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1 Overview

We are pleased to present our 2020 SEC quarterly reports, a reference guide to help you prepare your financial and related information for Form 10-Q.

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act or 1934 Act) requires most domestic SEC registrants to file a quarterly report with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on Form 10-Q. The Form 10-Q includes condensed financial information and other data prepared by a company’s accounting personnel and reviewed by its independent auditors.

The SEC’s integrated disclosure system enables companies to incorporate information included in one document into other documents. For example, the Form 10-Q can be incorporated into 1933 Act filings such as Forms S-1, S-3, S-4 or S-8, subject to the eligibility requirements of these forms. Additionally, for continuous or delayed security offerings, documents filed after the initial effective date of a Form S-3 or S-8 are automatically incorporated by reference into these registration statements until the security offering is terminated.

This publication reflects amendments to the reporting requirements for Form 10-Q introduced by the following SEC releases that became effective in 2020:

- Release 34-88365 Accelerated Filer and Large Accelerated Filer Definitions
- Release 33-10762 Financial Disclosures about Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities and Affiliates Whose Securities Collateralize a Registrant’s Securities
- Release 33-10825 Modernization of Regulation S-K Items 101, 103, and 105
- Release 33-10889 Electronic Signatures in Regulation S-T Rule 302

This publication outlines the SEC’s requirements for the content of Form 10-Q effective as of 30 November 2020. It also contains guidance about the following amendments to Item 303 of Regulation S-K introduced by Release 33-10890, Management’s Discussion and Analysis, Selected Financial Data, and Supplementary Financial Information, which we refer to as the 19 November 2020 amendments to Regulation S-K, that apply to Form 10-Q:

- New Item 303(a), Management’s Discussion and Analysis - Objective, discussed in section 3.7 of this publication
- Revised Item 303(b)(1), Liquidity and Capital Resources, discussed in section 3.7.4
- Relocated and expanded Item 303(c), Interim Periods, discussed in section 3.7.5
- New Item 303(b)(3), Critical Accounting Estimates, discussed in section 3.7.6
- Selected quarterly financial data in annual reports, discussed in section 5.2

The 19 November 2020 amendments to Regulation S-K will take effect 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, which hadn’t happened by the date of the issuance of this publication but is expected to be prior to the first quarter Form 10-Q deadline for calendar year registrants. Domestic registrants are required to apply these amendments for fiscal years ending on or after 210 days after publication in the
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Federal Register. For calendar-year registrants, this means compliance is mandatory for annual reports on Form 10-K for 2021. Early compliance in annual reports for fiscal year 2020 is permitted as long as a registrant makes the filing after the effective date (30 days after publication in the Federal Register).

For Form 10-Q filings, registrants may voluntarily comply with the amendments to Item 303 after the effective date, as long as they provide disclosures required by the amended item in its entirety. For instance, if the 19 November 2020 amendments to Regulation S-K are published in the Federal Register on 20 January 2021, the effective date will be 19 February 2021.

A registrant that applies the amendments to Item 303 of Regulation S-K before the mandatory compliance date must continue to provide the disclosures required by amended Item 303 in future filings (i.e., Form 10-Qs, Form 10-Ks, registration statements and proxy statements).

1.1 Section highlights

The following is an overview of how information is organized by Section throughout this publication:

- Section 2 explains the general rules and requirements for preparing and filing Form 10-Q.
- Section 3 discusses the requirements for financial information in Part I of Form 10-Q.
- Section 4 discusses the principles of interim accounting and financial reporting.
- Section 5 covers quarterly financial information in an earnings release or quarterly report to shareholders.
- Section 6 explains the involvement of independent auditors.
- Section 7 discusses the requirements for “smaller reporting companies.”

1.2 EY publications and checklists

The EY US firm provides publications with interpretive guidance for preparing various SEC forms and schedules. These publications are available from any EY representative and many are available on the EY AccountingLink website, which offers easy access to many of the publications produced by our US Professional Practice Group. AccountingLink is available free of charge.

- **SEC annual reports** – Form 10-K summarizes the SEC requirements for annual reports on Form 10-K, as well as annual reports to shareholders that must be furnished under the proxy rules. It provides guidance for preparing annual reports to shareholders and Form 10-K, and includes an example Form 10-K.

- **SEC Comments and Trends** discusses the SEC staff’s comments on public company filings to provide insights on the SEC staff’s concerns and areas of focus.

- **Proxy statements: an overview of the requirements** summarizes the requirements of Regulation 14A and Schedule 14A under the Exchange Act for soliciting annual meeting proxies. This publication includes an overview of the disclosure requirements regarding executive compensation, auditor fees and the compensation, audit and nominating committees.

- **SEC in Focus** is a quarterly newsletter summarizing current activities and regulatory developments at the SEC. The newsletter provides an update on activities and events relating to SEC matters, including Commission open meetings, final rules and rule proposals, SEC staff “hot buttons,” SEC personnel changes and significant SEC enforcement initiatives.

The following is a list of EY checklists intended to assist registrants in preparing Form 10-Q and quarterly

1 The EY AccountingLink website can be found at [http://www.ey.com/US/Accountinglink](http://www.ey.com/US/Accountinglink).
reports to shareholders:

- **Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting** – This checklist assists in determining that the financial statement disclosure requirements for condensed interim financial statements of US GAAP and Regulation S-X have been satisfied. It also outlines the line item caption aggregation requirements for interim financial statements in Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Part II addresses certain financial and nonfinancial statement disclosures required for interim reporting under Regulations S-X and S-K (EY Form A78).

- **GAAP disclosure checklist** – This checklist should be completed if a full (rather than condensed) set of interim-period financial statements is presented. It assists in determining that the financial statement disclosure requirements of generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and Regulation S-X have been satisfied (EY Form A13).

- **SEC annual shareholders' report checklist** – Parts II and III assist in addressing the SEC’s requirements for Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) (EY Form A150).

### 1.3 Other considerations in preparing Form 10-Q

This publication is not a substitute for reading the Form 10-Q instructions and the disclosure instructions in Regulations S-K and S-X. In addition, the views of the SEC and its staff should be considered. We note that SEC staff views are nonbinding and, unlike SEC rules and regulations, they do not have the force of law. However, registrants are generally expected to comply with the SEC staff views.

Registrants should consider the following Commission rules and interpretative guidance and the following staff guidance:

- Regulation S-K contains standard instructions for nonfinancial statement disclosures required in quarterly reports on Form 10-Q.

- Regulation S-X (Article 10 and Rule 8-03) provides the requirements for interim financial statements.

- Rules 13-01 and 13-02 of Regulation S-X provide the requirements for selected financial information and other qualitative disclosures for guarantors, co-issuers and entities whose securities function as collateral for registered debt, if the registrant qualifies to provide such alternative disclosure in lieu of separate financial statements for such entities. The disclosures may be located outside the interim financial statements in the interim report on Form 10-Q.

- Financial Reporting Releases (FRRs) address interpretative guidance and certain revisions to Regulations S-K and S-X. The Codification of Financial Reporting Policies (FRC) contains certain SEC releases (e.g., final rules and interpretive guidance) relating to financial reporting as published in the Accounting Series Releases (ASRs), and more recently, in FRRs.

- Staff Accounting Bulletins (SABs) are written accounting interpretations and practices followed by the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance and the Office of the Chief Accountant. They are codified in the Codification of Staff Accounting Bulletins.

- Staff Legal Bulletins (SLBs) are written interpretations of the requirements of the federal securities laws or related rules and regulations published by the SEC’s legal staff.

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Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations (C&DIs) and CF Disclosure Guidance Topics are views expressed by the SEC’s Division of Corporation Finance.

The Financial Reporting Manual (FRM) provides views on financial reporting matters from the Division of Corporation Finance’s Office of Chief Accountant.3

The highlights of meetings the Center for Audit Quality (CAQ) SEC Regulations Committee holds periodically with the SEC staff describe the staff’s views on emerging financial reporting issues relating to SEC rules and regulations and can be found on the CAQ website.4

The rules and regulations for financial reporting are complex. Any materially inaccurate or incomplete information in Form 10-Q can expose a company, and its directors and officers, to liability under the federal securities laws. Additionally, as discussed in section 2 of this publication, Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act) requires the CEO and CFO to provide a certification accompanying each periodic report stating, among other things, that the report “fully complies” with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Section 906 provides for criminal penalties for an officer, who provides the certification “knowing” it to be untrue, of up to a $1 million fine and imprisonment of 10 years (with harsher penalties for “willful” violations).

In certain situations, it might be appropriate to meet with the SEC staff to discuss a complex accounting or reporting issue. The SEC staff has expressed its willingness to discuss proposed accounting treatments with registrants and their auditors for unusual, complex or innovative transactions for which no clear authoritative guidance exists. The SEC website provides guidelines for consultations with the SEC staff of the Office of the Chief Accountant, entitled “Guidance for Consulting with the Office of the Chief Accountant.”5 Separately, registrants can discuss financial reporting and legal matters with the staff in the Division of Corporation Finance and can seek relief from financial reporting requirements under Rule 3-13 of Regulation S-X.6

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3 The FRM can be found at the following link: [http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cffinancialreportingmanual.shtml](http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/cffinancialreportingmanual.shtml).
4 The CAQ SEC Regulations Committee highlights can be found on the CAQ website at [https://www.thecaq.org/about-us/our-committees/sec-regulations-committee/](https://www.thecaq.org/about-us/our-committees/sec-regulations-committee/).
5 This guidance can be found at the following link: [http://www.sec.gov/info/accountants/ocasubguidance.htm](http://www.sec.gov/info/accountants/ocasubguidance.htm).
6 Requests for interpretation or pre-clearance of complex or unusual financial reporting positions can be submitted to the staff of the Office of the Chief Accountant at the Division of Corporation Finance either through email at DCAOLetters@sec.gov or through completing the online form Request for Interpretive Advice at [https://www.sec.gov/forms/corp_fin_interpretive](https://www.sec.gov/forms/corp_fin_interpretive).
Form 10-Q is used for quarterly reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. Under Exchange Act Rules 13(a)-13 and 15(d)-13 a Form 10-Q should be filed for each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year by every issuer that:

- Has securities registered pursuant to Section 127 of the Exchange Act and must file annual reports (generally Form 10-K) pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act
- Has securities registered pursuant to the Securities Act and must file annual reports (generally Form 10-K) pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act

Sections 13(a) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act exempt the following issuers from the quarterly reporting requirements:

- Investment companies required to file annual reports on Form N-CEN under Rule 30a-1 of the Investment Company Act of 1940
- Foreign private issuers required to file reports under Rule 13(a)-16 or 15(d)-16 on Form 6-K
- Asset-backed security issuers required to file reports under Rule 13(a)-17 on Form 10-D

In addition, the following issuers are exempt from filing Part I – Financial Information of Form 10-Q (see section 3 of this publication):

- Mutual life insurance companies
- Mining companies that are not in the production stage but are exploring for or developing mineral deposits other than oil, gas or coal and that meet certain other conditions

2.1 When the report is due

Form 10-Q must be filed electronically after the end of each of the first three fiscal quarters (a fourth quarter report is not required). The SEC does not consider the Form 10-Q filed until it receives the document. If the due date falls on a holiday or weekend, registrants have until the next business day to file. The rules require registrants to promptly notify the SEC if they cannot file all or any required portion of Form 10-Q within the prescribed time period (see section 2.1.2). The deadlines for filing the Form 10-Q are determined by a company’s filing status.

A registrant’s filing status is determined at the end of each fiscal year for that year end’s Form 10-K and subsequent Forms 10-Q. The determination is primarily based on its public float, which is the aggregate worldwide market value of its voting and nonvoting common equity held by non-affiliates, calculated on the last business day of the most recent second fiscal quarter. This is intended to allow the registrant to determine well in advance when it must file its next Form 10-K and subsequent Forms 10-Q. The cover

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7 Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act requires issuers to register securities that are traded on a national exchange. Section 12(g) requires registration by unlisted companies that have more than $10 million of assets and 2,000 or more record holders (or 500 record holders who are not accredited investors) except for bank or bank holding companies. For bank or bank holding companies, the trigger is 2,000 record holders, even if none are accredited investors. See Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and Exchange Act Rule 12g5-1 for the definition of “held of record.”

8 Foreign private issuers that are required by their home country to furnish quarterly financial information must use Form 6-K to furnish the same information with the SEC.
page of Form 10-K requires disclosure of a registrant's public float as of the end of its most recent second fiscal quarter. In addition, both the cover pages of Form 10-K and Form 10-Q are required to indicate the registrant's filer status (i.e., large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and non-accelerated filer) and separately whether it qualifies as a smaller reporting company and/or emerging growth company. See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for a discussion of certain circumstances affecting a company's filing status (i.e., a subsidiary of an accelerated filer, a change in fiscal year end and going private transactions).

Large accelerated and accelerated filers must file their quarterly reports on Form 10-Q within 40 days of each quarter end. If a registrant is not subject to the accelerated filing requirements, Form 10-Q is due 45 days after the fiscal quarter end.

**Entry thresholds for accelerated filer status**

Certain smaller reporting companies may also be accelerated filers, which means that these companies must file on a more accelerated basis and need to obtain auditor attestation on internal control over financial reporting (ICFR).

Effective April 2020, a company that qualifies as a smaller reporting company based on its public float and has revenue of less than $100 million in its most recently completed year qualifies for non-accelerated filer status.

A registrant with a public float of less than $75 million also qualifies for non-accelerated status, regardless of its revenue for the most recently completed fiscal year.

The table below summarizes the current entry thresholds that registrants have to monitor at their annual filer status re-determination date:

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<th>Status</th>
<th>Public float</th>
<th>Annual revenues</th>
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<tr>
<td>Smaller reporting company and non-accelerated filer</td>
<td>Less than $75 million</td>
<td>No limit</td>
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<td></td>
<td>$75 million to less than $700 million</td>
<td>Less than $100 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Smaller reporting company and accelerated filer</td>
<td>$75 million to less than $250 million</td>
<td>$100 million or more</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Accelerated filer (not a smaller reporting company)</td>
<td>$250 million to less than $700 million</td>
<td>$100 million or more</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Large accelerated filer</td>
<td>$700 million and greater</td>
<td>Not applicable</td>
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**Non-accelerated status for year after first registration statement**

After a registrant's first registration statement is declared effective, a Form 10-Q for the quarter following the latest period for which financial statements were included in the registration statement is due the later of 45 days after the effective date of the registration statement or the date the Form 10-Q would otherwise be due. In addition, as discussed below, a new registrant would not meet the criteria to file on an accelerated basis and its quarterly reports would be due 45 days after the fiscal quarter end until it has been a public company for at least a complete fiscal year.

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9 Companies that qualify as emerging growth companies are exempt from the requirements of Section 404(b), even if they are accelerated filers.
Regulation A issuers are subject to periodic reporting obligations (e.g., Forms 10-K, 10-Q) under the Exchange Act when they register their securities on Form 8-A under Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act to be able to list their securities on a national securities exchange. The SEC staff clarified\(^\text{10}\) that Regulation A issuers that register on Form 8-A can file their first Form 10-Q (or 10-Qs covering two quarters) up to 45 days after the effective date of their Form 8-A or by the required due date of the Form 10-Q (as if the issuer had been required to file Form 10-Q), whichever is later.

**Illustration 2-1: When the report is due**

If an IPO registration statement of a calendar-year company was effective on 14 July, the Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended 30 June would be due 45 days from 14 July, which is 28 August. However, if the registration statement was effective on 24 June, the Form 10-Q would be due 45 days from the end of the quarter, which is 14 August.

### Exit provisions

A large accelerated filer whose public float, as of the last business day of its most recently completed second fiscal quarter (the re-determination date), is less than $560 million would no longer be considered a large accelerated filer as of the end of that fiscal year.

An accelerated filer would exit that status and become a non-accelerated filer as of the end of its fiscal year if its public float drops below $60 million (regardless of revenue for its most recently completed fiscal year) at its annual re-determination date\(^\text{11}\).

An accelerated filer would also become a non-accelerated filer as of the end of its fiscal year, considering both its revenue and public float, in each of the following situations:

- An issuer that qualified as an accelerated filer and smaller reporting company because its revenue was more than $100 million and its public float was less than $250 million on its prior annual re-determination date reports revenue below $100 million and estimates that its public float is still less than $250 million for purposes of the current year re-determination test.

- An issuer that was an accelerated filer (but not a smaller reporting company) in the prior year because its revenue was more than $100 million and its public float was greater than $250 million reports revenue below $80 million and estimates public float below $560 million for purposes of its current annual re-determination test.

In each of these cases, the registrant’s next Form 10-K would be the first periodic report affected by the longer due dates associated with its new filing status. The due dates of the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the remainder of the current fiscal year would continue to be determined by the registrant’s filing status as of the beginning of that fiscal year. That is, even if the public float of a large accelerated filer or an accelerated filer falls below $60 million as of the last business day of its second fiscal quarter, its Form 10-Q for both its second and third quarter of that fiscal year would continue to be due 40 days after each quarter end.\(^\text{12}\) If a registrant becomes a non-accelerated filer, the Form 10-Q for its first interim quarter of the subsequent year would be the first Form 10-Q due 45 days after quarter end.

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\(^{10}\) Refer to C&DI about Securities Act rules, Question 182.23 at: [https://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/guidance/securitiesactrules-interps.htm](https://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/guidance/securitiesactrules-interps.htm)

\(^{11}\) If its public float was $60 million or more, it would be an accelerated filer or, if its public float was less than $60 million, it would be a non-accelerated filer (assuming its revenues remained over $100 million as discussed above).

\(^{12}\) As discussed in section 7, in this circumstance, the issuer may be able to use the scaled disclosure provisions applicable to a smaller reporting company in these quarterly reports.
2.1.2 Late filing

Exchange Act Rule 12b-25 requires a registrant to promptly notify (within one business day of the 10-Q due date) the SEC on Form 12b-25 if it cannot file all or any required portion of Form 10-Q within the prescribed time period. Form 12b-25 is intended to serve as a disclosure mechanism and is broadly available via the SEC’s EDGAR system. Thus, disclosure is available to the public regarding the reasons that a periodic report or portion thereof has not been filed on time.

The SEC will not grant extensions beyond the prescribed due date. However, the SEC will deem a registrant’s Form 10-Q to have been filed timely, even if it actually was filed up to five business days late, provided it has complied with all the requirements and conditions of Rule 12b-25. The five-day relief period is available to all companies, regardless of their filing status. A specific relief provision of Rule 12b-25 provides that the SEC will deem a late Form 10-Q to have been filed timely if all of the following conditions are met:

- A properly filed notification on Form 12b-25 discloses that filing timely would have caused unreasonable effort or expense, and the registrant undertakes that the Form 10-Q, or the delinquent portion thereof, will be filed no later than the fifth calendar day following the original due date.
- The registrant attaches, when applicable, a statement from any person other than the registrant (e.g., actuary, engineer, independent auditor) whose inability to furnish a required opinion, report or certification was the reason that the Form 10-Q could not be filed on time.
- The Form 10-Q, or the delinquent portion thereof, is filed within the five-day extension period from the original due date.

A company would not be eligible to file a new registration statement on Form S-3 until the report is filed within the extension period. However, the company can continue to use an already effective Form S-3 to make offers and sales during the extension period if certain conditions are met.

In addition to the requirements for the relief provision described above, the instructions for Form 12b-25 are summarized as follows:

- The form must be filed no later than one business day after the due date of the periodic report in question. The form is deemed to be filed on the date it is received by the SEC.
- The registrant must explain why it cannot file the report within the time required.
- If the form is being filed for a portion of a report and the balance of the report was filed by the original due date, the registrant must disclose the portion(s) omitted. When the registrant amends the report to include the information previously omitted, the registrant must state in the upper right corner of the amendment: “The following items were the subject of a Form 12b-25 and are included herein.” Then it must list the item numbers.

Like other Exchange Act filings, Form 12b-25 is subject to Exchange Act Rule 12b-20. That is, in addition to the required information, the report must contain any additional material information necessary under the circumstances to make the required information not misleading (e.g., disclosure of any internal control issues that led to the inability to file on time).

See section 8 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for additional discussion of the SEC rules for late filing, Form 12b-25 and the involvement of independent auditors in the notification process.
2.1.3 Required review by independent auditors

Rules 8-03 and 10-01(d) of Regulation S-X require that a company’s interim financial statements be reviewed by its independent auditors in accordance with PCAOB Auditing Standard (AS) 4105, *Interim Financial Information* (PCAOB AS 4105), before it files its Form 10-Q with the SEC (see section 6 of this publication for further information on interim reviews by independent auditors). A Form 10-Q filed with the SEC prior to completion of a PCAOB AS 4105 review is considered to be substantially deficient and not timely filed. Even though a registrant is not required to state in its filing that the timely interim review was performed, there is an implicit assertion by filing the Form 10-Q that the registrant has met the filing requirements, including those for a timely review. See section 6 of this publication for additional discussion of interim review requirements.

2.2 Electronic filing using EDGAR

The entire Form 10-Q, including any financial statements, exhibits or other documents required as a part of the Form, must be either filed or furnished electronically using the SEC’s EDGAR system. The rules for electronic filings on the EDGAR system are included in Regulation S-T and the EDGAR Filer Manual. (See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K, for additional information about EDGAR filings.) There is no filing fee for Form 10-Q.

Under General Instruction G to Form 10-Q, at least one complete copy of Form 10-Q must be filed with each exchange on which the issuer has registered any class of securities.

2.2.1 XBRL

The SEC requires filers to use extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL) tags for all primary financial statements, notes and financial statement schedules filed with the SEC. Historically, the XBRL data for a Form 10-Q of most registrants was required to be filed as an exhibit.

In June 2018, the SEC adopted a rule requiring operating companies to use Inline XBRL\(^{13}\) rather than provide this data in separate XBRL exhibits. Operating companies filing as large accelerated, accelerated and non-accelerated filers are required to comply beginning with fiscal periods ending on or after 15 June 2019, 2020 and 2021, respectively.

Registrants are also required to tag in Inline XBRL a specific group of data points that appears on the cover page of the filing. Cover pages are to be tagged in Inline XBRL in accordance with the EDGAR Filer Manual. The compliance dates for tagging are the same as those for using Inline XBRL.

Filers are required to comply beginning with their first Form 10-Q filed for the fiscal period ending on or after their application date (e.g., a calendar-year large accelerated filer was required to use Inline XBRL tagging in its Form 10-Q filed for the quarter ending 30 June 2019). Before these deadlines, companies can either submit XBRL-tagged financial information as an exhibit through EDGAR in addition to the plain-text financial statements or voluntarily provide Inline XBRL-tagged financial statements.

The XBRL exhibits or Inline XBRL financial statements are due at the same time as the related EDGAR filing. A registrant cannot rely on Exchange Act Rule 12b-25 solely for the purpose of extending the due date of its XBRL exhibit or inline tags. If a company experiences unanticipated technical difficulties that prevent it from preparing and submitting its XBRL exhibit or inline tags in a timely manner, an extension for up to six business days is available under the temporary hardship exemption provided by Rule 201(c) of Regulation S-T.

The XBRL exhibits and Inline XBRL tags expose companies to the same liability for inaccuracies as the traditionally formatted financial statements. See section 2.3 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K, for additional discussion of the SEC rules and transitional provisions for Inline XBRL reporting.

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\(^{13}\) In addition, refer to SEC staff C&DIs on Inline XBRL at: [https://www.sec.gov/corpfin/interactive-data-cdi](https://www.sec.gov/corpfin/interactive-data-cdi).
2.3 Signatures

Form 10-Q must be signed on the registrant’s behalf by a duly authorized officer of the registrant (e.g., the principal executive officer) and by either the principal financial officer or the chief accounting officer of the registrant. However, if the principal financial officer or chief accounting officer is the officer duly authorized to sign on behalf of the registrant, one signature is acceptable provided that the registrant clearly indicates the dual responsibilities.

