the AMC.

In December 2015 and February 2016, we began Dry Leasing two 767-300 converted freighter aircraft to DHL on a long-term basis. In March 2016, we also Dry Leased a 737-800 passenger aircraft on a long-term basis to a customer following its scheduled return. In August 2016, we began Dry Leasing one 767-300 converted freighter aircraft to Amazon on a long-term basis.

Table of Contents**Results of Operations**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements and other financial information appearing and referred to elsewhere in this report.

Three Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015**Operating Statistics**

The table below sets forth selected Operating Statistics for the three months ended September 30:

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Block Hours | | | | |
| ACMI | 39,448 | 32,072 | 7,376 | 23.0% |
| Charter: | | | | |
| Cargo | 9,797 | 8,564 | 1,233 | 14.4% |
| Passenger | 4,474 | 3,767 | 707 | 18.8% |
| Other | 456 | 506 | (50) | (9.9)% |
| Total Block Hours | 54,175 | 44,909 | 9,266 | 20.6% |
| Revenue per Block Hour | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 5,230 | \$ 6,143 | \$ (913) | (14.9)% |
| Charter: | \$ 14,858 | \$ 18,252 | \$ (3,394) | (18.6)% |
| Cargo | \$ 13,926 | \$ 17,762 | \$ (3,836) | (21.6)% |
| Passenger | \$ 16,899 | \$ 19,366 | \$ (2,467) | (12.7)% |
| Charter Fuel | | | | |
| Average fuel cost per gallon | \$ 1.61 | \$ 2.38 | \$ (0.77) | (32.4)% |
| Fuel gallons consumed (000s) | 40,718 | 36,649 | 4,069 | 11.1% |
| Segment Operating Fleet (average aircraft equivalents during the period) | | | | |
| ACMI* | | | | |
| 747-8F Cargo | 7.9 | 9.0 | (1.1) | |
| 747-400 Cargo | 12.9 | 12.8 | 0.1 | |
| 747-400 Dreamlifter | 2.8 | 2.9 | (0.1) | |
| 777-200 Cargo | 5.0 | | 5.0 | |
| 767-300 Cargo | 4.6 | 2.0 | 2.6 | |
| 767-200 Cargo | 9.0 | 9.0 | | |
| 737-400 Cargo | 5.0 | | 5.0 | |
| 747-400 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.5 | (0.5) | |
| 767-200 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.0 | | |
| Total | 49.2 | 38.2 | 11.0 | |

Charter

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 747-8F Cargo | 2.1 | | 2.1 |
| 747-400 Cargo | 9.8 | 9.8 | |
| 747-400 Passenger | 2.0 | 1.4 | 0.6 |
| 767-300 Passenger | 4.0 | 2.9 | 1.1 |
| Total | 17.9 | 14.1 | 3.8 |

Dry Leasing

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|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 777-200 Cargo | 6.0 | 6.0 | |
| 767-300 Cargo | 2.6 | | 2.6 |
| 757-200 Cargo | 1.0 | 1.0 | |
| 737-300 Cargo | 1.0 | 1.0 | |
| 737-800 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.0 | |
| Total | 11.6 | 9.0 | 2.6 |
| Less: Aircraft Dry Leased to CMI customers | (2.6) | | (2.6) |
| Total Operating Aircraft | 76.1 | 61.3 | 14.8 |

* ACMI average fleet excludes spare aircraft provided by CMI customers.

Table of Contents**Operating Revenue**

The following table compares our Operating Revenue for the three months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Revenue | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 206,310 | \$ 197,020 | \$ 9,290 | 4.7% |
| Charter | 212,040 | 225,068 | (13,028) | (5.8)% |
| Dry Leasing | 25,907 | 23,915 | 1,992 | 8.3% |
| Customer incentive asset amortization | (174) | | (174) | NM |
| Other | 3,932 | 3,901 | 31 | 0.8% |
| Total Operating Revenue | \$ 448,015 | \$ 449,904 | \$ (1,889) | (0.4)% |

ACMI revenue increased \$9.3 million, or 4.7%, primarily due to increased flying, partially offset by reduced Revenue per Block Hour. ACMI Block Hours were 39,448 in the third quarter of 2016 compared with 32,072 in 2015, an increase of 7,376 Block Hours, or 23.0%. The increase in Block Hours reflects the impact from the Southern Acquisition and increased 767 CMI flying, partially offset by the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to the Charter segment. ACMI Revenue per Block Hour was \$5,230 for the third quarter of 2016, compared with \$6,143 in 2015, a decrease of \$913 per Block Hour, or 14.9%. The decrease in Revenue per Block Hour reflects the 777-200 and 737-400 CMI flying from the Southern Acquisition, increased 767 CMI flying and the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to Charter.

