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**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM N-CSR**

**CERTIFIED SHAREHOLDER REPORT OF REGISTERED**  
**MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANIES**  
**Investment Company Act file number: 811-10573**

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN NATIONAL MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND, INC.**  
**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

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**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (800) 221-5672**

**Date of fiscal year end: October 31, 2017**

**Date of reporting period: October 31, 2017**

**ITEM 1. REPORTS TO STOCKHOLDERS.**

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ANNUAL REPORT

**ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN**

**NATIONAL MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND**

**(NYSE: AFB)**

Investment Products Offered      Are Not FDIC Insured   May Lose Value   Are Not Bank Guaranteed

You may obtain a description of the Fund's proxy voting policies and procedures, and information regarding how the Fund voted proxies relating to portfolio securities during the most recent 12-month period ended June 30, without charge. Simply visit AB's website at [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com), or go to the Securities and Exchange Commission's (the Commission) website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), or call AB at (800) 227-4618.

The Fund files its complete schedule of portfolio holdings with the Commission for the first and third quarters of each fiscal year on Form N-Q. The Fund's Forms N-Q are available on the Commission's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). The Fund's Forms N-Q may also be reviewed and copied at the Commission's Public Reference Room in Washington, DC; information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling (800) SEC 0330.

AllianceBernstein Investments, Inc. (ABI) is the distributor of the AB family of mutual funds. ABI is a member of FINRA and is an affiliate of AllianceBernstein L.P., the Adviser of the funds.

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**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Shareholder,

We are pleased to provide this report for AllianceBernstein National Municipal Income Fund (the Fund ). Please review the discussion of Fund performance, the market conditions during the reporting period and the Fund's investment strategy.

As always, AB strives to keep clients ahead of what's next by:

+ Transforming uncommon insights into uncommon knowledge with a global research scope

+ Navigating markets with seasoned investment experience and sophisticated solutions

+ Providing thoughtful investment insights and actionable ideas

Whether you're an individual investor or a multi-billion-dollar institution, we put knowledge and experience to work for you.

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Thank you for your investment in the AB Mutual Funds.

Sincerely,

Robert M. Keith

President and Chief Executive Officer, AB Mutual Funds

ANNUAL REPORT

December 27, 2017

This report provides management’s discussion of fund performance for AllianceBernstein National Municipal Income Fund for the annual reporting period ended October 31, 2017. The Fund is a closed-end fund and its shares are listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

**The Fund seeks to provide high current income exempt from regular federal income tax by investing substantially all of its net assets in municipal securities that pay interest that is exempt from federal income tax.**

RETURNS AS OF OCTOBER 31, 2017 (unaudited)

	6 Months	12 Months
<b>ALLIANCEBERNSTEIN NATIONAL MUNICIPAL INCOME FUND (NAV)</b>	3.88%	1.93%
Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index	2.55%	2.19%

The Fund’s market price per share on October 31, 2017 was \$13.61. The Fund’s NAV price per share on October 31, 2017 was \$14.94. For additional Financial Highlights, please see pages 45-46.

INVESTMENT RESULTS

The table above shows the Fund’s performance compared to its benchmark, the Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index, for the six- and 12-month periods ended October 31, 2017.

The Fund underperformed the benchmark for the 12-month period, but outperformed for the six-month period. For the 12-month period, yield-curve positioning detracted from performance, relative to the benchmark. An underweight to state general obligation ( GO ) sector and an overweight to the airport/port industry sector contributed. Security selection within pre-refunded bonds and miscellaneous revenue sectors contributed, while selections in the health care and toll road/transit sectors detracted.

For the six-month period, yield-curve positioning contributed to performance. Security selection within the health care and state GO sectors contributed. An overweight to pre-refunded bonds detracted.

Leverage, achieved through the usage of variable rate instruments such as auction rate preferred shares, tender option bonds ( TOBs ) and variable rate municipal term preferred shares, detracted from the Fund’s total return over the 12-month period as yields increased, but still benefited the Fund’s income as the spread between the Fund’s borrowing and investment rates remained positive. Over the six-month period, leverage added to the Fund’s total return as long-term yields decreased.

The Fund utilized derivatives, including interest rate swaps for hedging purposes, which had no material impact on absolute performance, during either period.

## MARKET REVIEW AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The relatively strong returns in both equities and corporate bonds over both periods were consistent with a positive economic backdrop; major developed and emerging markets including China grew at a decent clip while inflation remained moderate. Municipal bond prices were supported by strong technicals, as supply remained low and an historic number of bonds matured or were called by issuers. Municipals delivered positive absolute returns over both periods. Demand for income, along with limited supply, helped mid-grade and high-yield municipals rally strongly.

The US Federal Reserve (the Fed) raised its target for the Federal Funds rate by 75 basis points over the past 12 months. On the horizon, major central banks across the globe are likely to normalize monetary policy, which suggests higher interest rates and the eventual end of nearly a decade of quantitative easing. And, in September, the Fed confirmed it would begin the multiyear process of reducing its \$4.2 trillion portfolio of Treasury and mortgage-backed bonds.

At the end of the reporting period, municipal investors were focused on the specter of tax reform and how it could potentially impact the after-tax relative attractiveness of municipal bonds. Ultimately, the final legislation included tax reductions for individuals, but the largest reductions in tax rates were those applicable to corporations. The relatively slight lowering of individual tax rates is not expected to significantly reduce the demand from individual investors for municipal bonds. Whether corporations, primarily insurance companies and banks, will reduce their demand for municipal bonds will be a function of the after-tax yield and the potential tax consequences of selling municipal bonds they currently hold, in order to purchase other bonds that offer more attractive after-tax yields. With the after-tax yield advantage for municipal bonds already low by historical standards, the Fund's Senior Investment Management Team (the Team) continues to position the Fund with an underweight to the longest maturity bonds; this potentially reduces the Fund's exposure to a rise in yields, which could result from reduced investor demand for certain municipal bonds.

The Fund may purchase municipal securities that are insured under policies issued by certain insurance companies. Historically, insured municipal securities typically received a higher credit rating, which meant that the issuer of the securities paid a lower interest rate. As a result of declines in the credit quality and associated downgrades of most fund insurers, insurance has less value than it did in the past. The market now values insured municipal securities primarily based on the credit quality of the issuer of the security with little value given to the insurance feature. In purchasing such insured securities, the Adviser evaluates the risk and return of municipal securities through its own research. If an insurance company's rating is downgraded or the company becomes insolvent, the prices of municipal securities insured by the insurance company may decline. As of October 31, 2017, the Fund's percentages of investments in municipal bonds that are insured and in insured municipal bonds that have been pre-refunded or escrowed to maturity were 4.95% and 1.02%, respectively.



Since February 2008, auctions of the auction rate preferred shares have had fewer buyers than sellers and, as a result, the auctions have failed. The failed auctions did not lower the credit quality of the auction rate preferred shares, but rather meant that a holder was unable to sell the auction rate preferred securities in the auctions, so that there was a loss of liquidity for the holders of the auction rate preferred shares. When an auction fails, the auction rate preferred shares pay interest on a formula-based maximum rate based on AA-commercial paper and short-term municipal bond rates. In the extremely low short-term interest rate environment of recent years, the interest rates resulting from such a formula have been much lower than the returns on the Fund's investments and the cost of alternative forms of leverage available to the Fund. However, to the extent that the cost of this leverage increases in the future and earnings from the Fund's investments do not increase, the Fund's net investment returns may decline.

In July 2015, the Fund announced a tender offer of up to 100% of its outstanding auction rate preferred shares at a price equal to 94% of the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share. The result of accepting tendered shares in September 2015, and replacing the leverage associated with these shares with an alternative form of leverage, was to increase the Fund's net asset value (NAV), but at least in the near term to increase the cost of leverage. Over time, the Team believes diversifying sources of leverage will lead to lower borrowing costs.

The Team continues to explore, and discuss with the Board of Directors, other liquidity and leverage options, including TOBs, which it has used in the past; this may result in additional auction rate preferred shares being redeemed in the future. The Fund is not required to redeem any auction rate preferred shares, and the Team expects to continue to rely on the auction rate preferred shares for a portion of the Fund's leverage exposure, at least until interest rates increase significantly from current levels or while they continue to offer diversification benefits.

#### **INVESTMENT POLICIES**

The Fund will normally invest at least 80%, and normally substantially all, of its net assets in municipal securities paying interest that is exempt from regular federal income tax. The Fund also normally will invest at least 75% of its assets in investment-grade municipal securities or unrated municipal securities considered to be of comparable quality. The Fund may invest up to 25% of its net assets in municipal bonds rated below investment-grade and unrated municipal bonds considered to be of comparable quality as determined by the Adviser. The Fund intends to invest primarily in municipal securities that pay interest that is not subject to the federal alternative minimum tax (AMT), but may invest without limit in municipal securities paying interest that is subject to the federal AMT. For more information regarding the Fund's risks, please see Disclosures and Risks on pages 5-8 and Note G Risks Involved in Investing in the Fund of the Notes to Financial Statements on pages 39-43.

## DISCLOSURES AND RISKS

### AllianceBernstein National Municipal Income Fund

#### Shareholder Information

Weekly comparative NAV and market price information about the Fund is published each Saturday in *Barron's* and in other newspapers in a table called "Closed-End Funds". Daily NAVs and market price information, and additional information regarding the Fund, is available at [www.abfunds.com](http://www.abfunds.com) and [www.nyse.com](http://www.nyse.com). For additional shareholder information regarding this Fund, please see pages 49-50.

#### Benchmark Disclosure

**The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index is unmanaged and does not reflect fees and expenses associated with the active management of a mutual fund portfolio.** The Bloomberg Barclays Municipal Bond Index represents the performance of the long-term tax-exempt bond market consisting of investment-grade bonds. In addition, the Index does not reflect the use of leverage, whereas the Fund utilizes leverage. An investor cannot invest directly in an index, and its results are not indicative of the performance for any specific investment, including the Fund.

#### A Word About Risk

Among the risks of investing in the Fund are changes in the general level of interest rates or changes in bond credit quality ratings. Changes in interest rates have a greater effect on bonds with longer maturities than on those with shorter maturities. Please note, as interest rates rise, existing bond prices fall and can cause the value of your investment in the Fund to decline. While the Fund invests principally in bonds and other fixed-income securities, in order to achieve its investment objectives, the Fund may at times use certain types of investment derivatives, such as options, futures, forwards and swaps. These instruments involve risks different from, and in certain cases, greater than, the risks presented by more traditional investments. At the discretion of the Fund's Adviser, the Fund may invest up to 25% of its net assets in municipal bonds that are rated below investment-grade (i.e., "junk bonds"). These securities involve greater volatility and risk than higher-quality fixed-income securities.

**Leverage Risks:** The Fund uses financial leverage for investment purposes, which involves leverage risk. The Fund's outstanding auction preferred shares and variable rate municipal fund term preferred shares (together "Preferred Shares") result in leverage. The Fund may also use other types of financial leverage, including TOBs, either in combination with, or in lieu of, the Preferred Shares. The Fund utilizes leverage to seek to enhance the yield and NAV attributable to its Common Stock. These objectives may not be achieved in all interest rate environments. Leverage creates certain risks for holders of Common Stock, including the likelihood of greater volatility of the NAV and market price of the Common Stock. If income from the securities purchased from the funds made available by

**DISCLOSURES AND RISKS** (continued)

leverage is not sufficient to cover the cost of leverage, the Fund's return will be less than if leverage had not been used. As a result, the amounts available for distribution to Common Stockholders as dividends and other distributions will be reduced. During periods of rising short-term interest rates, the interest paid on the Preferred Shares or the floaters issued in connection with the Fund's TOB transactions would increase. In addition, the interest paid on inverse floaters held by the Fund, whether issued in connection with the Fund's TOB transactions or purchased in a secondary market transaction, would decrease. Under such circumstances, the Fund's income and distributions to Common Stockholders may decline, which would adversely affect the Fund's yield and possibly the market value of its shares. If rising short-term rates coincide with a period of rising long-term rates, the value of the long-term municipal bonds purchased with the proceeds of leverage would decline, adversely affecting the net asset value attributable to the Fund's common stock and possibly the market value of the shares.

**Tax Risk:** There is no guarantee that the income on the Fund's municipal securities will be exempt from regular federal income and state income taxes. Unfavorable legislation, adverse interpretations by federal or state authorities, litigation or noncompliant conduct by the issuer of a municipal security could affect the tax-exempt status of municipal securities. If the Internal Revenue Service or a state authority determines that an issuer of a municipal security has not complied with applicable requirements, interest from the security could become subject to regular federal income tax and/or state personal income tax, possibly retroactively to the date the security was issued, the value of the security could decline significantly, and a portion of the distributions to Fund shareholders could be recharacterized as taxable. Recent federal legislation included reductions in tax rates for individuals, with relatively larger reductions in tax rates for corporations. These tax rate reductions may reduce the demand for municipal bonds which could reduce the value of municipal bonds held by the Fund.

**Market Risk:** The value of the Fund's assets will fluctuate as the bond market fluctuates. The value of the Fund's investments may decline, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably, simply because of economic changes or other events that affect large portions of the market.

**Municipal Market Risk:** This is the risk that special factors may adversely affect the value of the municipal securities and have a significant effect on the yield of value of the Fund's investments in municipal securities. These factors include economic conditions, political or legislative changes, uncertainties related to the tax status of municipal securities, or the rights of investors in these securities. To the extent that the Fund invests more of its assets in a particular state's municipal securities, the Fund may be vulnerable to events adversely affecting that state, including economic,

**DISCLOSURES AND RISKS** (continued)

political and regulatory occurrences, court decisions, terrorism and catastrophic natural disasters, such as hurricanes or earthquakes. The Fund's investment in certain municipal securities with principal and interest payments that are made from the revenues of a specific project or facility, and not general tax revenues, may have increased risks. Factors affecting the project or facility, such as local business or economic conditions, could have a significant effect on the project's ability to make payments of principal and interest on these securities.

**Credit Risk:** An issuer or guarantor of a fixed-income security, or the counterparty to a derivatives or other contract, may be unable or unwilling to make timely payments of interest or principal, or to otherwise honor its obligations. The issuer or guarantor may default, causing a loss of the full principal amount of a security. The degree of risk for a particular security may be reflected in its credit rating. There is the possibility that the credit rating of a fixed-income security may be downgraded after purchase, which may adversely affect the value of the security. Investments in fixed-income securities with lower ratings tend to have a higher probability that an issuer will default or fail to meet its payment obligations.

**Interest Rate Risk:** Changes in interest rates will affect the value of investments in fixed-income securities. When interest rates rise, the value of investments in fixed-income securities tends to fall and this decrease in value may not be offset by higher income from new investments. Interest rate risk is generally greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities or durations.

**Inflation Risk:** This is the risk that the value of assets or income from investments will be less in the future as inflation decreases the value of money. As inflation increases, the value of the Fund's assets can decline as can the value of the Fund's distributions. This risk is significantly greater for fixed-income securities with longer maturities.

**Derivatives Risk:** Investments in derivatives may be illiquid, difficult to price, and leveraged so that small changes may produce disproportionate losses for the Fund, and may be subject to counterparty risk to a greater degree than more traditional investments.

**Liquidity Risk:** Liquidity risk occurs when certain investments become difficult to purchase or sell. Difficulty in selling less liquid securities may result in sales at disadvantageous prices affecting the value of your investment in the Fund. Causes of liquidity risk may include low trading volumes and large positions. Municipal securities may have more liquidity risk than other fixed-income securities because they trade less frequently and the market for municipal securities is generally smaller than many other markets.

**DISCLOSURES AND RISKS** (continued)

**Duration Risk:** Duration is a measure that relates the expected price volatility of a fixed-income security to changes in interest rates. The duration of a fixed-income security may be shorter than or equal to full maturity of a fixed-income security. Fixed-income securities with longer durations have more risk and will decrease in price as interest rates rise. For example, a fixed-income security with a duration of three years will decrease in value by approximately 3% if interest rates increase by 1%.

**Management Risk:** The Fund is subject to management risk because it is an actively managed investment fund. The Adviser will apply its investment techniques and risk analyses in making investment decisions, but there is no guarantee that its techniques will produce the intended results.

These risks are fully discussed in the Fund's prospectus. As with all investments, you may lose money by investing in the Fund.

**An Important Note About Historical Performance**

**The performance shown in this report represents past performance and does not guarantee future results. Current performance may be lower or higher than the performance information shown. All fees and expenses related to the operation of the Fund have been deducted. Performance assumes reinvestment of distributions and does not account for taxes.**

## PORTFOLIO SUMMARY

October 31, 2017 (unaudited)

## PORTFOLIO STATISTICS

Net Assets (\$mil): \$429.4

All data are as of October 31, 2017. The Fund's quality rating breakdown is expressed as a percentage of the Fund's total investments in municipal securities and may vary over time. The Fund also enters into derivative transactions, which may be used for hedging or investment purposes (see Portfolio of Investments section of the report for additional details). The quality ratings are determined by using the Standard & Poor's Global Ratings (S&P), Moody's Investors Services, Inc. (Moody's) and Fitch Ratings, Ltd. (Fitch). The Fund considers the credit ratings issued by S&P, Moody's and Fitch and uses the highest rating issued by the agencies. These ratings are a measure of the quality and safety of a bond or portfolio, based on the issuer's financial condition. AAA is the highest (best) and D is the lowest (worst). If applicable, the Pre-refunded category includes bonds which are secured by U.S. Government securities and therefore are deemed high-quality investment-grade by the Adviser. If applicable, Not Applicable (N/A) includes non-creditworthy investments, such as equities, currency contracts, futures and options. If applicable, the Not Rated category includes bonds that are not rated by a nationally recognized statistical rating organization. The Adviser evaluates the creditworthiness of non-rated securities based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, cash flows, enterprise value and economic environment.

