H&R Block Reports Significant Earnings and Margin Improvement in Fiscal 2017 and Announces Dividend Increase

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- Earnings per share from continuing operations increased \$0.43, or 28%, to \$1.96^{1,2}
- Net income from continuing operations increased 10% to \$421 million; EBITDA from continuing operations increased 11% to \$904 million, representing a 29.8% EBITDA margin³
- Repurchased approximately 14 million shares during the fiscal year, or 6% of outstanding shares, for a total of \$317 million
- Announced a 9% dividend increase, resulting in a quarterly dividend of \$0.24 per share

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 13, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE:HRB) today released its financial results for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2017, reflecting a 10% improvement in net income from continuing operations to \$421 million and an increase in earnings per share from continuing operations of \$0.43 to \$1.96. This improvement was due largely to cost reduction efforts taken by the company, which also enabled investment in key client-driving initiatives during the year. These initiatives led to improved tax season performance from the previous year, as the company outperformed the overall U.S. market and achieved share gains in the DIY category.

"We came into this year with a very aggressive goal to change the client trajectory. With competitive promotions, impactful marketing and an improved client experience, we achieved this goal and also produced strong financial results, all during a year in which the industry experienced a decline in returns," said Bill Cobb, H&R Block's president and chief executive officer. "I couldn't be more proud of our team who delivered these impressive results."

Total revenues were flat at just over \$3.0 billion, as an improvement in the company's net average charge in its U.S. Assisted business was offset by a decline in Assisted returns. Total operating expenses declined \$85 million, or 3.5%, driven by cost reduction measures and lower bad debt expense. This led to an increase in EBITDA from continuing operations of 11% to \$904 million, reflecting an improvement in EBITDA margin of over 300 basis points to 29.8%.

"We are already hard at work on our plans for the next tax season, and I am confident in our ability to build on the momentum from this season," said Cobb. "As I prepare to depart on July 31st, the company is well-positioned and on the right path to delivering value for shareholders for years to come."

Fiscal 2017 Results From Continuing Operations

"We realized the benefits of the cost reduction measures we outlined last year and utilized those funds to invest in key business initiatives and to improve our bottom line," stated Tony Bowen, H&R Block's chief financial officer. "We were diligent on expense management throughout the fiscal year, especially in the final months of the tax season, leading to a better-than-expected EBITDA margin of 29.8%."

	Actual		Non-GAAP Adjusted ³			
(in millions, except EPS)	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016	Fiscal Year 2017	Fiscal Year 2016		
Revenue	\$ 3,036	\$ 3,038	N/A	N/A		
Pretax Income	\$ 629	\$ 569	\$ 630	\$ 596		
Net Income	\$ 421	\$ 384	\$ 421	\$ 400		
Weighted-Avg. Shares - Diluted	214.1	250.8	N/A	N/A		
EPS ²	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.53	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.59		
EBITDA ³	\$ 904	\$ 812	\$ 905	\$ 839		

Key Financial Metrics

- Revenues were flat to the prior year at just over \$3.0 billion, as improvement in the company's Assisted net average charge was partially offset by a decline in return volume. DIY tax preparation revenue declined as the H&R Block More ZeroSM promotion resulted in a lower net average charge which was partially offset by increased return volume.
- Total operating expenses decreased \$85 million, or 3.5%. The decrease was mainly due to previously outlined cost reduction measures, which led to lower compensation and benefits and marketing costs, along with lower bad debt expense due to more favorable collections on prior year receivables.
- Interest expense increased \$24 million from the prior year due to the full year interest impact of the \$1 billion of long-term debt issued in September 2015.
- Net income from continuing operations increased 10% to \$421 million and EBITDA from continuing operations improved 11% to \$904 million. The company's EBITDA margin was 29.8%, an improvement of over 300 basis points from the prior fiscal year.
- Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations increased \$0.43, or 28%, to \$1.96.
- The company ended the fiscal year with \$1.0 billion in unrestricted cash compared to \$0.9 billion the prior year.