Charter revenue decreased \$13.0 million, or 5.8%, primarily due to a decrease in Revenue per Block Hour, partially offset by an increase in Block Hours. Charter Revenue per Block Hour was \$14,858 for the third quarter of 2016 compared with \$18,252 in 2015, a decrease of \$3,394 per Block Hour, or 18.6%. This decrease was primarily driven by a reduction in fuel prices in 2016 and a decline in market rates, partially offset by the impact from the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft from ACMI. Charter Block Hours were 14,271 in the third quarter of 2016 compared with 12,331 in 2015, an increase of 1,940 Block Hours, or 15.7%. The increase in Charter Block Hours was primarily driven by increased cargo and passenger demand from the AMC.

Dry Leasing revenue increased \$2.0 million, or 8.3%, primarily due to the placement of two 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with DHL in December 2015 and February 2016, and one 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with Amazon in August 2016.

Operating Expenses

The following table compares our Operating Expenses for the three months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|------------------------------|------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | \$ 125,978 | \$ 86,434 | \$ 39,544 | 45.8% |

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|--|------------|------------|----------|---------|
| Aircraft fuel | 65,409 | 87,330 | (21,921) | (25.1)% |
| Maintenance, materials and repairs | 49,761 | 41,899 | 7,862 | 18.8% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 37,509 | 32,787 | 4,722 | 14.4% |
| Aircraft rent | 35,730 | 36,811 | (1,081) | (2.9)% |
| Travel | 31,958 | 27,555 | 4,403 | 16.0% |
| Passenger and ground handling services | 21,673 | 20,504 | 1,169 | 5.7% |
| Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent | 15,640 | 25,413 | (9,773) | (38.5)% |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 208 | (219) | NM |
| Special charge | | 7,674 | (7,674) | NM |
| Transaction-related expenses | 3,905 | | 3,905 | NM |
| Other | 34,465 | 34,294 | 171 | 0.5% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 422,017 | \$ 400,909 | | |

NM represents year-over-year changes that are not meaningful.

Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$39.5 million, or 45.8%, primarily driven by \$26.2 million of expense for a change in control, as defined under certain benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6), the impact of the Southern Acquisition and increased crewmember costs related to Amazon and other fleet growth initiatives.

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Aircraft fuel decreased \$21.9 million, or 25.1%, primarily due to fuel price decreases, partially offset by increased fuel consumption. The average fuel price per gallon for the Charter business was \$1.61 for the third quarter of 2016, compared with \$2.38 in 2015, a decrease of 32.4%. Fuel consumption increased 4.1 million gallons, or 11.1%, reflecting the increase in Charter Block Hours operated. We do not incur fuel expense in our ACMI or Dry Leasing businesses as the cost of fuel is borne by the customer.

Maintenance, materials and repairs increased \$7.9 million, or 18.8%, primarily reflecting increases of \$3.6 million for 747-400 aircraft and \$2.4 million for 777-200 aircraft. Heavy Maintenance on 747-400 aircraft increased \$4.4 million primarily due to an increase in the number of D Checks. Heavy Maintenance expense on 747-8F aircraft decreased \$1.6 million primarily due to a decrease in unscheduled engine repairs. Line Maintenance increased by \$1.8 million on 747-8F aircraft due to increased flying and additional repairs performed and \$1.5 million on 777-200 aircraft related to the Southern Acquisition. Non-heavy Maintenance on 747-400 aircraft decreased \$1.0 million as a result of lower costs per event. Heavy airframe maintenance checks and engine overhauls impacting Maintenance, materials and repairs for the three months ended September 30 were:

| Heavy Maintenance Events | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 747-8F C Checks | 2 | 3 | (1) |
| 747-400 C Checks | 2 | 2 | |
| 747-400 D Checks | 1 | | 1 |

Depreciation and amortization increased \$4.7 million, or 14.4%, primarily due to additional aircraft operating in 2016.

Travel increased \$4.4 million, or 16.0%, primarily due to increased flying due to the Southern Acquisition.

Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent decreased \$9.8 million, or 38.5%, primarily due to a reduction in purchased capacity from the subcontracting of certain Charter flights.

Special charge in 2015 resulted from the early termination of high-rate operating leases for two engines.

Transaction-related expenses in 2016 relate to the Southern Acquisition and Amazon transaction, which primarily include: certain compensation costs, including employee termination benefits; professional fees; and integration costs (see Notes 4 and 6).

Non-operating Expenses (Income)

The following table compares our Non-operating Expenses (Income) for the three months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|--|-------------|-------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Non-operating Expenses (Income) | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ (1,316) | \$ (2,040) | \$ (724) | (35.5)% |

| | | | | |
|---|---------|----------|----------|--------|
| Interest expense | 21,355 | 22,110 | (755) | (3.4)% |
| Capitalized interest | (1,059) | (556) | 503 | NM |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | | 66,729 | (66,729) | NM |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments | 1,462 | | 1,462 | NM |
| Gain on investments | | (13,439) | (13,439) | NM |
| Other expense (income), net | (180) | 1,364 | (1,544) | NM |

Interest income decreased \$0.7 million, or 35.5%, primarily due to a decrease in our investments in PTCs.