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS

October 31, 2017

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>MUNICIPAL OBLIGATIONS 159.8%</b>		
<b>Long-Term Municipal Bonds 159.8%</b>		
<b>Alabama 1.8%</b>		
Alabama Public School & College Authority		
Series 2009A		
5.00%, 5/01/29 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,171,870
State of Alabama Docks Department		
AGM Series 2017A		
5.00%, 10/01/34	2,000	2,292,720
AGM Series 2017C		
5.00%, 10/01/36	2,000	2,290,900
		7,755,490
<b>Arizona 1.1%</b>		
Salt Verde Financial Corp.		
(Citigroup, Inc.)		
Series 2007		
5.25%, 12/01/22-12/01/23	4,150	4,819,628
<b>Arkansas 0.5%</b>		
Pulaski County Public Facilities Board		
(Baptist Health)		
Series 2014		
5.00%, 12/01/42	2,000	2,213,440
<b>California 23.4%</b>		
Anaheim Public Financing Authority		
(City of Anaheim CA Lease)		
Series 2014A		
5.00%, 5/01/32-5/01/39	5,500	6,395,955
Bay Area Toll Authority		
Series 2013S		
5.00%, 4/01/32 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	5,720	6,776,827
California Econ Recovery		
Series 2009A		
5.25%, 7/01/21 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	4,860	5,198,256
California Pollution Control Financing Authority		
(Poseidon Resources Channelside LP)		
Series 2012		
5.00%, 7/01/37 <sup>(a)</sup>	3,075	3,326,750
City of Los Angeles Department of Airports		
(Los Angeles Intl Airport)		
Series 2009A		
5.25%, 5/15/29	5,700	6,057,504
County of San Bernardino CA COP		
Series 2009A		
5.25%, 8/01/26	1,455	1,553,038





## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
Los Angeles Community College District/CA Series 2008F-1 5.00%, 8/01/28 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,972,608
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority Sales Tax) Series 2013B 5.00%, 7/01/34	1,770	2,058,103
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power Series 2013A 5.00%, 7/01/30 (Pre-refunded/ETM) <sup>(b)</sup>	90	105,546
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power PWR Series 2013A 5.00%, 7/01/30	6,165	7,156,640
Series 2013B 5.00%, 7/01/30	10,000	11,756,800
Los Angeles Department of Water & Power WTR Series 2013B 5.00%, 7/01/32	3,840	4,496,525
San Bernardino County Transportation Authority Series 2015-2 5.00%, 3/01/32-3/01/34 <sup>(c)</sup>	11,340	13,261,378
State of California Series 2013 5.00%, 11/01/30	5,800	6,832,574
University of California Series 2012G 5.00%, 5/15/31	7,000	8,040,620
Series 2013A 5.00%, 5/15/30-5/15/32	9,855	11,514,132
		100,503,256
<b>Colorado 1.8%</b>		
City & County of Denver Co. Airport System Revenue (Denver Intl Airport) Series 2013B 5.25%, 11/15/31	6,680	7,768,239
<b>Connecticut 9.4%</b>		
State of Connecticut Series 2013C 5.00%, 7/15/27	7,165	8,082,836

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
Series 2013E 5.00%, 8/15/29	\$ 4,800	\$ 5,376,624
Series 2015F 5.00%, 11/15/32	5,000	5,671,150
State of Connecticut Special Tax Revenue Series 2011A 5.00%, 12/01/28	5,000	5,601,550
Series 2012 5.00%, 1/01/29	13,855	15,494,324
		40,226,484
<b>District of Columbia 1.6%</b>		
District of Columbia Series 2013A 5.00%, 6/01/29	5,000	5,831,350
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority Series 2016A 5.00%, 10/01/35	1,000	1,158,780
		6,990,130
<b>Florida 9.6%</b>		
Alachua County Health Facilities Authority (Shands Teaching Hospital and Clinics Obligated Group) Series 2014A 5.00%, 12/01/44	4,560	5,010,300
Brevard County Health Facilities Authority (Health First, Inc. Obligated Group) Series 2014 5.00%, 4/01/33	1,000	1,115,490
City of Orlando FL Series 2014A 5.00%, 11/01/44 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	7,720	9,307,155
5.25%, 11/01/33 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	5,620	6,861,683
County of Miami-Dade FL Aviation Revenue Series 2014A 5.00%, 10/01/33	1,000	1,136,720
Florida Ports Financing Commission Series 2011A 5.00%, 10/01/25-10/01/27	4,205	4,744,623
Halifax Hospital Medical Center (Halifax Hospital Medical Center Obligated Group) Series 2015 5.00%, 6/01/35	2,655	2,959,236

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
Miami Beach Health Facilities Authority (Mount Sinai Medical Center of Florida, Inc.) Series 2014 5.00%, 11/15/39	\$ 9,250	\$ 10,000,730
		41,135,937
<b>Georgia 1.3%</b>		
City of Atlanta Department of Aviation (Hartsfield Jackson Atlanta Intl Airport) Series 2014B 5.00%, 1/01/31-1/01/32	4,675	5,390,866
<b>Hawaii 2.8%</b>		
State of Hawaii Series 2015E 4.00%, 10/01/34-10/01/35	3,500	3,775,230
State of Hawaii Airports System Revenue Series 2010A 5.00%, 7/01/34	5,000	5,464,850
Series 2015A 5.00%, 7/01/45	2,500	2,812,625
		12,052,705
<b>Illinois 11.0%</b>		
Chicago O Hare International Airport Series 2016B 5.00%, 1/01/41	8,000	9,107,120
Series 2016C 5.00%, 1/01/38	2,350	2,684,334
Illinois Finance Authority (Illinois Institute of Technology) Series 2006A 5.00%, 4/01/31	1,250	1,251,938
Illinois Finance Authority (OSF Healthcare System Obligated Group) Series 2015A 5.00%, 11/15/45	4,500	4,913,730
Illinois State Toll Highway Authority Series 2015B 5.00%, 1/01/33-1/01/40	8,800	10,076,944
State of Illinois Series 2012 5.00%, 3/01/31	1,000	1,038,940
Series 2014 5.00%, 4/01/30-2/01/39	12,070	12,738,536
Series 2017D 5.00%, 11/01/28 <sup>(d)</sup>	5,000	5,459,700
		47,271,242



## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>Indiana 0.3%</b>		
Indiana Finance Authority (WVB East End Partners LLC) Series 2013A 5.00%, 7/01/44	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,345,525
<b>Kentucky 2.2%</b>		
Kentucky Economic Development Finance Authority (Next Generation Kentucky Information Highway) Series 2015A 4.25%, 7/01/35	1,000	1,028,440
Kentucky Municipal Power Agency NATL Series 2015A 5.00%, 9/01/30	2,500	2,850,275
Kentucky Turnpike Authority Series 2013A 5.00%, 7/01/29	5,000	5,738,700
		9,617,415
<b>Louisiana 1.5%</b>		
City of New Orleans LA AGC Series 2007A 5.00%, 12/01/22 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	5,875	5,894,211
Louisiana Local Government Environmental Facilities & Community Development Auth Series 2009A 5.00%, 4/01/26 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	535	563,954
		6,458,165
<b>Maryland 1.7%</b>		
Maryland Health & Higher Educational Facilities Authority (Meritus Medical Center Obligated Group) Series 2015 5.00%, 7/01/45	6,725	7,266,161
<b>Massachusetts 4.1%</b>		
Massachusetts School Building Authority (Massachusetts School Building Authority Sales Tax) Series 2011B 5.00%, 10/15/32	13,000	14,734,460
Series 2012B 5.00%, 8/15/30	2,480	2,863,234
		17,597,694

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>Michigan 8.6%</b>		
Detroit City School District Series 2012A 5.00%, 5/01/26-5/01/27	\$ 6,045	\$ 6,773,185
Michigan Finance Authority (Great Lakes Water Authority Water Supply System) AGM Series 2014D-1 5.00%, 7/01/35	1,250	1,402,337
Michigan Finance Authority (Henry Ford Health System Obligated Group) Series 2016 4.00%, 11/15/36	2,815	2,907,839
Michigan Finance Authority (Public Lighting Authority) Series 2014B 5.00%, 7/01/34	2,250	2,462,940
Michigan Strategic Fund (Detroit Renewable Energy Obligated Group) Series 2013 8.50%, 12/01/30(a)(b)	3,650	4,048,215
Plymouth Educational Center Charter School Series 2005 5.125%, 11/01/23(e)	2,140	1,837,404
Wayne State University Series 2009A 5.00%, 11/15/29 (Pre-refunded/ETM) <sup>(b)</sup>	7,840	8,434,115
5.00%, 11/15/29	8,660	9,276,419
		37,142,454
<b>Minnesota 0.7%</b>		
City of Minneapolis MN (Fairview Health Services Obligated Group) Series 2015A 5.00%, 11/15/33	2,700	3,116,988
<b>Missouri 0.5%</b>		
City of Kansas City MO Series 2008C 5.00%, 4/01/28 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	2,000	2,032,680
<b>New Jersey 9.5%</b>		
New Jersey Economic Development Authority (New Jersey Economic Development Authority State Lease) Series 2014P 5.00%, 6/15/31	2,500	2,701,350

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
Series 2016B 5.50%, 6/15/30 New Jersey Economic Development Authority (NYNJ Link Borrower LLC)	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,838,550
Series 2013 5.125%, 1/01/34 New Jersey Health Care Facilities Financing Authority (RWJ Barnabas Health Obligated Group)	1,000	1,108,050
Series 2014 5.00%, 7/01/44 New Jersey Transportation Trust Fund Authority (New Jersey Transportation Fed Hwy Grant)	6,450	7,081,778
Series 2016 5.00%, 6/15/29 New Jersey Turnpike Authority	4,750	5,336,150
Series 2012B 5.00%, 1/01/29	6,500	7,434,830
Series 2013A 5.00%, 1/01/31	5,000	5,659,900
Series 2016A 5.00%, 1/01/34	5,000	5,801,600
		40,962,208
<b>New York 26.4%</b>		
City of New York NY Series 2012B 5.00%, 8/01/30	5,070	5,785,022
Series 2012I 5.00%, 8/01/28 Hudson Yards Infrastructure Corp.	8,780	10,069,870
Series 2017A 5.00%, 2/15/34 Metropolitan Transportation Authority	4,000	4,736,600
Series 2012D 5.00%, 11/15/29	4,000	4,599,040
Series 2012F 5.00%, 11/15/27	1,575	1,817,424
Series 2013A 5.00%, 11/15/29	1,830	2,119,469
Series 2014B 5.25%, 11/15/34	4,000	4,709,600
Series 2014C 5.00%, 11/15/32 Metropolitan Transportation Authority (Metropolitan Transportation Authority Ded Tax)	1,000	1,181,590
Series 2016A 5.25%, 11/15/35 <sup>(c)</sup>	14,260	17,285,687

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
New York City Municipal Water Finance Authority Series 2011HH 5.00%, 6/15/26	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,631,150
Series 2013D 5.00%, 6/15/34	3,600	4,167,108
New York City NY Transitional Series 2007B 5.00%, 8/01/34-8/01/37 <sup>(c)</sup>	10,000	11,770,820
New York State Dormitory Authority Series 2012D 5.00%, 2/15/29 (Pre-refunded/ETM) <sup>(b)</sup>	1,135	1,296,238
New York State Dormitory Authority (State of New York Pers Income Tax) Series 2012B 5.00%, 3/15/32	7,600	8,658,604
Series 2012D 5.00%, 2/15/29	6,865	7,821,912
Port Authority of New York & New Jersey Series 2013-178 5.00%, 12/01/32	4,400	5,019,520
Series 2014-186 5.00%, 10/15/44	8,000	9,013,280
Ulster County Industrial Development Agency (Kingston Regional Senior Living Corp.) Series 2007A 6.00%, 9/15/27 <sup>(b)</sup>	1,655	1,656,440
Utility Debt Securitization Authority Series 2013T 5.00%, 12/15/30	5,000	5,939,050
		113,278,424
<b>North Carolina 2.3%</b>		
County of Iredell NC COP AGM Series 2008 5.25%, 6/01/22 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	1,080	1,106,179
North Carolina Medical Care Commission (Vidant Health Obligated Group) Series 2015 5.00%, 6/01/45	4,445	4,955,108
University of North Carolina at Greensboro Series 2014 5.00%, 4/01/33	3,145	3,658,799
		9,720,086
<b>Ohio 0.5%</b>		
City of Chillicothe OH (Adena Health System Obligated Group) Series 2017 5.00%, 12/01/37	1,800	2,047,608





## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
<b>Oklahoma 0.4%</b>		
Tulsa Airports Improvement Trust BAM Series 2015A 5.00%, 6/01/45	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,849,719
<b>Oregon 1.3%</b>		
Oregon State Lottery Series 2011A 5.25%, 4/01/25	695	784,134
5.25%, 4/01/25 (Pre-refunded/ETM) <sup>(b)</sup>	4,305	4,870,978
		5,655,112
<b>Pennsylvania 11.8%</b>		
Allegheny County Industrial Development Authority (Residential Resources, Inc./PA) Series 2006 5.00%, 9/01/21	410	410,898
Butler County Hospital Authority (Butler Health System Obligated Group) Series 2015 5.00%, 7/01/35-7/01/39	3,510	3,891,074
City of Philadelphia PA AGM Series 2017A 5.00%, 8/01/34	5,000	5,825,700
Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority/PA Series 2010 5.25%, 8/01/33 (Pre-refunded/ETM) <sup>(b)</sup>	3,480	3,856,710
Montour School District AGM Series 2015B 5.00%, 4/01/34-4/01/35	6,520	7,555,328
Pennsylvania Economic Development Financing Authority (PA Bridges Finco LP) Series 2015 5.00%, 12/31/34-6/30/42	9,270	10,329,732
Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission Series 2014A 5.00%, 12/01/31-12/01/33	6,355	7,379,789
Series 2017A 5.00%, 12/01/33-12/01/35	5,000	5,852,425
Philadelphia Authority for Industrial Development (LLPCS Foundation) Series 2005A 5.25%, 7/01/24 <sup>(b)(f)(g)(h)</sup>	1,150	11,500

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
School District of Philadelphia (The) Series 2016F 5.00%, 9/01/35	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,505,400
		50,618,556
<b>South Carolina 1.3%</b>		
South Carolina Ports Authority Series 2015 5.00%, 7/01/45	5,000	5,510,700
<b>Tennessee 1.9%</b>		
Chattanooga-Hamilton County Hospital Authority (Erlanger Medical Center) Series 2014 5.00%, 10/01/44	7,500	8,099,100
<b>Texas 16.6%</b>		
Alvin Independent School District/TX Series 2009B 5.00%, 2/15/28 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	960	1,008,048
Arlington Higher Education Finance Corp. (Lifeschool of Dallas) Series 2014A 5.00%, 8/15/39	4,805	5,469,916
Arlington Higher Education Finance Corp. (Uplift Education) Series 2016A 5.00%, 12/01/36	1,740	1,921,030
Austin Community College District Public Facility Corp. Series 2015 5.00%, 8/01/33	5,000	5,806,450
Austin-Bergstrom Landhost Enterprises, Inc. 5.00%, 10/01/35-10/01/36 <sup>(d)</sup>	2,400	2,758,596
Bexar County Health Facilities Development Corp. (Army Retirement Residence Obligated Group) Series 2007 5.00%, 7/01/27	305	305,390
Central Texas Regional Mobility Authority Series 2016 5.00%, 1/01/40	3,500	3,922,625
City of Arlington TX (City of Arlington TX Spl Tax) AGM Series 2017 5.00%, 2/15/34	2,500	2,879,700

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value
City of Austin TX Water & Wastewater System Revenue Series 2013A 5.00%, 11/15/28-11/15/29	\$ 8,075	\$ 9,386,881
City of Houston TX Combined Utility System Revenue Series 2011D 5.00%, 11/15/26 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	6,000	6,849,780
Dallas Independent School District Series 2008 6.00%, 2/15/28 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	2,500	2,535,500
Danbury Higher Education Authority, Inc. (Golden Rule School, Inc.) Series 2017 5.00%, 2/15/47	1,000	1,102,690
Fort Bend Independent School District Series 2009 5.00%, 2/15/27	7,560	8,063,269
Love Field Airport Modernization Corp. Series 2015 5.00%, 11/01/31	1,000	1,155,880
North Texas Tollway Authority Series 2015B 5.00%, 1/01/40	5,000	5,622,500
Texas Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation Corp. (NTE Mobility Partners LLC) Series 2009 6.875%, 12/31/39	1,720	1,907,480
Texas Private Activity Bond Surface Transportation Corp. (NTE Mobility Partners Segments 3 LLC) Series 2013 6.75%, 6/30/43	3,000	3,474,030
University of Texas System (The) Series 2009A 5.25%, 8/15/22 (Pre-refunded/ETM)	6,825	7,050,362
		71,220,127
<b>Utah 1.2%</b>		
Salt Lake City Corp. Airport Revenue Series 2017A 5.00%, 7/01/47	4,500	5,156,461
<b>Washington 2.5%</b>		
FYI Properties (FYI Properties WA State Lease) Series 2009 5.00%, 6/01/27	3,885	4,110,369

## PORTFOLIO OF INVESTMENTS (continued)

	Principal Amount (000)	U.S. \$ Value	
5.125%, 6/01/28 Port of Seattle WA Series 2015A 5.00%, 4/01/40	\$ 5,200	\$	5,510,128
	1,000		1,150,270
			10,770,767
<b>Wisconsin 0.2%</b> State of Wisconsin Series 2003-3 5.00%, 11/01/26	725		727,465
Total Long-Term Municipal Obligations (cost \$642,981,665)			686,320,832
			3,136,980

## COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

## STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY:

Common stock, no par, stated value \$.01 per share, 800,000,000 shares authorized, shares issued of 316,628,110	3,166	3,166	3,166
Convertible preferred stock, no par, stated value \$0.01 per share, 500,000 shares authorized	—	—	—
Additional paid-in capital	772,662	757,828	766,654
Accumulated other comprehensive income	6,577	1,463	5,177
Retained earnings	1,250,465	1,003,842	1,589,297
Less treasury shares, at cost	(794,194 )	(811,324 )	(807,745 )
Total stockholders' equity	1,238,676	954,975	1,556,549
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,091,290	\$3,274,513	\$4,693,529

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS	(unaudited, in 000s)		
Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013	
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$(627,577	) \$(492,373	)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Purchases of available-for-sale securities	(100	) (45,158	)
Maturities of and payments received on available-for-sale securities	49,013	55,615	
Principal payments on mortgage loans held for investment, net	13,451	24,340	
Capital expenditures	(70,927	) (86,926	)
Payments made for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(94,230	) (20,927	)
Franchise loans:			
Loans funded	(18,251	) (22,114	)
Payments received	29,637	15,883	
Other, net	10,685	15,255	
Net cash used in investing activities	(80,722	) (64,032	)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:			
Repayments of long-term debt	(400,000	) —	
Customer banking deposits, net	(316,269	) (275,800	)
Dividends paid	(109,871	) (109,324	)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	14,477	24,536	
Other, net	(33,639	) (31,948	)
Net cash used in financing activities	(845,302	) (392,536	)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	(4,216	) (7,871	)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(1,557,817	) (956,812	)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	2,185,307	1,747,584	
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$627,490	\$790,772	
SUPPLEMENTARY CASH FLOW DATA:			
Income taxes paid, net of refunds received	\$157,680	\$116,099	
Interest paid on borrowings	27,379	27,804	
Interest paid on deposits	341	1,180	
Transfers of foreclosed loans to other assets	3,155	3,889	
Accrued additions to property and equipment	3,243	6,729	
Conversion of investment in preferred stock to available-for-sale common stock	5,000	—	
Transfer of mortgage loans held for investment to held for sale	—	7,608	

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

**BASIS OF PRESENTATION** – The consolidated balance sheets as of October 31, 2014 and 2013, the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) for the three and six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 have been prepared by the Company, without audit. In the opinion of management, all adjustments, which include only normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and for all periods presented have been made.

