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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 1-6383

MEDIA GENERAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commonwealth of Virginia (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	46-5188184 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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333 E. Franklin St., Richmond, VA (Address of principal executive offices)	23219 (Zip Code)
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(804) 887-5000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Larger accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock as of May 8, 2015.

Voting Common shares (no par value): 130,399,285

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS*(Unaudited, in thousands, except shares)***ASSETS**

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$58,311	\$43,920
Restricted cash at qualified intermediary	119,903	119,903
Trade accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts 2015 - \$4,987; 2014 - \$5,475)	234,577	265,169
Current deferred tax asset	52,169	55,754
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	39,157	39,798
Total current assets	504,117	524,544
Property and equipment, net	489,262	499,878
Other assets, net	75,403	79,000
Definite lived intangible assets, net	934,268	956,100
Broadcast licenses	1,097,100	1,097,100
Goodwill	1,595,726	1,595,726
Total assets (a)	\$4,695,876	\$4,752,348

See accompanying notes.

(a) Consolidated assets as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, include total assets of variable interest entities (VIEs) of \$154 million and \$155 million, respectively, which can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIEs. See Note 1.

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS*(Unaudited, in thousands except shares)***LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Current liabilities:		
Trade accounts payable	\$27,516	\$36,359
Accrued salaries and wages	20,997	36,634
Other accrued expenses and other current liabilities	122,471	102,692
Current installments of long-term debt	3,555	11,781
Current installments of obligation under capital leases	833	815
Total current liabilities	175,372	188,281
Long-term debt	2,372,800	2,400,162
Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities	357,905	364,844
Long-term capital lease obligations	14,650	14,869
Retirement and postretirement plans	206,530	211,264
Other liabilities	34,848	38,026
Total liabilities (b)	3,162,105	3,217,446
Commitments and contingencies		
Noncontrolling interests	37,958	34,481
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock (no par value): authorized 50,000,000 shares; none outstanding	-	-
Common stock (no par value):		
Voting common stock, authorized 400,000,000 shares; issued 2015 - 130,325,543 and 2014 - 129,931,812	1,325,695	1,322,284
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(36,445)	(36,445)
Retained earnings	206,563	214,582
Total stockholders' equity	1,495,813	1,500,421
Total liabilities, noncontrolling interests and stockholders' equity	\$4,695,876	\$4,752,348

See accompanying notes.

(b) Consolidated liabilities as of March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, include total liabilities of VIEs of \$38.3 million and \$42.5 million, respectively, for which the creditors of the VIEs have no recourse to the Company. See Note 1.

Media General, Inc.

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME*(Unaudited, in thousands, except per share amounts)*

	Three Months Ended	
	March	March
	31,	31,
	2015	2014
Net operating revenue	\$296,734	\$143,918
Operating costs:		
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense	125,876	50,615
Selling, general and administrative expenses	80,470	42,332
Amortization of program license rights	11,758	4,963
Corporate and other expenses	12,651	6,578
Depreciation and amortization	40,283	16,195
Gain related to property and equipment, net	(228)	(771)
Merger-related expenses and restructuring expenses	5,277	4,752
Total operating costs	276,087	124,664
Operating income	20,647	19,254
Other income (expense):		
Interest expense	(31,023)	(9,990)
Debt modification and extinguishment costs	(613)	(98)
Other, net	3,290	(85)
Total other expense	(28,346)	(10,173)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(7,699)	9,081
Income tax benefit (expense)	3,157	(3,642)
Net income (loss)	(4,542)	5,439
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests (included above)	2,891	54
Net income (loss) attributable to Media General	\$(7,433)	\$5,385
Other comprehensive income	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(4,542)	5,439
Other comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Media General	\$(7,433)	\$5,385
Earnings (loss) per common share (basic and diluted):		
Net earnings (loss) per common share (basic)	\$(0.06)	\$0.06
Net earnings (loss) per common share (assuming dilution)	\$(0.06)	\$0.06

See accompanying notes.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS*(Unaudited, in thousands)*

