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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended June 24, 2016

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file numbers 001-14141 and 333-46983

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

(Exact names of registrants as specified in their charters)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

13-3937434 and 13-3937436 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification Nos.)

600 Third Avenue, New York, NY (Address of principal executive offices)

10016 (Zip Code)

(212) 697-1111

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants (1) have filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of

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the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrants were required to file such reports), and (2) have been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. x Yes "No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrants have submitted electronically and posted on their 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 registrants were required to submit and post such files). x Yes "No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant, L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc., is a large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company " Indicate by check mark whether the registrant, L-3 Communications Corporation, Inc., is a large accelerated filer, accelerated filer, non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer "

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer x (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company "Indicate by check mark whether the registrants are shell companies (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). "Yes x No

There were 77,239,833 shares of L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. common stock with a par value of \$0.01 outstanding as of the close of business on July 22, 2016.

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except share data)

	Ju	audited) une 24, 2016	ember 31, 2015
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	352	\$ 207
Billed receivables, net of allowances of \$13 in 2016 and \$15 in 2015		808	746
Contracts in process		2,162	2,081
Inventories		356	333
Other current assets		182	201
Assets of discontinued operations			664
Total current assets		3,860	4,232
Property, plant and equipment, net		1,075	1,097
Goodwill		6,306	6,281
Identifiable intangible assets		190	199
Deferred income taxes		4	3
Other assets		265	255
Other assets		203	233
Total assets	\$	11,700	\$ 12,067
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$	549	\$ 499
Accounts payable, trade		415	297
Accrued employment costs		481	504
Accrued expenses		387	390
Advance payments and billings in excess of costs incurred		448	562
Income taxes			13
Other current liabilities		399	394
Liabilities of discontinued operations			220
Total current liabilities		2,679	2,879

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Pension and postretirement benefits	1,046	1,047
Deferred income taxes	262	219
Other liabilities	374	368
Long-term debt	2,780	3,125
Total liabilities	7,141	7,638
Commitments and contingencies (see Note 18) Equity:		
L-3 shareholders equity:		
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. s common stock: \$.01 par value; 300,000,000 shares authorized, 77,188,658 shares outstanding at June 24, 2016 and 78,133,763 shares outstanding at December 31, 2015 (L-3 Communications Corporation s common stock: \$.01 par value, 100 shares		
authorized, issued and outstanding)	6,165	6,052
L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. s treasury stock (at cost), 81,712,502 shares at June 24, 2016 and 79,375,063 shares at December 31, 2015	(7,127)	(6,851)
Retained earnings	5,992	5,728
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(544)	(574)
Total L-3 shareholders equity Noncontrolling interests	4,486 73	4,355 74
Total equity	4,559	4,429
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 11,700	\$ 12,067

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

L-3 COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS, INC.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share data)

	Ju	econd Qua ne 24, 2016	Ju	Ended ine 26, 2015
Net sales:				
Products	\$	1,638	\$	1,590
Services		1,026		953
Total net sales		2,664		2,543
Cost of sales:				
Products		(1,474)		(1,521)
Services		(943)		(871)
Total cost of sales		(2,417)		(2,392)
Net gain related to business divestitures				2
Operating income		247		153
Interest expense		(43)		(42)
Interest and other income, net		5		5
Debt retirement charge		(5)		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		204		116
(Provision) benefit for income taxes		(53)		4
Income from continuing operations		151		120
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes				4
Net income		151		124
Net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interests		(4)		(4)
Net income attributable to L-3	\$	147	\$	120
Basic earnings per share attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:				
Continuing operations	\$	1.90	\$	1.41
Discontinued operations				0.05
Basic earnings per share	\$	1.90	\$	1.46

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Diluted earnings per share attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:		
Continuing operations	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.39
Discontinued operations		0.05
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.44
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 0.70	\$ 0.65
L-3 Holdings weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	77.2	82.1
Diluted	78.4	83.2

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(in millions, except per share data)

	Ju	First Ha ne 24, 2016	Ju	ded ne 26, 2015
Net sales:				
Products	\$	3,061	\$	3,128
Services		1,956		1,903
Total net sales		5,017		5,031
Cost of sales:				
Products	(2,740)	((2,903)
Services	(1,778)	((1,768)
Total cost of sales	(4,518)	((4,671)
Loss related to business divestitures				(20)
Operating income		499		340
Interest expense		(84)		(81)
Interest and other income, net		9		8
Debt retirement charge		(5)		
Income from continuing operations before income taxes		419		267
Provision for income taxes		(101)		(42)
		• • •		
Income from continuing operations		318		225
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes		63		8
Not in some		201		222
Net income		381		233
Net income from continuing operations attributable to noncontrolling interests		(7)		(8)
Net income attributable to L-3	\$	374	\$	225
Basic earnings per share attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:				
Continuing operations	\$	4.02	\$	2.64
Discontinued operations		0.81		0.10
Basic earnings per share	\$	4.83	\$	2.74

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Diluted earnings per share attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:		
Continuing operations	\$ 3.95	\$ 2.60
Discontinued operations	0.80	0.09
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 4.75	\$ 2.69
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$ 1.40	\$ 1.30
L-3 Holdings weighted average common shares outstanding:		
Basic	77.5	82.2
Diluted	78.7	83.5

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in millions)

	Seco	ond Qu	arter	First H	ıded		
		ne 24, 016	_	ne 26, 2015	June 24, 2016	_	ne 26, 015
Net income	\$	151	\$	124	\$381	\$	233
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Foreign currency translation adjustments		3		58	4		(29)
Unrealized gains on hedging instruments ⁽¹⁾		3		7	10		4
Pension and postretirement benefit plans:							
Amortization of net loss and prior service cost previously							
recognized ⁽²⁾		8		11	16		22
Net gain arising during the period ⁽³⁾				9			9
Total other comprehensive income		14		85	30		6
Comprehensive income		165		209	411		239
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(4)		(4)	(7)		(8)
Comprehensive income attributable to L-3	\$	161	\$	205	\$ 404	\$	231

- (1) Net of income taxes of \$1 million and \$2 million for the quarterly periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively, and income taxes of \$4 million and \$1 million for the first half periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively.
- (2) Net of income taxes of \$5 million for each of the quarterly periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, and income taxes of \$9 million and \$11 million for the first half periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively.
- (3) Represents the reclassification of actuarial losses into net income related to the Marine Systems International business divestiture in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 715 Defined Benefit Plans Pension. Amounts are net of income taxes of \$5 million for each of the quarterly and first half periods ended June 26, 2015.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(in millions, except per share data)

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	Hold Comm Sto Shares Outstandin	ings mon ck Par	P	ditional Paid-in Capital	Treasury Stock			cumulated Other iprehensNo Loss	e ncontr Intere		ng Total Equity
For the First Half Ended	Outstanun	ng aruc		арнаі	Stock	Laii	inigs	LUSS	Intere	313	Equity
June 24, 2016:											
Balance at December 31, 2015	78.1	\$ 1	\$	6,051	\$ (6,851)	\$ 5	,728 \$	(574)	\$	74	\$ 4,429
Net income							374			7	381
Other comprehensive income								30			30
Distributions to											
noncontrolling interests										(8)	(8)
Cash dividends declared or common stock (\$1.40 per	1										
share)						((110)				(110)
Shares issued:											
Employee savings plans	0.5			60							60
Exercise of stock options	0.4			38							38
Employee stock purchase											
plan	0.2			16							16
Vesting of restricted stock and performance units	0.5										
Repurchases of common											
stock to satisfy tax	(0.2)			(20)							(20)
withholding obligations	(0.2)			(20)							(20)
Stock-based compensation				19							19
expense Treasury stock purchased	(2.3)			19	(276)						(276)
Treasury stock purchased	(2.3)				(270)						(270)
Balance at June 24, 2016	77.2	\$ 1	\$	6,164	\$ (7,127)	\$ 5	,992 \$	(544)	\$	73	\$ 4,559
For the First Half Ended June 26, 2015:											
Balance at December 31,											
2014	82.0	\$ 1	\$	5,798	\$ (6,111)	\$ 6	,181 \$	(584)	\$	75	\$5,360

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Net income					225		8	233
Other comprehensive								
income						6		6
Distributions to								
noncontrolling interests							(8)	(8)
Cash dividends declared on								
common stock (\$1.30 per								
share)					(109)			(109)
Shares issued:								
Employee savings plans	0.5		62					62
Exercise of stock options	0.5		62					62
Employee stock purchase								
plan	0.2		17					17
Vesting of restricted stock	0.7							
Repurchases of common								
stock to satisfy tax								
withholding obligations	(0.2)		(33)					(33)
Stock-based compensation								
expense			24					24
Treasury stock purchased	(2.9)			(346)				(346)
Other			4					4
Balance at June 26, 2015	80.8	\$ 1	\$ 5,934	\$ (6,457)	\$ 6,297	\$ (578)	\$ 75	\$ 5,272

See notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in millions)

	First Ha June 24, 2016	alf Ended June 26, 2015
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 381	\$ 233
Less: Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	(63)	(8)
Income from continuing operations	318	225
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	81	83
Amortization of intangibles and other assets	21	21
Deferred income tax provision (benefit)	29	(14)
Stock-based employee compensation expense	19	23
Contributions to employee savings plans in L-3 Holdings common stock	58	57
Amortization of pension and postretirement benefit plans net loss and prior service cost	25	33
Amortization of bond discounts and deferred debt issue costs (included in interest expense)	4	4
Loss related to business divestitures		20
Other non-cash items	9	(6)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, excluding amounts from acquisitions and divestitures, and discontinued operations:		
Billed receivables	(62)	21
Contracts in process	(84)	(144)
Inventories	(24)	(70)
Other assets	(5)	7
Accounts payable, trade	118	77
Accrued employment costs	(23)	8
Accrued expenses	(2)	(43)
Advance payments and billings in excess of costs incurred	(111)	40
Income taxes	25	(6)
Other current liabilities	(10)	7
Pension and postretirement benefits		13
All other operating activities	(17)	(47)
Net cash from operating activities from continuing operations	369	309
Investing activities:		
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(27)	(260)
Proceeds from the sale of businesses, net of closing date cash balances	575	304
Capital expenditures	(75)	(83)
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Dispositions of property, plant and equipment	11	1
Other investing activities	6	5
Net cash from (used in) investing activities from continuing operations	490	(33)
Financing activities:		
Borrowings under revolving credit facility	320	600
Repayment of borrowings under revolving credit facility	(320)	(600)
Redemption of senior notes	(298)	
Common stock repurchased	(276)	(346)
Dividends paid on L-3 Holdings common stock	(112)	(111)
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	38	39
Proceeds from employee stock purchase plan	16	17
Repurchases of common stock to satisfy tax withholding obligations	(20)	(33)
Other financing activities	(6)	(11)
Net cash used in financing activities from continuing operations	(658)	(445)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(8)
Cash (used in) from discontinued operations:		
Operating activities	(56)	29
Investing activities		(2)
Cash (used in) from discontinued operations	(56)	27
Change in cash balance in assets held for sale		61
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	145	(89)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of the period	207	442
Cash and cash equivalents, end of the period	\$ 352	\$ 353

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. Description of Business

L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. derives all of its operating income and cash flows from its wholly-owned subsidiary, L-3 Communications Corporation (L-3 Communications). L-3 Communications Holdings, Inc. (L-3 Holdings and, together with its subsidiaries, referred to herein as L-3 or the Company) is a prime contractor in Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) systems, aircraft sustainment (including modifications, logistics and maintenance), simulation and training, night vision and image intensification equipment, and security and detection systems. L-3 is also a leading provider of a broad range of communication and electronic systems and products used on military and commercial platforms. The Company s customers include the United States (U.S.) Department of Defense (DoD) and its prime contractors, U.S. Government intelligence agencies, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), foreign governments, and domestic and international commercial customers.

On December 7, 2015, the Company entered into a definitive agreement to sell its National Security Solutions (NSS) business to CACI International Inc. The transaction was completed on February 1, 2016. NSS provides cybersecurity solutions, high-performance computing, enterprise IT services, analytics and intelligence analysis to the DoD, U.S. Government intelligence agencies, federal civilian agencies and foreign governments. In accordance with Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2014-08, *Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*, the assets and liabilities and results of operations of NSS are reported as discontinued operations for all periods presented. Accordingly, all references made to financial data in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are to the Company s continuing operations, unless specifically noted. See Note 5 for additional information.

The Company has the following three reportable segments: (1) Electronic Systems, (2) Aerospace Systems and (3) Communication Systems. Electronic Systems provides a broad range of components, products, subsystems, systems, and related services for military and commercial customers in several niche markets across several business areas. These business areas include precision engagement & training, sensor systems, power & propulsion systems, aviation products & security systems, warrior systems and advanced programs. Aerospace Systems delivers integrated solutions for the global ISR market and provides modernization, upgrade, sustainment, and maintenance and logistics support for a wide variety of aircraft and ground systems. Communication Systems delivers products and services for the global communications market, specializing in strategic and tactical airborne, space, ground and sea-based communication systems.

Financial information with respect to the Company s segments is included in Note 22 to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and in Note 21 to the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

2. Basis of Presentation

These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements for the quarterly and first half periods ended June 24, 2016 should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements of L-3 Holdings and L-3 Communications included in their Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

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Principles of Consolidation and Reporting

The accompanying financial statements comprise the consolidated financial statements of L-3 Holdings and L-3 Communications. L-3 Holdings only asset is its investment in the common stock of L-3 Communications,

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its wholly-owned subsidiary, and its only obligations are: (1) its guarantee of borrowings under the Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Facility (Credit Facility) of L-3 Communications and (2) its guarantee of other contractual obligations of L-3 Communications and its subsidiaries. All issuances of and conversions into L-3 Holdings equity securities, including grants of stock options, restricted stock units and performance units by L-3 Holdings to employees and directors of L-3 Communications and its subsidiaries, have been reflected in the consolidated financial statements of L-3 Communications. As a result, the consolidated financial positions, results of operations and cash flows of L-3 Holdings and L-3 Communications are substantially the same. See Note 24 for additional information regarding the unaudited financial information of L-3 Communications and its subsidiaries.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Accordingly, they do not include all of the disclosures required by U.S. GAAP for a complete set of annual audited financial statements. The December 31, 2015 condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented have been included. The results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year.

It is the Company s established practice to close its books for the quarters ending March, June and September on the Friday preceding the end of the calendar quarter. The interim unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included herein have been prepared and are labeled based on that convention. The Company closes its books for annual periods on December 31 regardless of what day it falls on.

Certain reclassifications have been made to conform prior-year amounts to the current-year presentation.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of sales and costs of sales during the reporting period. The most significant of these estimates and assumptions for L-3 relate to contract revenue, profit and loss recognition, fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed in business combinations, market values for inventories reported at lower of cost or market, pension and post-retirement benefit obligations, stock-based employee compensation expense, income taxes, including the valuation of deferred tax assets, litigation reserves and environmental obligations, accrued product warranty costs, liabilities for the voluntary return program of various EoTech holographic weapons sight (HWS) products, and the recoverability, useful lives and valuation of recorded amounts of long-lived assets, identifiable intangible assets and goodwill. Changes in estimates are reflected in the periods during

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which they become known. Actual amounts will differ from these estimates and could differ materially.

Sales and profits on contracts that are covered by accounting standards for construction-type and production-type contracts and federal government contractors are substantially recognized using percentage-of-completion (POC) methods of accounting. Approximately 49% of the Company s net sales in 2015 were accounted for under contract accounting standards, of which approximately 41% were fixed-price type contracts

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and approximately 8% were cost-plus type contracts. For contracts that are accounted for under contract accounting standards, sales and profits are recognized based on: (1) a POC method of accounting (fixed-price type contracts), (2) allowable costs incurred plus the estimated profit on those costs (cost-plus type contracts), or (3) direct labor hours expended multiplied by the contractual fixed rate per hour plus incurred costs for material (time-and-material type contracts). Sales and profits on fixed-price production contracts under which units are produced and delivered in a continuous or sequential process are recorded as units are delivered based on their contractual selling prices (the units-of-delivery method). Sales and profits on each fixed-price production contract under which units are not produced and delivered in a continuous or sequential process, or under which a relatively few number of units are produced, are recorded based on the ratio of actual cumulative costs incurred to total estimated costs at completion of the contract, multiplied by the total estimated contract revenue, less cumulative sales recognized in prior periods (the cost-to-cost method). Under both POC methods of accounting, a single estimated total profit margin is used to recognize profit for each contract over its entire period of performance, which can exceed one year.

Accounting for the sales and profit on these fixed-price type contracts requires the preparation of estimates of: (1) the total contract revenue, (2) the total costs at completion, which is equal to the sum of the actual incurred costs to date on the contract and the estimated costs to complete the contract s statement of work, and (3) the measurement of progress towards completion. The estimated profit or loss at completion on a contract is equal to the difference between the total estimated contract revenue and the total estimated cost at completion. The profit recorded on a contract in any period using either the units-of-delivery method or cost-to-cost method is equal to the current estimated total profit margin multiplied by the cumulative sales recognized, less the amount of cumulative profit previously recorded for the contract.