Interest expense decreased \$0.8 million, or 3.4%, primarily due to a decrease in interest rates resulting from the refinancing of higher-rate EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes in 2015 and a reduction in our average debt balances, reflecting payments of debt.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt was related to the refinancing of five EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes during the third quarter of 2015.

Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments represents the change in fair value of the Amazon Warrant during the third quarter of 2016.

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Gain on investments was related to the early redemption of certain PTC investments resulting from the refinancing of five EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes during the third quarter of 2015.

Income taxes. Our effective income tax rates were an expense of 230.8% and a benefit of 49.3% for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2016 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to nondeductible expenses resulting from a change in control, as defined under certain of the Company's benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to an income tax benefit related to the favorable resolution of an income tax examination. The effective income tax rates for both periods were impacted by our assertion to indefinitely reinvest the net earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries outside the U.S.

Segments

The following table compares the Direct Contribution of our reportable segments (see Note 11 for the reconciliation to Operating Income) for the three months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Direct Contribution: | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 51,607 | \$ 46,991 | \$ 4,616 | 9.8% |
| Charter | 32,948 | 29,496 | 3,452 | 11.7% |
| Dry Leasing | 7,413 | 7,673 | (260) | (3.4)% |
| Total Direct Contribution | \$ 91,968 | \$ 84,160 | \$ 7,808 | 9.3% |
| Unallocated income and expenses, net | \$ 80,876 | \$ 48,161 | \$ 32,715 | 67.9% |

ACMI Segment

ACMI Direct Contribution increased \$4.6 million, or 9.8%, primarily due to the impact from the Southern Acquisition, partially offset by the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to the Charter segment and higher Heavy Maintenance expense.

Charter Segment

Charter Direct Contribution increased \$3.5 million, or 11.7%, primarily due to the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft from the ACMI segment and increased cargo and passenger demand from the AMC, partially offset by a decline in market rates and higher Heavy Maintenance expense.

Dry Leasing Segment

Dry Leasing Direct Contribution was relatively unchanged.

Unallocated income and expenses, net

Unallocated income and expenses, net increased \$32.7 million, or 67.9%, primarily driven by \$26.2 million of expense for a change in control, as defined under certain benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6) and the impact of the Southern Acquisition.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

Operating Statistics

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements and other financial information appearing and referred to elsewhere in this report.

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The table below sets forth selected Operating Statistics for the nine months ended September 30:

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|---|----------------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Block Hours | | | | |
| ACMI | 108,839 | 92,490 | 16,349 | 17.7% |
| Charter: | | | | |
| Cargo | 26,698 | 26,047 | 651 | 2.5% |
| Passenger | 12,753 | 11,247 | 1,506 | 13.4% |
| Other | 1,349 | 1,140 | 209 | 18.3% |
| Total Block Hours | 149,639 | 130,924 | 18,715 | 14.3% |
| Revenue per Block Hour | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 5,520 | \$ 6,220 | \$ (700) | (11.3)% |
| Charter: | \$ 15,634 | \$ 18,251 | \$ (2,617) | (14.3)% |
| Cargo | \$ 14,878 | \$ 17,736 | \$ (2,858) | (16.1)% |
| Passenger | \$ 17,218 | \$ 19,443 | \$ (2,225) | (11.4)% |
| Charter Fuel | | | | |
| Average fuel cost per gallon | \$ 1.69 | \$ 2.40 | \$ (0.71) | (29.6)% |
| Fuel gallons consumed (000s) | 112,248 | 109,344 | 2,904 | 2.7% |
| Segment Operating Fleet (average aircraft equivalents during the period) | | | | |
| ACMI* | | | | |
| 747-8F Cargo | 8.2 | 8.9 | (0.7) | |
| 747-400 Cargo | 13.0 | 12.1 | 0.9 | |
| 747-400 Dreamlifter | 2.9 | 3.0 | (0.1) | |
| 777-200 Cargo | 3.2 | | 3.2 | |
| 767-300 Cargo | 4.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| 767-200 Cargo | 9.0 | 8.1 | 0.9 | |
| 737-400 Cargo | 3.2 | | 3.2 | |
| 747-400 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.2 | (0.2) | |
| 767-200 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.0 | | |
| Total | 45.5 | 36.3 | 9.2 | |
| Charter | | | | |
| 747-8F Cargo | 1.8 | 0.1 | 1.7 | |
| 747-400 Cargo | 9.7 | 9.8 | (0.1) | |
| 747-400 Passenger | 2.0 | 1.8 | 0.2 | |
| 767-300 Passenger | 3.4 | 2.9 | 0.5 | |
| Total | 16.9 | 14.6 | 2.3 | |