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$(4,542)	\$5,439
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss):		
Deferred income tax (benefit) expense	(3,357)	3,556
Depreciation and amortization	40,283	16,195
Amortization of program license rights	11,758	4,963
Non-cash interest expense	308	124
Gain on disposal of property and equipment, net	(228)	(771)
Gain on relocation of spectrum	(3,120)	-
Stock-based compensation	3,010	(642)
Debt modification and extinguishment costs	613	98
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Program license rights, net of liabilities	(10,867)	(5,106)
Trade accounts receivable	31,080	1,716
Company owned life insurance (cash surrender value less policy loans including repayments)	(519)	(1,821)
Trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	(3,932)	4,485
Contributions to retirement plans	(1,250)	(46,422)
Other, net	(2,818)	(3,350)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	56,419	(21,536)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Capital expenditures	(7,209)	(2,510)
Collateral refunds related to letters of credit	-	980
Proceeds from the sale of PP&E	262	973
Proceeds from spectrum sale	620	-
Other, net	(5)	-
Net cash used by investing activities	(6,332)	(557)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayment of borrowings under Media General Credit Agreement	(35,000)	(35,000)
Repayment of borrowings under Shield Media Credit Agreement	(600)	(600)
Repayment of other borrowings	(290)	-
Other, net	194	330
Net cash used by financing activities	(35,696)	(35,270)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	14,391	(57,363)

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	43,920	71,618
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$58,311	\$14,255
Cash paid for interest	\$29,444	\$11,422

See accompanying notes.

MEDIA GENERAL, INC.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

Note 1: Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and with applicable quarterly reporting regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. They do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements and, accordingly, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of interim financial information have been included.

On December 19, 2014 (the "Closing Date"), Media General, Inc., now known as MGOC, Inc. ("Old Media General"), and LIN Media LLC, a Delaware limited liability company ("LIN Media" or "LIN") were combined in a business combination transaction (the "LIN Merger"). As a result of this merger, Media General, Inc., formerly known as Mercury New Holdco, Inc. ("New Media General" or the "Company") became the parent public reporting company of the combined company; LIN Television Corporation ("LIN Television") became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of New Media General; and Old Media General became a direct, wholly owned subsidiary of LIN Television and an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of New Media General. The merger was accounted for in accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Codification Topic 805, *Business Combinations* ("ASC 805"), and New Media General was the acquirer.

References to Media General, we, us, or the Company in this Item 1 that include any period at and before the effectiveness of the LIN Merger shall be deemed to refer to Old Media General as the predecessor registrant to New Media General.

The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries and certain variable interest entities ("VIE") for which the Company is considered to be the primary beneficiary. Significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In determining whether the Company is the primary beneficiary of a VIE for financial reporting purposes, the Company considers whether it has the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the economic performance of the VIE and whether it has the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive returns that would be significant to the VIE. Assets of consolidated VIE's can only be used to settle the obligations of that VIE. As discussed in Note 4, the Company consolidates the results of WXXA, WLAJ, WBDT, WYTV, KTKA, KWBQ, KRWB, and KASY

pursuant to the VIE accounting guidance. All the liabilities are non-recourse to the Company, except for the debt, which the Company guarantees. The Company is also the primary beneficiary of the VIE that holds the Supplemental 401(k) Plan's investments and consolidates the plan accordingly.

The Company guarantees all of LIN Television's debt and the debt of its consolidated VIEs. LIN Television guarantees all of the debt of its restricted wholly owned subsidiaries and the debt of its consolidated VIEs. All of the consolidated wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television fully and unconditionally guarantee LIN Television's 5.875% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "2022 Notes") and the 6.375% Senior Notes due 2021 (the "2021 Notes") on a joint-and-several basis, subject to customary release provisions.

Certain prior year balances in Notes 2, 3, 4 and 12 have been reclassified to conform to the presentation adopted in the current fiscal year.

Note 2: Mergers, Acquisitions and Dispositions***LIN Merger***

As described in Note 1, Old Media General and LIN were combined under New Media General, a newly formed holding company, that was renamed Media General. This combination increased the scale of the combined entity enabling the company to continue to participate in industry consolidation. In connection with the LIN Merger the Company issued a total of approximately 41,239,715 shares of voting common stock and paid approximately \$763 million in cash to the former LIN Media shareholders. The total purchase price of the LIN Merger was approximately \$2.4 billion. The LIN Merger was financed using proceeds from the Company and LIN Television's borrowings under the Credit Agreement, as more fully described in Note 5.

As part of the LIN Merger, the Company sold WJAR-TV in Providence, RI, WLUK-TV and WCWF-TV in Green Bay-Appleton, WI, WTGS-TV in Savannah, GA, WVTM-TV in Birmingham, AL, WJCL-TV in Savannah, GA and WALA-TV in Mobile, AL for approximately \$360 million and purchased KXRM-TV and KXTU-LD in Colorado Springs, CO and WTTA-TV in Tampa, FL for approximately \$93 million. At March 31, 2015, the Company had restricted cash in the amount of approximately \$120 million in a qualified intermediary (a consolidated entity) relating to the sale of WJAR-TV. The assets included in the stations sold included goodwill of approximately \$84 million.

Following the LIN Merger and the divestitures and acquisitions discussed above, the Company now owns or operates 71 stations across 48 markets. The Company also has a digital media portfolio comprised of six digital offerings: LIN Digital, LIN Mobile, Federated Media, Dedicated Media, HYFN, and BiteSize TV.