"H&R Block," "the Company," "we," "our" and "us" are used interchangeably to refer to H&R Block, Inc. or to H&R Block, Inc. and its subsidiaries, as appropriate to the context.

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U. S. (GAAP) have been condensed or omitted. These consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in our April 30, 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K. All amounts presented herein as of April 30, 2014 or for the year then ended are derived from our April 30, 2014 Annual Report to Shareholders on Form 10-K.

**MANAGEMENT ESTIMATES** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Significant estimates, assumptions and judgments are applied in the evaluation of contingent losses arising from our discontinued mortgage business, contingent losses associated with pending claims and litigation, valuation allowances on deferred tax assets, reserves for uncertain tax positions and related matters. Estimates have been prepared based on the best information available as of each balance sheet date. As such, actual results could differ materially from those estimates.

**SEASONALITY OF BUSINESS** – Our operating revenues are seasonal in nature with peak revenues typically occurring in the months of February through April. Therefore, results for interim periods are not indicative of results to be expected for the full year.

**DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS** – Our discontinued operations include the results of operations of Sand Canyon Corporation, previously known as Option One Mortgage Corporation (including its subsidiaries, collectively, SCC), which exited its mortgage business in fiscal year 2008. See notes 13 and 14 for additional information on litigation, claims and other loss contingencies related to our discontinued operations.

NOTE 2: H&R BLOCK BANK

In April 2014, our subsidiaries, H&R Block Bank (HRB Bank) and Block Financial LLC, the sole shareholder of HRB Bank (Block Financial), entered into a definitive Purchase and Assumption Agreement (P&A Agreement) with BofI Federal Bank, a federal savings bank (BoFI). The P&A Agreement is subject to various closing conditions, including the receipt of certain required approvals, entry into certain additional agreements, and the fulfillment of various other customary conditions. If the closing conditions (including regulatory approvals) are satisfied, we will complete a transaction in which we will sell assets and assign certain liabilities, including all of HRB Bank's deposit liabilities, to BoFI (P&A Transaction). The parties to the P&A Agreement entered into a Letter Agreement, effective October 23, 2014 (Letter Agreement), which, among other things, extended the date after which any party is permitted to terminate the P&A Agreement from October 31, 2014 to May 31, 2015. The Letter Agreement was filed as an exhibit to our current report on Form 8-K on October 23, 2014.

Due to the lack of regulatory approval, we do not expect to consummate the P&A Transaction this calendar year. Therefore, we will continue offering financial services products to our clients through HRB Bank for the upcoming tax season.

If a closing had occurred as of October 31, 2014, we would have made a cash payment to BoFI for the difference in the carrying value of assets sold and the carrying value of liabilities (including deposit liabilities) transferred of approximately \$437 million. The amount of the cash payment made at closing will primarily be equal to the carrying value of the liabilities to be transferred since the carrying value of the assets to be transferred is immaterial. Due to





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the seasonality of our business, the timing of any closing of the P&A Transaction will impact the amount of deposit liabilities transferred. In connection with the closing we intend to liquidate the available-for-sale (AFS) securities held by HRB Bank, which totaled \$381 million at October 31, 2014.

In connection with the additional agreements expected to be entered into upon the closing of the P&A Transaction, BofI would offer H&R Block-branded financial products distributed by the Company to the Company's clients. An operating subsidiary of the Company would provide certain marketing, servicing and operational support to BofI with respect to such financial products.

The P&A Transaction is part of a three-step transaction pursuant to which the Company plans to divest HRB Bank (Divestiture Transaction), including: (1) the conversion of HRB Bank from a federal savings bank to a national bank; (2) the sale of certain HRB Bank assets to and assignment of certain liabilities (including all deposit liabilities) to BofI in the P&A Transaction; and (3) the merger of HRB Bank with and into Block Financial.

H&R Block, Inc., H&R Block Group, Inc. and Block Financial (our Holding Companies) are savings and loan holding companies (SLHCs) because they control HRB Bank. By consummating the Divestiture Transaction, our Holding Companies would cease to be SLHCs and would no longer be subject to regulation by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System (Federal Reserve) as SLHCs or to the regulatory capital requirements applicable to SLHCs. The obligations of the parties to complete the P&A Transaction are subject to the fulfillment of numerous conditions, including regulatory approval. We cannot be certain when or if the conditions to the P&A Transaction will be satisfied, or whether the P&A Transaction will be completed. In addition, there may be changes to the terms and conditions of the P&A Agreement and other contemplated agreements as part of the regulatory approval process.

**NOTE 3: LOSS PER SHARE AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**

**LOSS PER SHARE** – Basic and diluted loss per share is computed using the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines net income per share for each class of common stock and participating security according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Per share amounts are computed by dividing net income from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during each period. The dilutive effect of potential common shares is included in diluted earnings per share except in those periods with a loss from continuing operations. Diluted earnings per share excludes the impact of shares of common stock issuable upon the lapse of certain restrictions or the exercise of options to purchase 5.4 million shares for the three and six months ended October 31, 2014, and 6.0 million shares for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013, as the effect would be antidilutive due to the net loss from continuing operations during those periods.

The computations of basic and diluted earnings per share from continuing operations are as follows:

(in 000s, except per share amounts)

	Three months ended October 31,		Six months ended October 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss from continuing operations attributable to shareholders	\$(113,227	) \$(103,015	) \$(222,078	) \$(216,285
Amounts allocated to participating securities	(97	) (92	) (186	) (154
Net loss from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$(113,324	) \$(103,107	) \$(222,264	) \$(216,439
Basic weighted average common shares	275,106	273,907	274,841	273,494
Potential dilutive shares	—	—	—	—
Dilutive weighted average common shares	275,106	273,907	274,841	273,494
Loss per share from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders:				
Basic	\$(0.41	) \$(0.38	) \$(0.81	) \$(0.79
Diluted	(0.41	) (0.38	) (0.81	) (0.79



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**STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION** – During the six months ended October 31, 2014, we acquired 0.3 million shares of our common stock at an aggregate cost of \$10.2 million. These shares represent shares swapped or surrendered to us in connection with the vesting or exercise of stock-based awards. During the six months ended October 31, 2013, we acquired 0.2 million shares at an aggregate cost of \$5.3 million for similar purposes.

During the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, we issued 1.2 million and 1.6 million shares of common stock, respectively, due to the vesting or exercise of stock-based awards.

During the six months ended October 31, 2014, we granted equity awards equivalent to 1.0 million shares under our stock-based compensation plans, consisting primarily of nonvested units. Nonvested units generally either vest over a three-year period with one-third vesting each year or cliff vest at the end of a three-year period. Stock-based compensation expense of our continuing operations totaled \$7.1 million and \$14.6 million for the three and six months ended October 31, 2014, respectively, and \$6.2 million and \$10.8 million for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013, respectively. As of October 31, 2014, unrecognized compensation cost for stock options totaled \$0.4 million, and for nonvested shares and units totaled \$43.2 million.

**OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME** – Components of other comprehensive income include foreign currency translation adjustments and the change in net unrealized gains or losses on AFS marketable securities, and are as follows:

(in 000s)

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Unrealized Gain (Loss) on AFS Securities	Total
Balances as of May 1, 2014	\$3,334	\$1,843	\$5,177
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:			
Gross gains (losses) arising during the year	(3,355	) 7,483	4,128
Income taxes	—	2,713	2,713
	(3,355	) 4,770	1,415
Amounts reclassified to net income:			
Gross amount reclassified	—	(24	) (24
Income taxes	—	(9	) (9
	—	(15	) (15
Net other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,355	) 4,755	1,400
Balances as of October 31, 2014	\$(21	) \$6,598	\$6,577
Balances as of May 1, 2013	\$6,809	\$3,741	\$10,550
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications:			
Gross losses arising during the year	(2,510	) (10,914	) (13,424
Income taxes	—	(4,337	) (4,337
Net other comprehensive loss	(2,510	) (6,577	) (9,087
Balances as of October 31, 2013	\$4,299	\$(2,836	) \$1,463

Gross amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income are included in other income (expense), net in the consolidated statements of operations.

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## NOTE 4: RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of the following:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014		October 31, 2013		April 30, 2014	
	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term	Short-term	Long-term
Loans to franchisees	\$62,568	\$84,462	\$70,390	\$108,874	\$63,716	\$90,747
Receivables for tax preparation and related fees	36,369	—	35,927	—	45,619	—
Cash Back® receivables	1,955	—	2,036	—	48,812	—
Emerald Advance lines of credit	20,073	2,778	21,692	6,161	20,577	3,862
Royalties from franchisees	10,060	—	10,732	—	9,978	—
Note receivable	—	—	—	62,786	—	—
Other	28,426	14,565	43,893	23,868	55,494	17,186
	159,451	101,805	184,670	201,689	244,196	111,795
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(51,746 )	—	(52,969 )	(3,092 )	(52,578 )	—
	\$107,705	\$101,805	\$131,701	\$198,597	\$191,618	\$111,795

Balances presented above as short-term are included in receivables, while the long-term portions are included in other assets in the consolidated balance sheets.

LOANS TO FRANCHISEES – Franchisee loan balances as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, consisted of \$100.6 million, \$126.3 million and \$109.1 million, respectively, in term loans made primarily to finance the purchase of franchises and \$46.4 million, \$53.0 million and \$45.4 million, respectively, in revolving lines of credit primarily for the purpose of funding off-season working capital needs.

As of October 31, 2014 and 2013, loans with a principal balance of \$2.4 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, were more than 30 days past due, while we had no loans more than 30 days past due at April 30, 2014. We had no loans to franchisees on non-accrual status.

CANADIAN CASH BACK® PROGRAM – Refunds advanced under the Cash Back program are not subject to credit approval, therefore the primary indicator of credit quality is the age of the receivable amount. Cash Back amounts are generally received within 60 days of filing the client's return. As of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, \$27 thousand, \$0.1 million and \$1.9 million of Cash Back balances were more than 60 days old, respectively.

H&R BLOCK EMERALD ADVANCE® LINES OF CREDIT – We review the credit quality of our H&R Block Emerald Advance® lines of credit (EA) receivables based on pools, which are segregated by the year of origination, with older years being deemed more unlikely to be repaid. These amounts as of October 31, 2014, by year of origination, are as follows:

(in 000s)

Credit Quality Indicator – Year of origination:

2014	\$3,802
2013	1,553
2012 and prior	4,412
Revolving loans	13,084
	\$22,851

As of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, \$20.0 million, \$26.2 million and \$20.7 million of EAs were on non-accrual status and classified as impaired, or more than 60 days past due, respectively.

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ALLOWANCE FOR DOUBTFUL ACCOUNTS – Activity in the allowance for doubtful accounts for our short-term and long-term receivables for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:  
(in 000s)

	EAs	Loans to Franchisees	Cash Back ®	All Other	Total	
Balances as of May 1, 2014	\$7,530	\$—	\$3,002	\$42,046	\$52,578	
Provision	380	—	149	2,195	2,724	
Charge-offs	—	—	(1,074	) (2,482	) (3,556	)
Balances as of October 31, 2014	\$7,910	\$—	\$2,077	\$41,759	\$51,746	
Balances as of May 1, 2013	\$7,390	\$—	\$2,769	\$47,544	\$57,703	
Provision	—	—	188	5,923	6,111	
Charge-offs	—	—	(479	) (7,274	) (7,753	)
Balances as of October 31, 2013	\$7,390	\$—	\$2,478	\$46,193	\$56,061	

## NOTE 5: MORTGAGE LOANS HELD FOR INVESTMENT

The composition of our mortgage loan portfolio is as follows:

(dollars in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014		October 31, 2013		April 30, 2014		
	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	Amount	% of Total	
Adjustable-rate loans	\$138,808	54	% \$165,289	54	% \$149,480	54	%
Fixed-rate loans	119,920	46	% 140,814	46	% 127,943	46	%
	258,728	100	% 306,103	100	% 277,423	100	%
Unamortized deferred fees and costs	2,125		2,508		2,277		
Less: Allowance for loan losses	(9,761	)	(12,704	)	(11,272	)	
	\$251,092		\$295,907		\$268,428		

Our loan loss allowance as a percent of mortgage loans was 3.8% as of October 31, 2014, compared to 4.2% as of October 31, 2013 and 4.1% as of April 30, 2014.

Activity in the allowance for loan losses for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:  
(in 000s)

Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013	
Balance at beginning of the period	\$11,272	\$14,314	
Provision	735	7,224	
Recoveries	911	2,409	
Charge-offs	(3,157	) (11,243	)
Balance at end of the period	\$9,761	\$12,704	

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When determining our allowance for loan losses, we evaluate loans less than 60 days past due on a pooled basis, while loans we consider impaired, including those loans more than 60 days past due or modified as a troubled debt restructuring (TDR), are evaluated individually. The balance of these loans and the related allowance is as follows:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014		October 31, 2013		April 30, 2014	
	Portfolio Balance	Related Allowance	Portfolio Balance	Related Allowance	Portfolio Balance	Related Allowance
Pooled (less than 60 days past due)	\$ 147,614	\$ 3,768	\$ 178,497	\$ 5,523	\$ 158,496	\$ 4,508
Impaired:						
Individually (TDRs)	40,201	4,237	47,011	4,598	43,865	4,346
Individually (60 days or more past due)	70,913	1,756	80,595	2,583	75,062	2,418
	\$ 258,728	\$ 9,761	\$ 306,103	\$ 12,704	\$ 277,423	\$ 11,272

Detail of our mortgage loans held for investment and the related allowance as of October 31, 2014 is as follows:  
(dollars in 000s)

	Outstanding	Loan Loss Allowance		% 30+ Days	
	Principal Balance	Amount	% of Principal	Past Due	
Purchased from SCC	\$ 148,833	\$ 7,847	5.3	% 27.9	%
All other	109,895	1,914	1.7	% 6.9	%
	\$ 258,728	\$ 9,761	3.8	% 19.0	%

Credit quality indicators as of October 31, 2014 include the following:  
(in 000s)

Credit Quality Indicators	Purchased from SCC	All Other	Total Portfolio
Occupancy status:			
Owner occupied	\$ 109,069	\$ 72,767	\$ 181,836
Non-owner occupied	39,764	37,128	76,892
	\$ 148,833	\$ 109,895	\$ 258,728
Documentation level:			
Full documentation	\$ 49,157	\$ 77,974	\$ 127,131
Limited documentation	4,676	12,114	16,790
Stated income	83,074	12,305	95,379
No documentation	11,926	7,502	19,428
	\$ 148,833	\$ 109,895	\$ 258,728
Internal risk rating:			
High	\$ 41,758	\$ —	\$ 41,758
Medium	107,075	—	107,075
Low	—	109,895	109,895
	\$ 148,833	\$ 109,895	\$ 258,728

Loans given our internal risk rating of "high" generally had no documentation or were based on stated income. Loans given our internal risk rating of "medium" generally had full documentation or were based on stated income, with loan-to-value ratios at origination of more than 80%, and were made to borrowers with credit scores below 700 at origination. Loans given our internal risk rating of "low" generally had loan-to-value ratios at origination of less than 80% and were made to borrowers with credit scores greater than 700 at origination.

Our mortgage loans held for investment include concentrations of loans to borrowers in certain states, which may result in increased exposure to loss as a result of changes in real estate values and underlying economic or market



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conditions related to a particular geographical location. Approximately 52% of our mortgage loan portfolio consists of loans to borrowers located in the states of Florida, California and New York.

