UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): March 7, 2013

H&R BLOCK, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

<u>Missouri</u> (State of Incorporation) <u>1-6089</u>

(Commission File Number)

<u>44-0607856</u>

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

One H&R Block Way, Kansas City, MO 64105

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(816) 854-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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[] Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 7, 2013, the Company issued a press release regarding the Company's results of operations for the fiscal quarter ended January 31, 2013. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

<u>Exhibit Number</u> <u>Description</u>

<u>Press Release Issued March 7, 2013.</u>

SIGNATURES

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

H&R BLOCK, INC.

Date: March 7, 2013

By: <u>/s/ Scott W. Andreasen</u>
Scott W. Andreasen

Vice President and Secretary

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release Issued March 7, 2013.



News Release

For Immediate Release: March 7, 2013

H&R Block Reports U.S. Tax Volume Through Feb. 28; Fiscal 2013 Third Quarter Earnings Ended Jan. 31

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB), the world's largest consumer tax services provider, today released U.S. tax volume through Feb. 28 and fiscal 2013 third quarter earnings ended Jan. 31. As a result of significant tax legislation being passed shortly before the traditional start of the tax season and the resulting delay in opening the Internal Revenue Service's (IRS) e-file system, the start of the 2013 U.S. tax season has been subject to an unprecedented delay that has caused changes in the timing of taxpayer filing patterns.

In a typical year, the IRS begins accepting tax returns by mid-January. This year, the IRS opened its e-file system on Jan. 30, just before the end of H&R Block's fiscal third quarter on Jan. 31. In addition, the IRS and other taxing jurisdictions did not accept certain tax forms until early March. As a result, the company believes industry-wide tax filings through Feb. 28 have been delayed by up to two weeks versus the comparable prior year period.

Total U.S. tax returns prepared by and through H&R Block were lower by 5.8 percent through Feb. 28. ¹ The company estimates that industry-wide U.S. tax filings were down approximately 8 percent on a comparable date-to-date basis through Feb. 28. The company believes industry-wide U.S. filings will fully normalize and grow 1 to 2 percent by the end of the tax season.

CEO Perspective

"We entered this tax season with a very thoughtful plan and while we've had to make some adjustments due to the unprecedented delays and competitive factors, I am pleased with our execution to date," said Bill Cobb, H&R Block's president and chief executive officer. "Our analysis of industry data gives us confidence that we are on track with our plans for fiscal 2013."

Third Quarter 2013 Highlights

- Total revenues were lower by 29 percent, primarily driven by timing issues from the IRS opening its e-file system on Jan. 30 and the resulting delays to the start of the U.S. tax season
- GAAP net loss from continuing operations of \$17 million, or 6 cents per share, compared to prior year loss of \$4 million, or 1 cent per share, 2 driven by the revenue shortfall from the aformentioned delays, partially offset by H&R Block's previously announced cost reduction initiatives and a \$43 million income tax benefit resulting from a settlement with the IRS

¹ Unless otherwise noted, all comparisons, including those made to the "prior year," refer to the current period compared to the prior year period.

² All per share amounts are based on fully diluted shares.

- Adjusted net loss of \$60 million, or 22 cents per share, compared to break-even in prior year, primarily driven by the aforementioned delays to the start
 of the U.S. tax season
- H&R Block remains on pace to deliver \$85 to \$100 million of pretax earnings from cost reduction initiatives in fiscal 2013

Third Quarter Results From Continuing Operations

	Act	tual	Ad	justed*
in millions, except EPS	Q3 FY13	Q3 FY12	Q3 FY13	Q3 FY12
Revenue	\$472	\$663	\$472	\$663
EBITDA*	(\$52)	\$45	(\$53)	\$49
Pretax Income (Loss)	(\$96)	(\$1)	(\$97)	\$3
Net Income (Loss)	(\$17)	(\$4)	(\$60)	\$0
Shares Outstanding	271.5	293.0	271.5	293.0
EPS	(\$0.06)	(\$0.01)	(\$0.22)	\$0.00

^{*}Adjusted amounts and EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) are non-GAAP financial measures. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Measures" below for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

CFO Perspective

"The delayed start to this tax season led to a material shift of business from our fiscal third quarter to our fiscal fourth quarter," said Greg Macfarlane, H&R Block's chief financial officer. "As a result, our third quarter results are not indicative of the results we expect to achieve this fiscal year. Our cost reduction initiatives remain on track and we continue to believe that we'll deliver significant earnings and margin expansion in fiscal 2013," added Macfarlane.