Dry Leasing

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|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 777-200 Cargo | 6.0 | 6.0 | |
| 767-300 Cargo | 2.0 | | 2.0 |
| 757-200 Cargo | 1.0 | 1.0 | |
| 737-300 Cargo | 1.0 | 1.0 | |
| 737-800 Passenger | 1.0 | 1.2 | (0.2) |
| Total | 11.0 | 9.2 | 1.8 |
| Less: Aircraft Dry Leased to CMI customers | (2.0) | | (2.0) |
| Total Operating Aircraft | 71.4 | 60.1 | 11.3 |
| Out-of-service | | 0.6 | (0.6) |

* ACMI average fleet excludes spare aircraft provided by CMI customers.

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The following table compares our Operating Revenue for the nine months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Operating Revenue | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 600,772 | \$ 575,322 | \$ 25,450 | 4.4% |
| Charter | 616,794 | 680,642 | (63,848) | (9.4)% |
| Dry Leasing | 79,165 | 83,235 | (4,070) | (4.9)% |
| Customer incentive asset amortization | (174) | | (174) | NM |
| Other | 13,345 | 11,383 | 1,962 | 17.2% |
| Total Operating Revenue | \$ 1,309,902 | \$ 1,350,582 | \$ (40,680) | (3.0)% |

ACMI revenue increased \$25.5 million, or 4.4%, primarily due to increased flying, partially offset by reduced Revenue per Block Hour. ACMI Block Hours were 108,839 for the first three quarters of 2016, compared with 92,490 in 2015, an increase of 16,349 Block Hours, or 17.7%. The increase in Block Hours reflects the impact from the Southern Acquisition and increased 767 CMI flying, partially offset by the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to the Charter segment. ACMI Revenue per Block Hour was \$5,520 for the first three quarters of 2016, compared with \$6,220 in 2015, a decrease of \$700 per Block Hour, or 11.3%. The decrease in Revenue per Block Hour primarily reflects the 777-200 and 737-400 CMI flying from the Southern Acquisition, increased 767 CMI flying and the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to Charter in the first three quarters of 2016.

Charter revenue decreased \$63.8 million, or 9.4%, primarily due to a decrease in Revenue per Block Hour, partially offset by an increase in Block Hours. Charter Revenue per Block Hour was \$15,634 for the first three quarters of 2016 compared with \$18,251 in 2015, a decrease of \$2,617 per Block Hour, or 14.3%. This decrease was primarily driven by a reduction in fuel prices in 2016 and the impact of higher rates resulting from the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015, partially offset by the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft from the ACMI segment. Charter Block Hours were 39,451 for the first three quarters of 2016 compared with 37,294 in 2015, an increase of 2,157 Block Hours, or 5.8%. The increase in Charter Block Hours was primarily driven by an increase in cargo and passenger demand from the AMC, partially offset by a reduction in commercial cargo demand.

Dry Leasing revenue decreased \$4.1 million, or 4.9%, primarily due to lower revenue from maintenance payments to us in 2016 related to the scheduled return of aircraft. Revenue from maintenance payments is based on the maintenance condition of the aircraft at the end of the lease. Partially offsetting this decrease was revenue from the placement of two 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with DHL in December 2015 and February 2016, and one 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with Amazon in August 2016.

Operating Expenses

The following table compares our Operating Expenses for the nine months ended September 30 (in thousands):

2016 **2015**

| | | | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Operating Expenses | | | | |
| Salaries, wages and benefits | \$ 321,365 | \$ 262,069 | \$ 59,296 | 22.6% |
| Aircraft fuel | 189,982 | 262,156 | (72,174) | (27.5)% |
| Maintenance, materials and repairs | 162,220 | 142,169 | 20,051 | 14.1% |
| Depreciation and amortization | 109,722 | 96,753 | 12,969 | 13.4% |
| Aircraft rent | 109,490 | 107,883 | 1,607 | 1.5% |
| Travel | 94,291 | 72,198 | 22,093 | 30.6% |
| Passenger and ground handling services | 64,571 | 61,820 | 2,751 | 4.5% |
| Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent | 56,391 | 71,582 | (15,191) | (21.2)% |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 1,531 | (1,542) | NM |
| Special charge | 6,631 | 7,605 | (974) | (12.8)% |
| Transaction-related expenses | 21,486 | | 21,486 | NM |
| Other | 106,885 | 97,567 | 9,318 | 9.6% |
| Total Operating Expenses | \$ 1,243,023 | \$ 1,183,333 | | |

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Salaries, wages and benefits increased \$59.3 million, or 22.6%, primarily driven by \$26.2 million of expense for a change in control, as defined under certain benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6), the impact of the Southern Acquisition and increased crewmember costs related to Amazon and other fleet growth initiatives.