Sales and profits on cost-plus type contracts that are covered by contract accounting standards are recognized as allowable costs are incurred on the contract, at an amount equal to the allowable costs plus the estimated profit on those costs. The estimated profit on a cost-plus type contract is fixed or variable based on the contractual fee arrangement. Incentive and award fees are the primary variable fee contractual arrangement types for the Company. Incentive and award fees on cost-plus type contracts are included as an element of total estimated contract revenues and are recorded as sales when a basis exists for the reasonable prediction of performance in relation to established contractual targets and the Company is able to make reasonably dependable estimates for them.

Sales and profits on time-and-material type contracts are recognized on the basis of direct labor hours expended multiplied by the contractual fixed rate per hour, plus the actual costs of materials and other direct non-labor costs.

Revisions or adjustments to estimates for a contract s revenue, estimated costs at completion and estimated profit or loss are often required as work progresses under a contract, as experience is gained, as facts and circumstances change and as new information is obtained, even though the scope of work required under the contract may not change. Revisions or adjustments may also be required if contract modifications occur. The impact of revisions in profit (loss) estimates for all types of contracts subject to POC accounting are recognized on a cumulative catch-up basis in the

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period in which the revisions are made. The revisions in contract estimates, if significant, can materially affect the Company s results of operations and cash flows, as well as reduce the valuations of receivables and inventories, and in some cases result in liabilities to complete contracts in a loss position. Aggregate net changes in contract estimates amounted to increases of \$104 million, or 21%, of consolidated operating income (\$0.84 per diluted share) for the first half period ended June 24, 2016, and increases of \$12 million, or 4%, of consolidated operating income (\$0.12 per diluted share) for the first half period ended June 26, 2015.

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As previously disclosed, during the fourth quarter of 2015, the Company commenced a voluntary return program and began accepting customer returns for various EoTech HWS products that may have been affected by certain performance issues. The return program gives eligible owners of such HWS products the option to return their products in exchange for a refund of the purchase price, including shipping costs. The Company initially recorded a reduction to net sales of \$20 million in the Warrior Systems sector of the Electronic Systems segment in the fourth quarter of 2015, associated with establishing a product returns allowance to reflect the estimated cost of the return program. The program has now been in operation for more than seven months, and as of July 22, 2016, the Company had approved refunds at a cost of approximately \$27 million, with an average refund cost per unit of \$500. Accordingly, with the benefit of a larger volume of actual refund transactions, the Company used a statistical analysis of the voluntary return program to estimate the number and cost of future refunds. In its statistical analysis, the Company utilized empirical models to forecast the expected emergence pattern of new refunds over time to produce a probabilistic distribution of new refund costs that reflects the existing level of estimation uncertainty. Based on this analysis, the Company expects the total cost of the voluntary return program to be approximately \$35 million. The increase to the product returns allowance of \$15 million was recorded as a reduction to net sales during the first quarter of 2016. The product returns allowance, net of refund payments made to eligible owners, was \$12 million at June 24, 2016, and is included in other current liabilities on the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets. See Note 9. The Company will continue to review the product returns allowance as the program matures and new information becomes available. The Company s ongoing evaluation may cause it to record further adjustments to the allowance in future periods. These adjustments could be material.

For a more complete discussion of these estimates and assumptions, see the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015.

3. New Accounting Standards Implemented

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting*, which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for share-based payments, including the income tax consequences and classification on the statement of cash flows. Under the new standard, all excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies will be recognized as income tax expense or benefit in the income statement as discrete items in the reporting period in which they occur. Additionally, excess tax benefits will be classified as an operating activity on the statement of cash flows. ASU 2016-09 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within those annual periods, and early adoption is permitted. The amendments requiring recognition of excess tax benefits and tax deficiencies in the income statement must be applied prospectively, and entities are allowed to elect to apply the amendments related to the presentation of excess tax benefits on the statement of cash flows using either a prospective or retrospective transition method. Effective January 1, 2016, the Company adopted ASU 2016-09 and applied the amendments relating to the presentation of excess tax benefits on the statement of cash flows using a retrospective transition method. See Note 11 for additional information.

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4. Accounting Standards Issued and Not Yet Implemented

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*, which updates the existing guidance on accounting for leases and requires new qualitative and quantitative disclosures about the Company s leasing activities. The new standard requires the Company to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases under which the Company is the lessee, including those classified as operating leases under previous accounting guidance. The new standard allows the Company to make an accounting policy election not

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to recognize on the balance sheet lease assets and liabilities for leases with a term of 12 months or less. The accounting applied by a lessor is largely unchanged from previous guidance. The new standard, as amended, will be effective for the Company for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on January 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. In transition, lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. The modified retrospective approach includes a number of optional practical expedients that the Company may elect to apply. The Company is currently evaluating the expected impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which will replace numerous requirements in U.S. GAAP, including industry-specific requirements, provide companies with a single revenue recognition model for recognizing revenue from contracts with customers and significantly expand the disclosure requirements for revenue arrangements. The new standard, as amended, will be effective for the Company for interim and annual reporting periods beginning on January 1, 2018, with early application permitted beginning on January 1, 2017. The two permitted transition methods under the new standard are the full retrospective method, in which case the standard would be applied to each prior reporting period presented, or the modified retrospective method, in which case the cumulative effect of applying the standard would be recognized at the date of initial application with disclosure of results under the new and old standards for the first year of adoption. Under the new standard, an entity recognizes revenue when or as it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring a good or service to the customer, either at a point in time or over time. The Company expects to recognize revenue over time on most of its contracts that are covered by contract accounting standards using cost inputs to measure progress toward completion of its performance obligations, which is similar to the POC cost-to-cost method currently used on certain of these contracts. Approximately 50% of the Company s net sales are generated from revenue arrangements accounted for under contract accounting standards. While the Company is currently evaluating the expected impact of the adoption of this standard on its consolidated financial statements, related disclosures and the transition alternatives available, the Company expects to adopt the standard as of January 1, 2018. Furthermore, the Company expects to determine the transition method and the effect of this standard on the Company s consolidated financial statements in the first quarter of 2017.

Other accounting standard updates effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 are not expected to have an impact on the Company s financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

5. Divestitures and Acquisitions

Discontinued Operations

As discussed in Note 1, on February 1, 2016, the Company completed the sale of its NSS business to CACI International Inc. for a sale price of \$561 million, subject to finalization based on customary adjustments for closing date net working capital.

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The table below presents statements of operations data for NSS, which was previously a reportable segment and has been classified as a discontinued operation and includes allocated interest expense for debt not directly attributable or related to L-3 s other operations. Interest expense was allocated in accordance with the accounting standards for discontinued operations and was based on the ratio of NSS s net assets to the sum of: (1) total L-3 consolidated net assets and (2) L-3 consolidated total debt.

	Second Qu	r Ended	First Half Ended			
	June 24, 2016	June 26, 2015		, - ,		ne 26, 2015
		(in millions)				
Net sales	\$	\$	264	\$ 86	\$	502
Cost of sales			(251)	(92)		(476)
Gain related to business divestiture ⁽¹⁾				64		
Operating income from discontinued operations			13	58		26
Interest expense allocated to discontinued operations			(6)			(11)
Income from discontinued operations before income taxes			7	58		15
Income tax (expense) benefit			(3)	5		(7)
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	\$	\$	4	\$ 63	\$	8

The major classes of assets and liabilities included in discontinued operations related to NSS are presented in the table below.

	December 31,
	2015 (in millions)
Assets	
Current assets	\$ 201

⁽¹⁾ The first half ended June 24, 2016 includes a gain of \$64 million (before and after income taxes) on the sale of the NSS business.

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Property, plant and equipment, net	25
Goodwill ⁽¹⁾	390
Other assets	48
Total assets of discontinued operations	\$ 664
Liabilities	
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 48
Other current liabilities	78
Current liabilities	126
Long-term liabilities	94
Total liabilities of discontinued operations	\$ 220

⁽¹⁾ The goodwill balance at December 31, 2015 is based on an allocation of the goodwill attributable to the NSS reporting unit to discontinued operations based on the relative fair value of the NSS business retained by L-3 and NSS business sold.