Share Repurchases

During fiscal 2017, the company repurchased and retired approximately 14 million shares at an aggregate amount of \$317 million, or \$22.61 per share. As of April 30, 2017, 207.2 million shares were outstanding.

The company completed these share repurchases under a \$3.5 billion share repurchase program approved by the company's board of directors in August 2015 and effective through June 2019. Under this program, the company has repurchased a total of approximately 70.4 million shares of its common stock, or approximately 25% of outstanding shares since the inception of the program, for an aggregate purchase amount of approximately \$2.3 billion.

Dividends

The company announced that the Board of Directors approved an increase in its quarterly dividend of 9%, to \$0.24 per share. Future actions regarding dividends will be dependent upon the Board's annual review and approval following consideration of operating results, market conditions, and capital needs, among other factors.

A quarterly cash dividend of \$0.24 per share is payable on July 3, 2017 to shareholders of record as of June 23, 2017. H&R Block has paid quarterly dividends consecutively since the company went public in 1962.

Discontinued Operations

Sand Canyon Corporation's accrual for contingent losses related to representation and warranty claims remained unchanged from the prior fiscal quarter at \$4.5 million as of April 30, 2017.

Leadership Transition

On May 16, 2017, the company announced that Bill Cobb, president and chief executive officer, will retire from the company and the H&R Block Board of Directors effective July 31, 2017. The Board of Directors has appointed Tom Gerke, currently the General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer, to be the interim president and CEO beginning August 1, 2017. The Board has retained a search firm to assist in the search for a permanent president and CEO. Details regarding this transition were included in a press release on May 16, 2017 and in a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the same day.

Conference Call

Discussion of the fiscal 2017 results, future outlook, the leadership transition, and a general business update will occur during the company's previously announced fiscal fourth quarter earnings conference call for analysts, institutional

investors, and shareholders. The call is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Eastern time on June 13, 2017. To access the call, please dial the number below approximately 10 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time:

 $U.S./Canada\ (855)\ 702\text{-}5257\ or\ International}\ (213)\ 358\text{-}0868$

Conference ID: 11588523

The call will also be webcast in a listen-only format for the media and public. The link to the webcast can be accessed directly at http://investors.hrblock.com.

A replay of the call will be available beginning at 7:30 p.m. Eastern time on June 13, 2017, and continuing until July 13, 2017, by dialing (855) 859-2056 (U.S./Canada) or (404) 537-3406 (International). The conference ID is 11588523. The webcast will be available for replay June 14, 2017 at http://investors.hrblock.com.

About H&R Block

H&R Block, Inc. (NYSE:HRB) is a global consumer tax services provider. <u>Tax return preparation</u> services are provided by professional tax preparers in approximately 12,000 company-owned and franchise <u>retail tax offices</u> worldwide, and through H&R Block <u>tax software products</u> for the DIY consumer. H&R Block also offers adjacent Tax Plus products and services. In fiscal 2017, H&R Block had annual revenues of over \$3 billion with 23 million tax returns prepared worldwide. For more information, visit the H&R Block Newsroom.

About Non-GAAP Financial Information

This press release and the accompanying tables include non-GAAP financial information. 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 "Non-GAAP Financial Information."

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains 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," "goal," "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, cost savings, capital expenditures, dividends, share repurchases, liquidity, capital structure, market share, industry volume, 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 forwardlooking 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 forwardlooking 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, that are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2016 in the section entitled "Risk Factors" and additional factors we may describe from time to time in other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You may get such filings for free at our website at http://investors.hrblock.com. 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.