Aircraft fuel decreased \$72.2 million, or 27.5%, primarily due to fuel price decreases, partially offset by increased fuel consumption. The average fuel price per gallon for the Charter business was \$1.69 for the first three quarters of 2016, compared with \$2.40 in 2015, a decrease of 29.6%. Fuel consumption increased by 2.9 million gallons, or 2.7%, primarily reflecting the increase in Charter Block Hours operated. We do not incur fuel expense in our ACMI or Dry Leasing businesses as the cost of fuel is borne by the customer.

Maintenance, materials and repairs increased by \$20.1 million, or 14.1%, primarily reflecting increases of \$6.4 million for 747-8F aircraft, \$4.8 million for 767 aircraft and \$4.7 million for 777-200 aircraft. Heavy Maintenance expense on 747-400 aircraft increased \$4.9 million primarily due to an increase in the number of C and D Checks, partially offset by a decrease in the number of engine overhauls. Heavy Maintenance expense on 767 aircraft increased \$1.4 million primarily due to an increase in the number of C Checks. Line Maintenance increased by \$6.1 million on 747-8F aircraft, \$3.2 million on 767 aircraft and \$2.2 million on 747-400 aircraft due to increased flying and additional repairs performed. Line maintenance also increased \$3.0 million on 777-200 aircraft related to the Southern Acquisition. Non-heavy Maintenance on 747-400 aircraft decreased \$4.2 million as a result of lower costs per event. Heavy airframe maintenance checks and engine overhauls impacting Maintenance, materials and reports for the first three quarters of 2016 and 2015 were:

| Heavy Maintenance Events | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------------------------|
| 747-8F C Checks | 4 | 4 | |
| 747-400 C Checks | 9 | 5 | 4 |
| 747-400 D Checks | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| 767 C Checks | 1 | | 1 |
| CF6-80 engine overhauls | 3 | 5 | (2) |

Depreciation and amortization increased \$13.0 million, or 13.4%, primarily due to additional aircraft operating in 2016.

Aircraft rent increased \$1.6 million, or 1.5%, primarily due to an increase in short-term engine leases.

Travel increased \$22.1 million, or 30.6%, primarily due to higher rates related to crewmember travel and increased flying due to the Southern Acquisition.

Passenger and ground handling services increased \$2.8 million, or 4.5%, primarily due to increased flying.

Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent decreased \$15.2 million, or 21.2%, primarily due to a reduction in purchased capacity from the subcontracting of certain Charter flights.

Special charge in 2016 primarily represents a \$6.5 million loss on engines held for sale (see Note 5). We may sell additional flight equipment, which could result in additional charges in future periods. Special charge in 2015 resulted from the early termination of high-rate operating leases for two engines.

Transaction-related expenses in 2016 relate to the Southern Acquisition and Amazon transaction, which primarily include: certain compensation costs, including employee termination benefits; professional fees; and integration costs (see Notes 4 and 6).

Other increased \$9.3 million, or 9.6%, primarily due to an accrual for legal matters (see Note 12), the Southern Acquisition and increased flight simulator expense driven by increased crew training.

Table of Contents**Non-operating Expenses (Income)**

The following table compares our Non-operating Expenses (Income) for the nine months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|---|------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Non-operating Expenses (Income) | | | | |
| Interest income | \$ (4,325) | \$ (10,953) | \$ (6,628) | (60.5)% |
| Interest expense | 63,595 | 71,691 | (8,096) | (11.3)% |
| Capitalized interest | (2,106) | (759) | 1,347 | NM |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 132 | 66,729 | (66,597) | NM |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments | (25,013) | | 25,013 | NM |
| Gain on investments | | (13,439) | (13,439) | NM |
| Other expense (income), net | (372) | 1,755 | (2,127) | NM |

Interest income decreased \$6.6 million, or 60.5%, primarily due to a decrease in PTCs.

Interest expense decreased \$8.1 million, or 11.3%, primarily due to a decrease in interest rates resulting from the refinancing of higher-rate EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes in 2015 and a reduction in our average debt balances, reflecting payments of debt.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt was related to the refinancing of five EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes during the third quarter of 2015.

Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments represents the change in fair value of the Amazon Warrant during 2016.

Gain on investments was related to the early redemption of certain PTC investments resulting from the refinancing of five EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes during the third quarter of 2015.

Income taxes. Our effective income tax rates were 60.3% and 14.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and September 30, 2015, respectively. The effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to nondeductible expenses resulting from a change in control, as defined under certain of the Company's benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction. The effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to income tax benefits related to ETI and to the favorable resolution of an income tax examination. The effective income tax rates for both periods were impacted by our assertion to indefinitely reinvest the net earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries outside the U.S.