Although the principal executive officer is not required to sign Form 10-Q, the principal executive officer must sign the Section 906 and Section 302 management certifications that are included as exhibits to Form 10-Q. Of course, the principal executive officer may sign the Form 10-Q in that capacity or as the duly authorized officer if that responsibility is clearly indicated. Unlike Form 10-K, Form 10-Q does not require the signatures of any members of the board of directors or persons performing similar functions.

Rule 302 of Regulation S-T requires the signature in an EDGAR filing to be in typed form rather than manual. However, Rule 302 mandates the retention of a manually or electronically (as discussed below) signed signature page for a period of five years. In addition, signature authorization must be executed before or at the time of the electronic filing and such documentation must be made available to the SEC staff on request.

The SEC has amended Rule 302(b) of Regulation S-T14 to permit a signatory to an electronic filing on EDGAR who follows certain procedures to sign an authentication document through an electronic signature that meets certain requirements specified in the EDGAR Filer Manual. This amendment provides signatories with the option of signing an authentication document either manually or electronically.

When a signatory signs an authentication document using an electronic signature, the signing process for the electronic signature must, at a minimum:

- Require the signatory to present a physical, logical (e.g., use of password) or digital credential that authenticates the signatory's identity
- Reasonably provide for non-repudiation of the signature
- Provide that the signature be attached, affixed or otherwise logically associated with the signature page or document being signed
- Include a time stamp to record the date and time of the signature

2.4 Section 906 management certifications

Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act (Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code) requires certification by the chief executive officer (CEO) and the chief financial officer (CFO), or their equivalent,15 to “accompany” each periodic report that includes financial statements. The contents of this certification are specified in Section 906(a) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, Certifications of Periodic Financial Reports, not in an SEC rule. Section 906 specifies that the certification must state that the periodic report “fully complies” with the requirements of Exchange Act Sections 13(a) and 15(d) and that “information contained in the periodic report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the issuer.” The Section 906 certification can be a single certification signed by both the company’s CEO and CFO. Section 906 provides for criminal penalties for an officer, who provides the certification “knowing” it to be untrue, of up to a $1 million fine and imprisonment of 10 years (with harsher penalties for “willful” violations). The Section 906 certification requirement applies to all registrants, except for asset-backed security issuers that file Form 10-D and foreign private issuers that furnish interim financial information on Form 6-K.

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14 See SEC release 33-10889 Electronic Signatures in Regulation S-T Rule 302
15 The SEC certification rules refer to “each principal executive officer” and “each principal financial officer,” which will be referred to as CEO and CFO for purposes of the discussion of certifications in this publication.
The Section 906 certification is required to be “furnished” (versus filed) as Exhibit 32 to annual reports on Form 10-K or quarterly reports on Form 10-Q. As “furnished” information, the Section 906 certification is not subject to the civil liability provisions of Section 18 of the Exchange Act and would not be incorporated by reference into Securities Act registration statements unless the issuer expressly specifies otherwise.

As signed documents filed electronically, SEC rules require issuers to retain the manually signed original of each Section 906 management certification for five years. In addition, the SEC has stated that an individual required to sign the Section 906 certification “may not have the certification signed on his or her behalf pursuant to a power of attorney or other form of confirming authority.”

2.5 Content of the report

Instructions to Form 10-Q, Regulations 12B, 13A and 15D under the Exchange Act, and Regulations S-K and S-X provide the Form 10-Q disclosure requirements. The form itself, which is divided into two parts, is merely a guide and, except for the cover page, should not be used as a blank form to be filled in. Part I of the report should include all required item numbers and captions (e.g., Item 1 – Financial Statements). For any Part II item that is not applicable, the report should either (1) contain the item with a response of “no,” “none” or “not applicable” or (2) omit the item. Information required by any item that previously has been reported by the registrant need not be reported again. In addition, a separate response to an item in Part II need not be presented when the information already is disclosed in Part I and the applicable item(s) in Part II incorporate by reference the information.

The following table shows the item number, caption and location of the disclosure instructions (which is noted parenthetically and refers to the items in Regulation S-X and Regulation S-K) for the various items of Form 10-Q.

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Registrants should consult with their securities counsel about whether electronic authentication is an acceptable alternative to manual signature authentication for management’s signatures on a Section 906 certification.
The general instructions stipulate that Items 1, 2 and 3 of Part I of Form 10-Q are not considered to be “filed” for civil liability purposes under Section 18 of the Exchange Act, but other rules (notably the antifraud rules)\(^{17}\) of the Exchange Act do apply. However, all other Items in Form 10-Q are considered to be “filed” for purposes of liability under Section 18 of the Exchange Act. In addition, if information in Item 1 or 2 of Part I is used to satisfy the requirements in Part II, only the portion of Part I consisting of the information required by Part II will be considered “filed.”

Rule 12b-20 of the Exchange Act requires the registrant to disclose any material information, even if not specifically required, that is necessary to keep the required information from being misleading.

Rule 12b-21 of the Exchange Act states that information required by any of the parts “need be given only insofar as it is known or reasonably available to the registrant.” Therefore, if obtaining the information involves unreasonable effort or expense, or it rests peculiarly within the knowledge of another person not affiliated with the registrant, the information may be omitted. If information is omitted, the registrant must:

- Give the information on the subject that it does possess or can acquire without unreasonable effort or expense, together with the sources thereof
- Include a statement either that an unreasonable effort or expense would be involved or indicating the absence of any affiliation with the person within whose knowledge the information rests and stating the result of a request made to such person for the information

### 2.6 Wholly owned subsidiaries

If on the filing date a wholly owned subsidiary that also is a registrant meets the three tests described below, it may limit MD&A in its Form 10-Q to (1) the material changes in the results of operations between the current year-to-date period and the corresponding period of the previous year (e.g., changes in unit sales volume, prices charged and paid, production levels, production cost variances, labor costs and discretionary spending programs), and (2) the material effects on net income of any changes in accounting principles and practices or method of application. The wholly owned subsidiary also may omit the disclosures required by Item 3 of Part I and Items 2 and 3 of Part II. The three tests are:

- All of the wholly owned registrant’s equity securities are owned, either directly or indirectly, by a single parent that is a reporting company that is current in its reporting obligations under the applicable section of the Exchange Act (i.e., Section 13, 14 or 15(d)).
- During the preceding 36 months and any subsequent period, there has been no material default in the payment of principal, interest, a sinking or purchase fund installment or any other material default not cured within 30 days, for any indebtedness of the wholly owned registrant or its subsidiaries, and there has not been any material default in the payment of rentals under material long-term leases.
- The cover page of Form 10-Q prominently states that the wholly owned registrant meets the conditions set forth in General Instruction H(1)(a) and (b) of Form 10-Q and is therefore filing the Form 10-Q with the reduced disclosure format.

### 2.7 Incorporation by reference

Some companies prepare and publish quarterly reports to shareholders. The SEC does not require these reports and there are no instructions about the report’s form or content. However, in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 270, the report must include summarized financial information and certain minimum disclosures (see section 5 of this publication). General Instruction D to Form 10-Q provides

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\(^{17}\) Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 states that it is unlawful for any person to make an untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.
that the quarterly report to shareholders, or portions of it, may be incorporated by reference in response to all or part of the requirements of Part I of Form 10-Q if the report is made available to shareholders within the period prescribed for filing Form 10-Q, and if a copy of the report is filed as an exhibit to Part I.

General Instruction D also provides that other information may be incorporated by reference in full or in partial response to any item in Part II of Form 10-Q. In addition to the instructions to Form 10-Q, several rules under Regulation 12B contain instructions for incorporation by reference that are applicable to all Exchange Act filings, including Form 10-Q. (See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for additional information about the requirements of Regulation 12B.)

When portions of financial statements or other information included in the quarterly report to shareholders are incorporated by reference, registrants should specifically identify the information so incorporated. Failure to do so could imply that the entire quarterly report (including the president's letter and other subjective information) is incorporated by reference. The entire quarterly report then could be deemed a “filed document” under the Exchange Act. This could unnecessarily expose the registrant to additional liability.

2.8 Integrated reports

General Instruction E of Form 10-Q permits the quarterly report to shareholders and Form 10-Q to be integrated. However, under the SEC’s EDGAR system, only those portions of an integrated report that satisfy the Form 10-Q requirements should be filed electronically. Instead of preparing an integrated report, companies that want to provide the Form 10-Q in the quarterly shareholders’ report may do so by presenting the Form 10-Q in a separate section of the report.

2.9 Amendments

Occasionally, the SEC will consider a Form 10-Q deficient because a registrant has omitted material information or because it has not prepared the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles or Regulation S-X. In such cases, an amendment should be filed with the SEC using the designation Form 10-Q/A. The amendment must include the complete text of the particular item being amended as required by Exchange Act Rule 12b-15.

A registrant that misses filing one or more interim period reports with the SEC or has to restate multiple historical periods may decide to file a comprehensive annual report on Form 10-K that includes the material information that would have otherwise been required in each delinquent filing (annual and quarterly reports). However, such an approach would not preclude an enforcement action by the SEC. And the registrant would not be eligible to use Form S-3 until it makes timely filings for the requisite period. (See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for additional guidance on filing amendments to Exchange Act reports.) Amendments should be filed only after review by legal counsel and the independent auditors.

Amendments must be signed on behalf of the registrant by a duly authorized representative of the registrant (see Signatures above for further discussion). In addition, each CEO and CFO of the registrant must provide a new management certification. The CEO and CFO must furnish, as Exhibit 32, the complete Section 906 certification. However, the CEO and CFO may file, as Exhibit 31, a modified Section 302 certification to comply with Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act. The SEC staff’s Compliance and Disclosure Interpretations of Section 13(a) and 15(d) of the Exchange Act provide guidance on modifications to Section 302 certifications when a periodic report is amended. Paragraph 3 of the certification may be omitted if there are no financial statements or other financial information in the amendment. If the amendment does not contain or amend disclosures required by Item 307 or 308 of Regulation S-K and such disclosures are not required given the nature of the amendment, the registrant may omit paragraphs 4 and 5. (See section 3 of this publication for further information about the Section 302 certification.)
Illustration 2-2: Modified Section 302 certification in amendment

Exhibit 31.1

Certification

I, [identify the certifying individual], certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q/A of [identify registrant]; and

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report.

Date:

[Signature]

[Title]

Note: Paragraphs 1 and 2 may not be omitted under any circumstances. Paragraph 3 of the certification should be added if there are financial statements or other financial information in the amendment. Paragraphs 4 and 5 should be added if the amendment contains or amends disclosures required by Item 307 or 308 of Regulation S-K and such disclosures are required given the nature of the amendment.

2.10 Forward-looking information

As more fully discussed in section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (Litigation Reform Act) amended the federal securities laws to add a “safe harbor” provision that protects public companies from liability in private litigation for forward-looking statements (e.g., estimates, projections) made by them and by others on their behalf. This protection is provided when a company includes appropriate cautionary language when making a forward-looking statement. The Litigation Reform Act’s safe harbor (Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act) is intended to promote disclosures about a company’s future prospects by reducing the threat of abusive litigation when those predictions fail to materialize. To qualify for protection under the statutory safe harbor, forward-looking statements must be (1) identified as forward-looking statements and (2) “accompanied by meaningful cautionary language identifying important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statement.”

2.11 Non-GAAP financial measures

Under Regulation G and Item 10 of Regulation S-K, when a company presents a non-GAAP financial measure in an SEC filing, such as a Form 10-Q or an earnings release furnished in Form 8-K, it must (1) present, with equal or greater prominence, the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, and (2) numerically reconcile the non-GAAP financial measure, by schedule or other clearly understandable format, to the most directly comparable GAAP measure. FRR-65, Conditions for Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures, and the SEC staff’s Compliance & Disclosure Interpretations regarding non-GAAP financial measures provide guidance regarding the use of a non-GAAP financial measure.

The SEC has continued to focus on monitoring the disclosure of non-GAAP measures in registrants’ periodic filings and earning releases. Our publications, To the Point, SEC staff updates guidance on non-GAAP financial measures (SCORE No. 01108-161US); Technical Line, Spotlight on non-GAAP financial measures (SCORE No. 00785-161US); and Technical Line, A closer look at the SEC staff’s scrutiny of non-GAAP financial measures (SCORE No. 03290-161US), discuss the SEC staff’s main areas of focus.
and challenges companies are encountering with their non-GAAP disclosures. For additional considerations on non-GAAP financial measures during the COVID pandemic, see our Technical Line, *How to appropriately use non-GAAP measures to discuss the effects of COVID-19*, (Score No. 08892-201) published 14 April 2020.

For additional information regarding the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure, conditions for presentation, and interpretive guidance, see section 2 of our publication, *SEC annual reports – Form 10-K*.

### 2.12 Key performance indicators and other metrics

The Commission issued guidance on key performance indicators and metrics (KPIs) in MD&A of financial condition and results of operations on 25 February 2020. KPIs and certain other metrics that companies commonly disclose are not subject to guidance for non-GAAP financial measures. Examples of such metrics include total customers, average revenue per user, active customers, number of memberships, same store sales and number of data breaches. Metrics also can relate to external or macroeconomic matters, involve a combination of internal and external information, or address environmental matters.

Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K requires disclosure of information not specifically referenced in the item that the registrant believes is necessary to understand its financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations. The item also requires discussion and analysis of other statistical data that in the registrant's judgment enhances a reader's understanding of MD&A.

The disclosures required for KPIs are broadly similar to certain disclosures required for non-GAAP measures. The SEC generally expects, based on the facts and circumstances, the following disclosures about every key performance indicator:

- A clear definition of the metric and a description of how it is calculated
- A statement indicating the reasons why the metric provides useful information to investors
- A statement indicating how management uses the metric in managing or monitoring the performance of the business

If there are estimates or assumptions underlying the metric or its calculation, a company should evaluate whether disclosure of such items is necessary for the disclosure of the metric not to be misleading.

If a company changes the method it uses to calculate or present the metric from one period to another, it should consider the need to disclose, if material:

- The differences in how the metric is calculated or presented
- The reasons for such changes
- The effects of any such changes on the amounts or other information being disclosed and on amounts or other information previously reported
- Other differences in methodology and results that would reasonably be expected to be relevant to understanding the company's performance or prospects

Depending on the significance of the changes in the methodology and results, a company should consider whether it is necessary to recast previously reported metrics to conform to the current presentation to achieve comparability and avoid misunderstandings. For more information, refer to our To the Point publication, *SEC issues guidance on disclosures about key performance indicators and other metrics in MD&A* (SCORE No. 08279-201US).

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18 Refer to release 33-10751 *Commission Guidance on Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations* for further information.
2.13 Transition report – change in fiscal year

Form 10-Q also may be used for transition reports when a registrant changes its fiscal year end or a successor issuer has a different fiscal year end than its predecessor. Rules 13a-10 and 15d-10 of the Exchange Act provide the SEC's reporting and filing requirements in these circumstances. Section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, addresses the periodic reporting requirements for a change in fiscal year.
3 Part I – Financial information

3.1 Item 1. Financial statements

The financial statements presented in Form 10-Q must be prepared in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation S-X (Rule 8-03 for smaller reporting companies, as discussed in section 7 of this publication) and the principles of accounting measurement in ASC 270 (see section 4 of this publication). Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires the interim financial statements to comply with Regulation S-X except as follows:

- The registrant may provide condensed financial information (see Basis of preparation below).
- The interim financial statements may be unaudited and may omit separate financial statements, which might otherwise be required by Regulation S-X (see Summarized income statement information, Guarantors and issuers of guaranteed securities, and Affiliates whose securities collateralize the registrant’s securities below).
- In preparing the footnotes to the interim financial statements, registrants may presume that users of the condensed interim financial information either have read or have access to the most recent annual report (see Additional disclosure requirements below).
- Registrants may omit schedules otherwise required by Regulation S-X.

The Form 10-Q must include the following unaudited interim financial statements, which may be condensed:

- **Balance sheets:** Registrants must provide a balance sheet as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter and as of the end of the preceding fiscal year. The balance sheet as of the end of the preceding fiscal year may be condensed to the same extent as the interim balance sheet. A balance sheet as of the end of the corresponding quarter of the preceding year also should be presented if it is necessary for an understanding of the effect of seasonal fluctuations on the registrant’s financial condition.

- **Statements of comprehensive income:** Registrants must provide statements of comprehensive income for the most recent fiscal quarter, the fiscal year-to-date period and the corresponding periods of the preceding fiscal year. The SEC also permits the presentation of statements of comprehensive income for the cumulative 12-month period ended as of the most recent interim period balance sheet date and for the corresponding period of the preceding year. ASC 220 requires companies to present totals for net income and comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement or two consecutive statements.

- **Statements of cash flows:** Registrants must provide statements of cash flows for the fiscal year-to-date period and for the corresponding period of the preceding fiscal year. The SEC also permits the presentation of statements of cash flows for the cumulative 12-month period ended as of the most recent interim period balance sheet date and for the corresponding preceding period.

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19 The single continuous presentation of comprehensive income is illustrated in the example provided in section 3.2.3 of this publication.
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• Reconciliation of changes in stockholders’ equity: Registrants are required to include in their interim financial statements a reconciliation of changes in all components of stockholders’ equity, either as a separate statement or in the notes to the financial statements that satisfies the requirements of Rule 3-04 of Regulation S-X. Registrants engaged in the seasonal production and sale of a single-crop agricultural commodity may present statements of income and cash flows for the 12-month period ended as of the most recent interim period balance sheet date and for the corresponding preceding period in lieu of the year-to-date statements of income and cash flows described above.

3.2 Basis of preparation

The registrant may provide condensed interim financial information in Form 10-Q (i.e., under Article 10 of Regulation S-X). That is, major captions may be combined with others if certain criteria are met. These criteria, which are applied to the most recent interim financial statements, are summarized below. In addition, these criteria are explained in the decision diagram below and illustrated in the example worksheets that follow. Pursuant to SAB Topic 6.G, Accounting Series Releases 177 and 286 — Relating to Amendments to Form 10-Q Regulation S-K, and Regulation S-X Regarding Interim Financial Reporting, if a registrant previously combined captions, but now must present such captions separately in the current quarter’s Form 10-Q, the registrant must retroactively reclassify the amounts in the prior-period financial statements to conform to the current-period presentation.

At most, account descriptions in the balance sheets and income statements must include the major, numbered captions in Regulation S-X (i.e., Rule 5-02 and 5-03). The only exception to this provision is inventories, for which registrants must separately disclose raw materials, work in process and finished goods, either on the face of the balance sheet or in a note to the interim financial statements. In accordance with SAB Topic 6.G, if a registrant uses the gross profit method or some other method to determine cost of goods sold during the interim period, the separate disclosure of raw materials, work in process and finished goods must be estimated based on management’s knowledge of the registrant’s production cycle and the costs (labor and overhead) associated with this cycle, as well as the relative sales and purchasing volume of the registrant. The SEC staff will not allow registrants to state that it is not practicable to determine the inventory components at an interim period.

Although combining major captions is permitted in interim information filed on Form 10-Q, most registrants use the same captions as in their annual report (plus any new significant captions that have arisen since that time). This avoids the confusion that might result from presenting different captions in Form 10-Q for quarters within the same year and also promotes comparability. Even if registrants elect to use the same captions as in their annual report, registrants still may provide the reduced interim financial statement disclosures.

3.2.1 Balance sheet

If material, registrants must show separately each balance sheet caption prescribed by Regulation S-X (i.e., numbered captions in Rule 5-02 of Regulation S-X) that is 10% or more of total assets, or that has increased or decreased by more than 25% since the preceding fiscal year-end. Otherwise, the caption amount may be combined with other captions in Form 10-Q. However, when applying these rules, the general format of the balance sheet should be retained (e.g., a current asset should not be combined with a noncurrent asset).

20 Notwithstanding the combination criteria, Rule 4-02 of Regulation S-X allows registrants to combine captions that are not material to the interim financial statements.
3.2.2 Income statement

If it is material, registrants must show separately each income statement caption prescribed by Regulation S-X (i.e., numbered captions in Rule 5-03 of Regulation S-X) that is 15% or more of average net income for the most recent three fiscal years, or that has increased or decreased by more than 20% compared with the corresponding interim period of the preceding fiscal year. Otherwise, the caption amount may be combined with other captions in Form 10-Q. To calculate average net income, net losses are excluded unless all three years were losses, in which case, the average net loss should be used for the test. Although the registrant’s net loss years are excluded, the SEC staff expects the calculation of average net income to total the net income from those years with positive net income and divide by three (not the number of years in which net income was positive).

3.2.3 Statement of comprehensive income

ASC 220 requires companies to present totals for net income and comprehensive income in either a single continuous statement or two consecutive statements. To avoid a statement with only one line item, companies may want to consider the single continuous statement approach for interim periods. We understand that the SEC staff would not object to companies presenting a single continuous statement in interim periods and two consecutive statements in annual periods.

The following illustrations provide examples of the approaches when there are no noncontrolling interests.

### Illustration 3-2: Single continuous statement interim presentation

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21 Notwithstanding the combination criteria, Rule 4-02 of Regulation S-X allows registrants to combine captions that are not material to the interim financial statements.

22 Banks and bank holding companies must show separately investment gains and losses, regardless of materiality.

23 Income tax expense is calculated using a 25% total tax rate in all examples in this publication.
### Illustration 3-3: Two consecutive statements interim presentation

**ABC Company**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income**  
**Quarters Ended 31 March**

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<td>Revenues</td>
<td>$ 1,037,500</td>
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<td>Gain on sale of securities</td>
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**ABC Company**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income**  
**Quarters Ended 31 March**

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See our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) and our GAAP disclosure checklist (EY Form A13) for disclosure requirements.

### 3.2.4 Statement of cash flows

The statements of cash flows may be abbreviated starting with a single figure of net cash flows from operating activities. Registrants must show separately each investing and financing cash flow caption that exceeds 10% of the average of net cash flows from operating activities for the most recent three fiscal years. Otherwise, the caption amount may be combined with other captions in Form 10-Q. To calculate the average net cash flows from operating activities, negative net operating cash flows are excluded unless all three years were negative, in which case, the average negative operating cash flows should be used for the test. Although the registrant’s negative net operating cash flow years are excluded, the SEC staff expects the calculation of average net cash flows from operating activities to total those years with positive cash flows from operating activities and divide by three (not the number of years in which cash flows from operating activities were positive).

The disclosure of the amount of interest and income taxes paid is not required in interim financial statements. Further, SEC rules and GAAP do not require companies to provide supplemental disclosures of noncash investing and financing activities. However, companies may elect to provide this information on an interim basis. For example, companies often provide interim disclosures when a noncash investing or financing activity exceeds 10% of the three-year average of net cash flows from operating activities.

\(^{24}\) Income tax expense is calculated using a 25% total tax rate in all examples in this publication, which consists of 21% federal tax rate plus 4% for state taxes.
### 3.2.5 Reconciliation of changes in stockholders' equity

The reconciliation of changes in stockholders' equity should reconcile the beginning balance to the ending balance of each caption in stockholders' equity for each period for which a statement of comprehensive income is required to be filed. It should also comply with the content requirements of Rule 3-04 of Regulation S-X. As a result, registrants have to provide the reconciliation for both the year-to-date and quarterly periods as well as comparable periods in Form 10-Q but only for the year-to-date periods in registration statements.