Detail of the aging of the mortgage loans in our portfolio as of October 31, 2014 is as follows:

(in 000s)

	Less than 60 Days Past Due	60 – 89 Days Past Due	90+ Days Past Due <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Past Due	Current	Total
Purchased from SCC	\$11,199	\$324	\$47,514	\$59,037	\$89,796	\$148,833
All other	4,613	78	7,530	12,221	97,674	109,895
	\$15,812	\$402	\$55,044	\$71,258	\$187,470	\$258,728

<sup>(1)</sup> We do not accrue interest on loans past due 90 days or more.

Information related to our non-accrual loans is as follows:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014	October 31, 2013	April 30, 2014
Loans:			
Purchased from SCC	\$60,254	\$67,641	\$61,767
Other	11,439	12,723	12,528
	71,693	80,364	74,295
TDRs:			
Purchased from SCC	5,059	3,832	4,648
Other	940	881	951
	5,999	4,713	5,599
Total non-accrual loans	\$77,692	\$85,077	\$79,894

Information related to impaired loans is as follows:

(in 000s)

	Balance With Allowance	Balance With No Allowance	Total Impaired Loans	Related Allowance
As of October 31, 2014:				
Purchased from SCC	\$25,494	\$68,138	\$93,632	\$4,984
Other	3,732	13,750	17,482	1,009
	\$29,226	\$81,888	\$111,114	\$5,993
As of October 31, 2013:				
Purchased from SCC	\$30,100	\$77,052	\$107,152	\$5,762
Other	5,196	15,258	20,454	1,419
	\$35,296	\$92,310	\$127,606	\$7,181
As of April 30, 2014:				
Purchased from SCC	\$27,924	\$71,075	\$98,999	\$3,239
Other	5,176	14,752	19,928	3,525
	\$33,100	\$85,827	\$118,927	\$6,764



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Information related to the allowance for impaired loans is as follows:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014	October 31, 2013	April 30, 2014
Portion of total allowance for loan losses allocated to impaired loans and TDR loans:			
Based on collateral value method	\$1,756	\$2,583	\$2,418
Based on discounted cash flow method	4,237	4,598	4,346
	\$5,993	\$7,181	\$6,764

Information related to activities of our non-performing assets is as follows:

(in 000s)

Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013
Average impaired loans:		
Purchased from SCC	\$99,706	\$121,532
All other	19,404	23,646
	\$119,110	\$145,178

## NOTE 6: INVESTMENTS

The amortized cost and fair value of securities classified as AFS are summarized below:

(in 000s)

	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
As of October 31, 2014:				
Mortgage-backed securities	\$371,297	\$9,783	\$—	\$381,080
Municipal bonds	4,091	151	—	4,242
Common stock	5,000	532	—	5,532
U.S. treasury bills	100	—	—	100
	\$380,488	\$10,466	\$—	\$390,954
As of October 31, 2013:				
Mortgage-backed securities	465,861	4,422	(9,348)	) 460,935
Municipal bonds	4,149	260	—	4,409
	\$470,010	\$4,682	\$(9,348)	) \$465,344
As of April 30, 2014:				
Mortgage-backed securities	\$420,697	\$2,798	\$—	\$423,495
Municipal bonds	4,120	209	—	4,329
	\$424,817	\$3,007	\$—	\$427,824

Substantially all AFS debt securities held as of October 31, 2014 mature after five years.

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## NOTE 7: GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill of our Tax Services segment for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 are as follows:

(in 000s)

	Goodwill	Accumulated Impairment Losses	Net	
Balances as of April 30, 2014	\$468,414	\$(32,297	) \$436,117	
Acquisitions	28,378	—	28,378	
Disposals and foreign currency changes, net Impairments	(313 —	) — —	(313 —	)
Balances as of October 31, 2014	\$496,479	\$(32,297	) \$464,182	
Balances as of April 30, 2013	\$467,079	\$(32,297	) \$434,782	
Acquisitions	9,207	—	9,207	
Disposals and foreign currency changes, net Impairments	(1,177 —	) — —	(1,177 —	)
Balances as of October 31, 2013	\$475,109	\$(32,297	) \$442,812	

The increase in goodwill resulted from acquired franchisee and competitor businesses during the period.

We test goodwill for impairment annually or more frequently if events occur or circumstances change which would, more likely than not, reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value.

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Components of the intangible assets of our Tax Services segment are as follows:

(in 000s)

	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
As of October 31, 2014:			
Reacquired franchise rights	\$278,159	\$(33,721)	) \$244,438
Customer relationships	148,407	(66,714)	) 81,693
Internally-developed software	110,140	(77,925)	) 32,215
Noncompete agreements	28,960	(22,774)	) 6,186
Franchise agreements	19,201	(7,574)	) 11,627
Purchased technology	54,700	(16,814)	) 37,886
	\$639,567	\$(225,522)	) \$414,045
As of October 31, 2013:			
Reacquired franchise rights	\$222,371	\$(20,414)	) \$201,957
Customer relationships	109,237	(53,501)	) 55,736
Internally-developed software	98,738	(76,517)	) 22,221
Noncompete agreements	23,659	(21,898)	) 1,761
Franchise agreements	19,201	(6,294)	) 12,907
Purchased technology	14,800	(13,169)	) 1,631
	\$488,006	\$(191,793)	) \$296,213
As of April 30, 2014:			
Reacquired franchise rights	\$233,749	\$(26,136)	) \$207,613
Customer relationships	123,110	(59,521)	) 63,589
Internally-developed software	101,162	(72,598)	) 28,564
Noncompete agreements	24,694	(22,223)	) 2,471
Franchise agreements	19,201	(6,934)	) 12,267
Purchased technology	54,900	(13,782)	) 41,118
	\$556,816	\$(201,194)	) \$355,622

Amortization of intangible assets for the three and six months ended October 31, 2014 was \$13.2 million and \$24.5 million, respectively. Amortization of intangible assets for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013 was \$6.5 million and \$12.6 million, respectively. Estimated amortization of intangible assets for fiscal years 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 is \$52.0 million, \$48.1 million, \$40.6 million, \$35.8 million and \$31.5 million, respectively.

The increase in intangible assets resulted primarily from acquired franchisee and competitor businesses during the period. The weighted-average life of the acquired assets is as follows:

Assets acquired	Weighted-Average Life (in years)
Reacquired franchise rights	6
Customer relationships	5
Internally-developed software	5
Noncompete agreements	5
Total	6

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## NOTE 8: LONG-TERM DEBT

The components of long-term debt are as follows:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014	October 31, 2013	April 30, 2014
Senior Notes, 5.500%, due November 2022	\$497,753	\$497,471	\$497,612
Senior Notes, 5.125%, due October 2014	—	399,765	399,882
Capital lease obligation	8,607	9,345	8,980
	506,360	906,581	906,474
Less: Current portion	(772	) (400,503	) (400,637
	\$505,588	\$506,078	\$505,837

Our 5.125% Senior Notes with a principal balance of \$400 million matured in October 2014 and, utilizing available cash on hand, we repaid them according to their terms.

## NOTE 9: FAIR VALUE

## FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENT

Assets measured on a recurring basis are initially measured at fair value and are required to be remeasured at fair value in the financial statements at each reporting date. Our investments in AFS securities are carried at fair value on a recurring basis with gains and losses reported as a component of other comprehensive income, except for losses assessed to be other than temporary. Our AFS securities include certain agency and agency-sponsored mortgage-backed securities and municipal bonds. Quoted market prices are not available for these securities, as they are not actively traded and have fewer observable transactions. As a result, we use third-party pricing services to determine fair value and classify the securities as Level 2. The third-party pricing services' models are based on market data and utilize available trade, bid and other market information for similar securities. There were no transfers of AFS securities between hierarchy levels during the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013. See note 6 for details of our AFS securities that were remeasured at fair value on a recurring basis during the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 and the unrealized gains or losses on those remeasurements.

The following table presents the assets that were remeasured at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 and the losses on those remeasurements:

(dollars in 000s)

	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Losses
As of October 31, 2014:					
Impaired mortgage loans held for investment	\$62,300	\$—	\$—	\$62,300	\$(1,440)
As a percentage of total assets	2.0	% —	% —	% 2.0	%
As of October 31, 2013:					
Impaired mortgage loans held for investment	\$76,148	\$—	\$—	\$76,148	\$(2,353)
As a percentage of total assets	2.3	% —	% —	% 2.3	%

The fair value of impaired mortgage loans held for investment is generally based on the net present value of discounted cash flows for TDR loans or the appraised value of the underlying collateral for all other loans. Impaired and TDR loans are required to be remeasured at least annually, based on HRB Bank's loan policy. These loans are classified as Level 3.

We have established various controls and procedures to ensure that the unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of these instruments are appropriate. Appraisals are obtained from certified appraisers and reviewed internally by HRB Bank's asset management group. The inputs and assumptions used in our discounted cash flow

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model for TDRs are reviewed and approved by HRB Bank management each time the balances are remeasured.

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Significant changes in fair value from the previous measurement are presented to HRB Bank management for approval. There were no changes to the unobservable inputs used in determining the fair values of our Level 3 financial assets.

The following table presents the quantitative information about our Level 3 fair value measurements, which utilize significant unobservable internally-developed inputs:

(in 000s)

	Fair Value as of October 31, 2014	Valuation Technique	Unobservable Input	Range (Weighted Average)
Impaired mortgage loans held for investment – non TDRs	\$ 69,157	Collateral-based	Cost to list/sell	0% – 190%(9%)
			Time to sell (months)	24 (24)
			Collateral depreciation	(166%) – 100%(39%)
			Loss severity	0% – 100%(61%)
Impaired mortgage loans held for investment – TDRs	\$ 35,964	Discounted cash flow	Aged default performance	24% – 38%(31%)
			Loss severity	0% – 22%(7%)

**ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

The carrying amounts and estimated fair values of our financial instruments are as follows:

(in 000s)

As of	October 31, 2014		October 31, 2013		April 30, 2014	
	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Estimated Fair Value
<b>Assets:</b>						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$627,490	\$627,490	\$790,772	\$790,772	\$2,185,307	\$2,185,307
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	55,543	55,543	47,521	47,521	115,319	115,319
Receivables, net - short-term	107,705	107,705	131,701	133,884	191,618	191,618
Mortgage loans held for investment, net	251,092	192,411	295,907	211,690	268,428	192,281
Investments in AFS securities	390,954	390,954	465,344	465,344	427,824	427,824
Receivables, net - long-term	101,805	101,805	198,597	206,481	111,795	111,795
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Customer banking deposits	455,308	452,351	656,305	656,300	770,288	765,376
Long-term debt	506,360	550,332	906,581	947,350	906,474	955,050
Contingent consideration payments	10,555	10,555	12,454	12,454	9,206	9,206

Fair value estimates, methods and assumptions are set forth below. The fair value was not estimated for assets and liabilities that are not considered financial instruments.

Cash and cash equivalents, including restricted - Fair value approximates the carrying amount (Level 1).

Receivables, net - short-term - For short-term balances the carrying values reported in the balance sheet approximate fair market value due to the relative short-term nature of the respective instruments (Level 1).

Mortgage loans held for investment, net - The fair value of mortgage loans held for investment is determined using market pricing sources based on projected future cash flows of each individual asset, and loan characteristics including channel and performance characteristics (Level 3).

Investments in AFS securities - For mortgage-backed securities, we use a third-party pricing service to determine fair value. The service's pricing model is based on market data and utilizes available trade, bid and other market information for similar securities (Level 2). The fair value of our investment in common stock is determined based on quoted market prices (Level 1).

Receivables, net - long-term - The carrying values for the long-term portion of loans to franchisees approximate fair market value due to variable interest rates, low historical delinquency rates and franchise territories serving as collateral (Level 1). Long-term EA receivables are carried at net realizable value which approximates fair value (Level 3). Net realizable value is determined based on historical collection rates.



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Customer banking deposits - The fair value of deposits with no stated maturity, such as non-interest-bearing demand deposits, checking, money market and savings accounts, is equal to the amount payable on demand (Level 1). The fair value of IRAs and other time deposits is estimated by discounting the future cash flows using the rates currently offered by HRB Bank for products with similar remaining maturities (Level 3).

Long-term debt - The fair value of our Senior Notes is based on quotes from multiple banks (Level 2).

Contingent consideration payments - Fair value approximates the carrying amount (Level 3).

**NOTE 10: INCOME TAXES**

We file a consolidated federal income tax return in the United States (U.S.) with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and file tax returns in various state and foreign jurisdictions. Tax returns are typically examined and settled upon completion of the examination, with tax controversies settled either at the exam level or through the appeals process. The Company's U.S. federal consolidated tax returns for 2011 and 2012 are currently under examination.

We had gross unrecognized tax benefits of \$112.9 million, \$129.8 million and \$111.5 million as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, respectively. The gross unrecognized tax benefits increased \$1.4 million and decreased \$16.6 million during the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The increase in unrecognized tax benefits during the six months ending October 31, 2014 is related to various current year federal and state tax positions offset by benefits from tax positions expiring due to statutes of limitations. We believe it is reasonably possible that the balance of unrecognized tax benefits could decrease by approximately \$18 million within the next twelve months. The anticipated decrease is due to the expiration of statutes of limitations and anticipated settlements of federal and state audit issues. The portion of unrecognized benefits expected to be cash settled within the next twelve months amounts to \$11.6 million and is included in accrued income taxes on our consolidated balance sheet. The remaining liability for uncertain tax positions is classified as long-term and is included in other noncurrent liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet.

Consistent with prior years, our pretax loss for the six months ended October 31, 2014 is expected to be offset by income in the fourth quarter due to the established pattern of seasonality in our primary business operations. As such, management has determined that it is more-likely-than-not that realization of tax benefits recorded in our financial statements will occur in our fiscal year. The amount of tax benefit recorded reflects management's estimate of the annual effective tax rate applied to the year-to-date loss from continuing operations. Certain discrete tax adjustments are also reflected in income tax expense for the periods presented.

Excluding discrete items, management's estimate of the annualized effective tax rate for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013 was 37.8% and 38.7%, respectively. Our effective tax rate for continuing operations, including the effects of discrete income tax items was 41.0% and 40.6% for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Due to the loss in both periods, a discrete tax benefit in either period increases the tax rate while an item of discrete tax expense decreases the tax rate. During the six months ended October 31, 2014, a net discrete tax benefit of \$12.1 million was recorded compared to a net discrete tax benefit of \$6.9 million in the same period of the prior year. Virtually all of the \$12.1 million current year discrete tax benefit was recorded in the second quarter. This benefit was due largely to tax reserves released resulting from tax positions expiring due to statutes of limitations. Due to the seasonal nature of our business, the effective tax rate through our second quarter may not be indicative of the rate for our full fiscal year.



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## NOTE 11: INTEREST INCOME AND INTEREST EXPENSE

The following table shows the components of interest income and expense:

(in 000s)

	Three months ended October 31,		Six months ended October 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Interest income:				
Mortgage loans, net	2,989	3,631	\$5,967	\$7,173
Loans to franchisees	1,890	2,384	3,961	4,673
AFS securities	2,133	2,513	4,403	4,854
Other	2,418	2,098	4,398	5,123
	\$9,430	\$10,626	\$18,729	\$21,823
Interest expense:				
Borrowings	\$13,843	\$13,801	\$27,638	\$27,604
Deposits	140	513	285	1,156
	\$13,983	\$14,314	\$27,923	\$28,760

The presentation of interest expense from borrowings in the amount of \$13.8 million and \$27.6 million for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013, respectively, has been restated to correct errors in presentation. We reclassified such interest expense from cost of revenues to a separate caption.

## NOTE 12: COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Changes in deferred revenue balances related to our Peace of Mind® (POM) program, the current portion of which is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and the long-term portion of which is included in other noncurrent liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets, are as follows:

(in 000s)

Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013
Balance, beginning of the period	\$145,237	\$146,286
Amounts deferred for new guarantees issued	2,104	1,840
Revenue recognized on previous deferrals	(40,816	) (46,977
Balance, end of the period	\$106,525	\$101,149

We accrued \$10.7 million, \$16.7 million and \$11.4 million as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, respectively, related to estimated losses under our standard guarantee, which is included with our standard in-office tax preparation services. The current portion of this liability is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and the long-term portion is included in other noncurrent liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

We have accrued estimated contingent consideration payments totaling \$10.6 million, \$12.5 million and \$9.2 million as of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, respectively, related to acquisitions, with the short-term amount recorded in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities and the long-term portion included in other noncurrent liabilities. Estimates of contingent payments are typically based on expected financial performance of the acquired business and economic conditions at the time of acquisition. Should actual results differ from our assumptions, future payments made will differ from the above estimate and any differences will be recorded in results from continuing operations.

We have contractual commitments to fund certain franchises with approved revolving lines of credit. Our total obligation under these lines of credit was \$81.0 million at October 31, 2014, and net of amounts drawn and outstanding, our remaining commitment to fund totaled \$34.5 million.

We maintain compensating balances with certain financial institutions that are creditors in our \$1.5 billion unsecured committed line of credit governed by a Credit and Guarantee Agreement (2012 CLOC), which are not legally



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restricted as to withdrawal. We had no material compensating balances as of October 31, 2014. These balances may fluctuate significantly over the course of any fiscal year.

**NOTE 13: LITIGATION AND RELATED CONTINGENCIES**

We are a defendant in numerous litigation matters, arising both in the ordinary course of business and otherwise, including as described below. The matters described below are not all of the lawsuits to which we are subject. In some of the matters, very large or indeterminate amounts, including punitive damages, are sought. U.S. jurisdictions permit considerable variation in the assertion of monetary damages or other relief. Jurisdictions may permit claimants not to specify the monetary damages sought or may permit claimants to state only that the amount sought is sufficient to invoke the jurisdiction of the court. In addition, jurisdictions may permit plaintiffs to allege monetary damages in amounts well exceeding reasonably possible verdicts in the jurisdiction for similar matters. We believe that the monetary relief which may be specified in a lawsuit or a claim bears little relevance to its merits or disposition value due to this variability in pleadings and our experience in litigating or resolving through settlement of numerous claims over an extended period of time.