TABLES FOLLOW

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS				(unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts)				
	Three months	s e	ended April 30,	,	Year ended A		April 30,	
	2017		2016		2017		2016	
REVENUES:								
Service revenues	\$ 2,055,628		\$ 2,032,580		\$ 2,648,349)	\$ 2,653,930	6
Royalty, product and other revenues	272,287		264,897		387,965		384,217	
	2,327,915		2,297,477		3,036,314		3,038,153	
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Cost of revenues:								
Compensation and benefits	533,142		544,799		808,240		845,197	
Occupancy and equipment	117,472		124,016		415,058		405,123	
Provision for bad debt	23,142		36,474		52,776		75,395	
Depreciation and amortization	32,583		31,670		119,789		115,907	
Other	112,473		116,171		248,514		243,930	
	818,812		853,130		1,644,377		1,685,552	
Selling, general and administrative:								
Marketing and advertising	157,618		182,558		261,281		297,762	
Compensation and benefits	65,158		48,863		239,381		228,778	
Depreciation and amortization	17,393		14,182		62,379		57,691	
Other selling, general and administrative	35,412		37,895		112,912		135,178	
	275,581		283,498		675,953		719,409	
Total operating expenses	1,094,393		1,136,628		2,320,330		2,404,961	
Other income (expense), net	1,306		2,591		6,254		5,249	
Interest expense on borrowings	(22,925)	(22,633)		(92,951)	(68,962)
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	1,211,903		1,140,807		629,287		569,479	
Income taxes	425,333		439,582		208,370		185,926	
Net income from continuing operations	786,570		701,225		420,917		383,553	
Net loss from discontinued operations	(3,218)	(563)		(11,972)	(9,286)
NET INCOME	\$ 783,352		\$ 700,662		\$ 408,945		\$ 374,267	

¹ All amounts in this release are unaudited. Unless otherwise noted, all comparisons refer to the current fiscal year compared to the prior fiscal year.

² All per share amounts are based on fully diluted shares at the end of the corresponding period.

³ The company reports certain non-GAAP financial measures, including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), EBITDA margin, and adjusted EBITDA, which it believes are a better indication of the company's core operations. See "About Non-GAAP Financial Information" below for more information regarding financial measures not prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Continuing operations	\$ 3.79	\$ 3.15	\$ 1.97	\$ 1.54	
Discontinued operations	(0.02) —	(0.05) (0.04)
Consolidated	\$ 3.77	\$ 3.15	\$ 1.92	\$ 1.50	
WEIGHTED AVERAGE BASIC SHARES	207,170	222,098	212,809	249,009	
DILUTED EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE:					
Continuing operations	\$ 3.76	\$ 3.13	\$ 1.96	\$ 1.53	
Discontinued operations	(0.01) —	(0.05) (0.04)
Consolidated	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.13	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.49	
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE DILUTED SHARES	208,605	223,622	214,095	250,818	

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS	(unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts					
As of April 30,	2017	2016				
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,011,331	\$ 896,801				
Cash and cash equivalents — restricted	106,208	104,110				
Receivables, net	162,775	153,116				
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	65,725	66,574				
Total current assets	1,346,039	1,220,601				
Mortgage loans held for investment, net		202,385				
Property and equipment, net	263,827	293,565				
Intangible assets, net	409,364	433,885				
Goodwill	491,207	470,757				
Deferred tax assets and income taxes receivable	83,728	120,123				
Other noncurrent assets	99,943	105,909				
Total assets	\$ 2,694,108	\$ 2,847,225				
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
LIABILITIES:						
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 217,028	\$ 259,586				
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	183,856	161,786				
Accrued income taxes and reserves for uncertain tax positions	348,199	373,754				
Current portion of long-term debt	981	826				
Deferred revenue and other current liabilities	189,216	243,653				

Total current liabilities	939,280		1,039,605	
Long-term debt	1,493,017		1,491,375	
Reserves for uncertain tax positions	159,085		132,960	
Deferred revenue and other noncurrent liabilities	163,609		160,182	
Total liabilities	2,754,991		2,824,122	
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES				
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:				
Common stock, no par, stated value \$.01 per share	2,462		2,602	
Additional paid-in capital	754,912		758,230	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(15,299)	(11,233)
Retained earnings (deficit)	(48,206)	40,347	
Less treasury shares, at cost	(754,752)	(766,843)
Total stockholders' equity (deficiency)	(60,883)	23,103	
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,694,108		\$ 2,847,225	