Segments

The following table compares the Direct Contribution for our reportable segments (see Note 11 to our Financial Statements for the reconciliation to Operating Income) for the nine months ended September 30 (in thousands):

| | 2016 | 2015 | Increase / (Decrease) | Percent Change |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Direct Contribution: | | | | |
| ACMI | \$ 121,837 | \$ 138,051 | \$ (16,214) | (11.7)% |
| Charter | 78,580 | 84,974 | (6,394) | (7.5)% |
| Dry Leasing | 24,699 | 34,092 | (9,393) | (27.6)% |
| Total Direct Contribution | \$ 225,116 | \$ 257,117 | \$ (32,001) | (12.4)% |
| Unallocated income and expenses, net | \$ 186,923 | \$ 142,466 | \$ 44,457 | 31.2% |

Table of Contents***ACMI Segment***

ACMI Direct Contribution decreased \$16.2 million, or 11.7%, primarily due to increases in crew costs related to Amazon and other fleet growth initiatives, the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft to the Charter segment, payments received in 2015 related to a customer's return of aircraft and higher Heavy Maintenance expense. Partially offsetting these items was additional contribution resulting from the Southern Acquisition.

Charter Segment

Charter Direct Contribution decreased \$6.4 million or 7.5%, primarily due to the impact of the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015 and increases in crew costs related to fleet growth initiatives and higher Heavy Maintenance expense. Partially offsetting these decreases was the temporary redeployment of 747-8F aircraft from the ACMI segment and an increase in passenger and cargo demand from the AMC.

Dry Leasing Segment

Dry Leasing Direct Contribution decreased \$9.4 million, or 27.6%, primarily due to lower revenue from maintenance payments to us in 2016 related to the scheduled return of aircraft. Partially offsetting this decrease was revenue related to the placement of two 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with DHL in December 2015 and February 2016, and one 767-300 converted freighter aircraft with Amazon in August 2016.

Unallocated income and expenses, net

Unallocated income and expenses, net increased \$44.5 million, or 31.2%, primarily driven by \$26.2 million of expense for a change in control, as defined under certain benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6), the impact of the Southern Acquisition, an accrual for legal matters and increases in noncash expenses related to our Convertible Notes.

Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Financial Measures

To supplement our Financial Statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we present certain non-GAAP financial measures to assist in the evaluation of our business performance. These non-GAAP financial measures include Adjusted Income from continuing operations, net of taxes and Adjusted Diluted EPS from continuing operations, net of taxes, which exclude certain noncash income and expenses, and items impacting year-over-year comparisons of our results. These non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for Income from continuing operations, net of taxes and Diluted EPS from continuing operations, which are the most directly comparable measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the performance of our ongoing operations and in planning and forecasting future periods. We believe that these adjusted measures, when considered together with the corresponding GAAP financial measures and the reconciliations to those measures, provide meaningful supplemental information to assist investors and analysts in understanding our business results and assessing our prospects for future performance.

The following is a reconciliation of Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes and Diluted EPS from continuing operations, net of taxes to the corresponding non-GAAP financial measures (in thousands, except per share data):

| | For the Three Months Ended | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, | September 30, | |
| | 2016 | 2015 | Percent Change |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ (7,501) | \$ (12,754) | (41.2%) |
| Impact from: | | | |
| Noncash expenses and income, net (a) | 2,081 | 1,835 | |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments (b) | 1,462 | | |
| Charges associated with benefit plan change in control (c) | 26,169 | | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 208 | |
| Gain on investment | | (13,439) | |
| Special charge | | 7,674 | |
| Transaction-related expenses | 3,905 | | |
| Accrual for legal matters and professional fees | (210) | 1,539 | |
| Charges associated with refinancing debt | | 66,729 | |
| Income tax effect of reconciling items (e) | 1,531 | (21,100) | |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ 27,426 | \$ 30,692 | (10.6%) |

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| | For the Three Months Ended | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | Percent Change |
| Diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$ (0.30) | \$ (0.51) | (41.2%) |
| Impact from: | | | |
| Noncash expenses and income, net (a) | 0.08 | 0.07 | |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments (b) | 0.06 | | |
| Charges associated with benefit plan change in control (c) | 1.04 | | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | | 0.01 | |
| Gain on investment | | (0.54) | |
| Special charge | | 0.31 | |
| Transaction-related expenses | 0.15 | | |
| Accrual for legal matters and professional fees | (0.01) | 0.06 | |
| Charges associated with refinancing debt | | 2.67 | |
| Income tax effect of reconciling items (e) | 0.06 | (0.85) | |
| Adjusted Diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$ 1.09* | \$ 1.23* | (11.4%) |