The rule does not prescribe the format of the presentation as long as the appropriate periods are provided. Examples of presentations that would be acceptable include:

- A single statement that reconciles the components and total of shareholders’ equity from the prior year end to the balances at the end of the first quarter and continues the reconciliation to the balances at the end of each succeeding quarter with comparative reconciliations for the prior-year periods

- One statement that reconciles those components and the total for both the year-to-date period and comparable prior-year period and a second statement that reconciles the beginning and ending balances for both the latest quarterly period and the comparable prior-year quarterly period

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#### ABC Company
Reconciliation of Stockholders’ Equity

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### Illustration 3-5: Two-statement interim presentation

**ABC Company**

**Reconciliation of Stockholders' Equity**

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3.2.6 Decision diagram for condensing interim financial statements

The following is a decision diagram of the process to be followed for presentation of condensed balance sheets, statements of comprehensive income and statements of cash flows in Form 10-Q:

- **Balance sheet presentation**
- **Cash flow presentation**
- **Statement of comprehensive income presentation**

**Is the major caption in excess of 10% of total assets?**
- Yes
- No

**Has the major caption changed by more than 25% since the preceding fiscal year?**
- Yes
- No

**Is the investing or financing activity in excess of 10% of average net cash flows from operating activities for the most recent three fiscal years, excluding negative net operating cash flow years?**
- Yes
- No

**Is the major caption 15% or more of average net income for the most recent three fiscal years, excluding any loss years?**
- Yes
- No

**Has the major caption changed by more than 20% compared with the corresponding interim period of the preceding fiscal year?**
- Yes
- No

**Present the major caption or investing/financing activity separately.**

**Major caption or investing/financing activity may be combined with the other similar items as long as the general format of the statement is preserved.**

* If a company had negative operating cash flows or losses in all three fiscal years, the average negative operating cash flows or average loss should be used.

3.2.7 Worksheets for condensing financial statements

The following worksheets (i.e., balance sheet, statement of comprehensive income and statement of cash flows) provide an illustration of the criteria for preparing condensed interim financial information for the Form 10-Q in accordance with Article 10 of Regulation S-X. However, the worksheets are not meant to form a comprehensive example. Rather, the worksheets individually illustrate application of the criteria for preparing condensed interim financial information. In addition, the worksheets illustrate the major balance sheet and statement of comprehensive income captions as prescribed in Rules 5-02 and 5-03 of Regulation S-X, respectively. While we have not provided all of the disclosures on the face of the balance sheet or statement of comprehensive income below as prescribed by Rules 5-02 and 5-03, we have provided a footnote to the respective caption highlighting the additional disclosure that should be made in the financial statements when applicable.

The following assumptions were made:

- Net income (loss) for the years ended 31 December 20X0, 20X1 and 20X2, was $27,000, ($1,000) and $12,000, respectively. Therefore, average net income for the three years ended 31 December 20X2 is $13,000 ($27,000 + $12,000)/3) and 15% of average net income is $1,950 ($13,000 x 15%).
For purposes of this example, income statements for the six months ended 30 June 20X3 and 20X2 have not been presented. However, the same amounts would be used to determine the condensed income statements for these periods.

Net cash outflows from operating activities for the years ended 31 December 20X0, 20X1 and 20X2, were ($20,000), ($7,000) and ($12,000), respectively. Therefore, average net cash outflows for the three years ended 31 December 20X2 are $13,000 ($($20,000) + ($7,000) + ($12,000))/3) and 10% of average net cash outflows is $1,300 ($13,000 x 10%).

Worksheets identifying caption combinations for condensed financial statements

ABC, Inc.

Balance sheets

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<td>26.3 Material items of deferred income</td>
<td>8,000 8,500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>108,000 98,000</td>
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<td>27. Redeemable preferred stocks*</td>
<td>25,000 24,000 (A) (8)</td>
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<tr>
<td>ABC Inc.’s shareholders’ equity</td>
<td></td>
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<td>28. Nonredeemable preferred stocks</td>
<td>1,000 1,000 (E)</td>
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<td>29. Common stock</td>
<td>3,000 2,900 (E)</td>
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<tr>
<td>30. Other shareholders’ equity</td>
<td>52,000 43,000 (A)</td>
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<tr>
<td>30.1 Additional paid-in capital</td>
<td>15,000 14,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>30.2 Other additional capital</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>30.3 Retained earnings</td>
<td>37,000 29,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accumulated other comprehensive loss</td>
<td>(4,000) (3,900) (4,000) (3,900) (E)(10)</td>
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<td>Total ABC Inc.’s shareholders’ equity</td>
<td>52,000 43,000</td>
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<td>31. Noncontrolling interest</td>
<td>21,000 20,000 (A)</td>
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<td>Total equity</td>
<td>98,000 87,000</td>
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<td>32. Total liabilities and equity</td>
<td>$206,000 $185,000</td>
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* Shares are conditionally redeemable and are not subject to the liability classification requirements of ASC 480
Worksheets identifying caption combinations for condensed financial statements – continued

**ABC, Inc.**

**Statements of comprehensive income**

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<td>Three months ended 30 June</td>
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<tr>
<td>(In thousands, except per share amounts)</td>
<td>$ 79,940</td>
<td>$ 70,850 (A)</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Net sales and gross revenues</td>
<td>$ 78,000</td>
<td>$ 70,850</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.1 Net sales of tangible products</td>
<td>$ 78,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.2 Operating revenue of public utilities or others</td>
<td>$ 1,940</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>1.3 Income from rentals</td>
<td>1,940</td>
<td>79,940</td>
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<td>1.4 Revenues from services</td>
<td>79,940</td>
<td>70,850</td>
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<td>1.5 Other revenues</td>
<td>79,940</td>
<td>70,850</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. Costs and expenses applicable to sales and revenue</td>
<td>61,800</td>
<td>53,200 (A)</td>
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<tr>
<td>2.1 Cost of tangible goods sold</td>
<td>60,800</td>
<td>53,200</td>
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<td>2.2 Operating expenses of public utilities or others</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>2,000 (F)</td>
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<td>2.3 Expenses applicable to rental income</td>
<td>—</td>
<td>2,000 (F)</td>
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<td>2.4 Cost of services</td>
<td>2,000</td>
<td>1,925 (F)</td>
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<td>2.5 Expenses applicable to other revenues</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>—</td>
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<tr>
<td>3. Other operating costs and expenses</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,200 (H)(11)</td>
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<td>4. Selling, general, and administrative expenses</td>
<td>9,940</td>
<td>11,000 (A)</td>
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<td>5. Provision for doubtful accounts and notes</td>
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<td>1,450</td>
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<td>6. Other general expenses</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>475</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>61,800</td>
<td>53,200</td>
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<td>7. Nonoperating income</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>1,200 (H)(11)</td>
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<td>7.1 Dividends</td>
<td>300</td>
<td>450</td>
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<td>7.2 Interest on securities</td>
<td>650</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>7.3 Profits on securities (net of losses)</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>50 (12)</td>
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<td>7.4 Miscellaneous other income</td>
<td>50</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>1,000</td>
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<td>8. Interest and amortization of debt discount</td>
<td>1,200</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>9. Nonoperating expenses</td>
<td>1,200</td>
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<td>9.1 Losses on securities (net of profits)</td>
<td>525</td>
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<td>9.2 Miscellaneous income deductions</td>
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<td>Nonoperating income, net</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>10. Income before income tax expense, and Captions 12 and 14 (as applicable)</td>
<td>4,400</td>
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<td>11. Income tax expense</td>
<td>(1,100)</td>
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<td>12. Equity in earnings of investees</td>
<td>600</td>
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<td>13. Income from continuing operations</td>
<td>3,900</td>
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<td>14. Discontinued operations</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>775 (H)</td>
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<td>15. Consolidated net income</td>
<td>4,700</td>
<td>3,950 (A)</td>
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25 For purposes of this example, the statements of comprehensive income for the six months ended 30 June 20X3 and 20X2 have not been presented.
16. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest  (200)  (100)  (200)  (100)

17. Net income attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders  $4,500  $3,850  $4,500  $3,850

18. Earnings per share

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<td>Income from continuing operations attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders</td>
<td>$3.70</td>
<td>$3.07</td>
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<td>Discontinued operations attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders</td>
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<td>Net income attributable to ABC, Inc. common shareholders</td>
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<td>Diluted earnings (loss) per share:</td>
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<td>Income from continuing operations attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders</td>
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<td>Discontinued operations attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders</td>
<td>$0.40</td>
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<td>Net income attributable to ABC, Inc. common shareholders</td>
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<td>Weighted average shares used to compute earnings per share:</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive income, net of tax(^{26})</td>
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<td>40</td>
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<td>Foreign currency translation adjustments</td>
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<td>Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities</td>
<td>40</td>
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<td>Unrealized gains arising during the period</td>
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<td>Less: Reclassification adjustments for gains included in net income</td>
<td>(20)</td>
<td>(20)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unrealized gains on available-for-sale securities, net</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>30</td>
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<td>Other comprehensive loss, net of tax</td>
<td>70</td>
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<td>Comprehensive income</td>
<td>4,570</td>
<td>3,920</td>
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<tr>
<td>Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest</td>
<td>(195)</td>
<td>(99)</td>
<td>(195)</td>
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<td>Comprehensive income attributable to ABC Inc. common shareholders</td>
<td>4,375</td>
<td>3,821</td>
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\(^{26}\) This illustrates the net of tax presentation option. A company also may elect to present amounts before related tax effects. Under either alternative for annual periods, the amount of income tax expense or benefit allocated to each component of other comprehensive income must be either displayed on the face of the financial statements or disclosed in the notes.
## Statements of cash flows

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<td>Six months ended 30 June</td>
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<td>Cash flows from operating activities</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net income</td>
<td>8,000</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Depreciation and amortization</td>
<td>3,740</td>
<td>3,200</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred income taxes</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>400</td>
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<tr>
<td>Loss on write-off of property, plant and equipment</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from purchase of Future Corp.</td>
<td>(7,240)</td>
<td>(3,850)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash provided by operating activities</td>
<td>5,500</td>
<td>4,750</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash flows from Investing Activities</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Purchases of property, plant, and equipment</td>
<td>(2,500)</td>
<td>(2,500)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from sale of property, plant, and equipment</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>Acquisition of Future Corp. net of cash acquired</td>
<td>(15,000)</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>Payment received on non-current note receivable</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>250</td>
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<td>Other</td>
<td>500</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash used in investing activities</td>
<td>(17,000)</td>
<td>(2,000)</td>
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<td>Cash flows from financing activities</td>
<td></td>
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<td>Decrease in short-term borrowings</td>
<td>(1,000)</td>
<td>(850)</td>
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<td>Proceeds from issuance of common stock</td>
<td>1,000</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Proceeds from issuance of 10% debentures</td>
<td>15,000</td>
<td>-</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash dividends paid</td>
<td>(118)</td>
<td>(116)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>(882)</td>
<td>(884)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash provided by (used in) financing activities</td>
<td>14,000</td>
<td>(1,850)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Increase in cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>900</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period</td>
<td>5,000</td>
<td>2,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents at end of period</td>
<td><strong>$ 7,500</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 2,900</strong></td>
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The following worksheet legend should be used when reviewing the criteria for preparing condensed interim financial information:

A. Major caption of Regulation S-X that is more than 10% of total assets at 30 June 20X3 or more than 15% of average net income for the recent three fiscal years and cannot be combined.

B. Inventory is the only major caption of Regulation S-X for which further detail is required in the interim financial statements in Form 10-Q. Registrants must state, either on the face of the interim balance sheet or in a note to the interim financial statements, raw materials, work in process and finished goods.
C. Combination of major captions of Regulation S-X that have been combined because each caption is less than 10% of total assets at 30 June 20X3 and has not increased or decreased by more than 25% since 31 December 20X2.

D. Major caption of Regulation S-X that is less than 10% of total assets at 30 June 20X3, but cannot be combined because it has increased or decreased more than 25% since 31 December 20X2.

E. Major caption of Regulation S-X that is less than 10% of total assets at 30 June 20X3, and has not increased or decreased by 25% since 31 December 20X2, but is presented separately to maintain the general format of the balance sheet.

F. Combination of major captions of Regulation S-X that have been combined because each caption is less than 15% of average net income for the three years ended 31 December 20X2 and has not increased or decreased by more than 20% as compared with the three months ended 30 June 20X2.

G. Major caption of Regulation S-X that is less than 15% of average net income for the three years ended 31 December 20X2, but cannot be combined because it has increased or decreased by more than 20% as compared with the three months ended 30 June 20X2.

H. Major caption of Regulation S-X that is less than 15% of average net income for the three years ended 31 December 20X2, and has not increased or decreased by more than 20% compared with the three months ended 30 June 20X2, but is presented separately to maintain the general format of the income statement.

I. In accordance with Article 10 of Regulation S-X, the statement of cash flows may start with a single figure of net cash flows from operating activities.

J. Investing or financing activity that cannot be combined because it exceeds 10% of the average net cash outflows from operating activities for the three years ended 31 December 20X2.

K. Combination of investing or financing activities that have been combined because each investing or financing activity is less than 10% of the average of net cash outflows from operating activities for the three years ended 31 December 20X2.

L. Although not prescribed by Regulation S-X, ASC 220 requires companies to present totals for net income and comprehensive income in a single continuous statement or two consecutive statements for interim periods. The worksheet provides an illustration of the condensed single statement approach for interim periods.

The following worksheet legend should be used when reviewing the captions as prescribed in Rules 5-02 and 5-03 of Regulation S-X:

1. For marketable securities other than equity securities, registrants must state, either parenthetically or in a note to the annual financial statements, the basis for determining the aggregate amount shown in the balance sheet along with the alternatives of the aggregate cost or the aggregate market value at the balance sheet date.

2. If the registrant’s notes receivable balance exceeds 10% of the total receivables balance, Captions 3.1 to 3.4 must be provided separately for both accounts receivable and notes receivable, either on the face of the annual balance sheet or in a note to the annual financial statements. In addition, if a registrant has receivables from long-term contracts, Rule 5-02 requires registrants to provide additional disclosures, either on the face of the annual balance sheet or in a note to the annual financial statements (e.g., billed or unbilled amounts representing claims subject to uncertainty concerning their ultimate realization).
3. If the last-in, first-out (LIFO) inventory method is used, registrants must state, either parenthetically or in a note to the annual financial statements, the excess of replacement cost or current cost over the stated LIFO value.

4. Registrants must state, either on the face of the annual balance sheet or in a note to the annual financial statements, any other current asset in excess of 5% of total current assets or any other current liability in excess of 5% of total current liabilities. Other current liability items might include, but are not limited to, accrued payrolls, accrued interest, taxes (as well as the current portion of deferred income taxes) and the current portion of long-term debt.

5. Registrants must separately disclose the cash and cash items that are restricted as to withdrawal or usage (e.g., legally restricted deposits held as compensating balances against short-term borrowing arrangements). The provisions of any restrictions must be described in a note to the financial statements.

6. Registrants must state, either on the face of the annual balance sheet or in a note to the annual financial statements, any other asset in excess of 5% of total assets or any other liability in excess of 5% of total liabilities.

7. Registrants must state separately, either on the face of the annual balance sheet or in a note to the annual financial statements, the important features and provisions of long-term debt by issue, including (1) the general character of each issue including interest rate, (2) a brief indication of priority, (3) the basis of convertibility, if any, (4) the date of maturity or, if maturing serially, a brief indication of serial maturities and (5) contingencies affecting payment of principal or interest.

8. Registrants must state on the face of the annual balance sheet the title of each issue, the carrying amount, redemption amount and the number of shares authorized, issued and outstanding. If there is more than one issue, these amounts may be aggregated on the face of the balance sheet and detail provided in a note thereto. The registrant also must state the dollar amount of any shares subscribed but unissued, net of subscriptions receivable.

9. For each class of nonredeemable preferred shares and for each class of common shares, registrants must disclose on the face of the annual balance sheet the title, aggregate dollar amount and number of shares authorized, issued, outstanding, or in the treasury, as appropriate. In addition, if common stock is convertible, that fact should be disclosed on the face of the annual balance sheet. Further, registrants must show separately appropriated retained earnings and unappropriated retained earnings.

10. Although accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) is not a balance sheet caption prescribed by Rule 5-02, ASC 220 requires the disclosure of this amount on the face of the balance sheet.

11. Registrants must disclose any material amounts not included in major Income Statement Caption 2.

12. Registrants must state, either on the face of the annual income statement or in a note to the annual financial statements, material amounts included in miscellaneous other income or miscellaneous income deductions, with clear indication of the nature of the transactions from which the amount(s) arose.

13. Registrants must state, either parenthetically or in a note to the annual financial statements, the amount of dividends received from unconsolidated subsidiaries or equity investees. In addition, in accordance with Rule 4-01 of Regulation S-X, registrants may present this item in a different position and in a different manner on the income statement.

27 Rule 4-01 of Regulation S-X states that financial statements should be filed in such form and order, and should use generally accepted terminology, as will best indicate their significance and character in light of the provisions applicable thereto.
3.3 Summarized income statement information

Rule 4-08(g) of Regulation S-X requires consolidated financial statements in annual reports on Form 10-K to include in the notes to the financial statements summarized financial information (balance sheet and income statement information) about equity-method investees if, individually or in the aggregate, they exceed 10% significance under any one of the three significant subsidiary tests in Rule 1-02(w) of Regulation S-X. However, Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires only summarized income statement information in Form 10-Q for equity-method investees for which separate or combined audited financial statements would otherwise be required for annual periods under Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X. That is, in the notes to the interim financial statements in a Form 10-Q, summarized income statement information would be required for those equity-method investees that meet either the investment test or the income test at the 20% level.

Registrants must adopt the 2020 amendments to the significance tests in Rule 1-02(w) in their periodic reports on Forms 10-Q and 10-K for fiscal years beginning after 31 December 2020. That means that calendar-year-end registrants must apply the new income test to determine which equity method investees warrant summarized income statement information disclosures in their Form 10-Q for the quarter ended 31 March 2021 and in subsequent interim reports. The investment test did not change and continues to use the registrant’s total assets in the denominator.

In the income test, significance is calculated as the lower of (1) the registrant’s proportionate share of the pretax income from continuing operations (after intercompany eliminations) of the equity method investee compared with the registrant’s own pretax income from continuing operations attributable to the controlling interest or (2) the registrant’s proportionate share of revenue of the equity method investee (after intercompany eliminations) compared with the registrant’s own revenue for the most recently completed fiscal year. If the revenue component of the test does not apply (because either the registrant or the investee does not have material revenue in each of the last two fiscal years), a registrant would use its average income for the last five fiscal years if the absolute value of its income or loss from continuing operations attributable to the controlling interest for the most recent fiscal year is at least 10% lower than the average of the absolute values of its such income or loss for each of its last five fiscal years. A registrant that cannot average its income must calculate significance based on pretax income from continuing operations for the last completed annual period.

The SEC staff believes that for purposes of such interim disclosures, the calculations of significance should be made for the year-to-date interim period (rather than any annual period) for the income test without applying any averaging. The investment test should be based on the most recent balance sheet date and year-end balance sheet included in the Form 10-Q. In certain situations, the interim financial statements could be required to include summarized year-to-date income statement information for an equity-method investee for which the Form 10-K did not include audited financial statements under Rule 3-09. However, the summarized income statement information need not be provided for any equity-method investee that would not be required to file quarterly financial information if it were a registrant (e.g., investment company, foreign private issuer, asset-backed security issuer, mutual life insurance company and certain nonproducing mining companies). See section 2 of this publication for additional information about registrants that are not required to file quarterly financial information.

28 Release 33-10786, Amendments to Financial Disclosures about Acquired and Disposed Businesses. This release has more of an effect on annual reports on Form 10-K and is addressed in more detail in section 6.4.4.1 of our publication, SEC Annual Reports – Form 10-K
Rule 1-02(bb)(ii) of Regulation S-X requires at least the following detail in the summarized income statement information (which can be presented in the aggregate for all significant investees):

- Net sales or gross revenue
- Gross profit (or costs and expenses applicable to net sales or gross revenue)
- Income or loss from continuing operations
- Net income or loss
- Net income or loss attributable to the entity

Insofar as is practicable, Rule 4-08(g) of Regulation S-X requires that this financial information should be presented as of the same dates and for the same periods as the interim financial statements, except that for interim periods, the SEC staff requires only the summarized income statement information to be presented for the year-to-date interim periods. If the equity method of accounting is applied on a lag basis (e.g., equity-method earnings may be recorded on a three-month lag because of the timing of the receipt of data from the equity-method investee), the summarized financial information of the equity-method investee would correspond to the lag period on which the registrant recognizes its equity-method earnings. Explanatory notes need not accompany the summarized financial information.

Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X does not apply to interim financial statements filed on Form 10-Q.

See section 6 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for a further discussion of Rule 3-09 and summarized financial information. Below is an example footnote disclosure of summarized income statement information in Form 10-Q. The example assumes that none of the investees has any noncontrolling interests.

**Illustration 3-6: Note X – Summarized income statement information of affiliates**

The Company has investments in three companies, each of which is significant and is accounted for under the equity method. Summarized income statement information of these investees is as follows:

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<tr>
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<th>20X3</th>
<th>20X2</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Net sales</td>
<td>$ 8,200,000</td>
<td>$ 7,600,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Costs and expenses:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost of sales</td>
<td>5,500,000</td>
<td>5,100,000</td>
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<td>General and administrative</td>
<td>1,750,000</td>
<td>1,700,000</td>
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<td>7,250,000</td>
<td>6,800,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Income before income taxes</td>
<td>950,000</td>
<td>800,000</td>
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<td>Income taxes</td>
<td>237,500</td>
<td>200,000</td>
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<td>Net income</td>
<td>$ 712,500</td>
<td>$ 600,000</td>
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**Note:** Rule 1-02(bb) of Regulation S-X does not require the footnote to disclose the amount of equity in earnings (losses) recognized from equity-method investees. However, companies should consider separately disclosing in the footnote the aggregate amount of equity in earnings (losses) recognized from significant equity-method investees.
3.4 Guarantors and issuers of guaranteed securities

Financial statements of issuers and guarantors of securities registered under the Securities Act must be included in a separate Form 10-Q for each issuer or guarantor unless specifically exempted under Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X. If separate financial statements are required, such financial statements should be as of the same dates, for the same periods and on the same basis (e.g., GAAP, Article 10 of Regulation S-X) as the registrant’s financial statements.

Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X provides relief from the general requirement for full separate reporting by subsidiary issuers if the parent guarantees the subsidiary’s debt and for subsidiary-guarantors of public debt issued by the parent. The general rule is that separate financial statements of the subsidiary issuer or guarantor would be required in the parent’s Form 10-Q, but if certain conditions are met, no separate financial statements are required and a registrant could present summarized financial information (SFI) coupled with qualitative disclosures consistent with the requirements in new Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X (also referred to as alternative disclosure).

The rules allow companies to provide abbreviated disclosures in lieu of separate financial statements of subsidiary issuers and guarantors if the parent company registrant is an issuer or co-issuer (jointly and severally) or the full and unconditional guarantor of the registered securities of a consolidated subsidiary issuer. In addition, the following conditions must be met to omit the separate subsidiary issuer and guarantor audited financial statements:

- The consolidated audited financial statements of the parent company have been filed.
- The subsidiary issuer/guarantor is consolidated in the parent company’s financial statements (the subsidiary is no longer required to be 100% owned by the parent).
- The guaranteed security is debt or debt-like.

See sections 2 and 6 of our publication, SEC Annual Reports – Form 10-K, and our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for more detailed requirements for the abbreviated disclosures under new Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X.

Narrative disclosures

Once the registrant determines it has met the eligibility criteria in amended Rule 3-10 to omit the separate annual audited and unaudited interim financial statements of its subsidiary issuers and guarantors, it must comply with the disclosure requirements in Rule 13-01 and Exhibit 22 of Item 601 of Regulation S-K. These include requirements to make certain narrative disclosures about the issuers and guarantors, the terms and conditions of the guarantees, and how the rights and obligations of the issuers and guarantors, as well as other factors, may affect payments to holders of the debt securities.

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29 The SEC issued a final rule on 2 March 2020 that amended Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X and added Rule 13-01 in Regulation S-X. These amendments changed the financial statement and disclosure requirements for guarantors and issuers of guaranteed securities. Registrants are required to comply with the amended Rule 3-10 and amended disclosure requirements in new Rule 13-01, if disclosure of SFI in lieu of separate financial statements are permissible, for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for quarterly periods ending after 4 January 2021. This publication has been updated to remove discussion of the legacy condensed consolidating financial information under legacy Rule 3-10 and outlines only the provisions applicable for quarterly periods ending after 4 January 2021.

30 Guarantees of securities are securities themselves for purposes of the Securities Act. As a result, offers and sales of both the guaranteed security and the guarantee must be registered under the Securities Act unless otherwise exempt from registration.