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	(unaudited	, in	000s)	
Year ended April 30,	2017		2016	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Net income	\$ 408,945		\$ 374,267	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization	182,168		173,598	
Provision for bad debt	52,776		75,395	
Deferred taxes	46,455		36,276	
Stock-based compensation	19,285		23,540	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:				
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	(2,104)	(12,159)
Receivables	(77,873)	(70,721)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(4,542)	4,321	
Other noncurrent assets	(6,364)	4,197	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(30,472)	16,723	
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	22,789		17,388	
Deferred revenue and other current liabilities	(59,998)	(77,510)
Deferred revenue and other noncurrent liabilities	4,314		3,055	
Income tax receivables, accrued income taxes and income tax reserves	129		(12,499)
Other, net	(5,415)	(23,477)
Net cash provided by operating activities	550,093		532,394	

CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:

Sales, maturities of and payments received on available-for-sale securities	1,144		436,471	
Principal payments and sales of mortgage loans and real estate owned, net	207,174		38,481	
Capital expenditures	(89,255)	(99,923)
Payments made for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(54,816)	(88,776)
Franchise loans funded	(34,473)	(22,820)
Payments received on franchise loans	61,437		55,007	
Other, net	8,108		11,075	
Net cash provided by investing activities	99,319		329,515	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:				
Repayments of line of credit borrowings	(1,700,000)	(1,465,000)
Proceeds from line of credit borrowings	1,700,000		1,465,000	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	_		996,831	
Transfer of HRB Bank deposits	_		(419,028)
Customer banking deposits, net	_		(326,705)
Dividends paid	(187,115)	(201,688)
Repurchase of common stock, including shares surrendered	(322,850)	(2,018,338)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	2,371		25,775	
Other, net	(22,830)	(18,576)
Net cash used in financing activities	(530,424)	(1,961,729)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	(4,458)	(10,569)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	114,530		(1,110,389)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the year	896,801		2,007,190	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the year	\$ 1,011,331		\$ 896,801	
SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW DATA:				
Income taxes paid, net of refunds received	\$ 163,539		\$ 165,154	
Interest paid on borrowings	87,185		59,058	
Accrued additions to property and equipment	2,433		2,822	

(unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts) FINANCIAL RESULTS Three months ended April 30, Year ended April 30, 2017 2016 2017 2016 Tax preparation fees: U.S. assisted tax preparation fees \$ 1,596,182 \$ 1,557,712 \$ 1,902,212 \$ 1,890,175 U.S. royalties 193,663 190,188 250,270 249,433

U.S. DIY tax preparation fees	182,375		188,442		219,123		234,341	
International revenues	116,992		130,174		210,320		213,400	
Revenues from Refund Transfers	96,898		107,778		148,212		162,560	
Revenues from Emerald Card®	59,412		53,755		95,221		92,608	
Revenues from Peace of Mind® Extended Service Plan	24,965		24,066		92,820		86,830	
Interest and fee income on Emerald Advance	25,503		24,934		57,022		57,268	
Other	31,925		20,428		61,114		51,538	
Total revenues	2,327,915		2,297,477		3,036,314		3,038,153	
Compensation and benefits:								
Field wages	465,295		470,458		702,518		724,019	
Other wages	52,256		29,663		181,735		166,445	
Benefits and other compensation	80,750		93,542		163,368		183,512	
	598,301		593,663		1,047,621		1,073,976	
Occupancy and equipment	117,727		124,540		415,002		405,493	
Marketing and advertising	157,618		182,558		261,281		297,762	
Depreciation and amortization	49,976		45,852		182,168		173,598	
Bad debt	23,142		36,474		52,776		75,395	
Supplies	22,380		22,994		33,847		36,340	
Other	125,249		130,547		327,635		342,397	
Total operating expenses	1,094,393		1,136,628		2,320,330		2,404,961	
Other income (expense), net	1,306		2,591		6,254		5,249	
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U.S. TAX OPERATING DATA	(unaudited)				
Year ended April 30,	2017	2016	6 % Cha		
U.S. tax returns prepared (in 000s): $^{(1)}$ $^{(2)}$					
Company-owned operations	7,999	8,286	(3.5)%	
Franchise operations	3,908	3,932	(0.6)%	
Total H&R Block assisted	11,907	12,218	(2.5)%	
Desktop	2,003	2,085	(3.9)%	
Online	4,988	4,670	6.8	%	