| | For the Nine Months Ended | | |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | September 30, 2016 | September 30, 2015 | Percent Change |
| Income (loss) from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ 13,889 | \$ 44,868 | (69.0%) |
| Impact from: | | | |
| Noncash expenses and income, net (a) | 5,807 | 2,662 | |
| Unrealized loss (gain) on financial instruments (b) | (25,013) | | |
| Charges associated with benefit plan change in control (c) | 26,169 | | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | (11) | 1,531 | |
| Gain on investment | | (13,439) | |
| Special charge | 6,631 | 7,605 | |
| Transaction-related expenses | 21,486 | | |
| Accrual for legal matters and professional fees | 6,777 | 1,539 | |
| Charges associated with refinancing debt | 132 | 66,729 | |
| Income tax effect of reconciling items (e) | (535) | (21,617) | |
| ETI tax benefit | | (4,008) | |
| Adjusted income from continuing operations, net of taxes | \$ 55,332 | \$ 85,870 | (35.6%) |

| | | | |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|
| Diluted EPS from continuing operations (d) | \$ (0.49) | \$ 1.80 | (127.2%) |
| Impact from: | | | |
| Noncash expenses and income, net (a) | 0.23 | 0.11 | |
| Charges associated with benefit plan change in control (c) | 1.04 | | |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of aircraft | | 0.06 | |
| Gain on investment | | (0.54) | |
| Special charge | 0.26 | .30 | |
| Transaction-related expenses | 0.86 | | |
| Accrual for legal matters and professional fees | 0.27 | .06 | |
| Charges associated with refinancing debt | 0.01 | 2.67 | |
| Income tax effect of reconciling items (e) | 0.02 | (0.87) | |
| ETI tax benefit | | (0.16) | |
| Adjusted Diluted EPS from continuing operations | \$ 2.20 | \$ 3.44* | (36.0%) |

* Items do not sum due to rounding.

- (a) Noncash expenses and income, net in 2016 primarily related to amortization of debt discount on the Convertible Notes (see Note 8) and amortization of customer incentive related to the Amazon Warrant (see Note 6). Noncash expenses and income, net in 2015 primarily related to amortization and accretion of debt, lease and investment discounts.
- (b) Unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments related to the Amazon Warrant (see Note 6).
- (c) Costs resulting from a change in control under certain benefit plans related to the Amazon transaction (see Note 6).
- (d) Unrealized gain (loss) on financial instruments is excluded from the calculation of Diluted EPS from continuing operations as the calculation assumes exercise of the Amazon Warrant occurred upon its issuance (see Note 13).
- (e) Income tax effect of reconciling items is primarily impacted by nondeductible expenses resulting from a change in control, as defined under certain of the Company's benefit plans, related to the Amazon transaction.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

The most significant liquidity events during the first three quarters of 2016 were as follows:

Acquisition Transaction

In April 2016, we completed the acquisition of Southern Air for cash consideration of \$107.5 million, net of cash acquired, subject to a working capital adjustment.

Debt Transactions

In February 2016, we borrowed \$14.8 million related to the conversion of a 767-300BDSF aircraft under the First 2016 Term Loan at a fixed interest rate of 3.19%.

In June 2016, we borrowed \$70.0 million under the Second 2016 Term Loan which has a fixed rate of 3.12%.

Operating Activities. Net cash provided by operating activities for the first three quarters of 2016 was \$100.8 million, compared with \$265.8 million for 2015. The decrease primarily reflects changes in the timing of working capital, a payment related to the U.S. class action settlement, the impact of the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015 and payments for Transaction-related expenses in 2016.

Investing Activities. Net cash used for investing activities was \$374.5 million for the first three quarters of 2016, consisting primarily of \$237.1 million of purchase deposits and payments for flight equipment, \$107.5 million related to the Southern Acquisition and \$36.9 million of core capital expenditures, excluding flight equipment. Partially offsetting these investing activities were \$8.8 million of proceeds from investments. All capital expenditures for the first three quarters of 2016 were funded through working capital, except for the aircraft financed as discussed above. Net cash used for investing activities was \$6.2 million for the first three quarters of 2015, consisting primarily of \$76.8 million of proceeds from investments and \$25.2 million of proceeds from disposal of aircraft. Partially offsetting these investing activities was \$77.5 million of purchase deposits and payments for flight equipment, and \$33.8 million of core capital expenditures, excluding flight equipment. All capital expenditures for the first three quarters of 2015 were funded through working capital.

Financing Activities. Net cash used for financing activities was \$51.6 million for the first three quarters of 2016, which primarily reflected \$135.8 million of payments on debt obligations, partially offset by \$84.8 million of proceeds from debt issuance and \$11.2 million of customer maintenance reserves received. Net cash used for financing activities was \$181.5 million for the first three quarters of 2015, which primarily reflected the proceeds from debt issuance of \$224.5 million, \$36.3 million from the sale of warrants and \$12.3 million of customer maintenance reserves received partially offset by \$334.5 million of payments on debt obligations, \$52.9 million for the purchase of convertible note hedges, \$34.0 million for the payment of debt extinguishment costs, \$26.4 million related to the purchase of treasury stock and \$6.8 million of debt issuance costs.