31 Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X defines “parent company” as the entity that (1) is an issuer or full and unconditional guarantor of the guaranteed security (2) is (or will be following registration) an Exchange Act reporting company; and (3) consolidates each subsidiary issuer and guarantor of the guaranteed security.
Safe harbor fact patterns

In certain situations, narrative disclosure about the guarantees is permitted in lieu of summarized financial information as specified in Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X. The disclosures required by Rule 13-01 only need to be provided if they are material. To help a registrant evaluate whether it can omit financial disclosure, the rule includes four fact patterns in which the financial information may always be omitted. Before preparing the financial disclosures specified by Rule 13-01, a registrant should first determine whether its facts match one of the following safe harbors:

- The assets, liabilities and results of operations of the obligor group are not materially different from those reported in the registrant’s consolidated financial statements.
- The obligor group has no material assets, liabilities or results of operations.
- The issuer is a finance subsidiary, the parent company has provided a full and unconditional guarantee, and none of the parent company's other subsidiaries provides a guarantee.
- A finance subsidiary and the parent company are joint and several co-issuers, and none of the parent company's other subsidiaries provides a guarantee.

Summarized financial information

Registrants that do not meet the safe harbors to provide only narrative disclosure, are required to disclose SFI for the balance sheet and statement of comprehensive income (loss) captions specified under Rule 1-02(bb) of Regulation S-X for the obligor group if the information is material. The alternative financial information does not have to include cash flow information for the obligor or non-obligor group.

The presentation and disaggregation of the obligor’s group SFI in interim reports on Form 10-Q should be consistent with the disclosures in annual reports on Form 10-K, which is discussed in section 6 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K. The disclosure should be separate for each guaranteed registered security and should focus on the entities that are co-issuers or guarantors of the registered debt or debt-like security and the parent (that is, the obligor group). In most cases, the registrant could provide combined SFI for the obligor group (to the extent the subsidiary co-issuers or guarantors are consolidated) but separate SFI may be warranted for some of the guarantor or co-issuer entities within the obligor group in some circumstances.

The rules require a registrant to provide the balance sheet SFI only as of the end of its most recent fiscal year and interim period. In quarterly reports, income statement SFI is only required for the most recent year-to-date period, but registrants may voluntarily provide comparative disclosure for the prior year-to-date period if they believe such presentation is material and beneficial to their investors.

Illustration 3-7: Example disclosure

Background

Parent Company Inc., a multinational consumer goods registrant, is a calendar-year registrant with consolidated subsidiaries A, B and C. In 2020, Parent Company issued $100 million of registered debt securities that are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Subsidiaries A and B on a joint and several basis. Subsidiary C is not obligated under the indenture. Parent Company will provide the disclosures in its MD&A in the Liquidity section of its 31 March 2021 Form 10-Q.

Parent Company and Subsidiaries A and B constitute the Obligor Group, and Parent Company considered the following additional facts when preparing its disclosures:

- Investor X has a 25% noncontrolling interest in Subsidiary B.
Approximately 75% of the Obligor Group’s noncurrent assets consist of goodwill.

The Obligor Group has material intercompany sales and related accounts receivable with Subsidiary C and a related-party loan receivable from unconsolidated Sister Company Y. Interest income from the loan receivable is immaterial.

The example disclosures provided below are summarized. We expect that registrants may include more detail regarding the legal provisions of the indenture and guarantees.

Financial and nonfinancial disclosure about issuers and guarantors of our Senior Notes

As discussed in Note X to the consolidated financial statements, “Debt,” in 2020, we, as the parent company, issued $100 million of Senior Notes that remain outstanding at 31 March 2021. The Senior Notes are guaranteed by Subsidiary A, our cleaning products operation, and Subsidiary B, our household appliances operation. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the guarantors to make distributions to us. Our remaining consolidated subsidiary, Subsidiary C, is not obligated under the Senior Notes indenture.

The following is a description of the terms and conditions of the guarantees:

- The guarantors fully and unconditionally and jointly and severally guarantee the payment of the principal and premium (if any) and interest on the Senior Notes. If we fail to make a scheduled payment, Subsidiaries A and B are obligated to make it immediately and, if they do not, any holder of the Senior Notes may immediately bring suit directly against them for payment of all amounts due and payable.

- The guarantees are senior unsecured obligations of the guarantors that rank equal with all existing and future senior debt of the guarantors and are senior to all subordinated debt. However, the guarantees are effectively subordinated to any secured debt of the guarantors.

- The guarantees are subject to release in the following circumstances: (i) the sale, disposition, exchange or other transfer (including through merger, consolidation or otherwise) of the capital stock of a guarantor made in a manner not in violation of the indenture; or (ii) the designation of a guarantor as an “Unrestricted Subsidiary” under the indenture.

In addition, each guarantee is limited to an amount that will not render the guarantee, as it relates to each guarantor, voidable under applicable law relating to fraudulent conveyances or fraudulent transfers. If a guarantor were to become a debtor in a case under the US Bankruptcy Code, a court may decline to enforce its guarantee of the Senior Notes. This may occur when, among other factors, it is found that the guarantor originally received less than fair consideration for the guarantee and the guarantor would be rendered insolvent by enforcement of the guarantee.

On the basis of historical financial information, operating history and other factors, we believe that each of the guarantors, after giving effect to the issuance of its guarantee of the Senior Notes when the guarantee was issued, was not insolvent and did not and has not incurred debts beyond its ability to pay such debts as they mature. The Company cannot predict, however, what standard a court would apply in making these determinations or that a court would agree with our conclusions in this regard.
Basis of preparation explanatory note

Basis of preparation of the Summarized Financial Information

The following tables include summarized financial information of Parent Co. (issuer), Subsidiary A (guarantor) and Subsidiary B (guarantor) (together, the obligor group). Investments in and equity in the earnings of Subsidiary C, which is not a member of the obligor group, have been excluded.

The summarized financial information of the obligor group is presented on a combined basis with intercompany balances and transactions between entities in the obligor group eliminated. The obligor group’s amounts due from, amounts due to and transactions with Subsidiary C have been presented in separate line items, if they are material. In addition, a loan receivable from Sister Company Y (an unconsolidated related party) is presented separately.

Investor X holds a 25% noncontrolling interest in Subsidiary B and has a representative on its Board of Directors. Also, Investor X could file suit to prevent Subsidiary B from performing under its guarantee, which could potentially delay or prevent payments to holders of the Senior Notes in the event of default. Therefore, summarized financial information for Subsidiary B is presented separately.

For the three months ended 31 March 2021, Subsidiary B’s net income attributable to Investor X is $2.5 million. At 31 March 2021 and 31 December 2020, Investor X’s non-controlling interest in Subsidiary B’s equity is $13.75 million and $16.25 million, respectively.

SFI of the obligor group

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<th>Summarized Statements of Income (mil $)</th>
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<th>Subsidiary B</th>
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<td>Net sales to unrelated parties</td>
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<td>Net sales to non-obligor subsidiaries</td>
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<td>Income from continuing operations</td>
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<th>Summarized Balance Sheets (mil $)</th>
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<td>ASSETS</td>
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<td>Receivables due from non-obligor subsidiaries</td>
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<td>Other current assets</td>
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<td>Total current assets</td>
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<td>Goodwill</td>
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<td>Total noncurrent assets</td>
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<td>Noncurrent liabilities</td>
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Exhibit 22. Subsidiary guarantors and issuers of guaranteed securities

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<th>$100 million of Senior Notes</th>
<th>Issuer</th>
<th>Guarantor</th>
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<td>Parent Company Inc.</td>
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<td>Subsidiary A</td>
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<td>Subsidiary B</td>
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Location of disclosures in Form 10-Q

Registrants have the flexibility to elect to provide disclosures under new Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X in the notes to the interim financial statements or outside the interim financial statements in management’s discussion and analysis (MD&A). Disclosures in the notes to the financial statements are subject to interim reviews by the external auditor while those in MD&A are not.

A detailed discussion of the 2020 amendments to Rule 3-10 of Regulation S-X and the new disclosure requirements in Rule 13-01 can be found in our Technical Line, How to apply the SEC’s new requirements for registered debt issued or guaranteed by subsidiaries, dated 30 April 2020.

3.5 Affiliates whose securities collateralize the registrant’s securities

Rule 13-02 of Regulation S-X requires disclosures in interim reports on Form 10-Q about affiliates whose securities collateralize registered debt that are similar to those required by Rule 13-01 of Regulation S-X about subsidiary issuers and guarantors, if material. However, we expect the disclosure requirements in Rule 13-02 to apply infrequently because today it is rare for a registrant to pledge the securities of an affiliate as collateral for its registered debt obligation.

Materiality

A registrant must disclose any financial and narrative information about each affiliate if the information would be material for investors to evaluate the pledge of the affiliate’s securities as collateral.

Narrative disclosures

Rule 13-02 requires narrative disclosures including descriptions of the securities pledged as collateral, each affiliate whose securities are pledged, the terms and conditions of the collateral arrangement, the events or circumstances that would require delivery of the collateral, and whether a trading market exists for the pledged securities.

Summarized financial information

Unlike the SFI for the obligor group for guaranteed securities, the financial information of all subsidiaries consolidated by an affiliate whose securities are pledged as collateral would be included in the SFI, even if those subsidiaries’ securities are not pledged as collateral. When there are multiple affiliates whose securities have been pledged as collateral, disaggregation of the SFI may be required, if disclosures about the items addressed in the narrative disclosures apply to one or more, but not all, of the affiliates.

Non-consolidated affiliates

In the rare cases when an affiliate whose securities have been pledged as collateral is not a consolidated subsidiary of the registrant, the registrant must provide any additional financial and narrative information material for investors to evaluate the pledge; the information must be sufficient so that it is not misleading and might require separate financial statements of the unconsolidated affiliate.

32 The SEC issued a final rule on 2 March 2020 that amended Rule 3-16 of Regulation S-X and added Rule 13-02. These amendments changed the financial statement requirements for affiliates whose securities are pledged as collateral to the registrant’s debt or debt-like registered obligations. The new disclosures, if applicable, are required for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for quarterly periods ending after 4 January 2021.
3.6 Additional disclosure requirements

3.6.1 General

Article 10 of Regulation S-X provides that the condensed interim financial information should include sufficient disclosures (either on the face of the financial statements or in the accompanying footnotes) to avoid the presentation of misleading information. Registrants also may presume that users of the condensed interim financial information either have read or have access to the most recent annual report.

We recommend that a footnote in Form 10-Q refer to the most recently filed annual financial statements (e.g., financial statements in the annual report on Form 10-K), because many disclosures are excluded from the quarterly statements. This reference should be worded carefully to avoid implying that Form 10-Q is deficient unless the Form 10-K accompanies it.

Footnote disclosures that would substantially duplicate the disclosures in the most recent annual report (e.g., summary of significant accounting policies, account balances that have not changed significantly in amount or composition since the most recently completed fiscal year or other disclosures required by Rule 4-08 of Regulation S-X) generally may be omitted from the condensed interim financial statements. However, registrants must disclose events after the most recent fiscal year that have had a material effect on the registrant including:

- Material retroactive prior period adjustments (e.g., correction of an error, adoption of a Codification update)
- Significant business combinations or dispositions

Additionally, certain disclosures required by the Codification may be specifically required in interim financial statements (e.g., segment reporting in ASC 280 and certain disclosures required by ASC 820).

Our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) provides a comprehensive list of the interim disclosure requirements as well as the source of the disclosure (e.g., Regulation S-X or GAAP). In some cases, it refers registrants to the relevant disclosure requirements in our GAAP disclosure checklist (EY Form A13). A registrant that elects to present a complete set of interim financial statements (rather than condensed) should use EY Form A13.

3.6.2 Per-share information

Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires registrants to disclose earnings per share, as well as the basis of the earnings per share computation and the number of shares used. ASC 260 also requires additional disclosures about earnings per share (basic and diluted) in interim financial statements. See our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for a summary of these disclosure requirements.

3.6.3 Retroactive adjustments

Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires the disclosure of any material retroactive adjustment made during any period included in Form 10-Q, together with its effect on net income (total and per share) of any prior period included in Form 10-Q and its effect on the balance of retained earnings. For example, if a calendar-year registrant files a Form 10-K/A to correct an error in its 20X1 financial statements, the 20X2 interim financial statements must disclose the effect of the error on net income (total and per share) for each prior period included in the registrant’s Form 10-Q and the effect of the error on the balance of retained earnings as of 1 January 20X1.

Similar disclosures also must be made if the registrant’s results of operations for any period presented have been adjusted after the initial reporting of such period for a retrospective adoption of a new accounting standard or a voluntary change in accounting principle. For example, if an issuer makes a voluntary change in accounting principle (e.g., change in inventory valuation method) in the second
quarter, the registrant must disclose, in the second quarter interim financial statements, the effect of the adjustment on net income (total and per share) for the first quarter. The disclosure requirements in Article 10 relate to all retroactive adjustments and are in addition to those an accounting standard update may require in the interim financial statements.

3.6.4 Basis of presentation

Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires the unaudited interim financial statements to reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the interim results and to include a statement to that effect. In addition, registrants must state whether such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature; otherwise, the registrant must describe in appropriate detail the nature and amount of any nonrecurring adjustment. Below is an example basis-of-presentation footnote.

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<th>Illustration 3-8: Note A – Basis of presentation</th>
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<td>The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 20X3 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 20X3.</td>
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<tr>
<td>The condensed consolidated balance sheet at December 31, 20X2, has been derived from the audited consolidated financial statements at that date but does not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.</td>
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<td>For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in ABC, Inc.’s annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 20X2.</td>
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3.7 Item 2. Management’s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations (Item 303 of Regulation S-K)

Legacy requirements

Item 303(b) of Regulation S-K provides the requirements of MD&A for interim financial statements. If the registrant includes MD&A in a quarterly shareholders’ report, the MD&A in this report should be consistent with that in Form 10-Q, even if the registrant elects not to incorporate by reference. Management should use its discretion as to the form and location of the discussion in the quarterly report to shareholders.

Because of the potential volatility in the business and economic environment, financial statement users and regulators have sought more transparency in companies' disclosures regarding risks, liquidity, capital resources, critical accounting estimates, fair value accounting and off-balance sheet arrangements – all required components of MD&A. In each reporting period, companies should take a fresh look at their MD&A in light of current conditions.

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33 The SEC staff frequently issues comments on MD&A during its review of registrant filings. See the latest edition of our SEC Comments and Trends for common areas of focus by the SEC staff.
The 2003 Commission Release on preparation of MD&A states that it is important for companies to focus their MD&A discussion on material issues. In preparing MD&A, the SEC believes companies should evaluate issues presented in previous periods and consider reducing or omitting discussion of those that may no longer be material or helpful or revise discussions if a revision would make the continuing relevance of an issue more apparent.

### 3.7.1 Overview – legacy requirements

Management must discuss the registrant’s financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations in MD&A. The purpose of the discussion is:

“[T]o provide investors and other users information relevant to an assessment of the financial condition and results of operations of the registrant as determined by evaluating the amounts and certainty of cash flows from operations and from outside sources.”

MD&A in interim financial statements should enable the reader to assess material changes in the registrant’s financial condition and results of operations. Specifically, MD&A should include a discussion of material changes in items required in MD&A of annual financial statements. However, registrants do not need to discuss the effect of inflation and changing prices on their results of operations in the interim financial statements. Generally, discussion is required of:

- Material changes in the registrant’s liquidity, capital resources, off-balance sheet arrangements, aggregate contractual obligations and results of operations
- Known material trends, events and uncertainties that might make historical financial information not indicative of future operations or financial condition
- The cause of material changes in line items of the interim financial statements from prior-period amounts
- Any other information the registrant believes necessary for an understanding of its financial condition, changes in financial condition and results of operations

#### Early compliance with amended Item 303 – objectives

The 19 November 2020 amendments to Regulation S-K introduced new Item 303(a), Objectives, which incorporates much of the substance of legacy instructions 1, 2 and 3 in current Item 303(a). Registrants choosing to comply early with all of the amendments to Item 303 in a Form 10-Q should satisfy the following overarching principles to provide an effective MD&A discussion and allow investors to view the registrant from management’s perspective:

- Provide material information relevant to an assessment of the financial condition and results of operations of the registrant, including an evaluation of the amount and certainty of cash flows from operations and from outside sources.
- Focus the discussion on material events and uncertainties known to management that are reasonably likely to cause reported financial information not to be indicative of future operating results or of the registrant’s future financial condition. This includes descriptions and amounts of matters that are reasonably likely, based on management’s assessment, to have a material impact on future operations.

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34 In addition to the MD&A rules and interpretive SEC guidance, companies must provide other material information that is necessary to make the required statements, in light of the circumstances in which they are made, not misleading (Exchange Act Rules 10b-5 and 12b-20).
3 Part I — Financial information

Discuss the financial statements and other statistical data the registrant believes will enhance the reader’s understanding of the registrant’s financial condition, changes in financial condition, cash flows and results of operations.

As discussed in the Overview in section 1 of this publication, the amendments can be applied 30 days after publication in the Federal Register, which is expected soon but hadn’t occurred by the date of this publication. Compliance is mandatory 210 days after publication in the Federal Register. A registrant may elect to comply early with some items but not others, but such a registrant would have to comply with the amended item in its entirety. We don’t expect most registrants to deviate substantially from current practice to comply with the amendments because they reflect existing SEC and SEC staff guidance.

3.7.2 Interim materiality considerations

Companies must assess materiality when preparing MD&A in their interim financial statements. FRR-72, Commission Guidance Regarding Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, states, “There may be different quantitative and qualitative factors to consider when deciding whether to include certain information in a specific quarterly or annual report.” The SEC adds that material changes requiring disclosure in MD&A in annual reports should be discussed in the quarter in which they occur, but “there also may be circumstances where an item may not be material in the context of a discussion of annual results of operations, but is material in the context of interim results.”

The interim MD&A rules allow registrants to presume that users of the interim financial statements have read or have access to MD&A in the registrant’s prior annual report. Because MD&A in quarterly reports is complementary to MD&A in the most recent annual report and intervening quarterly reports, if adequate MD&A disclosure was provided previously, the SEC indicates that further disclosure in the subsequent quarterly report generally is not required. However, the SEC cautions that MD&A for the current quarterly report might need to provide an update if the earlier reports did not “adequately foreshadow subsequent events,” or if new information becomes apparent in the current period that affects known trends and uncertainties.

3.7.3 Material changes

Legacy requirements

The causes of material changes in interim financial statement items must be described to the extent necessary for users to understand the business as a whole. While MD&A requires companies to discuss material changes in financial statement line items from period to period, FRR-72 observes that many companies provide excessive or duplicative disclosures and disclose immaterial information.

In FRR-72, the SEC encourages companies to present a tabular comparison of the results in different periods, with percentage changes, followed by a narrative discussion and analysis of the reasons for material changes and their implications. If a material change is a result of multiple factors, each factor should be described and quantified to the extent practicable. However, if the causes for a change in one item also relate to other items, repeating the discussion is not required.

The requirement to disclose material changes applies to all financial statements – not just the income statement. Determining which changes are material is the responsibility of the registrant. The interim MD&A rules do not require a discussion of every line item and its changes without regard to materiality, and “registrants need not recite the amounts of changes from period to period which are readily computable from the financial statements.” In addition, MD&A need not include information that would result in undue effort or expense to assemble the information.
SEC staff comment letters often ask registrants to provide more meaningful and detailed explanation of material period-to-period changes. The SEC staff typically requests that registrants provide more granular quantification and discussion about the specific factors, and the underlying reasons, that contributed to material period-to-period changes. For example, when MD&A cites two or more qualitative reasons that contributed to a material period-to-period change in a financial statement line item, the SEC staff requests that each reason be quantified and analyzed to provide more meaningful disclosure. The SEC staff also asks that MD&A disclose whether the reasons contributing to material changes represent trends that are expected to have a material effect on future periods.

Early compliance with amended Item 303

Registrants that choose to comply with the 19 November 2020 amendments to Item 303 before the mandatory compliance date should understand that new Item 303(b) requires narrative discussion of the “reasons underlying” material changes rather than only the “causes” for material changes. The SEC said the change is intended to encourage registrants “to provide more meaningful discussion of the underlying reasons that may be contributing to material changes in line items and avoid simply reciting amounts that changed in the financial statements.” The amendments also clarify that registrants should discuss material changes in a line item in quantitative and qualitative terms, even when the changes offset each other, consistent with prior Commission interpretive guidance.

In addition, the amendments include “product lines” as an example of a subdivision of the registrant’s business that should be discussed, if in the registrant’s judgment, the information is necessary to an understanding of the registrant’s business. Disclosing information about product lines may be appropriate if a registrant does not provide an analysis of its results of operations by segment, geographic area or other meaningful disaggregation below the consolidated level.

3.7.4 Changes in financial condition

Legacy requirements

Item 303(b) of Regulation S-K requires a discussion of material changes in financial condition, particularly addressing material changes in liquidity and capital resources. This is done by comparing the financial condition at the end of the most recent interim period with that at the end of the most recent fiscal year. If registrants present a balance sheet as of the end of the corresponding prior-year interim period (which is necessary only if users need it to understand the effect of seasonal fluctuations on the company’s financial condition), the registrant also should compare the financial condition at the end of the most recent interim period to that at the end of the corresponding prior-year interim period. When both comparisons are required, the discussion and analysis may be combined.

Item 303(a)(5) of Regulation S-K, Tabular disclosure of contractual obligations, requires companies (other than smaller reporting companies, issuers of asset-backed securities and registered investment companies) to provide a tabular presentation of known contractual obligations as of the end of the most recent fiscal year. MD&A in interim financial statements should address any material changes in the contractual obligations since the most recent year end.

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35 Refer to the Overview section of this publication for the mandatory compliance date and the early voluntary adoption provisions with respect to these amendments to Item 303, Management's Discussion and Analysis, of Regulation S-K.

36 The 1989 MD&A Interpretive Release provided the following effective disclosure example: “Revenue from sales of single-family homes for 1987 increased 6% from 1986. The increase resulted from a 14 percent increase in average sales price per home, partially offset by a 6 percent decrease in the number of homes delivered.”
Early compliance with amended Item 303

Registrants that choose to comply with the 19 November 2020 amendments to Item 303 before the mandatory compliance date may omit the Tabular disclosure of contractual obligations and any discussion of material changes during the interim period compared to the last annual table. Instead, they will be required to satisfy the following new liquidity and capital resources disclosure requirements in revised Item 303(b)(1) in the Form 10-Q filing where they first adopt the amendments:

- Analyze their ability to generate and obtain adequate amounts of cash to meet its requirements and its plans for cash separately for at least the following two relevant time horizons:
  - The short term (i.e., the next 12 months from the most recent fiscal period end required to be presented in the Form 10-Q)
  - The long term (i.e., beyond the next 12 months)
- Expand their discussion of material cash requirements to cover not only known contractual obligations but also “other obligations,” including those that are not recorded on the balance sheet under US GAAP
- Expand their discussion of material cash requirements to discuss not only capital expenditures (focus of the legacy requirements) but also other reasonably likely material cash requirements for items like human capital and intellectual property. This includes cash expenditures that would be classified as operating cash outflows and considered related to normal business operations.

Registrants that comply early with the MD&A amendments may also exclude the separate caption “Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements” and integrate any of those disclosures in their liquidity and capital resources discussion.

3.7.5 Changes in results of operations

Legacy requirements

Item 303(b) requires a discussion of material changes in the results of operations of (1) the current fiscal quarter compared with the corresponding quarter in the preceding year and (2) the current fiscal year-to-date period compared with the corresponding period in the preceding fiscal year. If financial statements for the 12-month period ended as of the most recent interim period balance sheet are presented, the discussion also should cover material changes in that 12-month period compared with the corresponding 12-month period for the prior fiscal year. If MD&A in the registrant’s annual report includes a discussion of each relevant reportable segment, MD&A in the interim financial statements should address any material changes in revenues and expenses by reportable segment that is necessary to obtain an understanding of the business as a whole. See section 5 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for further information on presenting segment information in MD&A.