Total H&R Block DIY tax software	6,991	6,755	3.5	%
Free File	588	678	(13.3)%
Total H&R Block U.S. returns	19,486	19,651	(0.8)%
International tax returns prepared:				
Canada ⁽³⁾	2,460	2,551	(3.6)%
Australia	750	769	(2.5)%
Other	293	153	91.5	%
Total international returns	3,503	3,473	0.9	%
Tax returns prepared worldwide	22,989	23,124	(0.6)%
Net average charge (U.S. only): (4)				
Company-owned operations	\$ 237.29	\$ 233.46	1.6	%
Franchise operations ⁽⁵⁾	\$ 207.43	\$ 200.60	3.4	%
DIY tax software	\$ 31.34	\$ 34.69	(9.7)%

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts) Three months ended April 30, Year ended April 30, **Reconciliation of EBITDA from Continuing Operations** 2017 2016 2017 2016 Net income - as reported \$ 783,352 \$ 408,945 \$ 700,662 \$ 374,267 Discontinued operations, net 11,972 3,218 563 9,286 Net income from continuing operations - as reported 420,917 786,570 701.225 383,553

⁽¹⁾ An assisted tax return is defined as a current or prior year individual tax return that has been accepted and paid for by the client. Also included are business returns, which account for approximately 1% of assisted returns. The count methodology for assisted returns has been adjusted in the current and prior year periods to exclude extensions and to recognize the corresponding individual tax returns when filed. A DIY tax software return is defined as a return that has been electronically filed and accepted by the IRS. Also included are online returns paid and printed.

⁽²⁾ Amounts have been reclassified between company-owned and franchise for offices which were refranchised or repurchased by the company during the year.

⁽³⁾ In fiscal years 2017 and 2016, the end of the Canadian tax season was extended from April 30 into May. Tax returns prepared in Canada in fiscal years 2017 and 2016 includes approximately 59 thousand and 93 thousand returns, respectively, in both company-owned and franchise offices which were accepted by the client after April 30. The revenues related to these returns were recognized in fiscal years 2018 and 2017, respectively.

⁽⁴⁾ Net average charge is calculated as total revenue divided by total returns. For DIY tax software, net average charge excludes Free File.

⁽⁵⁾ Net average charge related to H&R Block franchise operations represents tax preparation fee revenues collected by H&R Block franchisees divided by returns filed in franchise offices. H&R Block will recognize a portion of franchise revenues as franchise royalties based on the terms of franchise agreements.

Add back:

Income taxes of continuing operations	425,333	439,582	208,370	185,926
Interest expense of continuing operations	22,925	22,633	92,951	69,141
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	49,976	45,852	182,168	173,598
	498,234	508,067	483,489	428,665
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ 1,284,804	\$ 1,209,292	\$ 904,406	\$ 812,218