We consider Cash and cash equivalents, Short-term investments, Restricted cash and Net cash provided by operating activities to be sufficient to meet our debt and lease obligations, to fund capital expenditures for 2016, and to pay amounts due related to the settlement of the U.S. class action litigation. Core capital expenditures for the remainder of 2016 are expected to range between \$15.0 to \$20.0 million, which excludes flight equipment and capitalized interest. Our estimated payments remaining for flight equipment purchase commitments range between \$160.0 to \$180.0 million, of which \$30.0 to \$40.0 million are expected to be made during the remainder of 2016. Total consideration paid in April 2016 for the acquisition of Southern Air was \$107.5 million, net of cash acquired, and is

subject to a working capital adjustment.

We may access external sources of capital from time to time depending on our cash requirements, assessments of current and anticipated market conditions, and the after-tax cost of capital. To that end, we filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC in May 2015 that enables us to sell a yet to be determined amount of debt and/or equity securities over the subsequent three years, depending on market conditions, our capital needs and other factors. Our access to capital markets can be adversely impacted by prevailing economic conditions and by financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. Additionally, our borrowing costs are affected by market conditions and may be adversely impacted by a tightening in credit markets.

We do not expect to pay any significant U.S. federal income tax until 2025 or later. Our business operations are subject to income tax in several foreign jurisdictions. We do not expect to pay any significant cash income taxes in foreign jurisdictions for at least several years. We currently do not intend to repatriate cash from certain foreign subsidiaries that is indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S. Any repatriation of cash from these subsidiaries or certain changes in U.S. tax laws could result in additional tax expense.

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Contractual Obligations and Debt Agreements

See Note 8 to our Financial Statements for a description of our new debt obligations. See our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a tabular disclosure of our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015 and a description of our other debt obligations and amendments thereto.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

There were no material changes in our off-balance sheet arrangements during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2 to our Financial Statements for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this Report), as well as other reports, releases and written and oral communications issued or made from time to time by or on behalf of AAWW, contain statements that may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those statements are based on management's beliefs, plans, expectations and assumptions, and on information currently available to management. Generally, the words will, may, should, expect, anticipate, intend, plan, continue, seek, project, estimate and similar expressions used in this Report that do not relate to historical facts are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this Report are not representations or guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, but are not limited to, those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 and our Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016. Many of such factors are beyond AAWW's control and are difficult to predict. As a result, AAWW's future actions, financial position, results of operations and the market price for shares of AAWW's common stock could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Readers are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. AAWW does not intend to publicly update any forward-looking statements that may be made from time to time by, or on behalf of, AAWW, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes to our market risk during the nine months ended September 30, 2016. For additional discussion of our exposure to market risk, refer to Part II, Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial Officer, or CFO, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and 15d - 15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of September 30, 2016. Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As a result of the Southern Acquisition, we are integrating Southern Air into our overall internal controls over financial reporting and have implemented internal controls over the accounting for the Southern Acquisition and acquisition-related transactions.

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Except as described above, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended September 30, 2016 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

With respect to the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 2016, the information required in response to this Item is set forth in Note 12 to our Financial Statements and such information is incorporated herein by reference. Such description contains all of the information required with respect hereto.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

For risk factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, please refer to our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2016.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

a. Exhibits

See accompanying Exhibit Index included after the signature page of this report for a list of exhibits filed or furnished with this report.

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SIGNATURES

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

Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

Dated: November 3, 2016

/s/ William J. Flynn
William J. Flynn
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: November 3, 2016

/s/ Spencer Schwartz
Spencer Schwartz
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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| Exhibit Number | Description |
|-----------------------|--|
| 3.1 | Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. Certificate of Amendment of Certificate of Incorporation |
| 10.1 | Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2014 Long Term Cash Incentive Program |
| 10.2 | Amended and Restated 2014 Performance Share Unit Agreement between Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and William J. Flynn |
| 10.3 | Amended and Restated 2014 Restricted Stock Unit Agreement between Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and William J. Flynn |
| 10.4 | Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2015 Long Term Cash Incentive Program |
| 10.5 | Amended and Restated 2015 Performance Share Unit Agreement between Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and William J. Flynn |
| 10.6 | Amended and Restated 2015 Restricted Stock Unit Agreement between Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and William J. Flynn |
| 10.7 | Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. Amended and Restated 2016 Long Term Cash Incentive Program |
| 10.8 | Amended and Restated 2016 Performance Share Unit Agreement between Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. and William J. Flynn |
| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer. |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer. |
| 32.1 | Section 1350 Certifications. |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document. * |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document. * |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document. * |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document. * |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document. * |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document. * |

* Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, (v) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders Equity as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.