The LIN Merger closed during December 2014. The initial allocated fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities of LIN (including the acquisitions of the stations in Colorado Springs and Tampa discussed above) was adjusted during the three-months ended March 31, 2015 based on information that became available to management subsequent to the acquisition date. Additionally, the fair value of the consideration paid related to the LIN merger increased by \$1.2 million. The initial allocated fair value, including adjustments during the three-months ended March 31, 2015, is presented below:

	Initial Allocation of Fair Value		
	March 31, 2015	Adjustments	December 31, 2014
<i>(In thousands)</i>			
Current assets acquired	\$218,516	\$ -	\$218,516
Property and equipment	284,623	4,499	280,124

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Other assets acquired	12,812	-	12,812
FCC broadcast licenses	588,042	(26,900)	614,942
Definite lived intangible assets	786,505	46,440	740,065
Goodwill	1,118,205	(14,333)	1,132,538
Deferred income tax liabilities recorded in conjunction with the acquisition	(339,090)	(8,443)	(330,647)
Current liabilities assumed	(111,517)	-	(111,517)
Other liabilities assumed	(79,267)	(82)	(79,185)
Total	\$2,478,829		\$2,477,648

Current assets acquired included cash and cash equivalents of \$26 million and trade accounts receivable of \$166 million.

The amount allocated to definite-lived intangible assets represents the estimated fair values of network affiliations of \$497 million, advertiser and publisher relationships of \$220 million, \$37 million of Local Marketing Agreements (LMA), \$16 million of technology and trade names and favorable lease assets of \$17 million. These intangible assets will be amortized over their weighted-average estimated remaining useful lives of 15 years for network affiliations, 5-7 years for the advertiser relationships, 20 years for LMA agreements, 5 years for technology and trade names and 10 years for favorable lease assets. Acquired property and equipment will be depreciated on a straight-line basis over the respective estimated remaining useful lives.

None of the goodwill recognized in connection with the LIN Merger is expected to be tax deductible.

The initial allocation presented above is based upon management's preliminary estimate of the fair values using valuation techniques including income, cost and market approaches. In estimating the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities, the fair value estimates are based on, but not limited to, expected future revenue and cash flows, expected future growth rates and estimated discount rates. Network affiliations and advertiser relationships were valued primarily using an excess earnings income approach. The broadcast licenses represent the estimated fair value of the FCC license using a "Greenfield" income approach. Under this approach, the broadcast license is valued by analyzing the estimated after-tax discounted future cash flows of an average market participant. Property and equipment was primarily valued using a cost approach. Acquired program license rights will be amortized to operating expense over the estimated broadcast period in an amount equal to the relative benefit that is expected to be derived from the airing of the program, or on a straight line basis over the life of the program where the expected useful life is one year or less.

The Company incurred \$2.7 million of legal, accounting and other professional fees and expenses in the three months ended March 31, 2015, related to the merger with LIN.

Note 3: Segment Information

During the first quarter of 2015, as a result of the LIN Merger discussed in Note 2, the Company began assessing and internally reporting financial information for the broadcast business and the digital business separately. As a result, we now have two reportable operating segments, "Broadcast" and "Digital" that are disclosed separately from our corporate activities. The Broadcast segment includes 71 television stations that are either owned, operated or serviced by the Company in 48 U.S. markets, all of which are engaged principally in the sale of television advertising. The Digital segment includes the operating results of the digital companies (LIN Digital, LIN Mobile, HYFN, Dedicated Media, BiteSize TV, and Federated Media) as well as the business operations related to the television station companion websites. Unallocated corporate expenses primarily include costs to operate as a public company and to operate corporate locations.

The Company identifies operating segments based on how the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") allocates resources, assesses performance and makes decisions. The CODM is the President, and Chief Executive Officer. The CODM evaluates performance and allocates resources based on operating income or loss for the Broadcast and Digital segments, excluding non-segment expenses.