Business Segment Results and Highlights

Tax Services

- Revenues were lower by \$191 million, or 29 percent, primarily due to the delayed start of the U.S. tax season
- H&R Block deferred \$15 million of revenue to its fiscal fourth quarter, as the IRS did not accept returns that included certain forms prior to January 31
- Pretax loss of \$64 million compared to pretax income of \$32 million in prior year, primarily due to the delayed start of the U.S. tax season

Corporate

- Revenues of \$7 million were essentially flat to prior year
- Pretax loss improved by \$1 million to \$32 million

Third Quarter Results from Discontinued Operations

- Net loss of \$1 million compared to near break-even net earnings in prior year
- Sand Canyon Corporation (SCC), a separate legal entity from H&R Block, Inc., received new claims during the quarter for alleged breaches of representations and warranties in the principal amount of \$16 million

- SCC reviewed claims in the principal amount of \$9 million during the quarter, all of which were deemed invalid
- SCC's accrual for contingent losses related to representations and warranties totaled \$119 million at Jan. 31

Dividend

A previously announced quarterly cash dividend of 20 cents per share is payable on April 1, 2013 to shareholders of record as of March 18, 2013. The April 1 dividend payment will mark H&R Block's 202 nd consecutive quarterly dividend since the company went public in 1962.

About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE: HRB) is the world's largest consumer tax services provider. More than 600 million tax returns have been prepared worldwide by and through H&R Block since 1955. In fiscal 2012, H&R Block had annual revenues of \$2.9 billion with 25.6 million tax returns prepared worldwide. Tax return preparation services are provided in <u>company-owned</u> and <u>franchise</u> retail tax offices by approximately 90,000 professional tax preparers, and through H&R Block At HomeTM digital products. H&R Block Bank provides affordable banking products and services. For more information, visit the H&R Block Online Press Center.

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This press release and the accompanying tables include non-GAAP financial measures. For a description of these non-GAAP financial measures, including the reasons management uses each measure, and reconciliations of these non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable financial measures prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, please see the section of the accompanying tables titled "About Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release may contain forward-looking statements within the meaning of the securities laws. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words or variation of words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," "targets," "would," "will," "should," "could" or "may" or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements provide management's current expectations or predictions of future conditions, events or results. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future are forward-looking statements. They may include estimates of revenues, income, earnings per share, capital expenditures, dividends, liquidity, capital structure or other financial items, descriptions of management's plans or objectives for future operations, products or services, or descriptions of assumptions underlying any of the above. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and reflect the Company's good faith beliefs, assumptions and expectations, but they are not guarantees of future performance or events. Furthermore, the Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions, factors, or expectations, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes, except as required by law. By their nature, forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences include, but are not limited to, a variety of economic, competitive and regulatory factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control and which are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2012 in the section entitled "Risk Factors," as well as additional factors we may describe from time to time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and, consequently, you should not consider any such list to be a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties.

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TABLES FOLLOW



KEY OPERATING RESULTS

Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data

	Three months ended January 31,										
		Revenue	es		Income (loss)						
	201	13	201	2	20	13	20	12			
Tax Services	\$	464,634	\$	655,701	\$	(64,189)	\$	31,716			
Corporate and Eliminations		7,345		7,579		(32,079)		(32,742)			
	\$	471,979	\$	663,280		(96,268)		(1,026)			
Income taxes (benefit)						(79,353)		2,541			
Net loss from continuing operations						(16,915)		(3,567)			
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	S					(793)		218			
Net loss					\$	(17,708)	\$	(3,349)			
Basic and diluted loss per share:											
Net loss from continuing operations					\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.01)			
Net income (loss) from discontinued operation	ons					(0.01)		-			
Net loss					\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.01)			
Basic and diluted shares						271,542		292,963			

_	Nine months ended January 31,															
_	Revenues															
	2013		2013		2013		2012 2013		2013 2012 2013				2013 2012		20	12
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Tax Services	\$	684,706	\$	868,144	\$	(335,203)	\$	(311,733)								
Corporate and Eliminations		21,025		24,953		(92,622)		(93,823)								
	\$	705,731	\$	893,097		(427,825)		(405,556)								
Income tax benefit						(204,061)		(159,821)								
Net loss from continuing operations						(223,764)		(245,735)								
Net loss from discontinued operations				_		(6,628)		(74,436)								
Net loss				_	\$	(230,392)	\$	(320,171)								
				_												
Basic and diluted loss per share:																
Net loss from continuing operations					\$	(0.82)	\$	(0.82)								
Net loss from discontinued operations						(0.02)		(0.25)								
Net loss					\$	(0.84)	\$	(1.07)								
Basic and diluted shares						273,281		299,450								

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Basic earnings per share is computed using the two-class method and is based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding. The dilutive effect of potential common shares is included in diluted earnings per share, except in those periods with a loss from continuing operations.