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Business Divestitures

2015 Business Divestitures

Marine Systems International (MSI) Divestiture. On May 29, 2015, the Company completed the sale of its MSI business to Wärtsilä Corporation for a sale price of 295 million (approximately \$318 million), in addition to the assumption by Wärtsilä Corporation of approximately 60 million of MSI employee pension-related liabilities. The sale price was finalized as of June 24, 2016, with no significant changes to preliminary amounts. MSI was a sector within the Company s Electronic Systems segment, primarily selling to the commercial shipbuilding industry. The Company recorded a pre-tax gain of \$5 million (\$9 million after income taxes) and a pre-tax loss of \$17 million (\$6 million after income taxes) for the quarterly and first half periods ended June 26, 2015, respectively, related to the divestiture of MSI.

Broadcast Sports Inc. (BSI) Divestiture. On April 24, 2015, the Company divested its BSI business for a sales price of \$26 million. BSI is a provider of wireless technology and communications systems services for use in the field of sports television broadcasting, and was included in the Sensor Systems sector of the Electronic Systems segment. During the quarterly and first half periods ended June 26, 2015, the Company recorded a pre-tax loss of \$3 million (\$6 million after income taxes) related to the divestiture of BSI.

Business Acquisitions

The business acquisitions discussed below are included in the Company s results of operations from their respective dates of acquisition.

2016 Business Acquisition

On January 22, 2016, the Company acquired the assets of Advanced Technical Materials, Inc. (ATM) for a purchase price of \$27 million, which was financed with cash on hand. ATM develops and manufactures a broad product line of passive microwave waveguides and specialized coaxial components. The aggregate goodwill recognized for this business was \$22 million, which was assigned to the Communication Systems reportable segment, all of which is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. The final purchase price allocation, which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2016, will be based on final appraisals and other analysis of fair values of acquired assets and liabilities. The Company does not expect that differences between the preliminary and final purchase price allocations will have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

2015 Business Acquisitions

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ForceX, Inc. Acquisition. On October 13, 2015, the Company acquired ForceX, Inc., renamed L-3 ForceX, for a purchase price of \$61 million, which was financed with cash on hand. L-3 ForceX specializes in ISR mission management software and geospatial application technology programs, offering an array of advanced products, including cueing system software, hardware and video algorithms, and wide-area sensor integration solutions and software. L-3 ForceX s proprietary processing, exploitation and dissemination capability provides an integrated tactical operational picture, allowing users to make critical decisions in real time. L-3 ForceX also supports several key DoD ISR initiatives and classified programs. L-3 ForceX s customer base includes the U.S. Air Force, U.S. Special Operations Command, the Naval Surface Warfare Center and a variety of DoD agencies. The aggregate goodwill recognized for this business was \$48 million, which was assigned to the Electronic Systems reportable segment, of which \$47 million is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. The

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final purchase price allocation, which is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2016, will be based on final appraisals and other analysis of fair values of acquired assets and liabilities. The Company does not expect that differences between the preliminary and final purchase price allocations will have a material impact on its results of operations or financial position.

CTC Aviation Group Acquisition. On May 27, 2015, the Company acquired CTC Aviation Group, renamed L-3 CTC Ltd. (L-3 CTC), for a purchase price of £153 million (approximately \$236 million), which was financed with cash on hand. The purchase price and purchase price allocation of L-3 CTC was finalized as of June 24, 2016, with no significant changes to preliminary amounts. L-3 CTC is a global airline pilot training and crew resourcing specialist, based in the United Kingdom, which offers customized and innovative solutions to major airlines and flight training customers globally. L-3 CTC expands L-3 s commercial aviation training business to encompass a growing portfolio of airline and third-party training company customers. The aggregate goodwill recognized for this business was \$182 million, which was assigned to the Electronic Systems reportable segment, and is not expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

MITEQ, Inc. Acquisition. On January 21, 2015, the Company acquired the assets of MITEQ, Inc. (Miteq) for a purchase price of \$41 million, which was financed with cash on hand. The purchase price and purchase price allocation of Miteq was finalized as of September 25, 2015, with no significant changes to preliminary amounts. Miteq was combined with the Company s Narda Microwave-East business, and the new organization was re-named L-3 Narda-Miteq. Miteq offers a broad product line of active and passive radio frequency (RF) microwave components and low-power satellite communications (SATCOM) products for space and military applications that complement the existing Narda Microwave East product line. The combined L-3 Narda-Miteq business will provide products for the DoD, other U.S. Government agencies, prime contractors and commercial customers. The aggregate goodwill recognized for this business was \$11 million, of which \$4 million is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes. The goodwill was assigned to the Communication Systems reportable segment.

Unaudited Pro Forma Statements of Operations Data

The following unaudited pro forma Statements of Operations data present the combined results of the Company and its business acquisitions completed during the first half period ended June 24, 2016 and the year ended December 31, 2015, assuming that the business acquisitions completed during these periods had occurred on January 1, 2015.

Second Quarter Ended
June 24, June 26, June 24, June 26,
2016 2015 2016 2015
(in millions, except per share data)

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Pro forma net sales	\$ 2,664	\$ 2,566	\$5,017	\$ 5,084
Pro forma income from continuing operations attributable to L-3	147	119	311	223
Pro forma net income attributable to L-3	147	123	374	231
Pro forma diluted earnings per share from continuing operations	1.88	1.43	3.95	2.68
Pro forma diluted earnings per share	1.88	1.48	4.75	2.77

The unaudited pro forma results disclosed in the table above are based on various assumptions and are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that would have occurred had the Company completed these acquisitions on January 1, 2015.

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6. Contracts in Process

The components of contracts in process are presented in the table below.

	June 24, 2016		ember 31, 2015	
	(in millions)			
Unbilled contract receivables, gross	\$ 2,135	\$	2,097	
Unliquidated progress payments	(908)		(869)	
Unbilled contract receivables, net	1,227		1,228	
Inventoried contract costs, gross	1,121		975	
Unliquidated progress payments	(186)		(122)	
Inventoried contract costs, net	935		853	
Total contracts in process	\$ 2,162	\$	2,081	

Inventoried Contract Costs. In accordance with contract accounting standards, the Company s U.S. Government contractor businesses account for the portion of their general and administrative (G&A), independent research and development (IRAD) and bids and proposal (B&P) costs that are allowable and reimbursable indirect contract costs under U.S. Government procurement regulations on their U.S. Government contracts (revenue arrangements) as inventoried contract costs. G&A, IRAD and B&P costs are allocated to contracts for which the U.S. Government is the end customer and are charged to costs of sales when sales on the related contracts are recognized. The Company s U.S. Government contractor businesses record the unallowable portion of their G&A, IRAD and B&P costs to expense as incurred, and do not include them in inventoried contract costs.

The table below presents a summary of G&A, IRAD and B&P costs included in inventoried contract costs and the changes to them, including amounts charged to cost of sales by the Company s U.S. Government contractor businesses for the periods presented.

Second Quarter Ended First Half Ended

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	June 24, 2016	June 26, 2015 (in m	June 26, 2015		
Amounts included in inventoried contract costs at beginning of					
the period	\$ 157	\$ 128	\$ 137	\$ 117	
Contract costs incurred:					
IRAD and B&P	72	72	137	135	
Other G&A	216	199	410	394	
Total	288	271	547	529	
Amounts charged to cost of sales	(282)	(273)	(521)	(520)	
Amounts included in inventoried contract costs at end of the period	\$ 163	\$ 126	\$ 163	\$ 126	

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The table below presents a summary of selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses for the Company s commercial businesses, which are expensed as incurred and included in cost of sales on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

	Second Qu	Second Quarter Ended				nded		
	June 24, June 26, 2016 2015		, - ,		- / - /		_	ne 26, 015
			(in m	illions)				
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$ 59	\$	77	\$ 111	\$	147		
Research and development expenses	13		13	24		25		
Total	\$72	\$	90	\$ 135	\$	172		

7. Inventories

Inventories at Lower of Cost or Market. The table below presents the components of inventories at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out or average cost) or realizable value.

	June 24, 2016		mber 31, 2015		
	(in	(in millions			
Raw materials, components and sub-assemblies	\$ 179	\$	164		
Work in process	105		103		
Finished goods	72		66		
Total	\$ 356	\$	333		

8. Goodwill and Identifiable Intangible Assets

Goodwill. In accordance with the accounting standards for business combinations, the Company records the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition (commonly referred to as the purchase price allocation). The table below presents the changes in goodwill allocated to the Company s reporting units in each reportable segment.