	Three months Ended March 31,	
<i>(in thousands)</i>	2015	2014
Revenues		
Broadcast	\$266,484	\$138,994
Digital	30,250	4,924
Revenues	\$296,734	\$143,918

	Three months Ended March 31,	
<i>(in thousands)</i>	2015	2014
Operating income		
Broadcast	\$80,821	\$45,970
Digital	(2,191)	38
Segment operating income	78,630	46,008
Corporate and other expenses	(12,651)	(6,578)
Depreciation and amortization	(40,283)	(16,195)
Gain related to property and equipment, net	228	771
Merger-related expenses and restructuring expenses	(5,277)	(4,752)
Operating income	\$20,647	\$19,254

<i>(in thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Broadcast	\$4,007,010	\$4,063,997
Digital	354,402	370,603
Segment assets	4,361,412	4,434,600
Corporate	334,464	317,748
Total assets	\$4,695,876	\$4,752,348

Note 4: Variable Interest Entities

Shield Media Entities

Shield Media LLC and Shield Media Lansing LLC, through their respective subsidiaries, WXXA-TV LLC (“WXXA”) and WLAJ-TV LLC (“WLAJ”), have Joint Sales Agreements (“JSA”) and Shared Service Agreements (“SSA”) in place with the Company. Under these agreements the Company provides a variety of operational and administrative services for WXXA and WLAJ (the “Shield Stations”). In return, the Company is paid a JSA fee from the ad sales collected and is also paid an SSA fee for providing the operational services. If, in a given period, expenses incurred by WXXA and/or WLAJ exceed their revenue share and the Shield Stations are not in a position to pay the Company the JSA and/or SSA fees, the Company would be at a loss for the services provided. Under the JSA/SSA agreements, if at any time the Shield Stations default of its loan, the Company, as the guarantor of the Shield Station loans, would be the responsible party. Additionally, the Company has options to acquire the Shield Stations at any time, subject to FCC consent, until the expiration of the applicable JSA. The company determined that the Shield stations are VIEs and as a result of the JSAs and/or SSAs, it has a variable interest in these entities.

Other JSA and SSA Entities

Beginning in December 2014, the Company has a JSA and an SSA with WBDT Television, LLC (“WBDT”), a third party licensee for WBDT-TV in the Dayton, OH market. It also has JSAs and SSAs with affiliates of Vaughan Acquisition LLC (“Vaughan”), a third party licensee for WYTV-TV in the Youngstown, OH market and KTKA-TV in the Topeka, KS market and SSAs with KASY-TV Licensee, LLC (“KASY”), a third-party licensee, for KWBQ-TV in the Santa Fe, NM market, KRWB-TV in the Roswell, NM market and KASY-TV in the Albuquerque, NM market. Under these agreements, the Company provides administrative services to these stations, has an obligation to reimburse certain of the stations' expenses, and is compensated through a performance-based fee structure that provides the Company the benefit of certain returns from the operation of these stations. The company determined that

WBDT, Vaughan and KASY are VIEs and as a result of the JSAs and/or SSAs, it has a variable interest in these entities.

The Company is the primary beneficiary of the Shield Stations and other JSA and SSA entities described above and therefore, the financial results and financial position of these entities have been consolidated by the Company in accordance with the VIE accounting guidance.

The carrying amounts and classification of the assets and liabilities of the Shield Stations and the other JSA and SSA entities described above, which have been included in the consolidated balance sheets as of March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, were as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$6,175	\$3,846
Trade accounts receivable (less allowance for doubtful accounts 2015 - \$149; 2014 - \$99)	7,983	10,336
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,347	1,156
Total current assets	15,505	15,338
Property and equipment, net	5,245	5,402
Other assets, net	1,622	2,011
Definite lived intangible assets, net	34,201	34,885
Broadcast licenses	71,300	71,300
Goodwill	26,097	26,097
Total assets	\$153,970	\$155,033
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Trade accounts payable	\$181	\$56
Other accrued expenses and other current liabilities	3,379	6,839
Current installments of long-term debt	3,562	3,562
Total current liabilities	7,122	10,457
Long-term debt	27,259	28,150
Other liabilities	3,924	3,914
Total liabilities	\$38,305	\$42,521

The assets of the Company's consolidated VIEs can only be used to settle the obligations of the VIEs and may not be sold, or otherwise disposed of, except for assets sold or replaced with others of like kind or value. At March 31, 2015, the Company has an option that it may exercise if the FCC attribution rules change. The option would allow the Company to acquire the assets or member's interest of the VIE entities for a nominal exercise price, which is significantly less than the carrying value of their tangible and intangible net assets. The options are carried at zero on the Company's consolidated balance sheet, as any value attributable to the options is eliminated in the consolidation of the VIEs. In an order adopted in March 2014, the FCC concluded that JSAs should be "attributable" for purposes of the media ownership rules if they permit a television licensee to sell more than 15% of the commercial inventory of a television station owned by a third party in the same market. Stations with JSAs that would put them in violation of the new rules will have until June 19, 2016 (subsequently extended to December 19, 2016) to amend or terminate those arrangements, unless they are able to obtain a waiver of such rules. Accordingly, absent further developments, or the grant of waivers, the Company will be required to modify or terminate its existing JSAs no later than December 19, 2016.