The outcome of a litigation matter and the amount or range of potential loss at particular points in time may be difficult to ascertain. Among other things, uncertainties can include how fact finders will evaluate documentary evidence and the credibility and effectiveness of witness testimony, and how trial and appellate courts will apply the law. Disposition valuations are also subject to the uncertainty of how opposing parties and their counsel will themselves view the relevant evidence and applicable law.

In addition to litigation matters, we are also subject to claims and other loss contingencies arising out of our business activities, including as described below.

We accrue liabilities for litigation, claims and other loss contingencies and any related settlements (each referred to, individually, as a "matter" and, collectively, as "matters") when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities have been accrued for a number of the matters noted below. If a range of loss is estimated, and some amount within that range appears to be a better estimate than any other amount within that range, then that amount is accrued. If no amount within the range can be identified as a better estimate than any other amount, we accrue the minimum amount in the range.

For such matters where a loss is believed to be reasonably possible, but not probable, or the loss cannot be reasonably estimated, no accrual has been made. It is possible that such matters could require us to pay damages or make other expenditures or accrue liabilities in amounts that could not be reasonably estimated as of October 31, 2014. While the potential future liabilities could be material in the particular quarterly or annual periods in which they are recorded, based on information currently known, we do not believe any such liabilities are likely to have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows. As of October 31, 2014 and 2013 and April 30, 2014, we accrued liabilities of \$10.3 million, \$20.6 million and \$23.7 million, respectively, for matters other than those described in note 14.

For some matters where a liability has not been accrued, we are able to estimate a reasonably possible loss or range of loss. This estimated range of reasonably possible loss is based upon currently available information and is subject to significant judgment and a variety of assumptions, as well as known and unknown uncertainties. The matters underlying the estimated range will change from time to time, and actual results may vary significantly from the current estimate. Those matters for which an estimate is not reasonably possible are not included within this estimated range. Therefore, this estimated range of reasonably possible loss represents what we believe to be an estimate of reasonably possible loss only for certain matters meeting these criteria. It does not represent our maximum loss exposure. For those matters, and for matters where a liability has been accrued, as of October 31, 2014, we believe the aggregate range of reasonably possible losses in excess of amounts accrued is not material.

For other matters, we are not currently able to estimate the reasonably possible loss or range of loss. We are often unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss until developments in such matters have provided sufficient information to support an assessment of the reasonably possible loss or range of loss, such as quantification of a damage demand from plaintiffs, discovery from other parties and investigation of factual allegations, rulings by courts on motions or appeals, analysis by experts, or the status of any settlement negotiations.



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On a quarterly and annual basis, we review relevant information with respect to litigation and other loss contingencies and update our accruals, disclosures and estimates of reasonably possible loss or range of loss based on such reviews. Costs incurred with defending matters are expensed as incurred. Any receivable for insurance recoveries is recorded separately from the corresponding liability, and only if recovery is determined to be probable and reasonably estimable.

We believe we have meritorious defenses to the claims asserted in the various matters described in this note, and we intend to defend them vigorously, but there can be no assurances as to their outcomes. In the event of unfavorable outcomes, it could require modifications to our operations; in addition, the amounts that may be required to be paid to discharge or settle the matters could be substantial and could have a material adverse impact on our business and consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

**LITIGATION, CLAIMS, INCLUDING INDEMNIFICATION CLAIMS, OR OTHER LOSS CONTINGENCIES PERTAINING TO DISCONTINUED MORTGAGE OPERATIONS** – Although SCC ceased its mortgage loan origination activities in December 2007 and sold its loan servicing business in April 2008, SCC or the Company have been, remain, or may in the future be subject to litigation, claims, including indemnification claims, and other loss contingencies pertaining to SCC's mortgage business activities that occurred prior to such termination and sale. These contingencies, claims and lawsuits include actions by regulators, third parties seeking indemnification, including depositors and underwriters, individual plaintiffs, and cases in which plaintiffs seek to represent a class of others alleged to be similarly situated. Among other things, these contingencies, claims and lawsuits allege or may allege discriminatory or unfair and deceptive loan origination and servicing (including debt collection, foreclosure and eviction) practices, other common law torts, rights to indemnification and contribution, breach of contract, violations of securities laws and a variety of federal statutes, including the Truth in Lending Act (TILA), Equal Credit Opportunity Act, Fair Housing Act, Real Estate Settlement Procedures Act (RESPA), Home Ownership & Equity Protection Act (HOEPA), as well as similar state statutes. Given the impact of the financial crisis on the non-prime mortgage environment, the aggregate volume of these matters is substantial although it is difficult to predict either the likelihood of new matters being initiated or the outcome of existing matters. In many of these matters, including certain of the lawsuits and claims described below, it is not possible to estimate a reasonably possible loss or range of loss due to, among other things, the inherent uncertainties involved in these matters, some of which are beyond the Company's control, and the indeterminate damages sought in some of these matters.

On October 15, 2010, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago (FHLB-Chicago) filed a lawsuit in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois (Case No. 10CH45033) styled Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago v. Bank of America Funding Corporation, et al. against multiple defendants, including various SCC-related entities, H&R Block, Inc. and other entities, arising out of FHLB-Chicago's purchase of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBSs). The plaintiff seeks rescission and damages under state securities law and for common law negligent misrepresentation in connection with its purchase of two securities collateralized by loans originated and securitized by SCC. These two securities had a total initial principal amount of approximately \$50 million, of which approximately \$34 million remains outstanding. The plaintiff agreed to voluntarily dismiss H&R Block, Inc. from the suit. The remaining defendants, including SCC, filed motions to dismiss, which the court denied. The defendants moved for leave to appeal and the circuit court denied the motion. A portion of our loss contingency accrual is related to this matter for the amount of loss that we consider probable and reasonably estimable.

On May 31, 2012, a lawsuit was filed by Homeward Residential, Inc. (Homeward) in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, County of New York, against SCC styled Homeward Residential, Inc. v. Sand Canyon Corporation (Index No. 651885/2012). SCC removed the case to the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York on June 28, 2012 (Case No. 12-cv-5067). The plaintiff, in its capacity as the master servicer for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-2 and for the benefit of the trustee and the certificate holders of such trust, asserts claims for breach of contract, anticipatory breach, indemnity and declaratory judgment in connection with alleged losses incurred as a result of the breach of representations and warranties relating to SCC and to loans sold to the trust. The plaintiff seeks specific performance of alleged repurchase obligations or damages to compensate the trust and its certificate holders for alleged actual and anticipated losses, as well as a repurchase of all loans due to alleged misrepresentations by SCC as to itself and as to the loans' compliance with its underwriting standards and the value of

underlying real estate. In response to a motion filed by SCC, the court dismissed the plaintiff's claims for breach of the duty to cure or repurchase, anticipatory breach, indemnity, and declaratory judgment. The case is proceeding on the remaining claims. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a liability related to this matter.

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On September 28, 2012, a second lawsuit was filed by Homeward in the District Court for the Southern District of New York against SCC styled Homeward Residential, Inc. v. Sand Canyon Corporation (Case No. 12-cv-7319). The plaintiff, in its capacity as the master servicer for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2006-3 and for the benefit of the trustee and the certificate holders of such trust, asserts claims for breach of contract and indemnity in connection with losses allegedly incurred as a result of the breach of representations and warranties relating to 96 loans sold to the trust. The plaintiff seeks specific performance of alleged repurchase obligations or damages to compensate the trust and its certificate holders for alleged actual and anticipated losses. In response to a motion filed by SCC, the court dismissed the plaintiff's claims for breach of the duty to cure and repurchase and for indemnification of its costs associated with the litigation. The case is proceeding on the remaining claims. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a liability related to this matter.

On April 5, 2013, a third lawsuit was filed by Homeward in the District Court for the Southern District of New York against SCC. The suit, styled Homeward Residential, Inc. v. Sand Canyon Corporation (Case No. 13-cv-2107), was filed as a related matter to the September 2012 Homeward suit mentioned above. In this April 2013 lawsuit, the plaintiff, in its capacity as the master servicer for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-4 and for the benefit of the trustee and the certificate holders of such trust, asserts claims for breach of contract and indemnity in connection with losses allegedly incurred as a result of the breach of representations and warranties relating to 159 loans sold to the trust. The plaintiff seeks specific performance of alleged repurchase obligations or damages to compensate the trust and its certificate holders for alleged actual and anticipated losses. In response to a motion filed by SCC, the court dismissed the plaintiff's claims for breach of the duty to cure and repurchase and for indemnification of its costs associated with the litigation. The case is proceeding on the remaining claims. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a liability related to this matter.

Underwriters and depositors are, or have been, involved in multiple lawsuits related to securitization transactions in which SCC participated. These lawsuits allege or alleged a variety of claims, including violations of federal and state securities laws and common law fraud, based on alleged materially inaccurate or misleading disclosures. Based on information currently available to SCC, it believes that the 19 lawsuits in which SCC received notice of a claim for indemnification of losses and expenses, involved 38 securitization transactions with original investments of approximately \$14 billion (of which the outstanding principal amount is approximately \$4 billion). Because SCC has not been a party to these lawsuits (with the exception of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Chicago v. Bank of America Funding Corporation case discussed above) and has not had control of this litigation or any settlements thereof, SCC does not have precise information about the amount of damages or other remedies being asserted, the defenses to the claims in such lawsuits or the terms of any settlements of such lawsuits. SCC therefore cannot reasonably estimate the amount of potential losses or associated fees and expenses that may be incurred in connection with such lawsuits, which may be material. Additional lawsuits against the underwriters or depositors may be filed in the future, and SCC may receive additional notices of claims for indemnification from underwriters or depositors with respect to existing or new lawsuits or settlements of such lawsuits. Certain of the notices received included, and future notices may include, a reservation of rights that encompasses a right of contribution which may become operative if indemnification is unavailable or insufficient to cover all of the losses and expenses involved. We have not concluded that a loss related to any of these indemnification claims is probable, nor have we accrued a liability related to any of these claims.

LITIGATION, CLAIMS OR OTHER LOSS CONTINGENCIES PERTAINING TO CONTINUING OPERATIONS – RAL and RAC Litigation. A series of putative class action lawsuits were filed against us in various federal courts beginning on November 17, 2011 concerning the refund anticipation loan (RAL) and refund anticipation check (RAC) products. The plaintiffs generally allege we engaged in unfair, deceptive or fraudulent acts in violation of various state consumer protection laws by facilitating RALs that were accompanied by allegedly inaccurate TILA disclosures, and by offering RACs without any TILA disclosures. Certain plaintiffs also allege violation of disclosure requirements of various state statutes expressly governing RALs and provisions of those statutes prohibiting tax preparers from charging or retaining certain fees. Collectively, the plaintiffs seek to represent clients who purchased RAL or RAC products in up to forty-two states and the District of Columbia during timeframes ranging from 2007 to the present. The plaintiffs seek equitable relief, disgorgement of profits, compensatory and statutory damages, restitution, civil

penalties, attorneys' fees and costs. These cases were consolidated by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation into a single proceeding in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois for coordinated pretrial proceedings, styled IN RE: H&R Block Refund Anticipation Loan Litigation (MDL No. 2373/No: 1:12-CV-02973-JBG ). On July 23, 2014, the MDL court granted our motion to compel arbitration of the claims of the named plaintiffs and stayed the



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cases pending arbitration. The MDL court subsequently certified its July 23 order for interlocutory appeal. On October 16, 2014, Plaintiffs filed a petition for permission to appeal with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals, which remains pending. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a loss contingency related to this matter.

Compliance Fee Litigation. On April 16, 2012, a putative class action lawsuit was filed against us in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, Missouri styled Manuel H. Lopez III v. H&R Block, Inc., et al. (Case # 1216CV12290) concerning a compliance fee charged to retail tax clients in the 2011 and 2012 tax seasons. The plaintiff seeks to represent all Missouri citizens who were charged the compliance fee, and asserts claims of violation of the Missouri Merchandising Practices Act, money had and received, and unjust enrichment. We filed a motion to compel arbitration of the 2011 claims. The court denied the motion. We filed an appeal. On May 6, 2014, the Missouri Court of Appeals, Western District, reversed the ruling of the trial court and remanded the case for further consideration of the motion. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a loss contingency related to this matter.

On April 19, 2012, a putative class action lawsuit was filed against us in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri styled Ronald Perras v. H&R Block, Inc., et al. (Case No. 4:12-cv-00450-DGK) concerning a compliance fee charged to retail tax clients in the 2011 and 2012 tax seasons. The plaintiff seeks to represent all persons nationwide (excluding citizens of Missouri) who were charged the compliance fee, and asserts claims of violation of various state consumer laws, money had and received, and unjust enrichment. In November 2013, the court compelled arbitration of the 2011 claims and stayed all proceedings with respect to those claims. On June 20, 2014, the court denied class certification of the remaining 2012 claims. Plaintiff filed an appeal of the denial of class certification to the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals, which remains pending. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a loss contingency related to this matter.

Form 8863 Litigation. A series of putative class action lawsuits were filed against us in various federal courts and one state court beginning on March 13, 2013. Taken together, the plaintiffs in these lawsuits purport to represent certain clients nationwide who filed Form 8863 during tax season 2013 through an H&R Block office or using H&R Block At Home® online tax services or tax preparation software, and allege breach of contract, negligence and violation of state consumer laws in connection with transmission of the form. The plaintiffs seek damages, pre-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs. In August 2013, the plaintiff in the state court action voluntarily dismissed her case without prejudice. On October 10, 2013, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation granted our petition to consolidate the remaining federal lawsuits for coordinated pretrial proceedings in the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri in a proceeding styled IN RE: H&R BLOCK IRS FORM 8863 LITIGATION (MDL No. 2474/Case No. 4:13-MD-02474-FJG). On July 11, 2014, the MDL court granted our motion to compel arbitration for those named plaintiffs who agreed to arbitrate their claims. Plaintiffs filed a consolidated class action complaint in October 2014. We filed a motion to strike class allegations in the consolidated complaint relating to clients who agreed to arbitration, which remains pending. We have not concluded that a loss related to this matter is probable, nor have we accrued a liability related to this matter.

**LITIGATION, CLAIMS AND OTHER LOSS CONTINGENCIES PERTAINING TO OTHER DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS –**

Express IRA Litigation. On January 2, 2008, the Mississippi Attorney General in the Chancery Court of Hinds County, Mississippi First Judicial District (Case No. G 2008 6 S 2) filed a lawsuit regarding our former Express IRA product that is styled Jim Hood, Attorney for the State of Mississippi v. H&R Block, Inc., H&R Block Financial Advisors, Inc., et al. The complaint alleges fraudulent business practices, deceptive acts and practices, common law fraud and breach of fiduciary duty with respect to the sale of the product in Mississippi and seeks equitable relief, disgorgement of profits, damages and restitution, civil penalties and punitive damages.

Although we sold H&R Block Financial Advisors, Inc. (HRBFA) effective November 1, 2008, we remain responsible for any liabilities relating to the Express IRA litigation, among other things, through an indemnification agreement. A portion of our accrual is related to these indemnity obligations.

RSM McGladrey and Related Businesses. On April 17, 2009, a shareholder derivative complaint was filed by Brian Menezes, derivatively and on behalf of nominal defendant International Textile Group, Inc. against McGladrey

Capital Markets LLC (MCM) and others in the Court of Common Pleas, Greenville County, South Carolina (C.A. No. 2009-CP-23-3346) styled Brian P. Menezes, Derivatively on Behalf of Nominal Defendant, International Textile Group, Inc.

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(f/k/a Safety Components International, Inc.) v. McGladrey Capital Markets, LLC (f/k/a RSM EquiCo Capital Markets, LLC), et al. The plaintiffs filed an amended complaint in October 2011 styled In re International Textile Group Merger Litigation, adding a putative class action claim. The plaintiffs allege claims of aiding and abetting, civil conspiracy, gross negligence and breach of fiduciary duty against MCM in connection with a fairness opinion MCM provided to the Special Committee of Safety Components International, Inc. (SCI) in 2006 regarding the merger between International Textile Group, Inc. and SCI. The plaintiffs seek actual and punitive damages, pre-judgment interest, attorneys' fees and costs. On February 8, 2012, the court dismissed the plaintiffs' civil conspiracy claim against all defendants. A class was certified on the remaining claims on November 20, 2012. The court granted summary judgment in favor of MCM on June 3, 2013 on the breach of fiduciary duty claim. To avoid the cost and inherent risk associated with litigation, the parties signed a memorandum of understanding to resolve the case, which was subject to approval by the court. The court granted preliminary approval of the settlement on February 19, 2014 and final approval on September 2, 2014. We previously recorded a liability for our estimate of the expected loss. The amount we paid under the settlement did not exceed the amount we previously accrued.

In connection with the sale of RSM McGladrey, Inc. (RSM) and MCM, we indemnified the buyers against certain litigation matters. The indemnities are not subject to a stated term or limit. A portion of our accrual is related to these indemnity obligations.

OTHER – We are from time to time a party to litigation, claims and other loss contingencies not discussed herein arising out of our business operations. These matters may include actions by state attorneys general, other state regulators, federal regulators, individual plaintiffs, and cases in which plaintiffs seek to represent a class of others similarly situated.