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	Electronic Systems	Systems		<u>-</u>		Systems		solidated Total
Goodwill	\$3,994	\$	1,691	\$	1,038	\$ 6,723		
Accumulated impairment losses	(69)		(338)		(35)	(442)		
Balance at December 31, 2015	3,925		1,353		1,003	6,281		
Business acquisitions ⁽¹⁾	(3)				22	19		
Foreign currency translation adjustments ⁽²⁾	(8)		14			6		
Balance at June 24, 2016	\$ 3,914	\$	1,367	\$	1,025	\$ 6,306		
Goodwill	\$3,983	\$	1,705	\$	1,060	\$ 6,748		
Accumulated impairment losses	(69)		(338)		(35)	(442)		
	\$3,914	\$	1,367	\$	1,025	\$ 6,306		

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- (1) The decrease in goodwill for the Electronic Systems segment was due to the final purchase price allocation for the CTC business acquisition. The increase in goodwill for the Communication Systems segment was due to the ATM business acquisition.
- (2) The decrease in goodwill presented in the Electronic Systems segment was due to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against the British pound, partially offset by the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar and the Euro during the first half period ended June 24, 2016. The increase in goodwill presented in the Aerospace Systems segment was due to the weakening of the U.S. dollar against the Canadian dollar during the first half period ended June 24, 2016.

Identifiable Intangible Assets. The most significant identifiable intangible asset that is separately recognized for the Company's business acquisitions is customer contractual relationships. All of the Company's customer relationships are established through written customer contracts (revenue arrangements). The fair value for customer contractual relationships is determined, as of the date of acquisition, based on estimates and judgments regarding expectations for the estimated future after-tax earnings and cash flows (including cash flows for working capital) arising from the follow-on sales on contract (revenue arrangement) renewals expected from the customer contractual relationships over their estimated lives, including the probability of expected future contract renewals and sales, less a contributory assets charge, all of which is discounted to present value.

Identifiable Intangible Assets. The table below presents information for the Company s identifiable intangible assets that are subject to amortization.

		June 24, 2016				I	Decem	2015			
	Weighted Average Amortization Period (in years)				Car	nount	Gross Carrying Amount illions)			Cai	Net rrying nount
Customer contractual											
relationships	17	\$375	\$	257	\$	118	\$370	\$	246	\$	124
Technology	11	159		96		63	156		91		65
Other	18	21		12		9	21		11		10

Total 15 \$555 \$ 365 \$ 190 \$547 \$ 348 \$ 199

The table below presents amortization expense recorded by the Company for its identifiable intangible assets.

	Second Qu	arter l	Ended	l First H	alf En	ded
	- /	ne 24, June 26, June 24, 2016 2015 2016		_		
	2016	201		2016 nillions)	20)15
Amortization expense	\$9	\$	8	\$ 17	\$	17

Based on gross carrying amounts at June 24, 2016, the Company s estimate of amortization expense for identifiable intangible assets for the years ending December 31, 2016 through 2020 is presented in the table below.

	Y	ear End	ling Dec	ember 3	1,
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
		(i	n millio	ns)	
Estimated amortization expense	\$ 34	\$ 32	\$ 27	\$ 24	\$ 21

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9. Other Current Liabilities and Other Liabilities

The table below presents the components of other current liabilities.

	June 24, 2016 (in	- /		
Other Current Liabilities:			,	
Estimated costs in excess of estimated contract value to complete contracts in				
process in a loss position	\$ 79	\$	82	
Accrued product warranty costs	70		70	
Accrued interest	41		45	
Deferred revenues	40		32	
Product returns allowance (see Note 2)	12		20	
Accruals for pending and threatened litigation (see Note 18)	1		6	
Other	156		139	
Total other current liabilities	\$ 399	\$	394	

The table below presents the components of other liabilities.

	June 24, 2016 (i	mber 31, 2015 s)
Other Liabilities:		
Non-current income taxes payable (see Note 11)	\$ 165	\$ 161
Deferred compensation	48	45
Accrued workers compensation	36	38
Accrued product warranty costs	35	35
Notes payable and capital lease obligations	11	10
Other	79	79
Total other liabilities	\$ 374	\$ 368

The table below presents the changes in the Company s accrued product warranty costs.

	First H	First Half End			
	June 24, 2016 (in m		ne 26, 015 s)		
Accrued product warranty costs:(1)					
Balance at January 1	\$ 105	\$	93		
Acquisitions during the period			1		
Accruals for product warranties issued during the period	22		33		
Settlements made during the period	(22)		(32)		
Foreign currency translation adjustments			(1)		
Balance at end of period	\$ 105	\$	94		

⁽¹⁾ Warranty obligations incurred in connection with long-term production contracts that are accounted for under the POC cost-to-cost method are included within the contract estimates at completion and are excluded from the above amounts. The balances above include both the current and non-current amounts.

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10. Debt

The components of debt and a reconciliation to the carrying amount of current and long-term debt are presented in the table below.

	June 24, 2016 (in	nber 31, 015
L-3 Communications:		
Borrowings under Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Facility ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$
3.95% Senior Notes due 2016	200	500
1.50% Senior Notes due 2017	350	350
5.20% Senior Notes due 2019	1,000	1,000
4.75% Senior Notes due 2020	800	800
4.95% Senior Notes due 2021	650	650
3.95% Senior Notes due 2024	350	350
Principal amount of long-term debt	3,350	3,650
Unamortized discounts	(6)	(8)
Deferred debt issue costs	(15)	(18)
Carrying amount of long-term debt	3,329	3,624
Current portion of long-term debt	(549)	(499)
Carrying amount of long-term debt, excluding current portion	\$ 2,780	\$ 3,125

⁽¹⁾ During the first half period ended June 24, 2016, L-3 Communications aggregate borrowings and repayments under the Credit Facility were each \$320 million. At June 24, 2016, L-3 Communications had the full availability of its \$1 billion Credit Facility, which expires on February 3, 2017.

On March 24, 2016, the Company initiated a redemption of \$300 million aggregate principal amount of its \$500 million 3.95% Senior Notes due November 15, 2016 (the 2016 Notes). The redemption price was determined on May 17, 2016 at 101.475% of the principal amount thereof (Redemption Price). Interest on the 2016 Notes redeemed ceased to accrue on and after May 20, 2016 (Redemption Date) and the only remaining right of holders of such 2016 Notes was to receive payment of the Redemption Price and such accrued interest. On May 20, 2016, the Company

completed the partial redemption and recognized a debt retirement charge of \$5 million. Following the partial redemption of the 2016 Notes, \$200 million aggregate principal amount of the 2016 Notes remain outstanding.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03 which requires that debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the associated debt liability. The Company adopted this standard during the first quarter of 2016.

11. Income Taxes

The Company and its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction, which is the Company s primary tax jurisdiction, and various state and foreign jurisdictions. As of June 24, 2016, the statutes of limitations for the Company s U.S. Federal income tax returns for the years ended December 31, 2010 through 2014 were open. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service (IRS) commenced an audit of the Company s U.S. Federal income tax return for 2012. The Company cannot predict the outcome of the audit at this time.

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The effective income tax rate for the first half period ended June 24, 2016 increased to 24.1% from 15.7% for the first half period ended June 26, 2015. The first half period ended June 24, 2016 included: (1) a \$12 million reduction to income tax expense due to the early adoption of a new accounting standard related to income tax benefits from employee stock based compensation awards (see Note 3), and (2) a benefit from the reinstatement of the Federal Research and Experimentation tax credit. The first half period ended June 26, 2015 included \$36 million of tax benefits, including: (1) \$17 million related to a legal restructuring of the Company s foreign entities, (2) \$10 million related to the resolution of various outstanding income tax matters with U.S. and foreign tax authorities, and (3) \$9 million primarily associated with the release of valuation allowance for certain deferred tax assets. As of June 24, 2016, the Company anticipates that unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by approximately \$8 million over the next 12 months due to the potential resolution of unrecognized tax benefits involving several jurisdictions and tax periods. The actual amount of the decrease over the next 12 months could vary significantly depending on the ultimate timing and nature of any settlements.

Current and non-current income taxes payable include accrued potential interest of \$20 million (\$12 million after income taxes) at June 24, 2016 and \$18 million (\$11 million after income taxes) at December 31, 2015, and potential penalties of \$8 million at June 24, 2016 and \$9 million at December 31, 2015.

12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income (AOCI)

The changes in the AOCI balances, including amounts reclassified from AOCI into net income, are presented in the table below.

	Foreign currency translation	(los gair hed	alized sses) ns on ging uments (ir	loss F Se	cognized ses and orior rvice st, net ns)	accu o comp	Cotal mulated ther rehensive loss) come
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$(101)	\$	(8)	\$	(465)	\$	(574)
Other comprehensive income before							
reclassifications, net of tax	4		6				10
Amounts reclassified from AOCI, net of tax			4		16		20
Net current period other comprehensive income	4		10		16		30

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Balance at June 24, 2016	\$ (97)	\$ 2	\$ (449)	\$ (544)
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 19	\$ (5)	\$ (598)	\$ (584)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications, net of tax	(70)	(2)		(72)
Amounts reclassified from AOCI, net of tax	41	6	31	78
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income	(29)	4	31	6
Balance at June 26, 2015	\$ (10)	\$ (1)	\$ (567)	\$ (578)

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Further details regarding the amounts reclassified from AOCI into net income are presented in the table below.