Note 5: Debt and Other Financial Instruments

Long-term debt at March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014, was as follows:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	2015	2014
Media General Credit Agreement	\$1,666,000	\$1,701,000
2022 Notes	400,000	400,000
2021 Notes	290,000	290,000
Shield Media Credit Agreement	29,000	29,600
Other borrowings	1,815	2,111
Total debt	2,386,815	2,422,711
Less: net unamortized discount	(10,460)	(10,768)
Less: scheduled current maturities	(3,555)	(11,781)
Long-term debt excluding current maturities	\$2,372,800	\$2,400,162

Media General Credit Agreement

In July 2013, the Company entered into a credit agreement with a syndicate of lenders to provide the Company an \$885 million term loan and a \$60 million revolving credit facility (the “Original Credit Agreement”, as supplemented and amended to date, the “Credit Agreement”). In 2014, the Company obtained additional incremental term loans (i) of \$75 million under Incremental Facility Amendment No. 1 to the Original Credit Agreement to facilitate the acquisition of the WHTM station in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and (ii) of \$825 million (a portion of which was borrowed by LIN Television as co-borrower) under Incremental Facility Amendment No. 2 to the Credit Agreement to repay certain debt, and pay merger costs related to the LIN Merger. The term loan under the Credit Agreement matures in July 2020 and bears interest at LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1%) plus a margin of 3.25%.

The Company repaid \$35 million of principal on the term loan in the first quarters of both 2015 and 2014. The early repayments of debt resulted in debt modification and extinguishment costs of \$0.6 million and \$0.1 million during the quarter ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, due to the accelerated recognition of deferred debt-related items. As of March 31, 2015, there was \$1,666 million outstanding under the Credit Agreement.

The Original Credit Agreement also included a \$60 million revolving credit facility, and during 2014 the Company obtained additional revolving credit commitments of \$90 million under Incremental Facility Amendment No. 2 to the Credit Agreement (the resulting \$150 million revolving credit facility, the “Revolving Credit Facility”). The Revolving Credit Facility matures in October 2019, bears an interest rate of LIBOR plus a margin of 2.75% and is subject to a 0.5% commitment fee per annum with respect to the undrawn portion of the facility.

Shield Media Credit Agreement

Shield Media LLC (and its subsidiary WXXA) and Shield Media Lansing LLC (and its subsidiary WLAJ) (collectively, “Shield Media”), companies that control subsidiaries with which the Company has joint sales and shared services arrangements for two stations as described in Note 4, entered into a new credit agreement with a syndicate of lenders, dated July 31, 2013. The term loans outstanding under this agreement mature in July 2018 and bear interest at LIBOR plus a margin of 3.25%. The Shield Media term loans are guaranteed by the Company and are secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company, on a pari passu basis with the Credit Agreement. The Company repaid \$0.6 million of principal on the term loan in the first quarters of both 2015 and 2014.

2022 Notes

On November 5, 2014, a wholly owned subsidiary of Old Media General completed the issuance of \$400 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Unsecured Notes due in 2022 (the “2022 Notes”) in connection with the financing of the LIN Merger. The net proceeds from offering of the 2022 Notes were used to repay certain indebtedness of LIN Media in connection with the LIN Merger, including to satisfy and discharge LIN Television’s \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 8.375% Senior Notes due 2018 and to pay related fees and expenses. The 2022 Notes were issued under an indenture, dated as of November 5, 2014 (the “2022 Notes Indenture”). New Media General, as the new direct parent of LIN Television, and certain of the wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television provide full and unconditional guarantees to the 2022 Notes, on a senior basis.

2021 Notes

LIN Television’s previously issued 6.375% Senior Notes due 2021 with an aggregate principal amount outstanding of \$290 million were assumed as of the Closing Date (the “2021 Notes”). Following the consummation of the LIN Merger, New Media General, as the new direct parent of LIN Television, and certain of the wholly owned subsidiaries of LIN Television provide full and unconditional guarantees to the 2021 Notes, on a senior basis.

Fair Value

The following table includes information about the carrying values and estimated fair values of the Company’s financial instruments at March 31, 2015, and December 31, 2014:

	March 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
<i>Assets:</i>				
Investments				
Trading securities	\$484	\$484	\$449	\$449
<i>Liabilities:</i>				
Long-term debt:				
Media General Credit Agreement	1,656,059	1,674,330	1,690,753	1,686,000
2022 Notes	398,080	409,000	398,038	397,000
2021 Notes	291,401	300,388	291,442	289,000
Shield Media Credit Agreement	29,000	29,000	29,600	29,600
Other borrowings	1,815	1,815	2,111	2,111

Trading securities held by the Supplemental 401(k) Plan are carried at fair value and are determined by reference to quoted market prices.