While we cannot provide assurance that we will ultimately prevail in each instance, we believe the amount, if any, we are required to pay to discharge or settle these other matters will not have a material adverse impact on our business or our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

We believe we have meritorious defenses to the claims asserted in the various matters described in this note, and we intend to defend them vigorously. The amounts claimed in the matters are substantial, however, and there can be no assurances as to their outcomes. In the event of unfavorable outcomes, it could require modifications to our operations; in addition, the amounts that may be required to be paid to discharge or settle the matters could be substantial and could have a material adverse impact on our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

**NOTE 14: LOSS CONTINGENCIES ARISING FROM REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF OUR DISCONTINUED MORTGAGE OPERATIONS**

SCC ceased originating mortgage loans in December 2007 and, in April 2008, sold its servicing assets and discontinued its remaining operations.

Mortgage loans originated by SCC were sold either as whole loans to single third-party buyers, who generally securitized such loans, or in the form of RMBSs. In connection with the sale of loans and/or RMBSs, SCC made certain representations and warranties. These representations and warranties varied based on the nature of the transaction and the buyer's or insurer's requirements, but generally pertained to the ownership of the loan, the validity of the lien securing the loan, borrower fraud, the loan's compliance with the criteria for inclusion in the transaction, including compliance with SCC's underwriting standards or loan criteria established by the buyer, ability to deliver required documentation, and compliance with applicable laws. Representations and warranties related to borrower fraud in whole loan sale transactions to institutional investors, which were generally securitized by such investors, represented approximately 68% of the disposal of loans originated in calendar years 2005, 2006 and 2007, included a "knowledge qualifier" limiting SCC's liability to those instances where SCC had knowledge of the fraud at the time the loans were sold. Representations and warranties made in other sale transactions effectively did not include a knowledge qualifier as to borrower fraud. SCC believes it would have an obligation to repurchase a loan only if it breached a representation and warranty and such breach materially and adversely affects the value of the mortgage loan or certificate holder's interest in the mortgage loan. SCC also would assert that it has no liability for the failure to repurchase any mortgage loan that has been liquidated prior to a repurchase demand, although there is conflicting case law on the liquidated loan defense issue. These decisions are from lower courts, are inconsistent in their analysis and

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defense, and are subject to appeal. Such claims together with any settlement arrangements related to these losses are collectively referred to as "representation and warranty claims."

Representation and warranty claims received by SCC have primarily related to alleged breaches of representations and warranties related to a loan's compliance with the underwriting standards established by SCC at origination and borrower fraud for loans originated in calendar years 2006 and 2007. SCC has received claims representing an original principal amount of \$2.1 billion since May 1, 2008, of which \$1.8 billion were received prior to fiscal year 2013.

**SETTLEMENT ACTIONS** – SCC has entered into tolling agreements with the counterparties that have made and are expected to assert a significant majority of previously denied and possible future representation and warranty claims. These tolling agreements toll the running of any applicable statute of limitations related to potential lawsuits regarding representation and warranty claims and other claims against SCC.

Beginning in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2013 and continuing through the second quarter of fiscal year 2015, SCC has been engaged in discussions with these counterparties regarding the bulk settlement of previously denied and potential future claims. Based on settlement discussions with these counterparties, SCC believes a bulk settlement approach, rather than the loan-by-loan resolution process, will be needed to resolve all of the representation and warranty and other claims that are the subject of these discussions. On December 5, 2014, SCC entered into a settlement agreement to resolve certain of these claims. The amount to be paid under the settlement agreement is fully covered by prior accruals. In the event that the ongoing efforts to settle are not successful, SCC believes claim volumes may increase or litigation may result.

SCC will continue to vigorously contest any request for repurchase when it has concluded that a valid basis for repurchase does not exist. SCC's decision whether to engage in bulk settlement discussions is based on factors that vary by counterparty or type of counterparty and include the considerations used by SCC in determining its loss estimate, described below under "Liability for Estimated Contingent Losses."

**LIABILITY FOR ESTIMATED CONTINGENT LOSSES** – SCC accrues a liability for losses related to representation and warranty claims when those losses are believed to be both probable and reasonably estimable. Development of loss estimates is subject to a high degree of management judgment and estimates may vary significantly period to period. SCC's loss estimate as of October 31, 2014 is based on the best information currently available, significant management judgment, and a number of factors that are subject to change, including developments in case law and the factors mentioned below. These factors include the terms of prior bulk settlements, the terms expected to result from ongoing bulk settlement discussions, and an assessment of, among other things, historical claim results, threatened claims, terms and provisions of related agreements, counterparty willingness to pursue a settlement, legal standing of counterparties to provide a comprehensive settlement, bulk settlement methodologies used and publicly disclosed by other market participants, the potential pro-rata realization of the claims as compared to all claims and other relevant facts and circumstances when developing its estimate of probable loss. SCC believes that the most significant of these factors are the terms expected to result from ongoing bulk settlement discussions, which have been primarily influenced by the bulk settlement methodologies used and publicly disclosed by other market participants and the anticipated pro-rata realization of the claims of particular counterparties as compared to the anticipated realization if all claims and litigation were resolved together with payment of SCC's related administration and legal expense. Changes in any one of the factors mentioned above could significantly impact the estimate.

The liability is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets. A rollforward of SCC's accrued liability for these loss contingencies is as follows:

(in 000s)

Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013
Balance, beginning of the period	\$ 183,765	\$ 158,765
Provisions	10,000	—
Payments	—	—
Balance, end of the period	\$ 193,765	\$ 158,765

In December 2013, a decision by the New York intermediate appellate court, ACE Securities Corp. v. DB Structured Products, Inc., held that, under New York law, which governs many RMBS transactions into which SCC entered, the



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six-year statute of limitations starts to run at the time the representations and warranties are made, not the date when the repurchase demand was denied. That decision has been applied by the state and federal courts in several RMBS lawsuits not involving SCC, resulting in the dismissal of claims involving representations and warranties made more than six years prior to the initiation of the lawsuit. Unless overturned by New York's highest appellate court, which has taken the case for review, this decision would apply to claims and lawsuits brought against SCC where New York law governs. However, this decision would not affect representation and warranty claims and lawsuits SCC has received or may receive, for example, where the statute of limitations has been tolled by agreement or a suit was timely filed. In addition, if the ACE decision is overturned, it could result in representation and warranty claims being asserted that were previously thought to be time-barred. It is also possible that in response to the statute of limitations rulings, parties seeking to pursue representation and warranty claims or lawsuits with respect to trusts where the statute of limitations for representation and warranty claims against the originator has run, may pursue alternate legal theories of recovery or assert claims against other contractual parties. SCC has not accrued liabilities for claims not subject to a tolling arrangement or not asserted prior to the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. The impact on SCC, if any, of the ACE decision being overturned or from alternative legal theories or assertions is unclear.

SCC is taking the legal position, where appropriate, for both contractual representation and warranty claims and similar claims in litigation, that a valid representation and warranty claim cannot be made with respect to a mortgage loan that has been liquidated. There is conflicting case law on this issue. These decisions are from lower courts, are inconsistent in their analysis and receptivity to this defense, and are subject to appeal. It is anticipated that the liquidated mortgage loan defense will be the subject of future judicial decisions. In the event the liquidated loan defense is further clarified by the courts or other developments occur, the liquidated loan defense may be a factor in SCC's estimated accrual for representation and warranty claims where such defense may be applicable.

SCC believes it is reasonably possible that future representation and warranty losses may vary from amounts accrued for these exposures. SCC currently believes the aggregate range of reasonably possible losses in excess of amounts accrued is not material. This estimated range is based on the best information currently available, significant management judgment and a number of factors that are subject to change, including developments in case law and the factors mentioned above. The actual loss that may be incurred could differ materially from our accrual or the estimate of reasonably possible losses.

As described more fully in note 13, losses may also be incurred with respect to various indemnification claims by underwriters and depositors in securitization transactions in which SCC participated. Losses from these indemnification claims are frequently not subject to a stated term or limit. We have not concluded that a loss related to any of these indemnification claims is probable, have not accrued a liability for these claims and are not able to estimate a reasonably possible loss or range of loss for these claims. Accordingly, neither the accrued liability described above totaling \$193.8 million, nor the estimated range of reasonably possible losses in excess of the amount accrued described above, includes any possible losses which may arise from these indemnification claims. There can be no assurances as to the outcome or impact of these indemnification claims. In the event of unfavorable outcomes on these claims, the amount required to discharge or settle them could be substantial and could have a material adverse impact on our business and our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

If the amount that SCC is ultimately required to pay with respect to claims and litigation related to its past sales and securitizations of mortgage loans, together with payment of SCC's related administration and legal expense, exceeds SCC's net assets, the creditors of SCC, or a bankruptcy trustee if SCC were to file or be forced into bankruptcy, may attempt to assert claims against us for payment of SCC's obligations. SCC's principal assets, as of October 31, 2014, total approximately \$520 million and consist primarily of an intercompany note receivable and a deferred tax asset. We believe our legal position is strong on any potential corporate veil-piercing arguments; however, if this position is challenged and not upheld, it could have a material adverse effect on our business and our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

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## NOTE 15: REGULATORY CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

The following table sets forth HRB Bank's regulatory capital requirements calculated in its Call Report, as filed with the Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council (FFIEC):

(dollars in 000s)

	Actual		Minimum Capital Requirement		Minimum to be Well Capitalized		
	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	Amount	Ratio	
As of September 30, 2014:							
Total risk-based capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	\$595,148	199.4	% \$23,877	8.0	% \$29,846	10.0	%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	591,293	198.1	% N/A	N/A	17,908	6.0	%
Tier 1 capital ratio (leverage) <sup>(3)</sup>	591,293	54.3	% 130,689	12.0	% <sup>(5)</sup> 54,454	5.0	%
Tangible equity ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	591,293	54.3	% 16,336	1.5	% N/A	N/A	
As of September 30, 2013:							
Total risk-based capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	\$506,449	140.0	% \$28,950	8.0	% \$36,188	10.0	%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	501,720	138.6	% N/A	N/A	21,713	6.0	%
Tier 1 capital ratio (leverage) <sup>(3)</sup>	501,720	40.4	% 148,869	12.0	% <sup>(5)</sup> 62,029	5.0	%
Tangible equity ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	501,720	40.4	% 18,609	1.5	% N/A	N/A	
As of March 31, 2014:							
Total risk-based capital ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	\$563,899	168.5	% \$26,771	8.0	% \$33,464	10.0	%
Tier 1 risk-based capital ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	559,572	167.2	% N/A	N/A	20,079	6.0	%
Tier 1 capital ratio (leverage) <sup>(3)</sup>	559,572	32.1	% 209,041	12.0	% <sup>(5)</sup> 87,101	5.0	%
Tangible equity ratio <sup>(4)</sup>	559,572	32.1	% 26,130	1.5	% N/A	N/A	

<sup>(1)</sup> Total risk-based capital divided by risk-weighted assets.

<sup>(2)</sup> Tier 1 (core) capital less deduction for low-level recourse and residual interest divided by risk-weighted assets.

<sup>(3)</sup> Tier 1 (core) capital divided by adjusted total assets.

<sup>(4)</sup> Tangible capital divided by tangible assets.

<sup>(5)</sup> Effective April 5, 2012, the minimum capital requirement was changed to 4% by the OCC, although HRB Bank plans to maintain a minimum of 12.0% leverage capital at the end of each calendar quarter.

Quantitative measures established by regulation to ensure capital adequacy require HRB Bank to maintain minimum amounts and ratios of tangible equity, total risk-based capital and Tier 1 capital, as set forth in the table above. As of October 31, 2014, HRB Bank's leverage ratio was 53.8%.

## NOTE 16: SEGMENT INFORMATION

Results of our continuing operations by reportable segment are as follows:

(in 000s)

	Three months ended October 31,		Six months ended October 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
REVENUES :				
Tax Services	\$128,683	\$128,040	\$257,763	\$249,731
Corporate and eliminations	5,945	6,300	10,451	11,804
	\$134,628	\$134,340	\$268,214	\$261,535
LOSS FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS BEFORE TAXES :				
Tax Services	\$(176,642)	\$(159,314)	\$(327,202)	\$(303,708)



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Corporate and eliminations	(23,931	)	(20,048	)	(49,187	)	(60,148	)
	\$(200,573	)	\$(179,362	)	\$(376,389	)	\$(363,856	)

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## NOTE 17: CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Block Financial is a 100% owned subsidiary of the Company. Block Financial is the Issuer and the Company is the full and unconditional Guarantor of the Senior Notes issued on October 25, 2012, our 2012 CLOC, and other indebtedness issued from time to time. These condensed consolidating financial statements have been prepared using the equity method of accounting. Earnings of subsidiaries are, therefore, reflected in the Company's investment in subsidiaries account. The elimination entries eliminate investments in subsidiaries, related stockholders' equity and other intercompany balances and transactions.

Certain amounts included in the following statements of operations for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013, the statements of cash flows for the six months ended October 31, 2013, and the balance sheet as of October 31, 2013 have been restated to correct errors in presentation. The statements of operations have been corrected to properly reflect equity earnings in subsidiaries of H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor) in "Other income (expense), net" to include income taxes and discontinued operations which were previously shown on separate lines. The balance sheet has been corrected to properly reflect a classified balance sheet and to show the investment in Block Financial by Other Subsidiaries. The statements of cash flows have been corrected to properly reflect intercompany borrowings and payments as either investing or financing activities, as appropriate. These restatements impacted disclosures required by this note, but had no impact on the consolidated financial statements as of and for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013.

Additionally, as discussed in note 11, the presentation of interest expense on borrowings for the three and six months ended October 31, 2013 has been restated to correct errors in presentation. We reclassified such interest expense from cost of revenues to a separate caption.

## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

						(in 000s)
Three months ended October 31, 2014	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations		Consolidated H&R Block
Total revenues	\$ —	\$ 20,891	\$ 113,747	\$(10)	)	\$ 134,628
Cost of revenues	—	10,851	210,854	(8)	)	221,697
Selling, general and administrative	—	5,854	91,527	(2)	)	97,379
Total operating expenses	—	16,705	302,381	(10)	)	319,076
Other income (expense), net	(114,653)	) 2,232	(18,005)	) 128,144		(2,282)
Interest expense on borrowings	—	13,742	101	—		13,843
Loss from continuing operations before tax benefit	(114,653)	) (7,324)	) (206,740)	) 128,144		(200,573)
Income tax benefit	(2,655)	) (7,020)	) (77,671)	) —		(87,346)
Net loss from continuing operations	(111,998)	) (304)	) (129,069)	) 128,144		(113,227)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	—	(1,634)	) 2,863	—		1,229
Net loss	(111,998)	) (1,938)	) (126,206)	) 128,144		(111,998)
Other comprehensive income	1,094	4,382	1,094	(5,476)	)	1,094
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (110,904)	) \$ 2,444	) \$(125,112)	) \$ 122,668		\$ (110,904)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS					(in 000s)
Three months ended October 31, 2013	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Total revenues	\$ —	\$ 21,170	\$ 113,204	\$(34)	) \$ 134,340
Cost of revenues	—	13,240	193,857	(34)	) 207,063
Selling, general and administrative	—	1,369	92,723	—	94,092
Total operating expenses	—	14,609	286,580	(34)	) 301,155
Other income (expense), net <sup>(1)</sup>	(104,943)	) 1,662	(408)	) 104,943	1,254
Interest expense on borrowings <sup>(1)</sup>	—	13,692	109	—	13,801
Loss from continuing operations before tax benefit	(104,943)	) (5,469)	) (173,893)	) 104,943	(179,362)
Income tax benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(2,203)	) (74,144)	) —	(76,347)
Net loss from continuing operations	(104,943)	) (3,266)	) (99,749)	) 104,943	(103,015)
Net loss from discontinued operations <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(1,553)	) (375)	) —	(1,928)
Net loss	(104,943)	) (4,819)	) (100,124)	) 104,943	(104,943)
Other comprehensive income	1,720	1,108	612	(1,720)	) 1,720
Comprehensive loss	\$ (103,223)	) \$ (3,711)	) \$ (99,512)	) \$ 103,223	\$ (103,223)

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts have been restated, including the presentation of interest expense on borrowings, and equity in earnings of subsidiaries net of income taxes and discontinued operations.