	Amount Reclassified from AOCI ^(a) First Half					Affected Line Item in the								
	Second Quarter Ended Ended					Unaudited Condensed Consolidated								
Details About AOCI Components	June 24, 2016		ne 26, 015 (in m	June 201 illions)	6									Statements of Operations
Foreign currency translation adjustment:														
MSI divestiture	\$	\$	(41)	\$		\$	(41)	Gain (loss) related to business divestitures						
			(41)				(41)	Income from continuing operations before income taxes						
	\$	\$	(41)	\$		\$	(41)	Income from continuing operations						
Loss on hedging instruments:														
MSI divestiture	\$	\$	(2)	\$		\$	(2)	Gain (loss) related to business divestitures						
Other	(1)		(4)	((4)		(6)	Cost of sales-products						
	(1)		(6)	((4)		(8)	Income from continuing operations before income taxes						
	(2)		2				2	Provision for income taxes						
	\$ (3)	\$	(4)	\$ ((4)	\$	(6)	Income from continuing operations						
Amortization of defined benefit pension items:	1													

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MSI divestiture	\$	\$ (14)	\$	\$ (14)	Gain (loss) related to business divestitures
Net loss	(13)	(16)	(25)	(33)	(b)
	(13)	(30)	(25)	(47)	Income from continuing operations before income taxes
	5	10	9	16	Provision for income taxes
	\$ (8)	\$ (20)	\$ (16)	\$ (31)	Income from continuing operations
Total reclassification for the period	\$(11)	\$ (65)	\$ (20)	\$ (78)	Income from continuing operations

⁽a) Amounts in parenthesis indicate charges to the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations.

⁽b) Amounts related to pension and postretirement benefit plans were reclassified from AOCI and recorded as a component of net periodic benefit cost (see Note 19 for additional information).

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13. Equity

On December 4, 2014, L-3 Holdings Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program that authorizes L-3 Holdings to repurchase up to \$1.5 billion of its common stock through June 30, 2017. Repurchases of L-3 Holdings common stock are made from time to time at management s discretion in accordance with applicable U.S. Federal securities laws. The timing and actual number of shares to be repurchased in the future will depend on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to, the Company s financial position, earnings, legal requirements, other investment opportunities (including acquisitions) and market conditions. L-3 Holdings repurchased 2,337,439 shares of its common stock at an average price of \$117.90 per share for an aggregate amount of \$276 million from January 1, 2016 through June 24, 2016. All share repurchases of L-3 Holdings common stock have been recorded as treasury shares.

At June 24, 2016, the remaining dollar value of authorization under the December 4, 2014 share repurchase program was \$530 million.

From June 25, 2016 through July 22, 2016, L-3 Holdings repurchased 168,024 shares of its common stock at an average price of \$145.09 per share for an aggregate amount of \$24 million.

On May 3, 2016, L-3 Holdings Board of Directors declared a cash dividend of \$0.70 per share, paid on June 15, 2016 to shareholders of record at the close of business on May 17, 2016. During the first half period ended June 24, 2016, the Company paid \$112 million of cash dividends, including a \$2 million net reduction of previously accrued dividends for employee held stock awards.

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14. L-3 Holdings Earnings Per Common Share

A reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per share (EPS) is presented in the table below.

	Second Qu June 24, 2016 (in n	June 24, 2016	- / -		
Reconciliation of net income:					
Net income	\$ 151	\$ 124	\$ 381	\$	233
Net income from continuing operations attributable to					
noncontrolling interests	(4)	(4) (7)		(8)
Net income attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders	\$ 147	\$ 120	\$ 374	\$	225
Earnings attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:					
Continuing operations	\$ 147	\$ 116	\$ 311	\$	217
Discontinued operations, net of income tax		4	63		8
Net income attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders	\$ 147	\$ 120	\$ 374	\$	225
Earnings per share attributable to L-3 Holdings common shareholders:					
Basic:					
Weighted average common shares outstanding	77.2	82.1	77.5		82.2
Basic earnings per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.41	\$4.02	\$	2.64
Discontinued operations, net of income tax		0.05	0.81		0.10
Net income	\$ 1.90	\$ 1.46	\$4.83	\$	2.74
Diluted: Common and potential common shares:					
Weighted average common shares outstanding	77.2	82.1	77.5		82.2
Assumed exercise of stock options	2.7	2.2			2.5
1 issumed exercise of stock options	2.1	2.2	2.3		2.3

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Unvested restricted stock awards	1.0	1.2	1.1	1.3
Employee stock purchase plan contributions		0.2	0.1	0.2
Performance unit awards	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assumed purchase of common shares for treasury	(2.6)	(2.6)	(2.4)	(2.8)
Common and potential common shares	78.4	83.2	78.7	83.5
Diluted earnings per share:				
Continuing operations	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.39	\$3.95	\$ 2.60
Discontinued operations, net of income tax		0.05	0.80	0.09
Net income	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.44	\$4.75	\$ 2.69

The computation of diluted EPS excludes shares for stock options and employee stock purchase plan contributions of 0.6 million and 0.9 million for the quarterly and first half periods ended June 24, 2016, respectively, and shares for stock options of 0.7 million and 0.5 million for the quarterly and first half periods ended June 26, 2015, respectively, as they were anti-dilutive.

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15. Fair Value Measurements

L-3 applies the accounting standards for fair value measurements to all of the Company s assets and liabilities that are measured and recorded at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received for an asset or the exit price that would be paid to transfer a liability in the principal or most advantageous market in an orderly transaction between market participants. The standards establish a fair value hierarchy that gives the highest priority to observable inputs and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

The following table presents the fair value hierarchy level for each of the Company s assets and liabilities that are measured and recorded at fair value on a recurring basis.

		June 24	4, 201	6	De	cembe	er 31, 2	2015
Description	Level 1 ⁽¹⁾	Level	$2^{(2)}$	Level 3 (3)	Level 1 ⁽¹⁾	Level	$12^{(2)}$	Level 3 (3)
				(in mi	illions)			
Assets								
Cash equivalents	\$ 150	\$		\$	\$ 187	\$		\$
Derivatives (foreign currency forward								
contracts)			10				2	
Total assets	\$ 150	\$	10	\$	\$ 187	\$	2	\$
Liabilities								
Derivatives (foreign currency forward								
contracts)	\$	\$	9	\$	\$	\$	16	\$

⁽¹⁾ Level 1 is based on quoted market prices available in active markets for identical assets or liabilities as of the reporting date. Cash equivalents are primarily held in registered money market funds, which are valued using quoted market prices.

⁽²⁾ Level 2 is based on pricing inputs other than quoted prices in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable. The fair value is determined using a valuation model based on observable market inputs, including quoted foreign currency forward exchange rates and consideration of non-performance risk.

(3) Level 3 is based on pricing inputs that are not observable and not corroborated by market data. The Company has no Level 3 assets or liabilities.

16. Financial Instruments

At June 24, 2016 and December 31, 2015, the Company s financial instruments consisted primarily of cash and cash equivalents, billed receivables, trade accounts payable, Senior Notes and foreign currency forward contracts. The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, billed receivables and trade accounts payable are representative of their respective fair values because of the short-term maturities or the expected settlement dates of these instruments. The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of the Company s other financial instruments are presented in the table below.

	June	June 24, 2016			er 31	31, 2015		
	Carrying Amount		timated r Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value			
			(in mi	illions)				
Senior Notes ⁽¹⁾	\$3,329	\$	3,577	\$3,624	\$	3,754		
Foreign currency forward contracts ⁽²⁾	1		1	(14)		(14)		

- (1) The Company measures the fair value of its Senior Notes using Level 2 inputs based primarily on current market yields for its existing debt traded in the secondary market.
- (2) The Company measures the fair values of foreign currency forward contracts based on forward exchange rates. See Note 17 for additional disclosures regarding the notional amounts and fair values of foreign currency forward contracts.

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17. Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company s derivative financial instruments include foreign currency forward contracts, which are entered into for risk management purposes.