A registrant should identify any significant elements of its income or loss from continuing operations that did not arise from, or are not necessarily representative of, its ongoing business. Examples of these items include:

- Unusual promotion or research and development expenses
- Unusually high or low export activities

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37 Refer to the Overview section of this publication for the mandatory compliance date and the early voluntary adoption provisions with respect to these amendments to Item 303, Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Regulation S-K.
Identifiable costs of a business interruption caused by labor disruptions and other events

Significant gains or losses from the disposition of assets

Management also should discuss any seasonal aspects of its business that had a material effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

Early compliance with amended Item 303

The instructions in new Item 303(c)(2) allow registrants that choose to comply with the 19 November 2020 amendments before the mandatory compliance date to choose whether to compare the results of operations for the most recently completed quarter to either the corresponding quarter of the previous year (as required by the legacy instructions) or to the immediately preceding quarter. A registrant that changes the comparative period in a later Form 10-Q would be required to explain the reasons for the change and present both comparisons in the quarterly filing where the change is made. Registrants are still required to compare the year-to-date interim period to the same period of the prior year.

The second instruction to new Item 303(c)(2) also requires the registrant to identify in its discussion of material changes in results of operations any significant elements of its income or loss from continuing operations that do not arise from or are not necessarily representative of its ongoing business.

3.7.6 Other considerations

Many of the disclosures applicable to MD&A for annual periods should be considered for material events or transactions that occur in interim periods, particularly if no similar events or transactions have occurred in preceding annual periods and no similar disclosures previously have been provided in MD&A. Our SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, Parts II and III of our SEC annual shareholders’ report checklist (EY Form A150) and our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) include matters to consider.

In addition, a registrant that elects to disclose non-GAAP financial measures in MD&A must comply with Item 10(e) of Regulation S-K, which imposes conditions and restrictions on the use of non-GAAP financial measures in SEC filings and requires reconciliation to the most comparable GAAP measure. For additional information regarding the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure, conditions for presentation and interpretive guidance, see section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K.

3.8 Item 3. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk

Item 305 of Regulation S-K, which does not apply to smaller reporting companies, requires quantitative and qualitative market risk disclosures to be presented outside the financial statements in both annual reports on Form 10-K and, if there have been material changes since the date of the most recent annual report, in Form 10-Q. Market risk is a broad term referring to economic losses because of adverse changes in the fair value of a financial instrument. Item 305 affects most registrants as nearly all registrants have financial instruments that expose them to market risk.

The interim disclosures required under Item 305 of Regulation S-K must enable the reader to assess the sources and effects of material changes in market risk exposures that affect the quantitative and qualitative disclosures presented as of the end of the preceding fiscal year. For example, if a company enters into a significant amount of interest rate swaps in the first quarter, the company should disclose the change in risk management strategy.

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38 Refer to the Overview section of this publication for the mandatory compliance date and the early voluntary adoption provisions with respect to these amendments to Item 303, Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Regulation S-K.

39 Smaller reporting companies are not required to provide the disclosures specified in Item 305 of Regulation S-K. However, if a smaller reporting company chooses to voluntarily provide this information, it must comply with all of the disclosure requirements of Item 305.
The SEC staff expects companies to have reasonable procedures in place to monitor whether material changes in market risk are likely to have occurred since year end without necessarily having to recalculate or reassemble the quantitative information during the interim period.

While the quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk are required in response to Item 3 of Part I of Form 10-Q, registrants may elect to incorporate the disclosures by reference from a quarterly shareholders' report or integrate the disclosures within MD&A. In either case, the response to Item 3 of Part I of Form 10-Q should indicate any such incorporation by reference or provide a cross-reference to the responsive disclosures in MD&A.

When there have been no material changes in market risk since the most recent fiscal year end, registrants may refer to their market risk disclosures in their previous annual report on Form 10-K and indicate that their exposure to market risk has not changed materially since the prior fiscal year.

For additional information about the SEC’s market risk disclosure rules, including additional illustrative examples of the disclosure requirements, see section 4 of our SEC annual reports — Form 10-K, our SEC market risk disclosures (SCORE No. BB0688) publication, and our SEC annual shareholders’ report checklist (EY Form A150).

3.9 Item 4. Controls and procedures

3.9.1 Item 307 Disclosure controls and procedures

**Definition:** Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(a) and 15d-15(a) require registrants to maintain “disclosure controls and procedures.” Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) define the term “disclosure controls and procedures” as:

“[C]ontrols and other procedures of an issuer that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the [Exchange] Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by an issuer in the reports that it files or submits under the Act is accumulated and communicated to the issuer’s management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.”

**Evaluation and disclosure:** Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(b) and 15d-15(b) require each issuer’s management to evaluate, with the participation of the issuer’s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, the effectiveness of the issuer’s disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of each fiscal quarter. Based on that evaluation, Item 307 of Regulation S-K requires each Form 10-Q, and for the fourth quarter, the Form 10-K, to disclose the conclusions of the registrant’s principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, regarding the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by the report. By contrast, Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(c) and 15d-15(c) require that the effectiveness of an issuer’s internal control over financial reporting be evaluated only as of the end of each fiscal year.

In providing the disclosures under Item 307, some companies have indicated that disclosure controls and procedures are designed only to provide “reasonable assurance” that they will meet their objectives. While not objecting to such language, the SEC staff has required these companies to disclose management’s conclusion as to whether the company’s disclosure controls and procedures are effective at the “reasonable assurance” level. In providing the disclosures under Item 307, other companies have disclosed that there is “no assurance” that disclosure controls and procedures will operate effectively under all circumstances.
In these cases, the SEC staff has requested that the companies clarify that their disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide “reasonable assurance,” subject to the conditions discussed above.

The SEC staff reminds registrants that management’s conclusions about the effectiveness of the registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures in interim and annual reports under Item 307 of Regulation S-K must include an explicit statement as to whether disclosure controls and procedures are either “effective” or “ineffective.” In addition, management’s conclusion must consider disclosure controls and procedures “in their totality.” The SEC staff will require a registrant to amend its filing if it discloses inappropriate expressions of management’s conclusions, such as conclusions that disclosure controls and procedures are “adequate,” “effective, except for,” or “effective except as disclosed below.”

In February 2018, the SEC issued an interpretive release on cybersecurity highlighting that disclosure controls and procedures should enable registrants to identify cybersecurity risks and incidents, assess and analyze their implications, and make timely disclosures.

**Relationship between “disclosure controls and procedures” and “internal control over financial reporting”:** As discussed above, the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures must be assessed on a quarterly basis while the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting must be assessed on an annual basis. In its commentary, the SEC expresses its view that there is “substantial overlap” between a company’s disclosure controls and procedures and its internal control over financial reporting. However, there are elements of disclosure controls and procedures that are beyond the scope of internal control over financial reporting, yet there are very few elements of internal control over financial reporting that could fall outside the scope of a registrant’s disclosure controls and procedures. In the SEC’s view, the elements of internal control over financial reporting that provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles would always be included in a company’s disclosure controls and procedures. Aside from those elements, the SEC indicated that companies can be expected to make judgments regarding the processes and controls on which management relies to meet applicable Exchange Act disclosure requirements. See section 4 of our publication, *SEC annual reports – Form 10-K*, for additional information on management and auditor reporting on internal control over financial reporting (Section 404).

The SEC staff has indicated that a registrant may exclude a business it acquired during the year from its assessment of internal control over financial reporting. In light of the overlap between a company’s disclosure controls and procedures and its internal control over financial reporting, the registrant also may exclude these controls from its evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures. In these situations, the registrant should indicate the significance of the acquired business to the registrant’s consolidated financial statements.

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An entity that identifies a material error (as discussed in section 4 of this publication) should assess whether and how the error affects its conclusions about the effectiveness of the related internal controls, and hence the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures. When amending a filing, registrants should consider whether the disclosures they provided in the original filing to comply with Item 307 of Regulation S-K need to be modified, supplemented or corrected to explain whether management’s previous conclusions on the effectiveness of disclosure and control procedures continue to be appropriate in light of the assessment to restate financial statements or the non-reliance on a previously issued audit report or interim review.

3.9.2 Item 308(c) Changes in internal control over financial reporting

Item 4 of Form 10-Q requires the issuer to disclose any change in internal control over financial reporting (ICFR) that occurred during the quarter that has “materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.” The SEC staff clarified that this would encompass disclosing a change (including an improvement) to ICFR that was not necessarily in response to an identified significant deficiency or material weakness (e.g., the implementation of a new information system) if it materially affected the registrant’s ICFR. Registrants should consider the effect material events, such as business combinations and restructurings, have on changes in ICFR.

Read literally, Item 308(c) of Regulation S-K and the form of management’s Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act certification only require disclosure of material changes in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during a fiscal quarter, not the underlying reasons for such changes (e.g., significant deficiency, material weakness, business acquisition, change in the design of internal controls to increase their effectiveness and efficiency). However, the SEC has stated, “a company will have to determine, on a facts and circumstances basis, whether the reasons for the change, or other information about the circumstances surrounding the change, constitute material information necessary to make the disclosure about the change not misleading.” For further information regarding the definition of internal control over financial reporting see section 4 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K.

The SEC staff clarified that it would not object if a registrant does not disclose changes or improvements to controls made in preparation of the registrant’s first Section 404 report (e.g., between its IPO and second Form 10-K report date). Similarly, a company can wait to disclose changes in internal control for an acquired business until the first annual report in which it includes the acquired business in its assessment of internal control over financial reporting. However, if the registrant were to identify a material weakness in advance of its Section 404 assessment, the SEC staff stated that the registrant “should carefully consider whether that fact should be disclosed, as well as changes made in response to the material weakness.”

A registrant needs to also consider whether its implementation of a new accounting standard leads to a change in internal control that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s ICFR. The implementation of a new accounting standard may warrant revisions to information gathering and communication protocols in the organization or the design of business processes and internal control activities within them. We believe that registrants need to report any material change in internal control related to the adoption of a new accounting standard no later than the periodic filing for the period that first reflects the adoption of the new accounting standard.

43 Question 7 of the SEC staff’s Section 404 FAQ available at: http://www.sec.gov/info/accountants/controlfaq.htm.
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3.9.3 Exhibit 31 Management's Section 302 certification

Registrants that file periodic reports under Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, including banks and savings associations and smaller reporting companies, must file management certifications called for by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act as Exhibit 31 to Form 10-Q. As “filed” information, Section 302 certifications remain subject to the civil liability provisions of Section 18 of the Exchange Act and may be incorporated by reference into registration statements filed under the Securities Act where they would become subject to the liability provisions of Section 11, Civil Liabilities on Account of False Registration Statement, of the Securities Act.

The specified form of the Section 302 certification is included in Item 601, Exhibits, of Regulation S-K. The certifications must be filed in the exact form specified by the SEC rules. Separate certifications are required to be filed by the CEO and CFO.

45 Section 302 also applies to registered investment companies and issuers of asset-backed securities. However, those issuers should refer to supplemental guidance applicable to their particular circumstances, which are beyond the scope of this publication.
4 Principles of interim accounting and financial reporting

4.1 General

ASC 270 is the primary authoritative source of principles of accounting measurement and financial reporting for interim periods. ASC 270 establishes an overall presumption that each interim period should be viewed primarily as an integral part of an annual period. Therefore, the accounting principles and practices used to prepare the quarterly report on Form 10-Q generally should be based on the principles and practices used to prepare the latest annual report on Form 10-K. However, companies may modify certain accounting principles and practices used to prepare the annual information (e.g., costs associated with revenue or income taxes) so that the interim results better relate to the results of operations for the annual period. The purpose of this section is to summarize and illustrate, where appropriate, the principles of accounting in ASC 270.

4.2 Revenue

The accounting principles of ASC 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, apply to both interim periods and the annual period. For example, in a construction contract in which an entity is building a facility on the customer's land, the entity would generally conclude that the customer controls any work in process arising from the entity's performance and, therefore, the entity would recognize revenue for the contract over time. The entity would select a single revenue recognition method (i.e., measure of progress) that depicts its performance in transferring control of the goods or services over time. At the end of each annual and interim reporting period, the entity would measure its progress toward complete satisfaction of the performance obligation and recognize the corresponding amount of revenue. As circumstances change over time, an entity would update its measure of progress to reflect any changes in the outcome of the performance obligation. Such changes to an entity’s measure of progress would be accounted for as a change in accounting estimate in accordance with ASC 250.

Losses projected on contracts with customers are generally not recognized before they are incurred, unless there is specific US GAAP guidance that requires the accrual of expected losses (e.g., ASC 605-35, Revenue Recognition – Construction-Type and Production-Type Contracts).

An entity should apply the same procedures (e.g., sales “cut-off”) for recognizing revenue at the end of each quarter that it applies at year end.

ASC 606 requires entities to estimate variable consideration and include amounts that are not constrained in the transaction price. Variable consideration includes, but is not limited to, discounts, rebates, refunds, credits, price concessions, incentives, performance bonuses and penalties. When a contract includes variable consideration, an entity needs to update its estimates of the transaction price throughout the contract term to depict conditions that exist at each reporting period. This involves updating the estimate of variable consideration (including any amounts that are constrained) to reflect an entity’s revised expectations about the amount of consideration to which it expects to be entitled considering uncertainties that are resolved or new information about the remaining uncertainties. This is required at each reporting period, irrespective of whether it is an interim or annual period.
Entities should look to ASC 270 for required revenue disclosures in interim financial statements. ASC 270 requires the same quantitative disclosure about revenue in interim financial statements as in the annual financial statements. See our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for a summary of the interim disclosure requirements.

4.3 Costs associated with revenue

Costs associated with revenue should be treated similarly for both interim and annual reporting purposes. This includes costs associated directly with or allocated to products sold or services rendered, such as materials, wages, salaries and fringe benefits, manufacturing overhead and warranties.

4.3.1 Inventories and cost of sales

4.3.1.1 General practices

Current practice varies in determining inventory costs. For example, costs of goods sold may be based on standard or actual costs, while costs of inventory may be based on an average, FIFO or LIFO cost basis. While companies generally should apply the same principles and practices (e.g., inventory pricing methods and process for recording inventory write-downs) used at year end, the following exceptions exist for interim reporting:

- **Method for determining costs of goods sold**: Because many companies do not take physical inventories each quarter, ASC 270 recognizes that they may use a different method to determine the costs of goods sold for interim periods than they use for annual periods. For example, inventory and cost of goods sold in interim financial statements may be calculated based on an estimated gross profit percentage applied to interim sales, while inventory in annual financial statements may be based on a physical inventory near the end of the year and differences between estimated and actual inventory are adjusted through cost of goods sold at year end. If a company uses a different method to determine the costs of goods sold in interim and annual periods, the company should disclose the method used in the interim financial statements.

- **Process for recording inventory write-downs**: Inventory losses due to the application of the subsequent measurement guidance in ASC 330-10 should not be deferred beyond the interim period in which the decline occurs, unless the decline can reasonably be expected to be restored within the same fiscal year. If inventory is written down as of an interim date, the recovery of these losses in later interim periods of the same fiscal year should be reflected as a gain in the later interim period. However, the amount of gains recorded by an entity should not exceed the previously recognized losses. The gain should be recorded in the same line item in the income statement as the inventory write-down. Temporary declines in the market value of inventory measured using the LIFO or retail inventory methods, or the net realizable value of all other inventory that can reasonably be expected to be restored by the end of the fiscal year, need not be recognized at the interim date since no loss is expected to be incurred in the fiscal year.

- **Standard cost systems**: Generally, companies that use standard cost systems should adjust the carrying amount of inventory at standard cost at each interim balance sheet date to reflect actual costs in the same manner as at year end. That is, variances between standard cost and actual costs, such as purchase price, wage rate, usage, efficiency or other variances are recognized in interim period earnings through an adjustment to the carrying amount of inventories at standard cost. However, if a company expects to absorb a portion, or all, of the purchase price variances or volume or capacity cost variances by year end, that portion of the variance should be deferred at the interim balance sheet date (i.e., continue to be reflected in the carrying amount of inventories). That is, if the interim period purchase price variance or volume or capacity cost variance is planned and expected to reverse before the end of the fiscal year, that variance is not recognized in interim period earnings because doing so would require the
recognition of an offsetting variance in the earnings of a later interim period. The effect of unplanned or unanticipated purchase price or volume variances, however, is reported at the end of an interim period following the same procedures used at the end of a fiscal year.

> **LIFO liquidation**: If the prior year’s LIFO inventories have been liquidated at an interim date but are expected to be restored by the end of the fiscal year, (1) the inventory at the interim reporting date should not give effect to the LIFO liquidation, and (2) the cost of goods sold for the interim period should include the estimated cost of replacing the liquidated LIFO layer (i.e., cost of sales is adjusted to the amount it would have been if there had not been any LIFO liquidation). See further discussion below.

### 4.3.1.2 Interim LIFO calculations

The use of the LIFO inventory method in interim periods presents several special accounting considerations. LIFO calculations usually are made only at year end because of the possibly burdensome calculations and because changes in LIFO layers are determined on an annual basis. Thus, for financial reporting purposes, LIFO inventories generally are estimated at interim reporting dates. As a result, companies should consider including the following disclosure in their interim financial statements:

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The Company uses the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method of valuing inventory. An actual valuation of inventory under the LIFO method can be made only at the end of each year based on the inventory levels and costs at that time. Interim LIFO calculations are based on management’s estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs and are subject to the final year-end LIFO inventory valuation.

Because the techniques for applying LIFO and the types of interim records maintained vary from company to company, the methods used must be tailored to each particular case. Companies may use either of two approaches to estimate interim LIFO adjustments.

Under the first approach, a company estimates the annual adjustment for LIFO and allocates it to each quarter on a systematic and rational basis. Some companies use an allocation method based on actual inflation in the quarter because it relates to anticipated inflation for the year. Generally, this method most closely reflects the nature of LIFO by charging each quarter’s cost of sales with the most recent inventory cost. If this approach is used, the effect of a LIFO liquidation that is expected to occur by the end of the year is included as part of the projected annual LIFO adjustment and is, therefore, spread to the interim periods.

Under the second approach, a company makes a separate LIFO calculation each quarter by adjusting for (1) price changes during each quarter and (2) quantity changes that have occurred since the beginning of the year and that are not expected to reverse in a later period. In some cases, applying a separate calculation to interim periods might produce illogical interim results, particularly if inventory levels vary significantly during the year. In addition, a separate calculation might not be possible if the required information is not readily available (e.g., the actual price and quantity change since the beginning of the year).

If an interim liquidation is not expected to be replaced by year end, the effect would be recognized in the period that the liquidation occurs when a company determines its inventory by a separate quarterly LIFO calculation. However, as previously indicated, if the prior year’s LIFO inventories have been liquidated at an interim date but are expected to be restored by the end of the fiscal year, the inventory at the interim reporting date should not give effect to the LIFO liquidation, and cost of goods sold for the interim period should include the estimated cost of replacing the liquidated LIFO layer. That is, any gain associated with

46 However, a business that depends on a highly seasonal commodity should prorate its estimated annual LIFO adjustment over the fiscal year because, in such cases, price adjustments for the commodity relate to an annual period rather than to changes in general price level indices.
such a LIFO liquidation (i.e., the difference between the current year replacement cost and liquidated LIFO unit cost) should not be recognized in earnings in the interim period unless the company does not expect to replenish the prior years’ LIFO layers before year-end.

The 1984 AICPA LIFO issues paper, Identification and Discussion of Certain Financial Accounting and Reporting Issues Concerning LIFO Inventories (LIFO Issues Paper), which was addressed by the SEC staff in SAB Topic 5.L, LIFO Inventory Practices, recommends that entities show the deferral of a temporary LIFO liquidation in the interim balance sheet as a deferred credit in the current liabilities section at an amount equal to the pretax income effect of the LIFO inventory liquidation. For practical purposes, the LIFO Issues Paper also endorses recording the amount as a credit to inventory, the effect of which is to do nothing if cost of sales has been recognized using a FIFO or average cost that approximates the expected cost of replacing the inventory.

For example, if a liquidated LIFO layer had a LIFO unit cost of $12.50 per unit and the current cost was $14.00 per unit, the gain on the LIFO layer liquidation would be $1.50 per unit ($14.00 – $12.50). However, if the company expected to replenish the LIFO layer before year end, cost of goods sold would be recognized at the current cost of $14.00 per unit.47 In this case, if the company determines its inventory by a separate quarterly LIFO calculation, the company would need to record an increase in cost of goods sold of $1.50 per unit to reverse the gain of the LIFO layer liquidation. Under the LIFO Issues Paper, the corresponding credit would be recorded either as a deferred credit (the preferred approach) or as a credit balance in the inventory account.

When a registrant liquidates a LIFO layer during an interim period and management does not intend to replace it before year end, SAB Topic 11.F, LIFO Liquidations, requires the registrant to disclose, either in a footnote or parenthetically on the face of the interim income statement, the incremental amount of income recognized as a result of a LIFO inventory liquidation (e.g., $1.50 per unit in the above example).

4.4 Other costs and expenses

Other costs and expenses are costs unrelated to revenue, which are either (1) recognized as an expense in the interim period incurred or (2) allocated among interim periods based on an estimate of time expired, benefit received or activity associated with the periods. ASC 270 provides the following guidance for the accounting for other costs and expenses in interim periods:

- Registrants should apply the same procedures for assigning costs and expenses to an interim period as those followed at year end. When a specific cost or expense benefits more than one interim period, the cost and expense may be allocated to the respective interim periods.

- Costs and expenses that cannot be readily identified with the benefits or activities of other interim periods should be expensed in the interim period as incurred. Registrants should disclose the nature and amount of such costs unless items of a comparable nature are included in both the current interim period and in the corresponding interim period of the preceding year. For example, a recurring charge to bad debt expense based on a percentage of sales volume, which increases the allowance for doubtful accounts, usually would not be disclosed. On the other hand, significant plant relocation costs incurred in the current quarter should be disclosed if there was no item of a comparable nature in the corresponding quarter of the preceding year.

- The registrant should not arbitrarily assign costs or expenses to an interim period.

- If a gain or loss that arises during an interim period would not be deferred at year end, the gain or loss should be recognized in the current interim period.

47 Under the LIFO Issues Paper, it would be appropriate to estimate the expected costs to replace the temporary quarterly liquidation.
ASC 270 provides the following examples to illustrate the aforementioned concepts:

- When a cost that is expensed for annual reporting purposes clearly benefits two or more interim periods, each interim period should be charged for an appropriate portion of the annual cost by the use of accruals or deferrals.

- Property taxes (and similar costs such as interest and rent) may be accrued or deferred at the annual reporting date, to achieve a full year’s charge of taxes to costs and expenses. Similar procedures should be adopted at each interim reporting date to provide an appropriate cost in each period.

- Advertising costs may be deferred within a fiscal year if the benefits of an expenditure clearly extend beyond the interim period in which the expenditure is made. Advertising costs may be accrued and assigned to interim periods in relation to sales prior to the time the service is received if the advertising program is clearly implicit in the sales arrangement.

If common year-end adjustments can be projected, a pro rata portion of the estimated amounts should be assigned to each interim period. Examples given in ASC 270 are inventory shrinkage, allowance for uncollectible accounts, allowance for quantity discounts and discretionary year-end bonuses.

Below is an example comparing the effects of expensing advertising costs as incurred versus deferring advertising costs and allocating them throughout the fiscal year.

**Illustration 4-2: Other costs and expenses**

**Facts**

A company budgets $200,000 in advertising costs for 20X3; 2% of projected sales of $10 million. Many advertising costs are incurred for trade association shows and other projects early in the year, but they are expected to generate sales throughout the year. The company may defer the advertising costs when incurred and allocate the expense over the year on the basis of 2% of sales.