Six months ended October 31, 2014	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Total revenues	\$ —	\$ 44,751	\$ 223,556	\$(93)	) \$ 268,214
Cost of revenues	—	22,658	396,853	(88)	) 419,423
Selling, general and administrative	—	9,197	185,387	(5)	) 194,579
Total operating expenses	—	31,855	582,240	(93)	) 614,002
Other income (expense), net	(233,646)	) 1,396	(19,076)	) 248,363	(2,963)
Interest expense on borrowings	—	27,436	202	—	27,638
Loss from continuing operations before tax benefit	(233,646)	) (13,144)	) (377,962)	) 248,363	(376,389)
Income tax benefit	(5,416)	) (9,663)	) (139,232)	) —	(154,311)
Net loss from continuing operations	(228,230)	) (3,481)	) (238,730)	) 248,363	(222,078)
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	—	(8,843)	) 2,691	—	(6,152)
Net loss	(228,230)	) (12,324)	) (236,039)	) 248,363	(228,230)
Other comprehensive income	1,400	4,261	1,400	(5,661)	) 1,400
Comprehensive loss	\$ (226,830)	) \$ (8,063)	) \$ (234,639)	) \$ 242,702	\$ (226,830)

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS					(in 000s)
Six months ended October 31, 2013	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Total revenues	\$ —	\$ 48,385	\$ 213,340	\$(190)	) \$261,535
Cost of revenues	—	38,906	364,597	(190)	) 403,313
Selling, general and administrative	—	15,407	175,382	—	190,789
Total operating expenses	—	54,313	539,979	(190)	) 594,102
Other income (expense), net <sup>(1)</sup>	(220,130)	) 1,706	(5,391)	) 220,130	(3,685)
Interest expense on borrowings <sup>(1)</sup>	—	27,385	219	—	27,604
Loss from continuing operations before tax benefit	(220,130)	) (31,607)	) (332,249)	) 220,130	(363,856)
Income tax benefit <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(11,601)	) (135,970)	) —	(147,571)
Net loss from continuing operations	(220,130)	) (20,006)	) (196,279)	) 220,130	(216,285)
Net loss from discontinued operations <sup>(1)</sup>	—	(2,716)	) (1,129)	) —	(3,845)
Net loss	(220,130)	) (22,722)	) (197,408)	) 220,130	(220,130)
Other comprehensive loss	(9,087)	) (6,616)	) (2,471)	) 9,087	(9,087)
Comprehensive loss	\$ (229,217)	) \$ (29,338)	) \$(199,879)	) \$229,217	\$ (229,217)

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts have been restated, including the presentation of interest expense on borrowings, and equity in earnings of subsidiaries net of income taxes and discontinued operations.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS					(in 000s)
As of October 31, 2014	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Cash & cash equivalents	\$—	\$432,224	\$195,540	\$(274 )	\$627,490
Cash & cash equivalents - restricted	—	5,431	50,112	—	55,543
Receivables, net	79	84,196	23,430	—	107,705
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	—	113,571	171,892	—	285,463
Investments in AFS securities	—	381,080	100	—	381,180
Total current assets	79	1,016,502	441,074	(274 )	1,457,381
Mortgage loans held for investment, net	—	251,092	—	—	251,092
Investments in AFS securities	—	—	9,774	—	9,774
Property and equipment, net	—	157	318,068	—	318,225
Intangible assets, net	—	—	414,045	—	414,045
Goodwill	—	—	464,182	—	464,182
Investments in subsidiaries	675,218	—	53,769	(728,987 )	—
Amounts due from affiliates	565,387	10	92,974	(658,371 )	—
Other assets	—	157,472	19,119	—	176,591
Total assets	\$1,240,684	\$1,425,233	\$1,813,005	\$(1,387,632)	\$3,091,290
Customer banking deposits	\$—	\$455,134	\$—	\$(274 )	\$454,860
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	943	229,262	206,625	—	436,830
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	—	2,197	34,018	—	36,215
Accrued income taxes	—	47,732	99,268	—	147,000
Current portion of long-term debt	—	—	772	—	772
Total current liabilities	943	734,325	340,683	(274 )	1,075,677
Long-term debt	—	497,753	7,835	—	505,588
Other noncurrent liabilities	—	47,477	223,872	—	271,349
Amounts due to affiliates	1,065	91,909	565,397	(658,371 )	—
Total liabilities	2,008	1,371,464	1,137,787	(658,645 )	1,852,614
Stockholders' equity	1,238,676	53,769	675,218	(728,987 )	1,238,676
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,240,684	\$1,425,233	\$1,813,005	\$(1,387,632)	\$3,091,290

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS					(in 000s)
As of October 31, 2013	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Cash & cash equivalents	\$—	\$389,915	\$401,303	\$(446 )	\$790,772
Cash & cash equivalents - restricted	—	6,795	40,726	—	47,521
Receivables, net	—	99,867	31,834	—	131,701
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	—	14,543	217,662	(6,545 )	225,660
Total current assets	—	511,120	691,525	(6,991 )	1,195,654
Mortgage loans held for investment, net	—	295,907	—	—	295,907
Investments in AFS securities	—	460,935	4,409	—	465,344
Property and equipment, net	—	145	311,012	—	311,157
Intangible assets, net	—	—	296,213	—	296,213
Goodwill	—	—	442,812	—	442,812
Investments in subsidiaries <sup>(1)</sup>	3,114,988	—	26,962	(3,141,950 )	—
Amounts due from affiliates	—	397,526	2,167,944	(2,565,470 )	—
Other assets	8,512	140,811	118,103	—	267,426
Total assets	\$3,123,500	\$1,806,444	\$4,058,980	\$(5,714,411)	\$3,274,513
Customer banking deposits	\$—	\$655,575	\$—	\$(446 )	\$655,129
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	581	183,342	243,071	—	426,994
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	—	1,881	39,703	—	41,584
Accrued income taxes	—	29,020	—	(6,545 )	22,475
Current portion of long-term debt	—	399,765	738	—	400,503
Total current liabilities	581	1,269,583	283,512	(6,991 )	1,546,685
Long-term debt	—	497,471	8,607	—	506,078
Other noncurrent liabilities	—	12,428	254,347	—	266,775
Amounts due to affiliates	2,167,944	—	397,526	(2,565,470 )	—
Total liabilities	2,168,525	1,779,482	943,992	(2,572,461 )	2,319,538
Stockholders' equity <sup>(1)</sup>	954,975	26,962	3,114,988	(3,141,950 )	954,975
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,123,500	\$1,806,444	\$4,058,980	\$(5,714,411)	\$3,274,513

Note: Amounts have been restated to include the presentation of a classified balance sheet.

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts have been restated, including the presentation of the investment of Other Subsidiaries in Block Financial.

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS					(in 000s)
As of April 30, 2014	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Cash & cash equivalents	\$—	\$612,376	\$1,574,031	\$(1,100 )	\$2,185,307
Cash & cash equivalents - restricted	—	67,463	47,856	—	115,319
Receivables, net	—	89,975	101,643	—	191,618
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	—	10,202	188,065	—	198,267
Investments in AFS securities	—	423,495	—	—	423,495
Total current assets	—	1,203,511	1,911,595	(1,100 )	3,114,006
Mortgage loans held for investment, net	—	268,428	—	—	268,428
Investments in AFS securities	—	—	4,329	—	4,329
Property and equipment, net	—	121	304,790	—	304,911
Intangible assets, net	—	—	355,622	—	355,622
Goodwill	—	—	436,117	—	436,117
Investments in subsidiaries	904,331	—	60,902	(965,233 )	—
Amounts due from affiliates	642,101	386,818	397	(1,029,316 )	—
Other assets	11,271	173,168	25,677	—	210,116
Total assets	\$1,557,703	\$2,032,046	\$3,099,429	\$(1,995,649)	\$4,693,529
Customer banking deposits	\$—	\$770,885	\$—	\$(1,100 )	\$769,785
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities	757	223,677	344,573	—	569,007
Accrued salaries, wages and payroll taxes	—	2,190	164,842	—	167,032
Accrued income taxes	—	71,132	335,523	—	406,655
Current portion of long-term debt	—	399,882	755	—	400,637
Total current liabilities	757	1,467,766	845,693	(1,100 )	2,313,116
Long-term debt	—	497,612	8,225	—	505,837
Other noncurrent liabilities	—	5,766	312,261	—	318,027
Amounts due to affiliates	397	—	1,028,919	(1,029,316 )	—
Total liabilities	1,154	1,971,144	2,195,098	(1,030,416 )	3,136,980
Stockholders' equity	1,556,549	60,902	904,331	(965,233 )	1,556,549
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,557,703	\$2,032,046	\$3,099,429	\$(1,995,649)	\$4,693,529

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS					(in 000s)
Six months ended October 31, 2014	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$ —	\$ 55,612	\$(683,189)	) \$—	\$(627,577)
Cash flows from investing:					
Purchases of AFS securities	—	—	(100)	) —	(100)
Maturities of and payments received on AFS securities	—	49,013	—	—	49,013
Principal payments on mortgage loans held for investment, net	—	13,451	—	—	13,451
Capital expenditures	—	(119)	(70,808)	) —	(70,927)
Payments made for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(94,230)	) —	(94,230)
Loans made to franchisees	—	(18,180)	(71)	) —	(18,251)
Repayments from franchisees	—	29,404	233	—	29,637
Intercompany payments/investments in subsidiaries	—	400,000	(109,031)	) (290,969)	) —
Other, net	—	4,372	6,313	—	10,685
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	477,941	(267,694)	) (290,969)	) (80,722)
Cash flows from financing:					
Repayments of long-term debt	—	(400,000)	) —	—	(400,000)
Customer banking deposits, net	—	(317,095)	) —	826	(316,269)
Dividends paid	(109,871)	) —	—	—	(109,871)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	14,477	—	—	—	14,477
Intercompany borrowings (repayments)	105,641	3,390	(400,000)	) 290,969	—
Other, net	(10,247)	) —	(23,392)	) —	(33,639)
Net cash used in financing activities	—	(713,705)	(423,392)	) 291,795	(845,302)
Effects of exchange rates on cash	—	—	(4,216)	) —	(4,216)
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	—	(180,152)	(1,378,491)	) 826	(1,557,817)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	—	612,376	1,574,031	(1,100)	) 2,185,307
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ —	\$ 432,224	\$ 195,540	\$ (274)	) \$ 627,490



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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS					(in 000s)
Six months ended October 31, 2013	H&R Block, Inc. (Guarantor)	Block Financial (Issuer)	Other Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Consolidated H&R Block
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:	\$ 799	\$ 46,969	\$(540,141	) \$—	\$(492,373 )
Cash flows from investing:					
Purchases of AFS securities	—	(45,158	) —	—	(45,158 )
Maturities of and payments received on AFS securities	—	55,615	—	—	55,615
Principal payments on mortgage loans held for investment, net	—	24,340	—	—	24,340
Capital expenditures	—	(57	) (86,869	) —	(86,926 )
Payments made for business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	—	—	(20,927	) —	(20,927 )
Loans made to franchisees	—	(22,114	) —	—	(22,114 )
Repayments from franchisees	—	15,883	—	—	15,883
Intercompany payments/investments in subsidiaries <sup>(1)</sup>	—	23,036	(89,318	) 66,282	—
Other, net	—	11,368	3,887	—	15,255
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	—	62,913	(193,227	) 66,282	(64,032 )
Cash flows from financing:					
Customer banking deposits, net	—	(278,077	) —	2,277	(275,800 )
Dividends paid	(109,324	) —	—	—	(109,324 )
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	24,536	—	—	—	24,536
Intercompany borrowings (repayments) <sup>(1)</sup>	89,318	—	(23,036	) (66,282	) —
Other, net	(5,329	) —	(26,619	) —	(31,948 )
Net cash used in financing activities	(799	) (278,077	) (49,655	) (64,005	) (392,536 )
Effects of exchange rates on cash	—	—	(7,871	) —	(7,871 )
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	—	(168,195	) (790,894	) 2,277	(956,812 )
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	—	558,110	1,192,197	(2,723	) 1,747,584
Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	\$ —	\$ 389,915	\$ 401,303	\$ (446	) \$ 790,772

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts have been restated, including the presentation of intercompany borrowings (payments) as either investing or financing activities.

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ITEM MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF  
2. OPERATIONS

Our subsidiaries provide tax preparation, retail banking services and other services. Tax returns are either prepared by H&R Block tax professionals (in company-owned or franchise offices or virtually via the internet) or prepared and filed by our clients through H&R Block tax software, either online or using our software or mobile applications.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

In April 2014, our subsidiaries, HRB Bank and Block Financial, entered into a P&A Agreement with BofI, which was amended in October 2014 as described in Item 1, note 2 to the consolidated financial statements above. Pursuant to the P&A Agreement, HRB Bank will sell certain assets and assign certain liabilities, including all of HRB Bank's deposit liabilities, to BofI, subject to various closing conditions, including the receipt of certain required regulatory approvals, entry into certain additional agreements, and the fulfillment of various other customary conditions. See below under "Financial Condition - HRB Bank" for additional information.

Due to the lack of regulatory approval, we do not expect to consummate the P&A Transaction this calendar year. Therefore, we will continue offering financial services products to our clients through HRB Bank for the upcoming tax season.

The obligations of the parties to complete the P&A Transaction are subject to the fulfillment of numerous conditions including regulatory approval. We cannot be certain when or if the conditions to and other components of the P&A Transaction will be satisfied, or whether the P&A Transaction will be completed. In addition, there may be changes to the terms and conditions of the P&A Agreement and other contemplated agreements as part of the regulatory approval process.

In connection with additional agreements expected to be entered into upon the closing of the P&A Transaction, BofI would offer H&R Block-branded financial products distributed by the Company to the Company's clients. An operating subsidiary of the Company would provide certain marketing, servicing and operational support to BofI for such financial services and products. We expect the net, ongoing annual financial impact of these agreements to be dilutive by approximately \$0.07 to \$0.09 per share beginning in fiscal year 2016, based on current fully diluted shares outstanding. Results will vary based upon the volume of financial services products sold and the actual closing date. Because we will not close the P&A Transaction before the end of this calendar year, H&R Block, Inc. will be subject to the new SLHC regulatory capital requirements when they go into effect on January 1, 2015. Based upon current projections, we expect that H&R Block, Inc. will exceed the minimum regulatory capital requirements on January 1, 2015. H&R Block, Inc. must continue to meet the minimum regulatory capital requirements until we divest HRB Bank and cease to be an SLHC, which will restrict the capital allocation strategies available to us.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

TAX SERVICES – This segment consists primarily of our assisted and DIY income tax preparation offerings - in-person, online, software and mobile applications - including tax operations primarily in the U.S. and its territories, Canada, and Australia. This segment also includes the activities of HRB Bank that support our U.S. tax preparation business.

CORPORATE AND ELIMINATIONS – Corporate operating results include net interest income and gains or losses relating to mortgage loans held for investment and residual interests in securitizations, interest expense on borrowings, other corporate expenses, and eliminations of intercompany activities.

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A summary of the financial results for our operations is as follows:

Consolidated – Financial Results				(in 000s)		
Three months ended October 31,	2014		2013			
	Tax Services	Corporate and Eliminations	Total	Tax Services	Corporate and Eliminations	Total
Tax preparation fees:						
U.S.	\$31,926	\$—	\$31,926	\$29,011	\$—	\$29,011
International	42,831	—	42,831	41,568	—	41,568
	74,757	—	74,757	70,579	—	70,579
Royalties	8,582	—	8,582	9,527	—	9,527
Revenues from Emerald Card®	11,524	—	11,524	9,999	—	9,999
Revenues from Peace of Mind® guarantees	16,563	—	16,563	19,151	—	19,151
Other	17,257	5,945	23,202	18,784	6,300	25,084
Total revenues	128,683	5,945	134,628	128,040	6,300	134,340
Compensation and benefits:						
Field wages	56,904	—	56,904	49,531	—	49,531
Other wages	37,724	4,644	42,368	35,665	4,327	39,992
Benefits and other compensation	19,902	4,560	24,462	22,178	3,643	25,821
	114,530	9,204	123,734	107,374	7,970	115,344
Occupancy and equipment	84,218	49	84,267	83,634	212	83,846
Marketing and advertising	11,521	992	12,513	12,566	1,035	13,601
Depreciation and amortization	38,926	3	38,929	26,632	36	26,668
Other	53,223	6,410	59,633	54,958	6,738	61,696
Total operating expenses	302,418	16,658	319,076	285,164	15,991	301,155
Other income (expense), net	(2,381 )	99	(2,282 )	(1,655 )	2,909	1,254
Interest expense on borrowings	526	13,317	13,843	535	13,266	13,801
Pretax loss	\$(176,642 )	\$(23,931 )	(200,573 )	\$(159,314 )	\$(20,048 )	\$(179,362 )
Income tax benefit			(87,346 )			(76,347 )
Net loss from continuing operations			(113,227 )			(103,015 )
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations			1,229			(1,928 )
Net loss			\$(111,998 )			\$(104,943 )
Basic and diluted loss per share:						
Continuing operations			\$(0.41 )			\$(0.38 )
Discontinued operations			—			(0.01 )
Consolidated			\$(0.41 )			\$(0.39 )
EBITDA from continuing operations <sup>(1)</sup>			\$(147,661 )	\$(138,380 )		
EBITDA from continuing operations - adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>			(149,154 )	(142,018 )		

(1) See "Non-GAAP Financial Information" at the end of this item for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Three months ended October 31, 2014 compared to October 31, 2013

Tax Services – Revenues were essentially flat compared to the prior year. Total operating expenses of our Tax Services segment increased \$17.3 million, or 6.1%, from the prior year. Total compensation and benefits increased \$7.2 million

due to higher off-season labor in our U.S. operations primarily related to training and field wages. Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$12.3 million, or 46.2%, due primarily to acquisitions of franchisee and competitor businesses and, to a lesser extent, improvements to existing offices.

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Corporate and Eliminations – Other income declined \$2.8 million primarily due to the gain on sale of mortgage loans recorded in the prior year.

Consolidated – Financial Results						
(in 000s)						
Six months ended October 31,	2014			2013		
	Tax Services	Corporate and Eliminations	Total	Tax Services	Corporate and Eliminations	Total
Tax preparation fees:						
U.S.	\$57,415	\$—	\$57,415	\$51,037	\$—	\$51,037
International	84,287	—	84,287	73,662	—	73,662
	141,702	—	141,702	124,699	—	124,699
Royalties	16,224	—	16,224	16,089	—	16,089
Revenues from Emerald Card®	25,569	—	25,569	24,610	—	24,610
Revenues from Peace of Mind® guarantees	40,816	—	40,816	46,977	—	46,977
Other	33,452	10,451	43,903	37,356	11,804	49,160
Total revenues	257,763	10,451	268,214	249,731	11,804	261,535
Compensation and benefits:						
Field wages	102,901	—	102,901	89,435	—	89,435
Other wages	76,441	9,120	85,561	70,400	9,538	79,938
Benefits and other compensation	38,724	9,367	48,091	38,115	7,215	45,330
	218,066	18,487	236,553	197,950	16,753	214,703
Occupancy and equipment	167,316	60	167,376	162,184	821	163,005
Marketing and advertising	18,908	1,750	20,658	19,583	1,141	20,724
Depreciation and amortization	72,609	6	72,615	49,434	108	49,542
Other	103,777	13,023	116,800	115,606	30,522	146,128
Total operating expenses	580,676	33,326	614,002	544,757	49,345	594,102
Other income (expense), net	(3,235 )	272	(2,963 )	(7,610 )	3,925	(3,685 )
Interest expense on borrowings	1,054	26,584	27,638	1,072	26,532	27,604
Pretax loss	\$(327,202 )	\$(49,187 )	\$(376,389 )	\$(303,708 )	\$(60,148 )	\$(363,856 )
Income tax benefit			(154,311 )			(147,571 )
Net loss from continuing operations			(222,078 )			(216,285 )
Net loss from discontinued operations			(6,152 )			(3,845 )
Net loss			\$(228,230 )			\$(220,130 )
Basic and diluted loss per share:						
Continuing operations			\$(0.81 )			\$(0.79 )
Discontinued operations			(0.02 )			(0.01 )
Consolidated			\$(0.83 )			\$(0.80 )
EBITDA from continuing operations <sup>(1)</sup>			\$ (275,851 )			\$ (285,554 )
EBITDA from continuing operations - adjusted <sup>(1)</sup>			(275,337 )			(280,690 )

(1) See "Non-GAAP Financial Information" at the end of this item for a reconciliation of non-GAAP measures.