Foreign Currency Forward Contracts. The Company s U.S. and foreign businesses enter into contracts with customers, subcontractors or vendors that are denominated in currencies other than their functional currencies. To protect the functional currency equivalent cash flows associated with certain of these contracts, the Company enters into foreign currency forward contracts. The Company s activities involving foreign currency forward contracts are designed to hedge the changes in the functional currency equivalent cash flows due to movements in foreign exchange rates compared to the functional currency. The foreign currencies hedged are primarily the Canadian dollar, the U.S. dollar and the Euro. The Company manages exposure to counterparty non-performance credit risk by entering into foreign currency forward contracts only with major financial institutions that are expected to fully perform under the terms of such contracts. Foreign currency forward contracts are recorded in the Company s condensed consolidated balance sheets at fair value and are generally designated and accounted for as cash flow hedges in accordance with the accounting standards for derivative instruments and hedging activities. Gains and losses on designated foreign currency forward contracts that are highly effective in offsetting the corresponding change in the cash flows of the hedged transactions are recorded net of income taxes in AOCI and then recognized in income when the underlying hedged transaction affects income. Gains and losses on foreign currency forward contracts that do not meet hedge accounting criteria are recognized in income immediately. Notional amounts are used to measure the volume of foreign currency forward contracts and do not represent exposure to foreign currency losses. The table below presents the notional amounts of the Company s outstanding foreign currency forward contracts by currency at June 24, 2016.

Currency	Notional Amounts (in millions)
Canadian dollar	\$ 162
U.S. dollar	91
Euro	39
Other	22
Total	\$ 314

At June 24, 2016, the Company s foreign currency forward contracts had maturities through 2020.

The table below presents the location of the Company s derivative instruments recorded at fair value on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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			Jun	ne 24, 20	16			D	ecei	mber 3	1, 201	5	
	Other Current Assets	Oth Ass		Oth Curr Liabil	ent	Liabilities	Other Current Assets nillions)			Cui	her rent ilities	Otl Liabi	
Derivatives designated as hedging instruments:													
Foreign currency forward ⁽¹⁾ contracts	\$6	\$	4	\$	9	\$	\$ 1	\$	1	\$	15	\$	1
Total derivative instruments	\$6	\$	4	\$	9	\$	\$ 1	\$	1	\$	15	\$	1

⁽¹⁾ See Note 15 for a description of the fair value hierarchy related to the Company s foreign currency forward contracts.

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The effects from foreign currency forward contracts on the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations were pre-tax losses of \$1 million and \$6 million for the quarterly periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively, and \$4 million and \$8 million for the first half periods ended June 24, 2016 and June 26, 2015, respectively. At June 24, 2016, the estimated net amount of existing losses that are expected to be reclassified into income within the next 12 months is \$3 million.

18. Commitments and Contingencies

Procurement Regulations

A substantial majority of the Company s revenues are generated from providing products and services under legally binding agreements or contracts with the U.S. Government, foreign government customers and state and local governments. U.S. Government contracts are subject to extensive legal and regulatory requirements, and, from time to time, agencies of the U.S. Government investigate whether such contracts were and are being conducted in accordance with these requirements. The Company is currently cooperating with the U.S. Government on several investigations from which civil, criminal or administrative proceedings have or could result and give rise to fines, penalties, compensatory and treble damages, restitution and/or forfeitures, including investigations into the pricing of certain contracts entered into by the Communication Systems segment. The Company does not currently anticipate that any of these investigations will have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on its consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows. However, under U.S. Government regulations, an indictment of the Company by a federal grand jury, or an administrative finding against the Company as to its present responsibility to be a U.S. Government contractor or subcontractor, could result in the Company being suspended for a period of time from eligibility for awards of new government contracts or task orders or in a loss of export privileges. A conviction, or an administrative finding against the Company that satisfies the requisite level of seriousness, could result in debarment from contracting with the federal government for a specified term. In addition, all of the Company s U.S. Government contracts: (1) are subject to audit and various pricing and cost controls, (2) include standard provisions for termination for the convenience of the U.S. Government or for default, and (3) are subject to cancellation if funds for contracts become unavailable. Foreign government contracts generally include comparable provisions relating to terminations for convenience or default, as well as other procurement clauses relevant to the foreign government.

Litigation Matters

The Company is also subject to litigation, proceedings, claims or assessments and various contingent liabilities incidental to its businesses, including those specified below. Furthermore, in connection with certain business acquisitions, the Company has assumed some or all claims against, and liabilities of, such acquired businesses, including both asserted and unasserted claims and liabilities.

In accordance with the accounting standard for contingencies, the Company records a liability when management believes that it is both probable that a liability has been incurred and the Company can reasonably estimate the amount of the loss. Generally, the loss is recorded at the amount the Company expects to resolve the liability. The estimated amounts of liabilities recorded for pending and threatened litigation are disclosed in Note 9. Amounts recoverable from insurance contracts or third parties are recorded as assets when deemed probable. At June 24, 2016, the Company did not record any amounts for recoveries from insurance contracts or third parties in connection with the amount of liabilities recorded for pending and threatened litigation. Legal defense costs are expensed as incurred. The Company believes it has recorded adequate provisions for its litigation matters. The Company reviews these provisions to reflect the impact of negotiations, settlements,

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rulings, advice of legal counsel and other information and events pertaining to a particular matter. While it is reasonably possible that an unfavorable outcome may occur in one or more of the following matters, unless otherwise stated below, the Company believes that it is not probable that a loss has been incurred in any of these matters. With respect to the litigation matters below for which it is reasonably possible that an unfavorable outcome may occur, an estimate of loss or range of loss is disclosed when such amount or amounts can be reasonably estimated. Although the Company believes that it has valid defenses with respect to legal matters and investigations pending against it, the results of litigation can be difficult to predict, particularly those involving jury trials. Therefore, it is possible that one or more of the following or other contingencies could have a material impact on the financial position, results of operations or cash flows of the Company in future periods.

EoTech Class Actions. In December 2015 and February 2016, three putative class action complaints against the Company were filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri and the United States District Court of the District of Oregon. The complaints allege that the Company s EoTech business unit knowingly sold defective holographic weapons sights, and seek monetary damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, and fees and expenses based on claims including breach of warranty, fraud, violation of state consumer protection statutes and unjust enrichment. These cases have been consolidated into a single, putative class action in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri. In March 2016, two additional putative class action complaints were filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan, which assert similar claims against the Company. The Michigan complaints were voluntarily dismissed and subsequently re-filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri in May 2016. The Company believes it has valid defenses with respect to these actions and intends to defend against them vigorously. A voluntary mediation between the parties is currently scheduled in August 2016. This mediation may not result in a settlement. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate any amount or range of loss, if any, that may be incurred in connection with these matters because the proceedings are in their early stages.

Securities Class Action. In August 2014, three separate, putative class actions were filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York (the District Court) against the Company and certain of its officers. These cases were consolidated into a single action on October 24, 2014. A consolidated amended complaint was filed in the District Court on December 22, 2014, which was further amended and restated on March 13, 2015. The complaint alleges violations of federal securities laws related to misconduct and accounting errors identified by the Company at its Aerospace Systems segment, and seeks monetary damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, and fees and expenses. On March 30, 2016, the District Court dismissed with prejudice all claims against the Company s officers and allowed the claim against the Company to proceed to discovery. Discovery has commenced. On June 30, 2016, the plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification, which is pending before the District Court. The Company believes the suit lacks merit and intends to defend itself vigorously. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate any amount or range of loss, if any, that may be incurred in connection with this matter because the proceedings are in their early stages.

Government Inquiries. On July 30, 2014, the Company voluntarily contacted the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to report information concerning its internal review related to misconduct and accounting errors identified by the Company at its Aerospace Systems segment. The Company has received requests for interviews of current and former employees, and subpoenas for documents and other materials from the SEC and the Department of Justice concerning these self-reported matters. The Company is fully cooperating with both agencies. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate any amount or range of loss, if any, that may be incurred in connection with these inquiries based on the nature of the inquiries to date.

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401(k) Plan Class Action. On June 24, 2016, a putative class action was filed in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against the Company on behalf of participants in and beneficiaries of a Company-sponsored 401(k) plan. The complaint alleges that the Company breached fiduciary duties owed under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act by making the Company s stock available as an investment alternative under the plan during a period prior to the disclosure of misconduct and accounting errors identified by the Company at its Aerospace Systems segment. The complaint seeks, among other things, monetary damages, equitable relief, pre-judgment interest, and fees and expenses. The Company believes the suit lacks merit and intends to defend itself vigorously. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate any amount or range of loss, if any, that may be incurred in connection with this matter because the proceedings are in their early stages.