On October 25, 2012, we issued \$500.0 million of 5.50% Senior Notes. The Senior Notes are due November 1, 2022, and are not redeemable by the bondholders prior to maturity, although we have the right to redeem some or all of these notes at any time, at specified redemption prices. On October 25, 2012, we provided notice to the trustee of our intention to redeem the entire principal amount of the \$600.0 million Senior Notes due in January 2013. The redemption settled on November 26, 2012 at a price of \$623.0 million, which included full payment of principal, a make-whole premium of \$5.8 million and interest accrued up to the redemption date of \$17.2 million. Proceeds of the \$500.0 million Senior Notes and other cash balances were used to repay the \$600.0 million Senior Notes. We recognized a loss on the extinguishment of this debt of \$5.8 million during the three months ended January 31, 2013, which primarily represents the interest that would have been paid on these notes if they had not been redeemed prior to maturity. This loss is included in other income (expense), net on our consolidated statements of operations.



CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data

	January 31, 2013	January 31, 2012	April 30, 2012
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 418,385	\$ 1,218,984	\$ 1,944,334
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	37,958	34,168	48,100
Receivables, net	949,160	1,035,902	193,858
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	331,046	230,612	314,702
Total current assets	1,736,549	2,519,666	2,500,994
Mortgage loans held for investment, net	357,887	430,189	406,201
Investments in available-for-sale securities	396,312	312,183	371,315
Property and equipment, net	290,165	260,755	252,985
Intangible assets, net	271,523	268,148	264,451
Goodwill	435,256	433,595	427,566
Other assets	444,804	628,253	426,055
Total assets	\$ 3,932,496	\$ 4,852,789	\$ 4,649,567
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities:			
Commercial paper borrowings	\$ 424,967	\$ 230,947	\$ -
Customer banking deposits	1,036,968	1,587,988	827,549
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	479,660	597,644	567,079
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	103,538	130,245	163,992
Accrued income taxes	17,348	40,596	336,374
Current portion of long-term debt	713	630,996	631,434
Federal Home Loan Bank borrowings	<u> </u>	25,000	-
Total current liabilities	2,063,194	3,243,416	2,526,428
Long-term debt	906,012	409,241	409,115
Other noncurrent liabilities	328,402	393,683	388,132
Total liabilities	3,297,608	4,046,340	3,323,675
Stockholders' equity:			
Common stock, no par, stated value \$.01 per share	3,166	3,994	3,979
Additional paid-in capital	747,398	797,853	796,784
Accumulated other comprehensive income	9.055	7,409	12,145
Retained earnings	723,676	2,018,252	2,523,997
Less treasury shares, at cost	(848,407)	(2,021,059)	(2,011,013)
Total stockholders' equity	634,888	806,449	1,325,892
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 3,932,496	\$ 4,852,789	\$ 4,649,567



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share data

	Thr	ee months en	Three months ended January 31, Nine months		e months end	ended January 31,		
		2013		2012		2013		2012
Revenues:								
Service revenues	\$	362,194	\$	524,240	\$	558,528	\$	717,243
Product and other revenues		71,485		99,564		89,171		116,117
Interest income		38,300		39,476		58,032		59,737
		471,979		663,280		705,731		893,097
Expenses:								
Cost of revenues:								
Compensation and benefits		160,081		207,480		254,430		316,139
Occupancy and equipment		84,710		93,024		247,059		263,078
Depreciation and amortization of property and equipment		20,067		17,770		54,299		50,894
Provision for bad debt and loan losses		43,028		52,932		51,398		68,423
Interest		19,428		23,543		64,895		69,352
Other		50,304		60,491		110,972		127,551
		377,618		455,240		783,053		895,437
Impairment of goodwill		-		-		-		4,257
Selling, general and administrative expenses		186,997		211,736		352,802		408,144
		564,615		666,976		1,135,855		1,307,838
Operating loss		(92,636)		(3,696)		(430,124)		(414,741)
Other income (expense), net		(3,632)		2,670		2,299		9,185
Loss from continuing operations before taxes (benefit)		(96,268)		(1,026)		(427,825)		(405,556)
Income taxes (benefit)		(79,353)		2,541		(204,061)		(159,821)
Net loss from continuing operations		(16,915)		(3,567)		(223,764)		(245,735)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations		(793)		218		(6,628)		(74,436)
Net loss	\$	(17,708)	\$	(3,349)	\$	(230,392)	\$	(320,171)
Basic and diluted loss per share:								
Net loss from continuing operations	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.82)	\$	(0.82)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	Ψ	(0.01)	Ψ		Ψ	(0.02)	Ψ	(0.25)
Net loss	\$	(0.07)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.84)	\$	(1.07)
Basic and diluted shares		271,542		292,963		273,281		299,450



CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Unaudited, amounts in thousands

	Nine months ende	d Ionuary 21
	2013	2012
		2012
Net cash used in operating activities	\$ (1,311,926)	\$ (1,382,771)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(108,351)	(178,014)
Sales, maturities and payments received on available-for-sale securities	86,808	40,473
Principal repayments on mortgage loans held for investment, net	31,205	35,460
Purchases of property and equipment, net	(96,063)	(71,549)
Payments made for acquisitions of businesses and intangibles, net	(20,662)	(16,022)
Proceeds from sales of businesses, net	1,212	533,055
Franchise loans:	-,	
Loans funded	(68,874)	(43,649)
Payments received	9,594	8,455
Other, net	(15,185)	15,321
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(180.316)	323,530
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments of commercial paper	(789,271)	(413,221)
Proceeds from commercial paper	1,214,238	644,168
Repayments of long-term debt	(636,621)	-
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	497,185	-
Customer banking deposits, net	208,753	735,252
Dividends paid	(162,692)	(150,058)
Repurchase of common stock, including shares surrendered	(340,298)	(180,566)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options, net	11,529	(324)
Other, net	(36,113)	(31,424)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(33,290)	603,827
Effects of exchange rates on cash	(417)	(3,446)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,525,949)	(458,860)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1,944,334	1,677,844
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ 418,385	\$ 1,218,984
Supplementary cash flow data:		
Income taxes paid, net	\$ 104,986	\$ 163,471
Interest paid on borrowings	62,160	55,266
Interest paid on deposits	4,377	5,170
Transfers of foreclosed loans to other assets	7,208	6,521



U.S. TAX OPERATING DATA (in thousands)

	1/31/13 FYTD 2013	1/31/12 FYTD 2012	Percent change	2/28/13 FYTD 2013	2/28/12 FYTD 2012	Percent change
Total returns prepared: (1)						
H&R Block Company-owned operations	1,695	2,352	-27.9%	5,194	5,672	-8.4%
H&R Block Franchise operations	1,143	1,579	-27.6%	3,406	3,658	-6.9%
Total H&R Block retail operations	2,838	3,931	-27.8%	8,600	9,330	-7.8%
H&R Block At Home Desktop	538	664	-19.0%	1,218	1,372	-11.2%
H&R Block At Home Online	1,057	1,330	-20.5%	3,041	2,892	5.2%
Sub-total	1,595	1,994	-20.0%	4,259	4,264	-0.1%
H&R Block Free File Alliance	86	209	-58.9%	426	508	-16.1%
Total H&R Block At Home	1,681	2,203	-23.7%	4,685	4,772	-1.8%
Total H&R Block Returns	4,519	6,134	-26.3%	13,285	14,102	-5.8%

¹⁾ Prior year numbers have been reclassified between company-owned and franchise operations for offices which were refranchised during either year.



NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share amounts

	Three months ended January 31,					Nine months ended January 31,				
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EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA (1)		2013		2012		2013		2012		
Net loss from continuing operations - as reported	\$	(16,915)	\$	(3,567)	\$	(223,764)	\$	(245,735)		
Add back :										
Income taxes		(79,353)		2,541		(204,061)		(159,821)		
Interest expense		19,428		23,543		64,895		69,352		
Depreciation and amortization		24,638		22,506		67,242		66,127		
		(35,287)		48,590		(71,924)		(24,342)		
EBITDA from continuing operations		(52,202)		45,023		(295,688)		(270,077)		
Adjustments:										
Loss contingencies - litigation charges		(190)		4,171		(4,943)		27,528		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		-		-		1,421		8,237		
Severance		(582)		(190)		475		1,920		
Loss (gain) on sales of tax offices		(352)		229		(876)		1,141		
		(1,124)		4,210		(3,923)		38,826		
Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations	\$	(53,326)	\$	49,233	\$	(299,611)	\$	(231,251)		
Non-GAAP Pretax Results										
Pretax loss from continuing operations - as reported	\$	(96,268)	\$	(1,026)	\$	(427,825)	\$	(405,556)		
Add back :										
Loss contingencies - litigation charges		(190)		4,171		(4,943)		27,528		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		-		-		1,421		8,237		
Severance		(582)		(190)		475		1,920		
Loss (gain) on sales of tax offices		(352)		229		(876)		1,141		
		(1,124)		4,210		(3,923)		38,826		
Pretax income (loss) from continuing operations - as adjusted	\$	(97,392)	\$	3,184	\$	(431,748)	\$	(366,730)		
Non-GAAP After-Tax Results										
Net loss from continuing operations - as reported	\$	(16,915)	\$	(3,567)	\$	(223,764)	\$	(245,735)		
Add back (net of tax):										
Loss contingencies - litigation charges		(126)		2,643		(3,032)		16,767		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		3		36		872		5,017		
Severance		(355)		(107)		291		1,169		
Loss (gain) on sales of tax offices		(217)		144		(537)		695		
Discrete tax items		(42,852)		1,162		(38,679)		(1,289)		
		(43,547)		3,878		(41,085)		22,359		
Net income (loss) from continuing operations - as adjusted	\$	(60,462)	\$	311	\$	(264,849)	\$	(223,376)		