The fair value of the Media General Credit Agreement and the 2022 Notes was determined by reference to the most recent trading prices as of December 31, 2014. At March 31, 2015 the fair value was determined using a discounted cash flow analysis and an estimate of the current borrowing rate as recent trade data was not available.

The fair value of the 2021 Notes was determined by reference to the most recent trading prices.

The fair value of the Shield Media Credit Agreement and Other borrowings were determined using a discounted cash flow analysis and an estimate of the current borrowing rate.

Under the fair value hierarchy, the Company's trading securities fall under Level 1 (quoted prices in active markets), the 2021 Notes fall under Level 2 (other observable inputs) and the Media General Credit Agreement, 2022 Notes, Shield Media Credit Agreement and the Other Borrowings fall under Level 3 (unobservable inputs).

Note 6: Taxes on Income

The effective tax rate was 41% in the first quarter of 2015 compared to 40.1% in the same quarter of 2014. The relatively high rate in both periods was due primarily to merger-related expenses, a portion of which will not be deductible for tax purposes. The tax benefit in 2015 and expense in 2014 were largely non-cash due to the Company's significant net operating loss carryover for tax purposes. Current tax expense was approximately \$0.2 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, and 2014, respectively, and was attributable to state income taxes.

Note 7: Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted income per share for the three months ended March 31, 2015, and 2014

<i>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</i>	Three Months Ended			Three Months Ended		
	March 31,			March 31,		
	2015			2014		
	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount	Income	Shares	Per Share Amount
	(Numerator)	(Denominator)		(Numerator)	(Denominator)	
Net income (loss) attributable to Media General	\$(7,433)			\$5,385		
Undistributed earnings attributable to participating securities	-			(41)		
Basic EPS						
Income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$(7,433)	129,384	\$ (0.06)	\$5,344	88,324	\$ 0.06
Effect of dilutive securities: stock options and warrants		-			407	
Diluted EPS						
Income (loss) attributable to common stockholders	\$(7,433)	129,384	\$ (0.06)	\$5,344	88,731	\$ 0.06

We have excluded 1.1 million common shares issuable for share options and restricted shares from the calculation of diluted earnings per share for the three months ended March 31, 2015 because the net loss causes these outstanding shares to be anti-dilutive.

Note 8: Retirement and Postretirement Plans

The Company has a funded, qualified non-contributory defined benefit retirement plan which covers substantially all Legacy Media General employees hired before 2007 and IBEW Local 45 employees of KRON-TV with benefits which vested prior to 2006, as well as a non-contributory unfunded supplemental executive retirement and ERISA excess plans which supplement the coverage available to certain executives. These retirement plans are frozen.

In conjunction with the LIN Merger, the Company assumed liability for an additional defined benefit retirement plan as well as a supplemental retirement plan. Both plans are frozen. The Company is required to make contributions to the supplemental retirement plan for the then eligible employees and certain other employees based on 5% of each participant's eligible compensation.

The Company also has a retiree medical savings account plan which reimburses eligible employees who retire for certain medical expenses. In addition, the Company has an unfunded plan that provides certain health and life insurance benefits to retired employees who were hired prior to 1992.

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost (income) for the Company's benefit plans for the first three months of 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended			
	Pension Benefits		Other Benefits	
	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014	March 31, 2015	March 31, 2014
<i>(In thousands)</i>				
Service cost	\$-	\$42	\$10	\$22
Interest cost	7,400	5,506	110	261
Expected return on plan assets	(9,981)	(6,671)	-	-
Amortization of net loss	258	-	-	-
Net periodic benefit cost (income)	\$(2,323)	\$(1,123)	\$120	\$283

Note 9: Stockholders' Equity

The following table shows the components of the Company's stockholders' equity as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2015:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Common Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders' Equity
	Voting	Non-Voting			
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$1,322,284	\$-	\$ (36,445)	\$214,582	\$1,500,421
Net loss attributable to Media General	-	-	-	(7,433)	(7,433)

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Exercise of stock options	1,035	-	-	-	1,035
Stock-based compensation	3,009	-	-	-	3,009
Revaluation of redeemable noncontrolling interest	-	-	-	(586)	(586)
Other	(633)	-	-	-	(633)
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$1,325,695	\$ -	\$ (36,445)	\$206,563	\$ 1,495,813

The following table shows the components of the Company's stockholders' equity as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2014:

<i>(In thousands)</i>	Common Stock		Accumulated Other Comprehensive	Retained	Total
	Voting	Non-Voting	Loss	Earnings	Stockholders' Equity
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$557,754	\$ 12,483	\$ 5,668	\$ 161,076	\$ 736,981
Net income attributable to Media General	-	-	-	5,385	5,385
Exercise of stock options	394	-	-	-	394
Stock-based compensation	584	-	-	-	584
Other	(19)	-	-	-	(19)
Balance at March 31, 2014	\$558,713	\$ 12,483	\$ 5,668	\$ 166,461	\$ 743,325

Note 10: Other

In March 2015, the Company received approximately \$2.5 million in settlement proceeds as a party to an industry-wide lawsuit alleging overcharges by an intellectual property licensing agency. The settlement proceeds were recorded as a reduction to Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense in the Company's Consolidated Condensed Statements of Comprehensive income. The Company also recorded \$3.1 million of non-operating income related to the relocation of broadcast channels in our Lansing, Michigan and Austin, Texas markets to a telecommunications company.