Derivative Action. On July 13, 2016, a shareholder derivative complaint was filed in the Supreme Court of New York, County of New York, against certain of the Company's current and former directors and officers. The complaint alleges, among other things, that the defendants breached fiduciary duties, caused corporate waste and were unjustly enriched in connection with misconduct and accounting errors identified by the Company at its Aerospace Systems segment. The complaint seeks monetary damages, pre- and post-judgment interest, equitable relief and fees and expenses on behalf of the Company. The Company believes the suit lacks merit and intends to defend itself vigorously. The Company is unable to reasonably estimate any amount or range of loss, if any, that may be incurred in connection with this matter because the proceedings are in their early stages.

Bashkirian Airways. In March 2016, approximately \$3.7 million was paid from the escrow account on behalf of the remaining four plaintiffs in full satisfaction of the amounts awarded to them. The remaining escrow balance was returned to the Company s insurers.

HVC Alkmaar. On July 23, 2014, a notice of claim was received by our former JovyAtlas business unit. The notice relates to losses resulting from a fire that occurred at an HVC Alkmaar bio-energy plant on July 21, 2013. The notice states that the fire resulted from the failure of an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to provide sufficient power to act as a back-up energy supply, alleges that JovyAtlas was the manufacturer and service provider for the UPS and claims 11 million in estimated property damages and 35 million in estimated business interruption damages. The Company

has tendered the notice of claim to its insurance carriers.

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19. Pension and Other Postretirement Benefits

The following table summarizes the components of net periodic benefit cost for the Company s pension and other postretirement benefit plans.

			Pensio	n Pla	ans			Pos	treti	remen	t Be	nefit l	Plans	S
	Second Qu	arte	er Ende	d Fi	rst Ha	ılf E	nded S	econd Qu	ıarte	r End	eŒir	st Ha	ılf Er	ıded
	June 24,	Ju	ne 26,	Jur	ne 24,	Ju	ne 26,	June 24 ,	Jun	e 26,	Jun	e 24,	Jun	e 26,
	2016	2	2015	2	016	2	2015	2016	20)15	20	16	20)15
						(in mill	ions)						
Components of net periodic														
benefit cost:														
Service cost	\$ 28	\$	32	\$	55	\$	64	\$	\$	1	\$	1	\$	2
Interest cost	34		37		69		74	2		2		3		4
Expected return on plan assets	(51)		(52)	((102)		(104)	(1)		(1)		(2)		(2)
Amortization of prior service														
costs (credits)							1			(1)		(1)		(2)
Amortization of net loss	13		17		26		34							
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 24	\$	34	\$	48	\$	69	\$ 1	\$	1	\$	1	\$	2

Contributions. The Company contributed cash of \$20 million to its pension plans and \$3 million to its other postretirement benefit plans during the first half period ended June 24, 2016. The Company expects to contribute an additional \$80 million to its pension plans and \$7 million to its other postretirement benefit plans during the remainder of 2016.

20. Stock-Based Compensation

On May 3, 2016, the stockholders of L-3 Holdings approved an amendment to its Amended and Restated 2008 Long Term Performance Plan (2008 LTPP) to increase the number of shares authorized for issuance by 6.8 million shares to approximately 26.0 million shares. Each share of L-3 Holdings—common stock issued under a full value award (that is, awards other than stock options and stock appreciation rights) granted on or after February 23, 2016 is counted as 4.26 shares for purposes of the share limit. Each share issued under full value awards granted between February 26, 2013 and February 22, 2016 is counted as 3.69 shares for purposes of the share limit.

During the first half period ended June 24, 2016, the Company granted stock-based compensation under the 2008 LTPP in the form of stock options, restricted stock units and performance units. The stock-based compensation awards granted during the first half period ended June 24, 2016 are further discussed below.

Stock Options. The Company granted 608,860 stock options with a weighted average exercise price of \$116.20 per option, which was equal to the closing price of L-3 Holdings—common stock on the date of grant. The options expire after 10 years from the date of grant and vest ratably over a three-year period on the annual anniversary of the date of grant. The options granted to our Chairman and Chief Executive Officer are also subject to performance-based vesting conditions. The weighted average grant date fair value for the options of \$15.80 per option was estimated using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model. The weighted average assumptions used in the valuation model for this grant are presented in the table below.

Expected holding period (in years)	5.0
Expected volatility	21.3%
Expected dividend yield	2.8%
Risk-free interest rate	1.1%

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Restricted Stock Units. The Company granted 392,756 restricted stock units with a weighted average grant date fair value of \$116.61 per share. Restricted stock units automatically convert into shares of L-3 Holdings common stock upon vesting, and are subject to forfeiture until certain restrictions have lapsed, including a three year cliff vesting period for employees and a one year cliff vesting period for non-employee directors, in each case starting on the date of grant.

Performance Units. The Company granted 51,892 performance units with a weighted average grant date fair value per unit of \$116.20. The final payout for these units is based on the achievement of pre-determined EPS goals established by the compensation committee of the Company s Board of Directors for the three-year period ending December 31, 2018. Units earned under the award can range from zero to 200% of the original number of units awarded, which are converted into shares of L-3 Holdings common stock.

Award Modifications. As disclosed in Note 5, the Company completed the sale of NSS on February 1, 2016. In connection with the divestiture of NSS, the Company modified unvested restricted stock unit and stock option awards held by approximately 300 NSS employees by converting each award into a right to receive a cash payment. The cash payment was based on the original number of units awarded, the closing price of L-3 s common stock on the closing date of the sale, and the portion of the three-year vesting period for the award that had been satisfied through the closing date, and additionally in the case of stock options, the exercise price of the options. As a result of the award modification, the Company reversed \$4 million of previously recorded stock compensation expense relating to the original awards as a reduction to shareholders equity and recorded \$5 million of expense based on the cash payments made to NSS employees in connection with the modified awards, each of which is included in the Company s results from discontinued operations.

21. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

	First H	alf Ended		
	June 24, 2016	June 26, 2015		
	(in m	illions)		
Interest paid on outstanding debt	\$ 83	\$ 90		
Income tax payments	51	66		
Income tax refunds	3	4		

22. Segment Information

The Company has three reportable segments, which are described in Note 1. The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments and reportable segments based on their sales, operating income and operating margin.

Corporate expenses are allocated to the Company s operating segments using an allocation methodology prescribed by U.S. Government regulations for government contractors. Accordingly, segment results include all costs and expenses, except for goodwill impairment charges, gains or losses related to business divestitures, and certain other items that are excluded by management for purposes of evaluating the operating performance of the Company s business segments. Certain Corporate expenses of \$3 million and \$7 million for the quarterly and first half periods ended June 26, 2015, respectively, that had previously been allocated to the NSS business were retained by the Company and were allocated to L-3 s three reportable segments.

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The tables below present net sales, operating income, depreciation and amortization and total assets by reportable segment.

	Second Quarter Ended			1	nded			
	_	ne 24, 016		ne 26, 2015		ne 24, 2016		me 26, 2015
				(in mil	llion	s)		
Net Sales:								
Electronic Systems	\$ 1	1,043	\$	1,069	\$	1,946	\$	2,115
Aerospace Systems]	1,148		997		2,155		2,024
Communication Systems		499		517		976		972
Elimination of intercompany sales		(26)		(40)		(60)		(80)
Consolidated total	\$ 2	2,664	\$	2,543	\$:	5,017	\$	5,031
Operating Income (Loss):								
Electronic Systems	\$	125	\$	118	\$	220	\$	231
Aerospace Systems		70		(18)		176		42
Communication Systems		52		51		103		87
Segment total		247		151		499		360
Gain (loss) related to business divestitures ⁽¹⁾				2				(20)
Consolidated total	\$	247	\$	153	\$	499	\$	340
Depreciation and Amortization:								
Electronic Systems	\$	27	\$	27	\$	52	\$	55
Aerospace Systems		14		12		27		24
Communication Systems		11		13		23		25
Consolidated total	\$	52	\$	52	\$	102	\$	104

⁽¹⁾ See Note 5 for information regarding the Company s business divestitures.

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	June 24, 2016 (in 1	ember 31, 2015
Total Assets:		
Electronic Systems	\$ 6,559	\$ 6,426
Aerospace Systems	2,679	2,630
Communication Systems	2,073	1,984
Corporate	389	363
Assets of discontinued operations		664
Consolidated total	\$11,700	\$ 12,067

23. Employee Severance and Termination Costs

Consistent with the Company s strategy to continuously improve its cost structure and right-size its businesses, especially in view of U.S. defense budget constraints, L-3 is completing employment reduction actions across several of its businesses to reduce both direct and indirect costs, including overhead and general and administrative costs. As a result of these initiatives and due to the impact of U.S. defense budget constraints at certain affected business units, the Company recorded a total of \$4 million and \$6 million of employee

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