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***James Rupert Murdoch*** *Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. CEO & Director*

[O]n the New Fox and Disney, we're currently engaged in the planning process for the separation of the businesses with a view toward the integration of our assets at Disney and the establishment of the New Fox. We're convinced that the creation of these 2 dynamic media companies will set a path forward for our businesses to thrive and realize their full potential and for our shareholders to benefit from compelling growth opportunities.

***Barton Evans Crockett*** *B. Riley FBR, Inc., Research Division Analyst*

I wanted to go back a little bit to the Thursday Night Football deal in conjunction with the Disney deal. And the question is really about scale in sports. With the Disney deal, there's obviously some measure of slowing down by giving them the RSNs, and you're following that up with a bigger check for big NFL rights. And I'm just wondering, should we read from this that the RSNs really didn't contribute to scale, that they were such a different business, that it doesn't really give you any more leverage for fee recovery for big sports rights or to be able to kind of make an economic case for them? Or is the idea that scale is important for these big sports rights, maybe less important than some of us might have thought?

***James Rupert Murdoch*** *Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. CEO & Director*

Look, I think what we're with respect to the rationale around the separation of the RSNs and New Fox, et cetera, I mean, it's really a question of organizing all of the brands in the businesses in a way that we think are going to be most attractive from a long-term value perspective, both with respect to the merged Fox Disney company as well as the New Fox. I think the economic performance of the RSNs has been tremendous. But also remember that they have their own set of rights, local rights. It's a very different market. They don't really compete with the rest. So it's as a stand-alone business driving audience and driving engagement there, we continue to think it's a very attractive business, and that's why we think it was a very attractive opportunity to include those in the merger with Disney. That said, the national sports market, which is pretty distinct in terms of rights, in terms of how you do it, et cetera, is one that we also believe in. As you can see, with the rapid growth of FOX Sports 1 and 2, the Big Ten Network, and we're excited about that, that's why we started FOX Sports 1 only a few years ago.

***Benjamin Daniel Swinburne*** *Morgan Stanley, Research Division MD*

Two questions, John. On the Disney deal, now that the tax reform has been signed into law, can you update us at all on the dividend payment that New Fox will make in the 21st Century at the close for the spin and then how that relates to sort of the balance sheet or the debt level at New Fox once this is all closed? I know there's still moving pieces, but now that we have the tax law signed, I was hoping you could give us some clarity.



***John P. Nallen*** *Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. Senior EVP & CFO*

Thanks, Ben. It's John, I'll start. Look, it depends on how you value New Fox to answer this question. But in my own mind, the tax liability that will result from the spin of New Fox is somewhere in the plus or minus zone now with tax reform in of \$6 billion. And remember, there is always, as part of the deal, a minimum debt level at New Fox of \$6.5 billion. So as a result, I think you should assume we will be making a minimum distribution, and the spread between the tax and the debt is accomplished or compensated for by an adjustment to the exchange ratio. So and every look, you pick a point on what you think the equity trading value is for every dollar that, that market value moves one way or another, it's about \$425 million of cash tax.

***Benjamin Daniel Swinburne*** *Morgan Stanley, Research Division MD*

Dollar on 21st Century Fox share prices, make sure I understand that.

***John P. Nallen*** *Twenty-First Century Fox, Inc. Senior EVP & CFO*

No, on New Fox. If you value New Fox at x per share if the dollar moves one way or the other, that's \$425 million moving one way or the other.

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