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**Advertising expensed as incurred**

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**Difference in pretax income**

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**4.5 Seasonal revenue, costs or expenses**

If interim results (i.e., revenues, costs or expenses) are subject to material seasonal variations, registrants must disclose the seasonal nature of the activities to avoid the inference that interim results are fairly indicative of the estimated results for a full fiscal year. In these circumstances, registrants should consider providing supplemental information for 12-month periods ended at the interim date for the current and preceding years.
4.6 Pension and postretirement benefit costs

In accordance with ASC 715, the measurements of plan assets and the pension and other postretirement benefit obligation used to determine the net periodic benefit cost in the interim period must be based on the assumptions used for the previous year-end measurements (i.e., the end-of-prior-year measurements based on the year-end measurement date requirement) unless either:

- More recent measurements of both plan assets and the benefit obligation are available, or
- A “significant event” occurs, such as a plan amendment, settlement or curtailment, which would ordinarily call for such measurements.

Unless an employer remeasures both its plan assets and the benefit obligation during the fiscal year, the amount it reports in interim period financial statements should be the same asset or liability recognized in the previous year-end statement of financial position adjusted for (1) subsequent accruals of net periodic benefit cost, excluding the amortization of amounts previously recognized in other comprehensive income (those amounts are reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income as components of net periodic benefit cost and do not affect the asset or liability recognized in the statement of financial position), (2) contributions to a funded postretirement benefit plan and (3) benefit payments for an unfunded postretirement benefit plan.

However, sometimes an employer remeasures both the plan assets and the benefit obligation during the fiscal year. That is the case, for example, when a significant event, such as a plan amendment, settlement or curtailment occurs that calls for a more recent measurement of plan assets and benefit obligations. On remeasurement, the employer should adjust its interim statement of financial position to reflect the overfunded or underfunded status of the postretirement benefit plan as of that remeasurement date.

ASC 715 requires certain disclosures in interim financial statements. See our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for a summary of the interim disclosure requirements. In addition, an employer applying an accounting method to immediately recognize actuarial gains and losses in net periodic benefit cost (i.e., upon remeasurement, typically during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year for a calendar-year company) should include in MD&A a discussion foreshadowing potential actuarial gains and losses that may arise on remeasurement. Similarly, if the employer remeasures the plan assets and benefit obligation during the fiscal year, it should disclose the magnitude of any actuarial gains and losses recognized on the measurement date in the notes to the financial statements.

If significant assumptions (e.g., mortality, expected returns on plan assets, assumed discount rates) have changed or are expected to change and the effect of the change will be material in future periods, companies should discuss the reasons for the change and its effects in MD&A.

Significant income statement effects related to benefit plan contributions should be disclosed and discussed in MD&A. For example, a company’s expected contribution to plan assets that is larger in the current period than in the prior period would decrease net periodic benefit cost for the current period due to the expected return on the larger amount of contributed assets. Noncash contributions (e.g., contributions of assets or company stock) to a defined benefit plan should be classified as noncash financing or investing activities, as appropriate, in the statement of cash flows. A registrant should disclose its funding approach in MD&A so that investors can understand its effect on liquidity.

4.7 Segments

ASC 280 requires registrants to disclose certain information about reportable segments in condensed financial statements of interim periods. In general, the results for each interim period should be based on the registrant’s accounting principles used in the preparation of its latest annual financial statements unless a change in an accounting principle has been adopted in the current year.
In general, a registrant doesn't need to apply the quantitative tests to its operating segments when determining reportable segments for the interim period. However, if facts and circumstances change in an interim period, for example, if there is a change in the structure of an entity’s internal organization, a new operating segment may be identified. In this case, application of the quantitative tests in an interim period could indicate that this operating segment is a reportable segment. If management expects that this segment will continue to be of significance, the segment should be disclosed as a new, separately reportable segment in interim reports.

Consistent with annual reporting, segment information for earlier interim periods is restated when a registrant changes its organization in a manner that causes the composition of its reportable segments to change unless restatement is impracticable (in which case the enterprise should disclose that fact). For example, if a change in the structure of a registrant's internal organization results in an additional reportable segment in the third quarter of 20X3, the new segmentation would need to be reflected in the segment disclosures for the third quarter and year-to-date periods ended 30 September 20X3 and 20X2. However, if it is impracticable to restate segment information for earlier interim periods to reflect the change, the registrant must disclose, in the interim period in which the change occurs, segment information for the current and year-to-date interim periods under both the old basis and the new basis of segmentation unless it is also impracticable to do so (in which case the registrant should disclose that fact). The SEC staff views impracticable as a very high standard to meet. Following a change in the composition of its reportable segments, an enterprise must disclose whether it has restated the corresponding items of segment information for earlier periods.

A change in reportable segments during an interim period also will require retrospective revision of the prior-year annual financial statements if they are reissued after the financial statements covering the interim period of the segment change have been filed. Reissuance is required if those annual financial statements are required to be included or incorporated by reference into a registration or proxy statement (with the exception of a Form S-8). If the prior year financial statements are not reissued for a filing, the annual information does not need to be retrospectively revised until that information is included in the next Annual Report on Form 10-K.

See EY Form A78, Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting, and our Financial reporting developments (FRD) publication, Segment reporting, for a summary of the interim disclosure requirements for segment reporting.

4.8 Guidance related to interim accounting and disclosure in other Codification Topics
Various Codification Topics include specific interim accounting and disclosure requirements, including:

- ASC 740 (see our FRD, Income taxes)
- ASC 820 (see our FRD, Fair value measurement)
- In addition to the Codification Topics and our FRD publications, see our Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for further information on interim disclosure requirements.

4.9 Unusual items, contingencies and uncertainties
Unusual or infrequently occurring items
The effects of unusual or infrequently occurring items that are material in relation to the operating results of the interim period should be reported separately in the period in which they occur. These transactions and events should not be prorated over the remaining interim periods in the fiscal year.
CONTINGENCIES

ASC 270 also requires registrants to disclose contingencies and other uncertainties that might affect the fairness of the presentation of the interim financial information. Such disclosures should be repeated and updated in the interim financial statements until the contingency has been removed, resolved or has become immaterial. The significance of a contingency or uncertainty should be judged in relation to the annual financial statements.

GOING CONCERN UNCERTAINTY

Management is required to evaluate for both annual and interim reporting periods whether there is substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. If management concludes that substantial doubt exists and is not alleviated by its plans, management is required to include in the notes to the financial statements a statement that there is substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the financial statements are issued (or available to be issued when applicable).

Additional disclosures are required to enable financial statement users to understand all of the following:

- Principal conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern (before consideration of management’s plans)
- Management’s evaluation of the significance of those conditions or events in relation to the entity’s ability to meet its obligations
- Management’s plans that are intended to mitigate the conditions or events that raise substantial doubt about the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern

These disclosures are required even if management concludes that substantial doubt about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern is alleviated as a result of its plans. The disclosures related to uncertainty about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern must be included in the notes to the financial statements until the conditions or events giving rise to the uncertainty are resolved. The disclosures are intended to include more information about the uncertainty and management’s plans to alleviate it as that information becomes available. As the conditions or events giving rise to the uncertainty and management’s plans to alleviate them change over time, the disclosures should change to provide users with the most current information, including information about how the uncertainty is resolved.

PCAOB AS 2415, Auditor’s Consideration of an Entity’s Ability to Continue as a Going Concern, requires the independent accountant to consider the adequacy of the disclosures in the registrant’s annual financial statements if (1) the independent accountant concluded during the previous audit that there was substantial doubt about the registrant’s ability to continue as a going concern or (2) the accountant became aware of conditions or events that might be indicative of the entity’s possible inability to continue as a going concern in the course of performing review procedures on interim financial information.

Such disclosures might include: (1) the conditions, events and other salient facts that gave rise to the going concern uncertainty; (2) the possible effects of these conditions and events, including the discontinuance of operations; (3) management’s evaluation of the significance of those conditions or events and any mitigating factors; (5) management’s plans (including relevant prospective financial information); and (6) information about the recoverability and classification of amounts recorded for assets or the amounts and classification of liabilities (e.g., long-term debt now classified as current). If there have been any material changes since the most recent annual or interim financial statements (e.g., changes in the conditions, events, and other salient facts that gave rise to the going concern uncertainty or in management’s plans), management should update its previous disclosure in a footnote to the interim financial statements.
4.10 Accounting changes and adjustments to prior interim periods

4.10.1 General

ASC 250 provides guidance on the accounting for and reporting of accounting changes, including a change in accounting principle, a change in accounting estimate and a change in reporting entity. ASC 250 also applies to changes required by an ASU in the unusual instance that the ASU does not include specific transition provisions. When an ASU includes specific transition provisions, registrants must follow those provisions.

ASC 250 also addresses the correction of an error in previously issued financial statements. Such a correction is not an accounting change. However, similar to retrospectively reporting changes in accounting, the reporting of an error correction may involve adjustments to previously issued financial statements, depending on the materiality of the error.

See our FRD, Accounting changes and error corrections, for further information on accounting changes, including changes in reporting entity.

4.10.2 Change in accounting principle

Under ASC 270, the interim financial statements should indicate any changes in accounting principles or practices from those applied in (1) the corresponding interim period of the prior fiscal year, (2) the preceding interim periods in the current fiscal year and (3) the prior annual report. The registrant should report changes in accounting practice or policy in the period in which the change is made, in accordance with the provisions of ASC 250.

In SAB Topic 11.M, Disclosure of the Impact that Recently Issued Accounting Standards Will Have on the Financial Statements of the Registrant When Adopted in a Future Period, the SEC staff stated that disclosure of impending accounting changes is necessary to inform the reader about the expected effects of the changes on financial information to be reported in the future and, therefore, should be disclosed in accordance with existing MD&A requirements. See section 5 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for further discussion on Topic 11.M. Because registrants have adopted several major new accounting standards in recent years, the SEC staff has been paying closer attention to these disclosures.

The SEC staff also believes that when a registrant adopts a new accounting standard in an interim period, the registrant should provide both the annual and interim period disclosures prescribed by the new accounting standard in that interim period, as well as in each subsequent interim period until the accounting change is reflected in audited annual financial statements. The SEC staff presumes that users of the interim financial statements have not read the prior interim reports.

Changes in the method of applying an accounting principle (e.g., changing the method of applying a significant estimation process such as changing the number of LIFO pools used in a LIFO calculation) are subject to the accounting described in ASC 250, including the preferability requirements which may require a registrant to include a preferability letter from its independent accountant as Exhibit 18 to its quarterly report on Form 10-Q. See our FRD, Accounting changes and error corrections, for further discussion on voluntary changes in accounting principle, including preferability considerations.

ASC 250 requires that registrants report a voluntary change in accounting principle made in an interim period by retrospective application both to the prior years as well as to the interim periods within the fiscal year that the accounting change was adopted. This is consistent with changes made in annual periods; however, the impracticability exception provided in ASC 250 cannot be applied to interim periods of the fiscal year in which the change is made. When an entity determines that retrospective application to pre-change interim periods of the fiscal year of the change is impracticable, the desired
change may only be made as of the beginning of the subsequent fiscal year. The following example illustrates the reporting for a change in accounting principle in an interim period when the registrant concludes that it is impracticable to determine the period-specific effects of that change.

### Illustration 4-3: Change in accounting principle in an interim period

In 20X6 a calendar year-end company makes a voluntary change in accounting principle in its third quarter. The effect of the change must be applied retrospectively to the first and second quarters of 20X6 and to the prior fiscal year presented for comparative purposes in its third quarter interim report. If the company determines that it is impracticable to apply the new principle to its 20X5 and prior financial statements, the cumulative effect of the change would be recognized as a component of opening retained earnings in 20X6 and the disclosure of the adoption would be included in its financial statements reported in 20X6. Alternatively, if the company determined that it was impracticable to apply the new accounting principle retrospectively to the first and second quarters of 20X6, it would be precluded from making the accounting change in the third quarter. If the company still elected to pursue the change in accounting principle, it could only make it (at the earliest) as of 1 January 20X7 (the beginning of the subsequent fiscal year) by recognizing the cumulative effect of the change in opening retained earnings as of 1 January 20X7.

### 4.10.2.1 Materiality of a change in accounting principle in an interim period

ASC 270 provides guidance on assessing materiality for accounting changes or error corrections made in an interim period and states that materiality should be related to the estimated income for the full fiscal year and to the effect on the trend of earnings. Changes that are material with respect to an interim period but not material with respect to the estimated income for the full fiscal year or the trend of earnings should be separately disclosed in the interim period of the change.

SAB Topic 5.F, *Accounting Changes Not Retroactively Applied Due To Immateriality*, provides additional guidance on accounting for changes that are deemed immaterial. If a registrant determines that the accounting change does not have a material effect on prior periods’ financial statements and elects not to apply the change on a retrospective basis, the registrant may not adjust retained earnings at the beginning of the current fiscal year for the cumulative effect of prior periods. The registrant must report the cumulative effect of the change within operations in the interim period that the change is made, with separate disclosure if material to that interim period. However, consistent with ASC 270, if the cumulative effect of the change is material to the registrant’s estimated income for the full fiscal year or to the trend of earnings, SAB Topic 5.F indicates that the registrant should apply the accounting change on a retrospective basis to the income statements for all periods presented (current year and prior year).

If a change in accounting principle does not have a material effect in the period of the change but is reasonably certain to have a material effect in later periods, certain disclosures required in ASC 250 (i.e., nature of and reason why the change is preferable) are provided whenever the financial statements of the period of change are presented. However, the accounting and disclosures otherwise required under ASC 250 are not included in the period of the change because the effects were immaterial in those prior periods. While a voluntary change in accounting principle may be immaterial to prior periods, it may have a profound effect on future periods, and its disclosure provides the financial statement user with the information necessary to assess that impact.

### 4.10.2.2 Disclosures for a change in accounting principle

When a registrant makes a voluntary change in accounting principle, it must disclose the following:

- The nature of and reason for the change, including an explanation of why the newly adopted accounting principle is preferable
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The method of applying the change, including all of the following:

- A description of any prior-period information that has been retrospectively adjusted
- The effect of the change on income from continuing operations, net income, any other affected financial statement line item and any affected per-share amounts for the current period and any prior periods retrospectively adjusted. (Presentation of the effect on financial statement subtotals and totals other than income from continuing operations and net income is not required.)
- The cumulative effect of the change on retained earnings or other components of equity or net assets in the statement of financial position as of the beginning of the earliest period presented
- If retrospective application to all prior annual periods is impracticable, disclosure of the reasons and a description of the alternative method used to report the change

If indirect effects of a change in accounting principle are recognized, the registrant must disclose (1) a description of the indirect effects of the change, including the amounts that have been recognized in the current period and the related per-share amounts, if applicable, and (2) unless impracticable, the amount of the total recognized indirect effects of the accounting change and the related per-share amounts, if applicable, that are attributable to each prior period presented. (See Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for further information on the interim disclosure requirements.)

Financial statements of subsequent periods do not need to repeat the required disclosures initially made in the period of an accounting change (except in the circumstance discussed in section 4.10.2.1). However, registrants that issue interim financial statements must provide the required disclosures in the financial statements of both the interim and annual periods that include the period of the change when first presented. For example, a registrant that makes a voluntary change in accounting principle in the second quarter of 20X6 must include the required disclosures in its second and third quarter interim financial statements. The registrant must also include the required disclosures for the annual period in its annual financial statements for 20X6. That is, the third-quarter year-to-date interim financial statements, as well as the 20X6 annual financial statements, include the period of the change when first presented, and therefore the disclosures must be provided. These disclosures are not required to be repeated when the financial statements of any 20X6 interim or annual periods are presented in comparative form with the financial statements of subsequent periods.

ASC 250 requires that in the fiscal year in which a new accounting principle is adopted, financial information reported for interim periods after the date of adoption should disclose the effect of the change on income from continuing operations, net income and related per-share amounts, if applicable, for the post-change interim periods. That is, for subsequent interim periods in the fiscal year of an accounting change, the registrant must determine and disclose the amounts that would have been reported under the “old” accounting principle had it not made the accounting change.

See our FRD, Accounting changes and error corrections, section 3.8, Disclosures for a change in accounting principle, for further discussion.

4.10.3 Fourth-quarter accounting changes

ASC 250 requires that if a public company that regularly reports interim information makes an accounting change during the fourth quarter of its fiscal year and does not report the data required by ASC 270 (the minimum requirements for summarized interim financial data, which exceed those required to comply with Item 302(a) of Regulation S-K), in a separate fourth-quarter report or in its annual report, that entity should disclose the effects of the accounting change on prior interim-period results.
This information may be disclosed in a separate footnote or if a registrant elects to include the selected quarterly financial data in an unaudited note to the financial statements, the registrant may combine the disclosure requirements of ASC 250 and Item 302(a) of Regulation S-K in a single footnote. Item 302(a) requires the effect of the accounting change to be reflected and disclosed in a reconciliation of the amounts presented with those previously reported, including a description of the reason for the difference.

4.10.4 Change in accounting estimate

ASC 250 requires that companies account for a change in accounting estimate either (1) in the period of the change if the change affects only that period or (2) in the period of change and in future periods if the change affects all of those periods. A change in accounting estimate may not be accounted for by restating or retrospectively applying the change to prior periods or by reporting pro forma amounts for prior periods.

See our FRD, Accounting changes and error corrections, Chapter 4, Change in accounting estimate, for further discussion. (See Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for further information on the interim disclosure requirements.)

4.10.5 Correction of an error

A material error discovered after the issuance of the financial statements must be reported as a prior-period adjustment by restating previously issued financial statements. Unlike reporting the retrospective application of a change in accounting principle, reporting the correction of an error is characterized as a restatement of prior-period financial statements.

Examples of corrections of errors in previously issued financial statements include the following:

- A change from an accounting principle that is not generally accepted to one that is generally accepted
- Corrections of mistakes in the application of US GAAP
- Corrections of material mathematical mistakes
- Oversight or misuse of facts that existed at the time the financial statements were prepared

Interim period materiality analysis

ASC 250 provides limited guidance on assessing materiality to interim reporting. While SAB Topic 1.N, Considering the Effects of Prior Year Misstatements when Quantifying Misstatements in Current Year Financial Statements, and SAB Topic 1.M, Assessing Materiality, do not specifically address applicability to interim periods, the SEC staff expects the guidance to be applied to interim financial reporting as well.

ASC 250-10-45-27 addresses materiality in the context of interim financial reporting and states that the materiality assessment should include an assessment of the error in relation to both the trends of earnings and estimated income for the full fiscal year. Registrants should correct any known misstatements that arise or originate in the current interim period.

Entities should consider both quantitative and qualitative trends as subjective judgments are necessary when evaluating the quarterly materiality trends. Examples of trend of earnings considerations include quarterly earnings trends (i.e., consecutive quarter and year-to-date trends, as well as trends comparing quarterly information year to year), changing from net income to a loss or vice versa as well as comparing to analysts’ expectations (e.g., meeting or exceeding analysts’ expectations before an error is corrected and not meeting those expectations after the error is corrected).
Whether an entity should use interim or expected annual results when making materiality judgments depends on the circumstances. For example, an entity may encounter situations where an uncorrected error identified in the interim period is material to interim results but is not material to expected annual results. In those situations, management should consider the nature of the error and whether the interim period is representative of historical and expected financial trends of the entity. If the interim reporting period historically is a loss period due to seasonality or other factors (for what is otherwise a highly profitable business), management would look to expected annual results when making quantitative judgments about materiality. Depending on the circumstances, we believe management also may choose to evaluate errors based on expected annual results when a significant portion of the errors are due to the effects of prior interim or annual period errors that are reversed in the current period (i.e., out of period amounts). If subsequent analysis shows that annual results were lower than expected, a previously immaterial error may now be considered material, resulting in a restatement.

If the correction of an error is material to the current interim period’s income but not material to the estimated income of the current full fiscal year or to the trend of earnings, the correction of the error should be disclosed separately in the interim period.

Form 8-K filing and other filing requirements

When a registrant identifies a misstatement that materially affected a prior interim period, it should consider whether it must file an Item 4.02 Form 8-K, which applies to both annual and interim period financial statements that should no longer be relied on because of a misstatement. Typically, the correction of a material error in prior interim filings is made by filing a Form 10-Q/A.

4.10.6 Adjustments to prior interim periods of the current year

ASC 250 states an adjustment related to prior interim periods of the current fiscal year is an adjustment or settlement of (1) litigation or similar claims, (2) income taxes (except for the effects of retroactive tax legislation), (3) renegotiation proceedings or (4) utility revenue under rate-making processes, provided that the respective adjustment meets all of the following criteria:

- The effect of the adjustment or settlement is material in relation to income from continuing operations of the current fiscal year or in relation to the trend of income from continuing operations or is material by other appropriate criteria
- All or part of the adjustment or settlement can be specifically identified with and is directly related to business activities of specific prior interim periods of the current fiscal year
- The amount of the adjustment or settlement could not be reasonably estimated prior to the current interim period but becomes reasonably estimable in the current interim period (e.g., in the third quarter, the registrant receives a final decision on a rate order)

When an event that qualifies for prior-period treatment occurs in the second, third or fourth quarter and relates to prior interim periods of the current fiscal year, the company should report the item as follows:

- Net income of the current fiscal quarter should reflect the portion of the adjustment that relates to that quarter
- Net income of each prior quarter of the current fiscal year should be retroactively adjusted for the portion of the adjustment for that respective quarter
- Any portion of the adjustment that relates to the prior fiscal year should be included in the determination of net income for the first quarter of the current fiscal year

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Events that do not qualify for prior-period treatment (e.g., the event does not relate to prior interim periods of the current fiscal year) are recognized in the period of the event.

Prior-period treatment should not be applied to normal recurring adjustments resulting from changes in accounting estimates. For example, changes in provisions for doubtful accounts resulting from litigation or similar claims should not be treated as a prior-period adjustment. See Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting (EY Form A78) for further information on the interim disclosure requirements.
Reporting quarterly information

5.1 Quarterly shareholders’ reports and earnings releases

Registrants may provide earnings announcements either in a quarterly report to shareholders or in an earnings release. Currently, the SEC does not require registrants to issue a quarterly report to shareholders, an earnings release or similar announcement. However, the issuance of such a report might be required by the listing standards of a national securities exchange or association. In addition, communications about quarterly results are subject to Regulation FD, Fair Disclosure, as well as Form 8-K disclosure requirements.

5.1.1 Regulation FD

Communications about financial performance are subject to Regulation FD, which prohibits the selective disclosure of material nonpublic information. Regulation FD requires issuers that disclose material, nonpublic information to make public disclosure of that same information (1) simultaneously for intentional disclosures, or (2) “promptly” (within 24 hours or the start of the next trading day) for non-intentional disclosures. Regulation FD does not require that Form 8-K be used to provide public disclosure of material nonpublic information, but Item 7.01 of Form 8-K allows registrants to furnish information to the SEC as one alternative to satisfy the requirements of Regulation FD.

As a result of the increase in cybersecurity incidents in recent years, the SEC staff has reminded companies of the importance of maintaining Regulation FD policies that effectively address the fact that cybersecurity risks and incidents can constitute material, nonpublic information.

5.1.2 National securities exchange or association requirements

Neither the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) nor the NYSE MKT (formerly NYSE Amex and the American Stock Exchange) requires listed companies to provide quarterly reports to shareholders. However, both exchanges require listed companies to publish quarterly information for each of the first three fiscal quarters in an earnings release as soon as the information is available. The earnings release must be distributed through a widely circulated news or wire service (e.g., NYSE requires distribution to Dow Jones & Company, Inc., Reuters Economic Services and Bloomberg Business News and encourages distribution to the Associated Press and United Press International; NYSE MKT requires distribution to one or more newspapers of general circulation in New York that regularly publish financial news and to one or more of the national newswire services).

For NYSE-listed companies, there is no longer a requirement to send copies of the earnings release and quarterly report to shareholders (if provided) to the NYSE. For NYSE MKT-listed companies, three copies of the earnings release and quarterly report to shareholders (if provided) should be sent to the NYSE MKT.

NASDAQ-listed companies must make available to their shareholders copies of quarterly reports, which may be Form 10-Q, either before or as soon as practicable following the filing of their Form 10-Q with the SEC. If the form of the quarterly report differs from Form 10-Q, the issuer must file one copy of the quarterly report with NASDAQ.