Note 11: Subsequent Events

In April 2015, the Company acquired the remaining shares of Dedicated Media, Inc. for a purchase price of approximately \$11 million. Prior to the transaction, the Company held 60% of the outstanding shares of Dedicated Media, Inc. For the three months ended March 31, 2015, Dedicated Media, Inc. was consolidated in the Company's financial results and financial position. Dedicated Media, Inc. is a California-based company whose primary business is providing direct response marketing services to its customers.

On or about May 8, 2015, the Company expects to enter into an Amendment No. 5 to the Credit Agreement ("Amendment No. 5"), with Royal Bank of Canada, as administrative agent, and the other lenders and parties thereto. The Company's existing senior secured credit facility will be amended to permit usage of the \$100 million 'Available Amount' starter basket for restricted payments (including share repurchases) without regard to any leverage test, and the 5.00x total net leverage test for usage of other 'Available Amount' baskets will be changed to a 3.50x senior secured net leverage test.

Note 12: Guarantor Financial Information

LIN Television, a 100% owned subsidiary of New Media General, is the primary obligor of the 2021 Notes. New Media General fully and unconditionally guarantees all of LIN Television's obligations under the 2021 Notes on a joint and several basis. Additionally, all of the consolidated 100% owned subsidiaries of LIN Television fully and unconditionally guarantee LIN Television's obligations under the 2021 Senior Notes on a joint and several basis. There are certain limitations in the ability of the subsidiaries to pay dividends to New Media General. The following financial information presents condensed consolidating balance sheets, statements of operations, and statements of cash flows for New Media General, LIN Television (as the issuer), the Guarantor Subsidiaries, and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries, together with certain eliminations.

Media General, Inc.**Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet****March 31, 2015****(in thousands)**

	New Media General	LIN Television Corporation	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$-	\$27,816	\$24,042	\$6,453	\$-	\$58,311
Trade accounts receivable, net	-	65,866	156,547	12,164	-	234,577
Restricted cash at qualified intermediary	-	-	119,903	-	-	119,903
Current deferred tax asset	-	-	52,129	40	-	52,169
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	-	15,258	17,416	6,483	-	39,157
Total current assets	-	108,940	370,037	25,140	-	504,117
Property and equipment, net	-	175,402	308,177	5,683	-	489,262
Other assets, net	-	7,610	65,674	2,119	-	75,403
Definite lived intangible assets, net	-	393,299	495,913	45,056	-	934,268
Broadcast licenses	-	-	1,025,800	71,300	-	1,097,100
Goodwill	-	509,964	990,484	95,278	-	1,595,726
Advances to consolidated subsidiaries	-	(36,010)	36,965	(955)	-	-
Investment in consolidated subsidiaries	1,495,813	1,306,335	-	-	(2,802,148)	-
Total assets	\$1,495,813	\$2,465,540	\$3,293,050	\$243,621	\$(2,802,148)	\$4,695,876
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)						
Current liabilities:						
Trade accounts payable	\$-	\$3,369	\$22,872	\$1,275	\$-	\$27,516
Accrued salaries and wages	-	4,246	16,227	524	-	20,997
Other accrued expenses and other current liabilities	-	27,491	90,701	4,279	-	122,471
Current installments of long-term debt	-	-	-	3,555	-	3,555
	-	480	294	59	-	833

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Current installments of obligation under capital leases						
Total current liabilities	-	35,586	130,094	9,692	-	175,372
Long-term debt	-	689,482	1,656,059	27,259	-	2,372,800
Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities	-	190,355	164,765	2,785	-	357,905
Long-term capital lease obligations	-	13,387	1,243	20	-	14,650
Retirement and postretirement plans	-	30,983	175,547	-	-	206,530
Other liabilities	-	9,934	22,820	2,094	-	34,848
Total liabilities	-	969,727	2,150,528	41,850	-	3,162,105
Noncontrolling interests	-	-	10,488	27,470	-	37,958
Stockholders' equity:						
Voting common stock	1,325,695	-	-	-	-	1,325,695
Additional paid-in capital	-	1,451,173	945,728	175,834	(2,572,735)	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(36,445)	(1,434)	(34,847)	-	36,281	(36,445)
Retained earnings	206,563	46,074	221,153	(1,533)	(265,694)	206,563
Total stockholders (deficit) equity	1,495,813	1,495,813	1,132,034	174,301	(2,802,148)	1,495,813
Total liabilities, noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$ 1,495,813	\$ 2,465,540	\$ 3,293,050	\$ 243,621	\$ (2,802,148)	\$ 4,695,876