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES				(unaudited, \$ in 000s - except per share amounts)				
Reconciliation of Other Non-GAAP Financial	Three months ended April 30,							
Measures	2017			2016				
	Pretax income	Net income	EBITDA	Pretax income	Net income	EBITDA		
From continuing operations	\$ 1,211,903	\$ 786,570	\$ 1,284,804	\$ 1,140,807	\$ 701,225	\$ 1,209,292		
Adjustments (pretax):								
Loss contingencies - litigation	636	636	636	961	961	961		
Severance	_	_	_	12,001	12,001	12,001		
Tax effect of adjustments (1)	_	(229)	_	_	(5,047)			
	636	407	636	12,962	7,915	12,962		
As adjusted - from continuing operations	\$ 1,212,539	\$ 786,977	\$ 1,285,440	\$ 1,153,769	\$ 709,140	\$ 1,222,254		
EPS - as reported		\$ 3.76			\$ 3.13			
Impact of adjustments		_			0.03			
EPS - adjusted		\$ 3.76			\$ 3.16			
Reconciliation of Other Non-GAAP Financial Measures	Year ended April 30,							
	2017			2016				
	Pretax income	Net income	EBITDA	Pretax income	Net income	EBITDA		
From continuing operations	\$ 629,287	\$ 420,917	\$ 904,406	\$ 569,479	\$ 383,553	\$ 812,218		

Adjustments (pretax):									
Loss contingencies - litigation	516	516	516	1,978		1,978		1,978	
Severance	_	_	_	12,001		12,001		12,001	
Costs related to HRB Bank and recapitalization transactions	_	_	_	20,722		20,722		20,722	
Losses (gains) on AFS securities	_	_	_	(8,138)	(8,138)	(8,138)
Gain on sales of tax offices/businesses	_	_	_	(127)	(127)	(127)
Tax effect of adjustments (1)	_	(186)	_			(10,176)	_	
	516	330	516	26,436		16,260		26,436	
As adjusted - from continuing	\$ 629,803	\$ 421,247	Φ 004 022					Ф 020 654	
operations	, , , , , , ,	φ 421,247	\$ 904,922	\$ 595,915		\$ 399,813	3	\$ 838,654	
operations	, 322,	EPS	EBITDA Margin (2)	\$ 595,915		\$ 399,813 EPS	3	EBITDA Margin (2)	
From continuing operations	, 322,	·	EBITDA	\$ 595,915 %		·	3	EBITDA	%
	, 322,	EPS	EBITDA Margin ⁽²⁾			EPS	3	EBITDA Margin ⁽²⁾	% %

² EBITDA margin from continuing operations is computed as EBITDA from continuing operations divided by revenues from continuing operations.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES	(unaudited, in 000s - except per share amounts)					
	Three months	ended April 30,	Year ended April 30,			
Supplemental Information	2017	2016	2017	2016		
Stock-based compensation expense:						
Pretax	\$ 2,340	\$ 2,434	\$ 19,285	\$ 23,540		
After-tax	1,448	1,405	12,342	14,478		
Amortization of intangible assets:						
Pretax	\$ 21,611	\$ 18,130	\$ 78,935	\$ 72,762		
After-tax	13,664	10,913	50,518	44,752		

¹ Tax effect of adjustments is computed as the pretax effect of the adjustments multiplied by our effective tax rate before discrete items.

NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with 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 for other companies.

We consider our non-GAAP financial measures to be performance measures and 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 our core operating performance.

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

- We exclude losses from settlements and estimated contingent losses from litigation and favorable reserve adjustments. This does not include legal defense costs.
- We exclude material 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 material severance and other restructuring charges in connection with the termination of personnel, closure of offices and related costs.
- We exclude the material gains and losses on business dispositions, including investment banking, legal and accounting fees from both business dispositions and acquisitions.
- We exclude the gains and losses on extinguishment of debt.

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 earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) from continuing operations and adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA margin from continuing operations, adjusted pretax and net income of continuing operations, and adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations. Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA margin from continuing operations, adjusted pretax and net income from continuing operations, and adjusted diluted earnings per share from continuing operations 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. We also use EBITDA from continuing operations and pretax income of continuing operations, each subject to permitted adjustments, as performance metrics in incentive compensation calculations for our employees.

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