There are no specific rules about the content of earnings releases for NYSE and NYSE MKT-listed companies. Quarterly shareholders’ reports for NASDAQ-listed companies should include disclosures of any substantial items that are unusual or nonrecurring, as well as income before and after income taxes.
However, if a registrant elects to distribute a quarterly shareholders’ report containing summarized financial information (including fourth-quarter reports), ASC 270 requires certain minimum disclosures (see Information required in quarterly shareholders’ reports below).

The only restrictions on the information included in the earnings release or the quarterly shareholders’ report are (1) the general requirement that corporate communications by public companies must not include false or misleading information or fail to disclose material information necessary to make the statements not misleading (i.e., Rule 10b-5 of the Exchange Act\(^{50}\)), and (2) the provisions of Regulation G for any non-GAAP financial measures presented. Regulation G applies whenever a company presents a non-GAAP financial measure and requires the registrant to (1) present the most directly comparable financial measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP, and (2) numerically reconcile the non-GAAP financial measure, by schedule or other clearly understandable format, to the most directly comparable GAAP measure. For additional information regarding the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure, conditions for presentation and interpretive guidance, see section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K.

5.1.3 Form 8-K reporting of earnings releases

Item 2.02 of Form 8-K requires registrants to furnish to the SEC, within four business days, any public announcement or release disclosing material nonpublic information about the registrant’s results of operations or financial condition for a completed annual or quarterly fiscal period. Companies that make their earnings announcements in a quarterly shareholders’ report before they file their periodic report with the SEC may provide the complete report as an exhibit to Form 8-K and specify in Item 2.02 the date and a brief description of the announcement or release and which portion of the report contains the information required to be furnished. Companies that do not publicly disclose their results until they file their periodic report with the SEC are not required to provide disclosure under Item 2.02 of Form 8-K.

Item 2.02 reporting is not triggered by the release of information that already has been disclosed publicly, such as the release of the same information in a different form. Similarly, Item 2.02 reporting would not be triggered if a subsequent disclosure were accompanied by additional information that was not material, regardless of whether or not it is already public. However, an Item 2.02 Form 8-K report would be required if the subsequent disclosure about a completed fiscal period were accompanied by additional or updated material nonpublic information.

Because the quarterly earnings release exhibit to the Item 2.02 of Form 8-K is considered “furnished” versus “filed” with the SEC, it is (1) not automatically incorporated by reference into registration statements, proxy statements or other reports and (2) not subject to liability under Section 18 of the Exchange Act.\(^{51}\) However, quarterly earnings releases remain subject to Exchange Act Rule 10b-5, and thus could subject the registrant, corporate management, directors or possibly others\(^{52}\) to civil liabilities, as well as criminal and SEC sanctions, and could expose the company to private liability. Safe harbors might be available under the Exchange Act if a company provides forward-looking statements in its announcement.\(^{53}\)

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\(^{50}\) Exchange Act Rule 10b-5 states that it is unlawful for any person to make an untrue statement of a material fact or to omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

\(^{51}\) Section 18 of the Exchange Act provides for civil liability for false or misleading statements about material facts included in filed documents.

\(^{52}\) Attorneys, accountants or others could “aid and abet” a violation and therefore be subject to an SEC enforcement action or criminal sanction.

\(^{53}\) Section 21E of the Exchange Act provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements, which protects public companies from liability in private litigation, when the statements are accompanied by “meaningful cautionary statements” or where the statement was made without knowledge of its falsity. See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K, for further information on forward-looking statements.
Quarterly earnings press releases are subject to Regulation G, as well as the disclosure requirements (but not the restrictions) of Item 10(e)(1)(i) of Regulation S-K. For additional information regarding the definition of a non-GAAP financial measure, conditions for presentation and interpretive guidance, see section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K.

An issuer may satisfy the Item 10(e) disclosure requirements by (1) providing the disclosures within Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, (2) providing the disclosures within the earnings release itself or (3) including the narrative disclosure in the most recent annual report and updating those statements, as necessary, no later than the time the Form 8-K is furnished to the SEC.

A company that wants to furnish an earnings release pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K to satisfy Regulation FD, could include its earnings release as an exhibit to a Form 8-K indicating that it is being furnished under both Items 7.01 and 2.02, provided the disclosure is furnished within the time frame required by Regulation FD and the requirements of both Items 7.01 and 2.02 are otherwise satisfied.

5.1.4 Quarterly conference calls

The disclosure of material nonpublic information about a completed fiscal period, whether orally, telephonically, via webcast, in a broadcast or by similar means need not be reported separately in Item 2.02 of Form 8-K, if all of the following conditions are met:

- The communication complements and occurs within 48 hours after a written release that, prior to the presentation, is furnished to the SEC on Form 8-K pursuant to Item 2.02.
- The presentation is broadly accessible to the public by dial-in conference call, webcast, broadcast or similar means.
- Financial and statistical information presented is available on the registrant’s website, together with any information that is required under Regulation G.54,55
- The presentation was announced by a widely disseminated press release that included instructions on when and how to access the presentation and the location on the registrant’s website where the information is available.

In SEC Release 33-8176, Conditions for Use of Non-GAAP Financial Measures, the SEC stated that it intended this exception to accommodate existing practices (e.g., an analyst/investor conference call following a written earnings press release), but it did not intend the accommodation to shift the disclosure of material nonpublic information from written earnings press releases to subsequent conference calls and webcasts.

54 The required information must appear on the company’s website at the time the presentation is made. Information that is not provided in a presentation itself but is disclosed unexpectedly in the question and answer session that was part of that presentation must be posted on the company’s web site promptly after it is disclosed.

55 The SEC suggests, but does not require, that a registrant maintain the information in the investor relations section of its website for at least one year following the disclosure.
### Information required in quarterly shareholders’ reports

If a company whose securities are publicly traded\(^{56}\) elects to distribute a quarterly shareholders’ report containing summarized financial information (including fourth quarter reports), ASC 270 requires the following minimum disclosures:

- Sales or gross revenues, provision for income taxes, net income and comprehensive income
- Basic and diluted earnings per share, for each period presented, determined in accordance with ASC 260
- Seasonal revenue, costs or expenses
- Significant changes in estimates or provisions for income taxes
- Disposal of a component of an entity and unusual or infrequently occurring items
- Contingent items
- Changes in accounting principles or changes in accounting estimates
- Significant changes in financial position
- Reportable operating segment information (including provisions related to restatement of segment information in previously issued financial statements)\(^{57}\)
- Information about defined benefit pension plan(s) and other defined benefit postretirement plan(s) for each period presented, pursuant to ASC 715
- Information about the use of fair value to measure assets and liabilities recognized in the statement of financial position pursuant to ASC 820
- Information about derivative instruments as required by ASC 815
- Information about fair value of financial instruments as required by ASC 825
- Information about certain investments in debt and equity securities as required by ASC 320 and ASC 942
- Information about other-than-temporary impairments as required by ASC 320, ASC 325 and ASC 958
- Information about the credit quality of financing receivables and the allowance for credit losses determined in accordance with the provisions of ASC 310
- Gross information and net information required by ASC 210-20
- Information about changes in accumulated other comprehensive income required by ASC 220
- Carrying amount of foreclosed residential real estate property and the amount of loans in the process of foreclosure required by ASC 310

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\(^{56}\) ASC 270 defines a publicly traded entity as “any company whose securities trade in a public market on either (1) a stock exchange (domestic or foreign) or (2) in the over-the-counter market (including securities quoted only locally or regionally), or any company that is a conduit debt obligor for conduit debt securities (as defined) that are traded in a public market (a domestic or foreign stock exchange or an over-the-counter market, including local or regional markets). Additionally, when a company makes a filing with a regulatory agency in preparation for sale of its securities in a public market, it is considered a publicly traded company for this purpose.”

\(^{57}\) See EY Form A7B, Disclosure checklist for interim financial reporting, for specific disclosure requirements.
ASC 270 reminds registrants that the summarized financial data does not represent a fair presentation of financial position and results of operations in conformity with GAAP. However, if a registrant regularly provides a quarterly report to shareholders, the registrant should provide the above information for the current quarter, the current year-to-date period (or the last 12 months to date) and the corresponding periods of the prior fiscal year.

ASC 270 also encourages registrants to publish condensed interim balance sheet information and cash flow data. If condensed interim balance sheet or cash flow data are not presented, registrants should disclose significant changes in liquid assets, net working capital, long-term liabilities or shareholders’ equity since the last reporting period. For the latter disclosure, a company might include a comment such as the following:

**Illustration 5-1: Information required in quarterly shareholders’ reports**

“Effective May 1, 20X3, the Company acquired the assets and assumed the related liabilities of DEF Company for $12.5 million and accounted for such acquisition as a purchase. The transaction was financed by the issuance of $15 million of 9% notes due $1 million annually beginning in 20X5. ...”

### 5.1.6 Fourth-quarter information in annual reports

When a company provides summarized financial data for earlier quarters but does not include summarized financial data for the fourth quarter in a separate fourth-quarter report or in the annual report, ASC 270 requires the registrant to disclose the following information in an unaudited note to the annual financial statements (collectively Fourth Quarter Disclosures):

- Accounting changes, including restatement, if appropriate, of financial information for the pre-change interim periods of the fiscal year in which the change is made (see discussion in section 4 of this publication)
- Disposals of components of an entity
- Unusual or infrequently occurring items recognized in the fourth quarter
- Aggregate effect of year-end adjustments material to the results of the fourth quarter

As discussed in the following section of this publication, Item 302(a) of Regulation S-K requires the disclosure of quarterly financial data for the most recent two fiscal years, which includes some, but not all, of the Fourth Quarter Disclosures required by ASC 270. Selected quarterly financial data may be included outside the financial statements as supplementary information in annual shareholders’ reports and in SEC filings, or in an unaudited note to the annual financial statements. If a registrant elects to include the selected quarterly financial data in an unaudited note to the financial statements, the registrant may combine the disclosure requirements of ASC 270 and Item 302(a) in a single footnote. Otherwise, when required, a registrant must include all of the Fourth Quarter Disclosures in an unaudited footnote to the annual financial statements.

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58 SAB Topic 6.G indicates that the disclosures provided for a year-end adjustment that is material to the fourth quarter would be similar to the disclosures provided for a change in accounting estimate.

59 Item 302 of Regulation S-K was amended on 19 November 2020 and permits registrants to omit the table of selected quarterly financial data for each quarter of the two most recent fiscal years from their annual report on Form 10-K, unless there has been a material retrospective change (or changes that are material in the aggregate) affecting comprehensive income.
Below is an example disclosure within an unaudited note to the annual financial statements of a year-end adjustment that is material to the operating results of the fourth quarter. This example assumes that there were no accounting changes, disposals of components of an entity, unusual or infrequently occurring items recognized in the fourth quarter. In addition, this example assumes that the selected quarterly financial data was included outside the financial statements.

Illustration 5-2: Note N – Year-end adjustment (Unaudited)

The Company recorded an adjustment in the fourth quarter of 20X3 to increase the environmental reserve by $300,000. The after-tax effect of this charge was to decrease basic earnings per share from income before discontinued operations by $0.30.

5.2 Selected quarterly financial data in annual reports

Legacy requirements

Selected quarterly financial data, in accordance with Item 302 of Regulation S-K, must be presented by all companies that have securities registered under Sections 12(b) (except mutual life insurance companies) or 12(g) of the Exchange Act (except smaller reporting companies and foreign private issuers). See the separate discussion of smaller reporting company filing requirements in section 7 of this publication.

Selected quarterly financial data is to be disclosed outside the financial statements as supplementary information in annual shareholders’ reports and in SEC filings (or in an unaudited note to the financial statements). Item 302(a) requires summarized quarterly operating data for the most recent two years in the annual shareholders’ report and Form 10-K.

Data to be Disclosed – Quarterly financial data may be designated “unaudited” and must include the following:

- Net sales
- Gross profit
- Income (loss) from continuing operations
- Net income (loss)
- Net income (loss) attributable to the registrant
- Earnings per share data (basic and, when applicable, diluted)

Quarterly financial data is required for each full quarter of the two most recent fiscal years. The SEC does not require selected quarterly financial data in an IPO registration statement. However, the first periodic or transactional filing that includes audited financial statements after the effective date of the IPO should include the two years of information required by Item 302 of Regulation S-K.

Item 302 of Regulation S-K requires disclosure of gross profit, which is defined as “net sales less costs and expenses associated directly with or allocated to products sold or services rendered.” As an alternative, if a company wants to present its quarterly disclosures in a manner consistent with its annual presentation, SAB Topic 6.G allows disclosure of the cost of sales instead of gross profit. However, users must be able to compute gross profit from the information provided. Registrants in specialized industries (e.g., banks and insurance companies), which customarily do not compute gross profit, should present summarized financial data that is most meaningful in their particular circumstances.
Other required disclosures

Item 302 of Regulation S-K requires a description of the effect of any discontinued operations, and unusual or infrequently occurring items recognized in each quarter. The aggregate effect and the nature of year-end or other adjustments material to the results for each quarter presented also must be disclosed. Further, if quarterly data being presented differs from amounts previously reported on a prior Form 10-Q report, the amounts presented must be reconciled with those previously reported, with a description of the reasons for such differences. In addition, the prior-period comparative information presented in subsequent Form 10-Qs should be adjusted to conform to the amounts disclosed in the annual shareholders’ report.

Early compliance with amended Item 302

Registrants that choose to comply with amended Item 302 before the mandatory compliance date of the 19 November 2020 amendments to Regulation S-K may omit the table of selected quarterly financial data for each quarter of the two most recent fiscal years from their annual report on Form 10-K, unless there has been a material retrospective change (or changes that are material in the aggregate) affecting comprehensive income. That is, registrants reporting interim results on Form 10-Q need to consider the effects on Form 10-K reporting of any changes they make in the interim financial statements.

If there has been a material retrospective change, a registrant is required to provide an explanation of the reasons for the material change and disclose, for each affected quarterly period and the fourth quarter in the affected year, summarized financial information related to the statements of comprehensive income (as specified in Rule 1-02(bb)(ii) of Regulation S-X) and earnings per share reflecting such changes. Rule 1-02(bb) was also amended to add flexibility for registrants to use the same line items that appear in their financial statements. If required, the disclosure of quarterly financial data must be reviewed by the independent auditor.

Quarterly data of subsidiaries and investees

Quarterly financial data is not required to be included in supplemental financial statements for equity-method investees unless the financial statements are for a company that is itself a registrant required to provide disclosures under Item 302 of Regulation S-K.

60 A registrant may choose to apply the amendments early, in its first Form 10-Q for the first quarter in 2021. Refer to Overview section for specifics on transition.
6 Interim reviews by independent auditors

6.1 General

Articles 8 and 10 of Regulation S-X require a registrant (other than a foreign private issuer) to engage an independent accountant to perform a review of the registrant’s interim financial information in accordance with PCAOB AS 4105, before the registrant files its quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Although Articles 8 and 10 do not require the independent accountant to issue a separate review report, if the registrant states in Form 10-Q that an independent accountant has reviewed the interim financial information, the interim review report must be filed with the Form 10-Q.

A Form 10-Q filed with the SEC prior to completion of a PCAOB AS 4105 review is considered to be substantially deficient and therefore deemed to be not timely filed. Even though a registrant does not normally explicitly state in its filing that the timely interim review was performed, there is an implicit assertion by filing Form 10-Q that the registrant has met the filing requirements, including those for a timely review. If, in conjunction with legal counsel’s advice, the registrant decides to submit the filing prior to the completion of the review, explicit disclosure should be made that the filing is deficient because the required PCAOB AS 4105 review has not been completed. The registrant also must label the columns of the financial statements as “not reviewed” and describe how the deficient filing will be remediated. On completion of the review, an amended Form 10-Q should be filed, removing both the label “not reviewed” and the disclosure that the PCAOB AS 4105 review had not been completed. If the registrant removes the disclosure, it would not be required to file the independent accountant’s PCAOB AS 4105 review report with the amendment. However, if the registrant states when filing such an amendment that the PCAOB AS 4105 review has been performed, the SEC staff expects the PCAOB AS 4105 review report to be included in the amendment.

Item 302(a) of Regulation S-K requires registrants (other than foreign private issuers and smaller reporting companies), to include selected quarterly financial data (i.e., interim financial information for each full quarter within the two most recent fiscal years and any subsequent interim period for which financial statements are included or are required to be included) in their annual reports and in certain other SEC filings (see section 5 of this publication). Consequently, the independent accountant must perform a PCAOB AS 4105 review of the registrant’s fourth quarter interim financial information even though a separate fourth quarter report on Form 10-Q is not required to be filed with the SEC.

Auditors of voluntary filers must review their interim financial information in compliance with the PCAOB standards. The AICPA’s Compliance With Standards Rule and AICPA AU-C Section 700, Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements, requires independent auditors of voluntary filers of Form 10-Q to perform interim review procedures to comply with the interim review standards of both the PCAOB and the AICPA. When an interim review is performed under AICPA standards, they require issuance of a review report to management or the board of the audit client, but this report is not required to be included in the SEC filing unless the company includes a reference in the filing to the review. When

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61 The SEC issued a final rule on 19 November 2020 that amended Item 302(a) of Regulation S-K.
62 For registrants that choose early compliance with the 19 November 2020 amendments, this selected quarterly data disclosure may not be required (i.e., if they do not have material retrospective events); however the auditor is expected to have reviewed the fourth quarter financial information for the registrant per AS 4105
63 A voluntary filer includes a company that does not have an obligation to file the Exchange Act reports (e.g., Forms 10-K, 10-Q, 8-K) but voluntarily files such reports with the SEC.
an auditor issues a review report for a non-issuer\textsuperscript{64} that will be included in an SEC filing, the auditor follows the form of the report required by the PCAOB standards, and expands it to state that the review was also conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS).

6.2 Nature of PCAOB AS 4105 reviews

The objective of a review of interim financial information differs significantly from that of an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information provides the accountant with a basis for communicating whether he or she is aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial information for it to conform with GAAP. A review of interim financial information does not provide a basis for expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with GAAP.

A review consists principally of performing analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. However, a review does not contemplate: (1) tests of accounting records through inspection, observation or confirmation; (2) tests of controls to evaluate their effectiveness; (3) obtaining corroborating evidence in response to inquiries; or (4) performing certain other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit. A review might bring to the accountant’s attention significant matters affecting the interim financial information, but it does not provide assurance that the accountant will become aware of all significant matters that would be identified in an audit.

In addition, the independent accountant should perform limited procedures quarterly to provide a basis for determining whether he or she has become aware of any material modifications that, in the auditor’s judgment, should be made to the disclosures about changes in internal control over financial reporting in order for management’s certifications to be accurate and to comply with the requirements of Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

PCAOB AS 4105 provides guidance on determining the nature, timing and extent of procedures to be applied in conducting a review of interim financial information. Those procedures apply to interim financial information that is presented alone (e.g., quarterly report on Form 10-Q or quarterly report to shareholders) or that accompanies the audited financial statements of a public entity (e.g., selected quarterly financial data pursuant to Item 302 of Regulation S-K).

6.2.1 The accountant’s knowledge of the entity’s business and internal control

In accordance with PCAOB AS 4105, the independent accountant should have sufficient knowledge of the registrant’s business and internal control as they relate to the preparation of both annual and interim financial information to (1) identify the types of potential material misstatements in the interim financial information and the likelihood of their occurrence and (2) select the inquiries and analytical procedures that will provide a basis for communicating whether any material modifications should be made to the interim financial information to conform with GAAP. See PCAOB AS 4105 for a list of procedures that the independent accountant should perform to update his or her knowledge of the registrant’s business and internal control.

Knowledge of a registrant’s internal control, as it relates to the preparation of both annual and interim financial information, includes knowledge of the relevant aspects of the registrant’s control environment, risk assessment process, control activities, information and communication and monitoring. An independent accountant who has audited the registrant’s financial statements, or has performed an integrated audit of the financial statements and internal control over financial reporting, for one or more annual periods, should have acquired such knowledge during the course of the audit. However, independent accountants

\textsuperscript{64} For this purpose, a non-issuer is an entity whose financial statement audits are not subject to the oversight authority of the PCAOB.
that have not previously audited the registrant’s annual financial statements (including an integrated audit of the financial statements and internal control over financial reporting) should perform procedures to obtain such knowledge.

6.2.2 Interim review procedures

The procedures for conducting a PCAOB AS 4105 review principally consist of analytical procedures, inquiries and other procedures that address significant accounting and disclosure matters relating to the interim financial information to be reported. These procedures will allow the independent accountant to obtain a basis for communicating whether he or she is aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial information for it to conform to GAAP. The inquiries made, and analytical and other procedures performed, should be specific to the issuer based on the independent accountant’s knowledge of the registrant’s business and internal control.

6.2.2.1 Analytical procedures

The objective of analytical procedures is to enable the independent accountant to identify and provide a basis for inquiring about relationships and unusual items that might indicate a material misstatement. A PCAOB AS 4105 review should include, at a minimum, the following analytical procedures (see PCAOB AS 4105 for additional analytical procedures):

- Compare the latest quarterly and year-to-date interim financial information to that of the immediately preceding quarter and that of the corresponding quarter and year-to-date periods of the previous fiscal year
- Compare recorded amounts or ratios developed from recorded amounts to expectations developed through an understanding of the registrant’s business and industry
- Compare disaggregated revenue data (e.g., by month, product line or segment) from the latest quarter to the corresponding quarter of the previous fiscal year
- Consider interrelationships of financial and nonfinancial information that are reasonably expected to exist, including information used by the registrant (e.g., information in a board of directors’ package or senior management committee’s briefing materials)

6.2.2.2 Inquiries and other procedures

PCAOB AS 4105 requires the independent accountant to inquire of members of management who have responsibility for financial and accounting matters about matters concerning:

- Whether the interim financial information has been prepared in conformity with GAAP applied on the same basis as in the financial statements or information for the latest audited period and prior quarters
- Unusual or complex situations that might have an effect on the interim financial information
- Significant transactions occurring or recognized in the last several days of the interim period

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65 Examples of unusual or complex situations include business combinations; new or complex revenue recognition methods; impairment of assets; disposal of a segment of a business; use of derivative instruments and hedging activities; sales and transfers that may call into question the classification of investments in securities, including management’s intent and ability with respect to the remaining securities classified as held to maturity; computation of earnings per share in a complex capital structure; adoption of new stock compensation plans or changes to existing plans; restructurings charged taken in the current and prior quarters; the occurrence of infrequent transactions; the occurrence of significant unusual transactions; changes in litigation or contingencies; changes in major contracts with customers or suppliers; application of new accounting principles; changes in accounting principles or the methods of applying them; trends and developments affecting accounting estimates, such as allowances for bad debts and excess or obsolete inventories, provisions for warranties and employee benefits, and realization of unearned income and deferred charges; compliance with debt covenants; changes in related parties or significant new related-party transactions; material off-balance-sheet transactions, special-purpose entities and other equity investments; and unique terms for debt or capital stock that could affect classification.
The status of any uncorrected misstatements that were identified during the previous audit and interim review (i.e., whether adjustments have been made after the prior audit or interim period and, if so, the amounts recorded and period in which such adjustments were recorded)

Matters about which questions have arisen in the course of applying the review procedures

Events after the date of the interim financial information that could have a material effect on the presentation of the interim financial information

Their knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management, employees who have significant roles in internal control or others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements

Whether they are aware of allegations of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity (e.g., received in communications from employees, former employees, analysts, regulators, short sellers or others)

Significant journal entries and other adjustments

Communications from regulatory agencies

Significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting, which could adversely affect the registrant’s ability to initiate, authorize, record, process and report financial data

In addition, PCAOB AS 4105 requires the independent accountant to perform other procedures including:

Read the minutes of meetings of the board of directors, shareholders and important committees of the entity (and its subsidiaries to the extent such exist). If minutes are not available, inquire of management about the matters dealt with at the meeting(s).