Media General, Inc.**Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet****December 31, 2014****(in thousands)**

	New Media General	LIN Television Corporation	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,388	\$ 9,658	\$ 27,371	\$ 4,503	\$ -	\$ 43,920
Trade accounts receivable, net	-	82,909	168,862	13,398	-	265,169
Restricted cash at qualified intermediary	-	-	119,903	-	-	119,903
Current deferred tax asset	-	3,492	52,222	40	-	55,754
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	-	19,424	11,396	8,978	-	39,798
Total current assets	2,388	115,483	379,754	26,919	-	524,544
Property and equipment, net	-	179,044	315,041	5,793	-	499,878
Other assets, net	-	8,565	67,962	2,473	-	79,000
Definite lived intangible assets, net	-	403,866	506,419	45,815	-	956,100
Broadcast licenses	-	-	1,025,800	71,300	-	1,097,100
Goodwill	-	510,766	989,682	95,278	-	1,595,726
Advances to consolidated subsidiaries	2,021	(441,971)	443,939	(3,989)		-
Investment in consolidated subsidiaries	1,496,012	1,319,033		-	(2,815,045)	-
Total assets	\$ 1,500,421	\$ 2,094,786	\$ 3,728,597	\$ 243,589	\$ (2,815,045)	\$ 4,752,348
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDER'S EQUITY (DEFICIT)						
Current liabilities:						
Trade accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 4,014	\$ 31,794	\$ 551	\$ -	\$ 36,359
Accrued salaries and wages	-	9,384	26,536	714	-	36,634
Other accrued expenses and other current liabilities	-	42,501	53,042	7,149	-	102,692
Current installments of long-term debt	-	-	8,218	3,563	-	11,781
Current installments of obligation under capital	-	441	303	71	-	815

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leases						
Total current liabilities	-	56,340	119,893	12,048	-	188,281
Long-term debt	-	291,442	2,080,570	28,150	-	2,400,162
Deferred tax liability and other long-term tax liabilities	-	193,847	168,171	2,826	-	364,844
Long-term capital lease obligations	-	13,529	1,312	28	-	14,869
Retirement and postretirement plans	-	33,031	178,233	-	-	211,264
Other liabilities	-	10,585	22,037	5,404	-	38,026
Total liabilities	-	598,774	2,570,216	48,456	-	3,217,446
Noncontrolling interests	-	-	10,981	23,500	-	34,481
Stockholders' equity:						
Voting common stock	1,322,284	-	-	-	-	1,322,284
Additional paid-in capital		1,443,940	962,584	172,765	(2,579,289)	-
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(36,445)	(1,434)	(34,847)	-	36,281	(36,445)
Retained earnings	214,582	53,506	219,663	(1,132)	(272,037)	214,582
Total stockholders (deficit) equity	1,500,421	1,496,012	1,147,400	171,633	(2,815,045)	1,500,421
Total liabilities, noncontrolling interest and stockholders' equity (deficit)	\$ 1,500,421	\$ 2,094,786	\$ 3,728,597	\$ 243,589	\$ (2,815,045)	\$ 4,752,348

Media General, Inc.**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income****Year to date through March 31, 2015***(in thousands)*

	New Media General	LIN Television Corporation	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net operating revenue	\$ -	\$ 88,218	\$ 199,730	\$ 13,742	\$ (4,956)	\$ 296,734
Operating costs:						
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation expense	-	37,599	83,759	7,542	(3,024)	125,876
Selling, general and administrative expenses	-	23,524	53,218	4,137	(409)	80,470
Amortization of program licenses rights	-	4,178	7,101	479	-	11,758
Corporate and other expenses	-	3,201	9,458	(8)	-	12,651
Depreciation and amortization	-	14,136	24,672	1,475	-	40,283
Gain related to property and equipment, net	-	(36)	(192)	-	-	(228)
Merger-related expenses and restructuring expenses	-	1,374	3,903	-	-	5,277
Operating income (loss)	\$ -	\$ 4,242	\$ 17,811	\$ 117	\$ (1,523)	\$ 20,647
Other income (expense):						
Interest expense, net	(1)	(10,650)	(20,087)			