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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

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Form 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2014

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 001-32601

LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 20-3247759

(State of Incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9348 Civic Center Drive Beverly Hills, CA 90210

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(310) 867-7000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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. x Yes "No Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x 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. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer " (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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 x No

On October 24, 2014, there were 200,659,004 outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, including 1,224,678 shares of unvested restricted stock awards and excluding 408,024 shares held in treasury.

Accelerated filer

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# LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. GLOSSARY OF KEY TERMS

AOCI Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)

AOI Adjusted operating income (loss)
Clear Channel Clear Channel Communications, Inc.

Company Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries

FASB Financial Accounting Standards Board

GAAP United States Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. and subsidiaries SEC United States Securities and Exchange Commission

For periods prior to May 6, 2010, Ticketmaster means Ticketmaster

Entertainment LLC and its predecessor companies (including without limitation Ticketmaster Entertainment, Inc.); for periods on and after

Ticketmaster limitation Ticketmaster Entertainment, Inc.); for periods on and after

May 6, 2010, Ticketmaster means the Ticketmaster ticketing business of

the Company

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION Item 1. Financial Statements LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS	September 30, 2014 (in thousands)	December 31, 2013	,
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,358,300	\$1,299,184	
Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$17,385 and \$19,850, respectively	607,150	439,151	
Prepaid expenses	484,603	378,342	
Other current assets	47,882	43,427	
Total current assets	2,497,935	2,160,104	
Property, plant and equipment	, ,	, ,	
Land, buildings and improvements	811,059	816,931	
Computer equipment and capitalized software	430,443	421,846	
Furniture and other equipment	208,679	210,866	
Construction in progress	80,210	52,883	
	1,530,391	1,502,526	
Less accumulated depreciation	834,450	795,726	
	695,941	706,800	
Intangible assets			
Definite-lived intangible assets, net	619,671	676,564	
Indefinite-lived intangible assets	369,640	376,736	
Goodwill	1,484,677	1,466,983	
Other long-term assets	379,867	296,334	
Total assets	\$6,047,731	\$5,683,521	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable, client accounts	\$646,814	\$656,253	
Accounts payable	96,104	111,320	
Accrued expenses	763,800	668,799	
Deferred revenue	399,534	486,433	
Current portion of long-term debt	47,947	278,403	
Other current liabilities	37,734	54,310	
Total current liabilities	1,991,933	2,255,518	
Long-term debt, net	2,027,209	1,530,484	
Long-term deferred income taxes	165,224	161,637	
Other long-term liabilities	107,684	85,035	
Commitments and contingent liabilities	54.40 <i>6</i>	61.041	
Redeemable noncontrolling interests	74,436	61,041	
Stockholders' equity	1.000	1.070	
Common stock	1,998	1,978	
Additional paid-in capital	2,403,316	2,368,281	`
Accumulated deficit		) (951,796	)
Cost of shares held in treasury	* .	) (6,865	)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(37,577	) (2,370	)

Total Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. stockholders' equity	1,504,725	1,409,228
Noncontrolling interests	176,520	180,578
Total equity	1,681,245	1,589,806
Total liabilities and equity	\$6,047,731	\$5,683,521

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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## LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,		nded			
	2014		2013		2014		2013	
	(in thousands	s e	except share a	ınd	per share data	1)		
Revenue	\$2,502,008		\$2,262,236		\$5,295,109	_	\$4,865,447	
Operating expenses:								
Direct operating expenses	1,876,519		1,698,731		3,792,366		3,485,583	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	349,676		325,005		978,006		900,246	
Depreciation and amortization	97,925		92,729		256,732		257,582	
Gain on disposal of operating assets	(1,696	)	(9,060	)	(4,977	)	(42,856	)
Corporate expenses	26,647		26,442		73,538		68,909	
Acquisition transaction expenses	2,333		2,352		5,462		5,329	
Operating income	150,604		126,037		193,982		190,654	
Interest expense	28,113		29,393		80,195		87,585	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	233		36,269		233		36,269	
Interest income	(864	)	(1,547	)	(2,676	)	(4,205	)
Equity in losses (earnings) of nonconsolidated affiliate	s (2,155	)	2,363		(5,921	)	(2,848	)
Other expense (income), net	12,587		(5,269	)	11,081		2,237	
Income before income taxes	112,690		64,828		111,070		71,616	
Income tax expense (benefit)	(3,137	)	14,410		(482	)	26,370	
Net income	115,827		50,418		111,552		45,246	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	10,664		6,644		15,903		6,581	
Net income attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.	\$105,163		\$43,774		\$95,649		\$38,665	
Basic net income per common share attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.	\$0.52		\$0.22		\$0.46		\$0.20	
Diluted net income per common share attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.	\$0.49		\$0.22		\$0.45		\$0.19	
Weighted average common shares outstanding: Basic Diluted	199,261,810 221,581,583		196,396,704 202,109,783		198,612,221 206,233,574		192,792,286 197,266,289	
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## LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Month September		
	2014	2013	2014	2013	
	(in thousands)				
Net income	\$115,827	\$50,418	\$111,552	\$45,246	
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:					
Unrealized gain (loss) on cash flow hedges	6	(22	) (2	) 3	
Realized loss on cash flow hedges	15	19	48	476	
Change in funded status of defined benefit pension plan	_	_	30	_	
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(54,426)	40,701	(35,283	) (817	)
Comprehensive income	61,422	91,116	76,345	44,908	
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	10,664	6,644	15,903	6,581	
Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.	f \$ 50,758	\$84,472	\$60,442	\$38,327	

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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## LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

	Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,			
	2014	2013		
	(in thousand	ds)		
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES				
Net income	\$111,552	\$45,246		
Reconciling items:				
Depreciation	93,140	90,443		
Amortization	163,592	167,139		
Deferred income tax benefit	(21,463	) (8,230	)	
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discount/premium, net	13,375	15,409		
Loss on extinguishment of debt	233	36,269		
Non-cash compensation expense	31,531	23,224		
Gain on disposal of operating assets	(4,977	) (42,856	)	
Equity in earnings of nonconsolidated affiliates	(5,921	) (2,848	)	
Other, net	(2,679	) 221		
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and				
dispositions:				
Increase in accounts receivable	(193,705	) (106,561	)	
Increase in prepaid expenses	(125,525	) (50,432	)	
Increase in other assets	(105,228	) (94,421	)	
Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	108,716	237,718		
Decrease in deferred revenue	(76,473	) (45,783	)	
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	(13,832	) 264,538	ŕ	
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	,	,		
Distributions from nonconsolidated affiliates	7,303	13,104		
Investments made in nonconsolidated affiliates	(11,324	) (7,505	)	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(98,248	) (103,577	)	
Proceeds from disposal of operating assets, net of cash divested	2,058	83,086		
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(48,527	) (26,418	)	
Purchases of intangible assets	(2,675	) (17	)	
Other, net	(8,279	) (1,163	)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(159,692	) (42,490	)	
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES	,	, , ,		
Proceeds from long-term debt, net of debt issuance costs	515,258	870,324		
Payments on long-term debt, including redemption costs	(245,014	) (854,277	)	
Contributions from noncontrolling interests	81	267		
Distributions to noncontrolling interests	(23,964	) (12,382	)	
Purchases and sales of noncontrolling interests, net	(3,528	) (75	)	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	14,142	•	,	