Review the work papers or obtain the report(s) of other accountants, if any, who have been engaged to perform a review of the interim financial information of significant components of the reporting entity, its subsidiaries or its other investees. In these circumstances, the independent accountant ordinarily is in a position similar to that of a principal auditor who makes use of the work or reports of other auditors during the course of an audit of the financial statements.

Obtain evidence that the interim financial information agrees or reconciles with the accounting records (e.g., trace and agree financial statement amounts to the company’s general ledger or other appropriate records).

Read the interim financial information to consider whether, based on the results of the review procedures performed and other information that has come to the accountant’s attention, the interim information to be reported conforms with US GAAP and SEC rules and regulations.

Read the entire document that accompanies the interim financial information (e.g., quarterly report to shareholders and Form 10-Q) to see whether the other information included in the document, or the manner of its presentation, is not materially inconsistent with the quarterly financial information.

Evaluate management’s quarterly certifications about internal control over financial reporting (see section 6.2.3 of this publication).

A PCAOB AS 4105 review does not contemplate obtaining corroborating evidence for responses to inquiries concerning litigation, claims and assessments. Consequently, independent accountants are not required to send a legal letter to a registrant’s attorney concerning these matters. However, if information comes to the independent accountant’s attention that causes him or her to question whether the interim
financial information departs from GAAP (including disclosures) with respect to litigation, claims or assessments, and the independent accountant believes that the registrant’s attorney might have specific information concerning this matter, an inquiry of the lawyer concerning this matter is appropriate.

A PCAOB AS 4105 review is not designed to identify conditions or events that might indicate substantial doubt about an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. However, such conditions or events might have existed at the date of the prior-period financial statements (annual or interim). In addition, during the course of the current-period PCAOB AS 4105 review, the independent accountant might become aware of conditions or events that might affect the entity’s ability to continue as a going concern. In either case, the independent accountant should (1) inquire of management as to its plans for dealing with the adverse effects of the conditions and events and (2) consider the adequacy of the disclosure about such matters in the interim financial information. Ordinarily, it is not necessary for the independent accountant to obtain evidence in support of the information that mitigates the effects of the conditions and events.

If the independent accountant becomes aware of information that might cause the interim financial information not to be in conformity with GAAP in all material respects, the independent accountant should make additional inquiries or perform other procedures that the independent accountant considers appropriate to provide a basis for communicating whether he or she is aware of any material modifications that should be made to the interim financial information. For example, if during the course of a PCAOB AS 4105 review the independent accountant becomes concerned about whether a sales transaction is recorded in conformity with GAAP, the independent accountant should perform additional procedures, such as discussing the terms of the transaction with senior marketing and accounting personnel, reading the sales contract, or both, to resolve those concerns.

Because the independent accountant performing the interim review ordinarily will be engaged to audit the annual financial statements, the independent accountant should consider coordinating the interim review with the audit. That is, certain auditing procedures could be performed concurrently with the PCAOB AS 4105 review. For example, information gained from reading the minutes of meetings of the board of directors for the review also may be used for the annual audit. Also, there might be significant or unusual transactions occurring during the interim period under review for which the auditing procedures that would need to be performed for purposes of the audit of the annual financial statements could be performed, to the extent practicable, at the time of the interim review (e.g., business combinations, restructurings or significant revenue transactions).

6.2.3 Management’s Section 302 certification

Item 308(c) of Regulation S-K requires each issuer to disclose any change in internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that has “materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant’s internal control over financial reporting.” PCAOB AS 4105 indicates that the independent accountant should perform limited procedures each quarter to provide a basis for determining whether he or she has become aware of any material modifications that, in his or her judgment, should be made to the disclosures in Item 4 of Part I of Form 10-Q about changes in internal control over financial reporting in order for management’s Section 302 certification to be accurate and to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

When the independent accountant becomes aware of matters that lead him or her to believe that modification to the disclosures in Item 4 of Part I of Form 10-Q about changes in internal control over financial reporting is necessary for management’s Section 302 certification to be accurate and to comply with the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the independent accountant should communicate the matter to the appropriate level of management as soon as practicable. If, in the independent accountant’s judgment, management does not respond appropriately to the independent accountant’s communication within a reasonable period of time, the independent accountant should inform the audit committee. If, in the auditor’s judgment, the audit committee does not respond to the independent accountant’s communication within a reasonable period of time, the independent accountant should evaluate whether to resign from the engagement.
If management has remediated one or more material weaknesses during the quarter, the independent accountant should inquire of management (and others, as appropriate) to determine that the control has, in fact, been placed in operation prior to the end of the quarter. However, the independent accountant has no responsibility under PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 2201, *An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That Is Integrated with an Audit of Financial Statements* (AS 2201), to test the design or operating effectiveness of the new or modified control in conjunction with the independent accountant’s PCAOB AS 4105 review procedures.

### 6.2.4 Written representations from management

Written representations from management are obtained for all interim financial information presented and for all periods covered by the review. PCAOB AS 4105 requires certain minimum representations. However, each management representation letter should be tailored to include additional representations about matters specific to the registrant’s business or industry.

### 6.2.5 Communications to management, audit committee and others

Generally, audit committees have established practices to review and discuss the quarterly financial information and MD&A with management and the independent accountants prior to the filing of the registrant’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q. In addition, the audit committee typically reviews and discusses earnings press releases, as well as financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and rating agencies. Not only are these procedures best practices, but they also satisfy the requirements of the NYSE listing standards. As a result, audit committees and independent accountants generally engage in an active dialogue each quarter.

PCAOB AS 4105 requires the independent accountant to determine whether any of the matters described in PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 1301, *Communications with Audit Committees*, as they relate to interim financial information, have been identified. These matters might include (1) the process used by management to develop critical accounting estimates, (2) significant new accounting policies or a change in a significant accounting policy affecting the interim financial information, (3) misstatements that, either individually or in the aggregate, could have a material effect on the entity’s financial reporting process, and (4) disagreements with management. If any such matters have been identified, the independent accountant should communicate such matters to the audit committee or be satisfied through discussions with the audit committee that such matters have been communicated to the audit committee by management.

Because the objective of a review of interim financial information differs significantly from that of an audit, any communication the independent accountant may make about the quality, not just the acceptability, of the registrant’s accounting principles as applied to its interim financial reporting generally would be limited to the effect of significant events, transactions and changes in accounting estimates that the accountant considered when conducting the review of interim financial information. In addition, the independent accountant also should inform the audit committee about any uncorrected misstatements pertaining to the current period whose effects management believes are immaterial, both individually and in the aggregate, to the interim financial information taken as a whole.

In addition, PCAOB AS 4105 requires the independent accountant to communicate with management, and in certain circumstances the audit committee, about certain other matters involving interim financial information to be filed with the SEC. Matters discussed with management include (1) material departures from GAAP, (2) filing of the Form 10-Q before completion of the independent accountant’s review and (3) fraud and illegal acts. Matters communicated directly to the audit committee include (1) material departures from GAAP about which management does not respond to the independent accountant’s communication in a reasonable time, (2) fraud involving senior management and fraud that results in a material misstatement of the financial statements and (3) illegal acts involving senior management.
Interim reviews by independent auditors

AS 2201 requires the independent accountant to communicate in writing to management and the audit committee all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses identified during the audit. (See section 4 of our publication, SEC annual reports – Form 10-K, for a discussion of the definitions in AS 2201 of “significant deficiency” and “material weaknesses.”) When timely communication is important, the independent accountant should communicate these matters, as well as matters relating to fraud or possible illegal acts, during the course of the audit rather than at the conclusion of the audit. The decision about whether to issue an interim communication should be determined based on the relative significance of the matters noted and the urgency of corrective follow-up action required. The independent accountant communicates to management and the audit committee at an interim date those internal control deficiencies that, in his or her view, are clearly indicative of significant deficiencies or material weaknesses that management has not also identified or has not yet begun corrective action as of that date. This facilitates management’s ability to take timely corrective action and perhaps correct a significant deficiency or material weakness identified by the independent accountant in advance of the year-end assessment date.

Rule 2-07 of Regulation S-X, Communication with Audit Committees, also requires the auditor to communicate the following matters to the audit committee prior to the filing of an audit report: (1) all critical accounting policies and practices used; (2) material alternative treatments within GAAP that have been discussed with management including the ramification of the alternative treatment as well as the auditor’s preference and (3) other material written communications between the auditor and management (e.g., letter of representations). While these communications are required prior to the filing of an audit report, the SEC staff indicated that it would expect these communications could occur as frequently as quarterly, or more often on a real-time basis.

6.3 Reporting on interim reviews

If a PCAOB AS 4105 review has been performed, the independent accountant may issue a review report. Unless the registrant specifically states in its Form 10-Q that an independent accountant has reviewed the interim financial information, the review report need not be filed with the interim financial information. PCAOB AS 4105 prescribes the form and content of the review report.

Below is an example of a report on a review of condensed consolidated interim financial information in accordance with PCAOB AS 4105.

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<td>We have reviewed the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet of ABC Company (and subsidiaries) as of June 30, 20X3, and the related condensed consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three- and six-month periods ended June 30, 20X3 and 20X2 and cash flows for the six-month periods ended June 30, 20X3 and 20X2, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “condensed consolidated interim financial statements”). Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated interim financial statements for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.</td>
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<td>We have previously audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheet of ABC Company as of December 31, 20X2, the related consolidated statements of comprehensive income, shareholders’ equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes (not presented herein); and in our report dated February 15, 20X3, we expressed an unqualified audit opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 20X2, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.</td>
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Basis for Review Results

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company’s management. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC and the PCAOB. We conducted our review in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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City and State or Country
Date

When the auditor performs a review of a non-issuer’s interim financial information under PCAOB standards, the auditor must do so under AICPA standards as well and issue a review report. If the auditor intends to refer to both the PCAOB and AICPA standards in the review report (which would be required if the review report is included in an SEC filing), the format of the report follows the requirements of the PCAOB and includes a reference to state that the review was also conducted in accordance with Generally Accepted Auditing Standards (GAAS). On the other hand, if the auditor does not intend to refer to the PCAOB standards in the review report (e.g., if the report is not included in an SEC filing), the format of the report follows the requirements of the AICPA.

If the review report of a non-issuer will be included in an SEC filing, the report’s format must follow PCAOB requirements and be expanded to state that the review was also conducted in accordance with GAAS to meet the requirements of the AICPA’s Compliance with Standards Rule and AICPA AU-C Section 700, Forming an Opinion and Reporting on Financial Statements. If the report of a non-issuer is not included in an SEC filing, and the auditor doesn’t intend to refer to PCAOB standards in the report, the report’s format must follow AICPA requirements.

While interim review reports are useful to management and directors, there is a concern that the limitations of such reports are not understood by the general investing public. As a result, pursuant to Rule 436(c) of the Securities Act, review reports on unaudited interim financial information are not part of the registration statement prepared or certified by accountants within the meaning of Section 7 or Section 11 of the Securities Act. Therefore, independent accountants do not consent to the use of an interim review report. However, issuers are required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K to file as Exhibit 15 to the registration statement (or to any Form 10-Q which is incorporated by reference into the registration statement) a letter from the independent accountants, which acknowledges their awareness of the use in a registration statement of their report on unaudited interim financial information, which is not subject to the consent requirement of Section 7 of the Securities Act.

Under FRC Section 605.04b, when a review report is included or incorporated by reference into a registration statement, the issuer should disclose in the registration statement that the review report included in such registration statement is not a “report” or “part” of the registration statement within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Securities Act. The issuer must specifically state that the independent accountant’s Section 11 liability does not extend to such review reports. Below is an example of such a disclosure.
Illustration 6-2: Incorporation by reference

Independent Accountants

With respect to the unaudited interim financial information of ABC, Inc. for the nine-month periods ended 30 September 20X3 and 20X2, incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-4, Ernst & Young LLP reported that they have applied limited procedures in accordance with professional standards for a review of such information. However, their separate report dated 12 November 20X3, incorporated by reference herein, states that they did not audit and they do not express an opinion on that interim financial information. Accordingly, the degree of reliance on their reports on such information should be restricted in light of the limited nature of the review procedures applied. Ernst & Young LLP is not subject to the liability provisions of Section 11 of the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Act”) for their report on the unaudited interim financial information because that report is not a “report” or a “part” of the Registration Statement prepared or certified by Ernst & Young LLP within the meaning of Sections 7 and 11 of the Act.

6.4 Letters for underwriters and certain other requesting parties

Under Section 11 of the Securities Act, the registrant's underwriters could be liable if any part of a registration statement contains material omissions or misstatements. Therefore, as part of the underwriter’s due diligence, the underwriter typically asks the registrant to engage the independent accountant to issue a comfort letter. When interim financial statements are included in the registration statement, the underwriter generally requests that the independent accountant provide negative assurance about whether (1) any material modification should be made to the unaudited condensed interim financial information for it to be in conformity with GAAP and (2) the unaudited condensed interim financial information complies as to form in all material respects with the requirements of the Securities Act and the related rules and regulations adopted by the SEC.

PCAOB AS 6101, Letters for Underwriters and Certain Other Requesting Parties, requires that the independent accountant perform a PCAOB AS 4105 review of unaudited interim information to provide negative assurance in a comfort letter. When the independent accountant has not performed a PCAOB AS 4105 review, the comfort letter can report only procedures performed and findings obtained.
7 Smaller reporting companies

7.1 Definition of a smaller reporting company

The SEC amended the definition of a smaller reporting company (SRC) in 2018 to allow more companies to provide scaled disclosures in SEC filings.66 However, investment companies, asset-backed issuers and majority-owned subsidiaries of a parent that is not an SRC aren’t eligible for SRC status. In the transition, all public companies were required to reassess their qualification as an SRC as of the most recent determination date prior to effective date of the amendments.

7.1.1 Entry provisions

An issuer filing an initial registration statement for common equity (Securities Act or Exchange Act) qualifies as an SRC if either of the following conditions is met:

- Its estimated public float is below $250 million at completion of the IPO
- It has less than $100 million in annual revenue for the fiscal year completed before the IPO and its estimated public float is less than $700 million at completion of the IPO

The IPO candidate should determine its estimated public float as of a date within 30 days of the date the registration statement is filed and then finalize its public float calculation at the time the IPO is completed and common share price at IPO is known.

A domestic SEC reporting company would qualify for SRC status if it meets either of the following thresholds at its annual re-determination date (last business day of its second fiscal quarter) even if it previously did not qualify as an SRC:

- Public float of less than $200 million at the re-determination date
- Annual revenue of less than $80 million for the fiscal year completed before the re-determination date and public float of less than $560 million at the re-determination date

An issuer that newly qualifies as an SRC at its annual re-determination date may choose to reflect its change to SRC status in its quarterly report for that second fiscal quarter or in a quarterly or annual report filed thereafter.67

An issuer that has no publicly traded equity outstanding or no market for its equity, and hence, no public float (e.g., a company with only public debt or preferred stock), would qualify if it meets the following threshold at the re-determination date:

- Annual revenue of less than $80 million during its most recently completed fiscal year for which audited financial statements are available

An issuer must check a box on the cover page of its SEC filings indicating if it meets the definition of a smaller reporting company, whether or not it chooses to apply the scaled (i.e., reduced) disclosure standards permitted for such issuers.

67 As discussed in Section 2 of this publication, the due dates of the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the remainder of the current fiscal year would continue to be determined by reference to the registrant’s filing status determined as of the beginning of that fiscal year (i.e., large accelerated or accelerated filer).
Any foreign private issuer (FPI) is eligible to qualify as a smaller reporting company. However, to take advantage of the disclosure relief as a smaller reporting company, an FPI must use domestic forms (i.e., Form 10-K and Form 10-Q, not Form 20-F and Form 6-K) and it must file financial statements prepared using US GAAP.

An issuer that previously qualified for SRC status continues to qualify for SRC status unless at its next re-determination date (last business day of its second fiscal quarter) it meets one of the three exit criteria described below.

7.1.2 Exit provisions

A domestic issuer with publicly traded equity must cease providing SRC scaled disclosures in the first quarter following a fiscal year in which its public float exceeds $700 million at the re-determination date, regardless of its level of revenues.

A domestic issuer with a public float of more than $250 million at its re-determination date and annual revenue for the immediately preceding fiscal year of more than $100 million must cease providing SRC scaled disclosures in the first quarter following the year of such determination.

An issuer with no public float at its re-determination date and annual revenue of less than $100 million for the immediately preceding fiscal year must cease providing SRC scaled disclosures in the first quarter following a fiscal year of such determination.

7.2 Form 10-Q filing by a smaller reporting company

The Form 10-Q of a smaller reporting company is due 45 or 40 days after the end of its first three fiscal quarters depending on whether it is a non-accelerated or accelerated filer. See section 2 of our publication, SEC annual reports — Form 10-K, for a discussion of the circumstances affecting a company's filing status.

7.2.1 Content

A smaller reporting company may choose, on an item-by-item basis within any filing, whether to apply Regulation S-K's scaled disclosure requirements or its more rigorous disclosure requirements otherwise applicable to larger public companies. Nevertheless, the SEC stressed in the adopting release the importance of consistent disclosures that allow investors to make period-to-period comparisons, whether quarterly or annually.

The following table shows the item number, caption and disclosure requirement (which refers to the items and rules in Regulations S-K and S-X) of the disclosure instructions for the various items of a Form 10-Q that apply to companies that are not smaller reporting companies and the related scaling offered to smaller reporting companies.

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Rule 8-03 of Regulation S-X — Interim financial statements of smaller reporting companies

Rule 8-03 of Regulation S-X describes the interim financial statement requirements for smaller reporting companies. The primary financial statements required of a smaller reporting company in Form 10-Q are identical to those of a larger issuer (i.e., a balance sheet as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter and as of the end of the preceding fiscal year; income statements for the most recent fiscal quarter, the year-to-date period and for the corresponding periods of the preceding fiscal year; and statements of cash flows for the year-to-date period and the comparable prior-year period). Rule 8-03 also requires that footnote disclosures be provided as needed for fair presentation and to ensure that the financial statements are not misleading. The interim financial statements of a smaller reporting company must include a statement that, in the opinion of management, the statements include all adjustments necessary to make the financial statements not misleading.

Like a larger issuer, a smaller reporting company must have the interim financial statements it includes in Form 10-Q reviewed by an independent public accountant (see section 6 of this publication). The financial statements of a smaller reporting company, including an FPI filing on Form 10-Q, must be prepared in accordance with US generally accepted accounting principles.

Other Articles within Regulation S-X do not apply to the interim financial statements of smaller reporting companies, except that a smaller reporting company must comply with:

- Article 2 regarding the qualifications of the independent auditor and its report, if any
- Rule 4-10 regarding the accounting and reporting for oil and gas producing activities
Although the content required in the interim financial statements of a smaller reporting company is largely similar to that required of a larger issuer under Article 10 of Regulation S-X, there are several notable differences as discussed below.

**Presentation**

Article 10 permits the presentation of certain financial statements that Rule 8-03 does not otherwise address.\(^{68}\) For example, Article 10 allows the presentation of a balance sheet as of the end of the corresponding fiscal quarter of the preceding fiscal year if such information is necessary to understand the effects of seasonal fluctuations on a registrant’s financial condition. Article 10 also permits the presentation of income statements and cash flows statements for the cumulative 12-month period ended during the most recent fiscal quarter and for the corresponding preceding period. Further, unlike Rule 8-03, Article 10 permits registrants engaged in the seasonal production and sale of a single-crop agricultural commodity to provide interim statements of income and cash flows for the 12-month period ended during the most recent fiscal quarter and for the corresponding preceding period, in lieu of the year-to-date statements otherwise required.

**Condensed statements**

The condensing rules under Rule 8-03 are different from those under Article 10. As discussed in section 3 of this publication, a larger issuer must show separately each balance sheet caption prescribed by Regulation S-X that is 10% or more of total assets, or that has increased or decreased by more than 25% since the preceding fiscal year, as well as each income statement caption that is 15% or more of average net income for the most recent three fiscal years, or that has increased or decreased by more than 20% compared with the corresponding interim period of the preceding fiscal year. However, Rule 8-03 requires that a smaller reporting company show separately only balance sheet captions that are 10% or more of total assets, regardless of the percentage change since the preceding fiscal year. Similarly, a smaller reporting company is required to present in its condensed income statement each cost and expense category presented in the annual financial statements that exceeds 20% of sales or gross revenue without regard to the percentage change from the corresponding interim period of the preceding fiscal year. A larger issuer may abbreviate its statement of cash flows starting with a single figure of net cash flows from operating activities. To the extent material, a larger issuer also must show separately each investing and financing cash flow caption that exceeds 10% of the average of net cash flows from operating activities for the most recent three fiscal years. However, Rule 8-03 requires that the interim cash flows statement of a smaller reporting company include only net cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as well as cash at the beginning and end of each period and the increase or decrease in such balance. That is, Rule 8-03 does not require a smaller reporting company to show any captions within investing and financing activities. Nevertheless, a smaller reporting company should consider identifying and quantifying material investing and financing activities.

**Equity-method investees**

As discussed in section 3 of this publication, Article 10 of Regulation S-X requires summarized income statement information in Form 10-Q for equity-method investees for which separate or combined audited financial statements would otherwise be required for annual periods under Rule 3-09 of Regulation S-X. That is, year-to-date summarized income statement information would be required for equity-method investees that are 20% significant under either the investment test or the income test.

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\(^{68}\) If a smaller reporting company wishes to present any of the financial statements otherwise permitted by Article 10, it is recommended that the company pre-clear its request with the SEC staff.
Rule 8-03(b)(3) of Regulation S-X requires the interim financial statements of a smaller reporting company to disclose summarized income statement information for equity-method investees that constitute 20% or more of the smaller reporting company’s consolidated assets, equity\(^{69}\) or income from continuing operations attributable to the registrant. These tests differ from Article 10 and could require disclosures by smaller reporting companies in more circumstances than Article 10. For example, Rule 8-03 applies an asset test for purposes of disclosing summarized income statement information of equity-method investees, which Article 10 does not. As another example, the income test in Rule 8-03 is based on income from continuing operations attributable to the registrant, an after-tax measure of both the smaller reporting company and its equity-method investee.

The SEC staff does not believe the SEC intended for the disclosure requirements for a smaller reporting company to be more onerous than those for a registrant that is not a smaller reporting company. Therefore, smaller reporting companies may determine significance for purposes of reporting summarized financial information in a manner consistent with Article 10.

**Subsidiary issuers and guarantors**

Effective for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for periods ending after 4 January 2021, the requirements for separate financial statements and abbreviated disclosures in lieu of separate financial statements for smaller reporting companies are aligned with those for non-smaller reporting companies discussed section 3.4 of this publication. Smaller reporting companies will no longer be permitted to omit disclosures about subsidiary guarantors or co-issuers of their registered debt from their interim reports on Form 10-Q, as allowed under the legacy instruction 3 to Rule 8-01 of Regulation S-X.

**7.2.3 Item 303 MD&A**

The MD&A requirements discussed further in section 3 of this publication also apply to a smaller reporting company, except, because a smaller reporting company is not required to provide tabular disclosure of contractual obligations, it is not required to disclose material changes on an interim basis.

Unlike former Regulation S-B, **Item 303** of Regulation S-K does not provide for the discussion of a “Plan of Operation” in lieu of MD&A, if an issuer has not had revenue from operations in each of the last two fiscal years. However, the SEC staff noted in Question 110.01 of its Regulation S-K Compliance and Disclosure Implications (C&DI’s)\(^{70}\) that MD&A disclosure by a smaller reporting company without recent revenues likely would be similar to the disclosure of a “Plan of Operation” previously allowed for a similar small business issuer under Item 303(a) of former Regulation S-B.

\(^{69}\) While Rule 8-03 specifies a significance test based on “equity,” we understand that this reference was intended to be the same as the investment test of significance.

\(^{70}\) The SEC staff Regulation S-K C&DIs can be found at [http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/guidance/regs-kinterp.htm](http://www.sec.gov/divisions/corpfin/guidance/regs-kinterp.htm).
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