 $^{^{\}left(1\right) }$ Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.



NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

Unaudited, amounts in thousands, except per share amounts

	Th	ree months en	ded Jan	uary 31,	Nine months en			nded January 31,		
Non-GAAP EPS		2013		2012		2013		2012		
EPS from continuing operations - as reported	\$	(0.06)	\$	(0.01)	\$	(0.82)	\$	(0.82)		
Add back :										
Loss contingencies - litigation charges		-		0.01		(0.01)		0.05		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		-		-		-		0.02		
Severance		-		-		-		-		
Loss (gain) on sales of tax offices		-		-		-		-		
Discrete tax items		(0.16)		-		(0.14)		-		
		(0.16)		0.01		(0.15)		0.07		
EPS from continuing operations - as adjusted	\$	(0.22)	\$	-	\$	(0.97)	\$	(0.75)		
Non-GAAP Pretax Results - Tax Services segment										
Pretax income (loss) - as reported	\$	(64,189)	\$	31,716	\$	(335,203)	\$	(311,733)		
Add back :										
Loss contingencies - litigation charges		(440)		4,171		(5,193)		27,527		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets		-		-		1,421		8,237		
Severance		(612)		(350)		480		1,760		
Loss (gain) on sales of tax offices		(352)		229		(876)		1,141		
		(1,404)		4,050		(4,168)		38,665		
Pretax income (loss) - as adjusted	\$	(65,593)	\$	35,766	\$	(339,371)	\$	(273,068)		
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Stock-based compensation expense:										
Pretax	\$	3,677	\$	3,223	\$	11,414	\$	11,047		
After-tax		2,271		1,998		7,001		6,729		
Amortization of intangible assets:										
Pretax	\$	4,570	\$	4,736	\$	12,942	\$	15,233		
After-tax		2,821		2,930		7,939		9,278		

About Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The accompanying press release contains non-GAAP financial measures. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (GAAP). Because these measures are not measures of financial performance under GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures in other companies.

We consider non-GAAP financial measures to be a useful metric for management and investors to evaluate and compare the ongoing operating performance of our business on a consistent basis across reporting periods, as it eliminates the effect of items that are not indicative of the our core operating performance.

The following are descriptions of adjustments we make for our non-GAAP financial measures:

- We exclude from our non-GAAP financial measures litigation charges we incur and favorable reserve adjustments. This does not include normal legal defense costs.
- We exclude from our non-GAAP financial measures non-cash charges to adjust the carrying values of goodwill, intangible assets, other long-lived assets and investments to their estimated fair values.
- We exclude from our non-GAAP financial measures severance and other restructuring charges in connection with the termination of personnel, closure of facilities and related costs.
- We exclude from our non-GAAP financial measures the gains and losses on business dispositions, including investment banking, legal and accounting
 fees.
- We exclude from our non-GAAP financial measures the effects of discrete income tax reserve and related adjustments recorded in a specific quarter. We may consider whether other significant items that arise in the future should also be excluded from our non-GAAP financial measures.

We measure the performance of our business using a variety of metrics, including EBITDA, adjusted EBITDA, adjusted pretax and net income of continuing operations, adjusted EPS and adjusted pretax results of our Tax Services segment. We also use EBITDA and pretax income of continuing operations as factors in incentive compensation calculations for our employees. These adjusted results eliminate the impact of items that we do not consider indicative of our core operating performance and, we believe, provide meaningful information to assist in understanding our financial results, analyzing trends in our underlying business, and assessing our prospects for future performance.