Six months ended October 31, 2014 compared to October 31, 2013

Tax Services – Revenues increased \$8.0 million, or 3.2%, from the prior year, due primarily to the extension of the Canadian tax season until May 5 and higher off-season returns in our U.S. operations.

Total operating expenses increased \$35.9 million, or 6.6%, from the prior year. Total compensation and benefits increased \$20.1 million due to higher off-season and training labor in our U.S. operations and the extension of the Canadian tax season mentioned above. Occupancy costs increased \$5.1 million, or 3.2%, and depreciation and

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amortization expense increased \$23.2 million, due primarily to acquisitions of franchisee and competitor businesses and, to a lesser extent, improvements to existing offices. Other expenses decreased \$11.8 million from the prior year, primarily due to lower legal expenses, coupled with lower loss provisions and processing costs from our pilot credit card program incurred in the prior year.

Other income (expense), net improved \$4.4 million primarily due to foreign currency losses recorded in the prior year. Corporate and Eliminations – Other expenses declined \$17.5 million from the prior year primarily due to a \$6.5 million decline in the provision for loan losses and lower legal settlements and expenses. Other income declined \$3.7 million primarily due to prior year interest income recorded on a note receivable which has since been repaid and gain on sale of mortgage loans.

**DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS**

Discontinued operations include our discontinued mortgage operations.

**CONTINGENT LOSSES** – SCC has accrued a liability as of October 31, 2014 for estimated contingent losses arising from representation and warranty claims of \$193.8 million. See note 14 for changes in this accrual. The estimate of accrued loss is based on the best information currently available, significant management judgment, and a number of factors that are subject to change, including developments in case law and other factors. Changes in any one of these factors could significantly impact the estimate.

Losses may also be incurred with respect to various indemnification claims by underwriters and depositors in securitization transactions in which SCC participated. SCC has not concluded that a loss is probable or reasonably estimable related to these indemnification claims, therefore there is no accrued liability for these contingent losses as of October 31, 2014.

See additional discussion of risks and sensitivity of estimates in Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and Item 7, under "Critical Accounting Estimates" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**FINANCIAL CONDITION**

These comments should be read in conjunction with the consolidated balance sheets and consolidated statements of cash flows included in Part 1, Item 1.

**CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY – OVERVIEW** – Our primary sources of capital and liquidity include cash from operations (including changes in working capital) and issuances of debt. We use our sources of liquidity primarily to fund working capital, service and repay debt, pay dividends, repurchase shares of our common stock, and acquire businesses.

Our operations are highly seasonal and substantially all of our revenues and cash flow are generated during the period from February through April. Therefore, we require the use of cash to fund losses from May through January, and typically rely on available cash balances from the prior tax season and short-term borrowings to meet our off-season liquidity needs.

Given the likely availability of a number of liquidity options discussed herein, including borrowing capacity under the 2012 CLOC or the issuance of commercial paper, we believe that, in the absence of any unexpected developments, our existing sources of capital as of October 31, 2014 are sufficient to meet our operating and financing needs.

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DISCUSSION OF CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS – The following table summarizes our statements of cash flows for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013. See Item 1 for the complete statements of cash flows for these periods.

	(in 000s)	
Six months ended October 31,	2014	2013
Net cash used in:		
Operating activities	\$(627,577	) \$(492,373
Investing activities	(80,722	) (64,032
Financing activities	(845,302	) (392,536
Effects of exchange rates on cash	(4,216	) (7,871
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$(1,557,817	) \$(956,812

Operating Activities. Cash used in operations increased \$135.2 million from the prior year period primarily due to higher income tax payments, along with higher payments for bonuses and related payroll taxes.

Investing Activities. Cash used in investing activities totaled \$80.7 million for the six months ended October 31, 2014 compared to \$64.0 million in the prior year period. An increase of \$73.3 million in payments for business acquisitions was partially offset by a decline of \$45.1 million in purchases of available for sale securities.

Financing Activities. Cash used in financing activities totaled \$845.3 million for the six months ended October 31, 2014 compared to \$392.5 million in the prior year period. The increase over the prior year period resulted from the repayment of \$400.0 million of our 5.125% Senior Notes and the closing of broker and time deposit accounts due to the pending P&A Transaction.

**CASH REQUIREMENTS –**

Dividends and Share Repurchase. Returning capital to shareholders in the form of dividends and the repurchase of outstanding shares has historically been a significant component of our capital allocation plan.

We have consistently paid quarterly dividends. Dividends paid totaled \$109.9 million and \$109.3 million for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Although we have historically paid dividends and plan to continue to do so, there can be no assurances that circumstances will not change in the future that could affect our ability or decisions to pay dividends.

Although we did not repurchase any shares during the current period, we currently have Board of Directors' authorization to purchase up to \$2.0 billion of our common stock through June 2015. There was \$857.5 million remaining under this authorization as of October 31, 2014. Although we have historically from time to time repurchased common stock, there can be no assurances that circumstances will allow us to continue to repurchase common stock in the future. As long as we remain subject to regulatory supervision of the Federal Reserve, our share repurchase program will be closely supervised and we will likely be restricted from repurchasing outstanding shares. HRB Bank. In April 2014, we entered into the P&A Agreement with BofI, which was amended in October 2014 as described in Item 1, note 2 to the consolidated financial statements above. The P&A Agreement is subject to various closing conditions, including the receipt of certain required approvals, entry into certain additional agreements, and the fulfillment of various other customary conditions. If the closing conditions (including regulatory approvals) are satisfied, we will complete a closing of the P&A Transaction, including the sale of certain assets and transfer of certain liabilities (principally deposit liabilities) to BofI.

Due to the lack of regulatory approval, we do not expect to consummate the P&A Transaction this calendar year. Therefore, we will continue offering financial services products to our clients through HRB Bank for the upcoming tax season.

If a closing had occurred as of October 31, 2014, we would have made a cash payment to BofI for the difference in the carrying value of assets sold and the carrying value of liabilities (including deposit liabilities) transferred of approximately \$437 million. The amount of the cash payment made at closing will primarily be equal to the carrying value of the liabilities to be transferred since the carrying value of the assets to be transferred is immaterial. Due to the seasonality of our business, the timing of any closing will impact the amount of deposit liabilities transferred. In





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connection with the closing we intend to liquidate the AFS securities held by HRB Bank, which totaled \$381 million as of October 31, 2014.

See additional discussion in Item 1, note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, and below under "Regulatory Environment."

**Capital Investment.** Our business is not capital intensive. Capital expenditures totaled \$70.9 million and \$86.9 million for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Our capital expenditures relate primarily to recurring improvements to retail offices, as well as investments in computers, software and related assets. We also made payments to acquire franchisee and competitor businesses totaling \$94.2 million and \$20.9 million for the six months ended October 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**FINANCING RESOURCES** – Our 2012 CLOC has capacity up to \$1.5 billion, and is scheduled to expire in August 2017.

Our 5.125% Senior Notes with a principal amount of \$400 million matured in October 2014 and, utilizing available cash on hand, we repaid them according to their terms.

The following table provides ratings for debt issued by Block Financial as of October 31, 2014 and April 30, 2014:

	Short-term	Long-term	Outlook
Moody's	P-2	Baa2	Stable
S&P	A-2	BBB	Negative

There have been no other material changes in our borrowings from those reported as of April 30, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**CASH AND INVESTMENT SECURITIES** – As of October 31, 2014, we held cash and cash equivalents of \$627.5 million, including \$430.0 million held by HRB Bank and \$162.5 million held by our foreign subsidiaries.

Dividends of cash balances held by HRB Bank would be subject to regulatory approval and are therefore not available for general corporate purposes.

As of October 31, 2014, we also held investments, primarily mortgage backed securities, with a carrying value of \$391.0 million which we classified as available for sale. As discussed above, it is our intent (subject to market conditions) to liquidate the majority of these securities in connection with a closing of the P&A Transaction.

**Foreign Operations.** Seasonal borrowing needs of our Canadian operations are typically funded by our U.S. operations. To mitigate foreign currency exchange rate risk, we sometimes enter into foreign exchange forward contracts. There were no forward contracts outstanding as of October 31, 2014.

As of October 31, 2014, our Canadian operations had approximately \$52 million of U.S. dollar denominated borrowings owed to various U.S. subsidiaries. These borrowings may be repaid in full or in part at any time. Non-borrowed funds would have to be repatriated to be available to fund domestic operations, and in certain circumstances this would trigger additional income taxes on those amounts. We do not currently intend to repatriate any non-borrowed funds held by our foreign subsidiaries.

The impact of changes in foreign exchange rates during the period on our international cash balances resulted in a decrease of \$4.2 million during the six months ended October 31, 2014 compared to \$7.9 million in the prior year.

**CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS** – There have been no material changes in our contractual obligations and commercial commitments from those reported as of April 30, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT**

Because we will not close the P&A Transaction before the end of this calendar year, H&R Block, Inc. will be subject to the new SLHC regulatory capital requirements when they go into effect on January 1, 2015. Based upon current projections, we expect that H&R Block, Inc. will exceed the minimum regulatory capital requirements on January 1, 2015. H&R Block, Inc. must continue to meet the minimum regulatory capital requirements until we divest HRB Bank and cease to be an SLHC, which will restrict the capital allocation strategies available to us.

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There have been no other material changes in our regulatory environment from those reported at April 30, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered as a substitute for, or superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP. Because these measures are not measures of financial performance under GAAP and are susceptible to varying calculations, they may not be comparable to similarly titled measures for other companies.

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

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

We exclude losses from settlements and estimated contingent losses from litigation and favorable reserve adjustments. This does not include legal defense costs.

We exclude non-cash charges to adjust the carrying values of goodwill, intangible assets, other long-lived assets and investments to their estimated fair values.

We exclude severance and other restructuring charges in connection with the termination of personnel, closure of offices and related costs.

We exclude the gains and losses on business dispositions, including investment banking, legal and accounting fees from both business dispositions and acquisitions.

We exclude the gains and losses on extinguishment of debt.

We exclude the effects of discrete income tax reserve and related adjustments recorded in a specific quarter.

We may consider whether other significant items that arise in the future should also be excluded from our non-GAAP financial measures.

We measure the performance of our business using a variety of metrics, including earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA and other adjusted financial metrics as identified in the table below. The adjusted financial metrics eliminate the impact of items that we do not consider indicative of our core operating performance and, we believe, provide meaningful information to assist in understanding our financial results, analyzing trends in our underlying business, and assessing our prospects for future performance. Additionally, we use EBITDA and pretax income of continuing operations, each subject to permitted adjustments, as performance metrics in incentive compensation calculations for our employees.

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The following is a reconciliation of our reported results from continuing operations to our adjusted results from continuing operations, which are non-GAAP financial measures:

	(in 000s)			
	Three months ended October 31, 2014			
	EBITDA	Pretax loss	Net loss	Diluted EPS
As reported - from continuing operations	\$(147,661	) \$(200,573	) \$(113,227	) \$(0.41
Adjustments:				
Loss contingencies - litigation	44	44	28	—
Severance	238	238	150	—
Professional fees related to HRB Bank transaction	89	89	56	—
Asset impairments	433	433	272	—
Gain on sales of AFS securities	(1,398	) (1,398	) (870	) —
Gain on sales of tax offices/businesses	(899	) (899	) (559	) —
Discrete tax items	—	—	(12,100	) (0.04
	(1,493	) (1,493	) (13,023	) (0.04
As adjusted - from continuing operations	\$(149,154	) \$(202,066	) \$(126,250	) \$(0.45

	(in 000s)			
	Three months ended October 31, 2013			
	EBITDA	Pretax loss	Net loss	Diluted EPS
As reported - from continuing operations	\$(138,380	) \$(179,362	) \$(103,015	) \$(0.38
Adjustments:				
Loss contingencies - litigation	350	350	214	—
Severance	1,828	1,828	1,122	—
Professional fees related to HRB Bank transaction	(5,217	) (5,217	) (3,198	) (0.01
Gain on sales of tax offices/businesses	(599	) (599	) (367	) —
Discrete tax items	—	—	(7,061	) (0.03
	(3,638	) (3,638	) (9,290	) (0.04
As adjusted - from continuing operations	\$(142,018	) \$(183,000	) \$(112,305	) \$(0.42

	(in 000s)			
	Six months ended October 31, 2014			
	EBITDA	Pretax loss	Net loss	Diluted EPS
As reported - from continuing operations	\$(275,851	) \$(376,389	) \$(222,078	) \$(0.81
Adjustments:				
Loss contingencies - litigation	272	272	169	—
Severance	1,051	1,051	654	—
Professional fees related to HRB Bank transaction	114	114	71	—

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Asset impairments	1,374	1,374	855	—	
Gain on sales of AFS securities	(1,398	) (1,398	) (870	) —	
Gain on sales of tax offices/businesses	(899	) (899	) (559	) —	
Discrete tax items	—	—	(12,149	) (0.04	)
	514	514	(11,829	) (0.04	)
As adjusted - from continuing operations	\$ (275,337	) \$ (375,875	) \$ (233,907	) \$ (0.85	)

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	(in 000s)			
	Six months ended October 31, 2013			
	EBITDA	Pretax loss	Net loss	Diluted EPS
As reported - from continuing operations	\$ (285,554	) \$ (363,856	) \$ (216,285	) \$ (0.79
Adjustments:				
Loss contingencies - litigation	723	723	443	—
Severance	2,933	2,933	1,799	0.01
Professional fees related to HRB Bank transaction	1,807	1,807	1,108	—
Gain on sales of tax offices/businesses	(599	) (599	) (367	) —
Discrete tax items	—	—	(6,904	) (0.03
	4,864	4,864	(3,921	) (0.02
As adjusted - from continuing operations	\$ (280,690	) \$ (358,992	) \$ (220,206	) \$ (0.81

The following is a reconciliation of EBITDA:

	(in 000s)			
	Three months ended October 31,		Six months ended October 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net loss - as reported	\$ (111,998	) \$ (104,943	) \$ (228,230	) \$ (220,130
Add back:				
Discontinued operations	(1,229	) 1,928	6,152	3,845
Income taxes of continuing operations	(87,346	) (76,347	) (154,311	) (147,571
Interest expense of continuing operations	13,983	14,314	27,923	28,760
Depreciation and amortization of continuing operations	38,929	26,668	72,615	49,542
	(35,663	) (33,437	) (47,621	) (65,424
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ (147,661	) \$ (138,380	) \$ (275,851	) \$ (285,554

**FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION**

This report and other documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) may contain forward-looking statements. In addition, our senior management may make forward-looking statements orally to analysts, investors, the media and others. Forward-looking statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They often include words or variation of words such as "expects," "anticipates," "intends," "plans," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "projects," "forecasts," "targets," "would," "will," "should," "could," "may" or other similar expressions. Forward-looking statements provide management's current expectations or predictions of future conditions, events or results. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future are forward-looking statements. They may include estimates of revenues, income, earnings per share, capital expenditures, dividends, stock repurchase, liquidity, capital structure or other financial items, descriptions of management's plans or objectives for future operations, services or products, or descriptions of assumptions underlying any of the above. All forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and reflect the Company's good faith beliefs, assumptions and expectations, but they are not guarantees of future performance or events. Furthermore, the Company disclaims any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions, factors, or expectations, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes, except as required by law. By their nature, forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause such differences

include, but are not limited to, a variety of economic, competitive, operational and regulatory factors, many of which are beyond the Company's control. Investors should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and, consequently, should not consider any such list to be a complete set of all potential risks or uncertainties.

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Details about risks, uncertainties and assumptions that could affect various aspects of our business are included throughout our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014 and are also described from time to time in other filings with the SEC. Investors should carefully consider all of these risks, and should pay particular attention to Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and Item 7 under "Critical Accounting Policies" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2014.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

There have been no material changes in our market risks from those reported at April 30, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES** – As of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q, we evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)). The controls evaluation was done under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

**CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING** – There were no changes during the last fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

For a description of our material pending legal proceedings, see discussion in Part I, Item 1, note 13 to the consolidated financial statements.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

We face substantial litigation in connection with our various business activities, and such litigation may damage our reputation, impair our product offerings or result in material liabilities and losses.

We have been named and from time to time will likely continue to be named, as a defendant in various legal actions, including arbitrations, class actions, actions or inquiries by state attorneys general, and other litigation arising in connection with our various business activities, including relating to our various service and product offerings. We also grant our franchisees a limited license to use our registered trademarks and, accordingly, there is risk that one or more of the franchisees may be identified as being controlled by us. Third parties, regulators or courts may seek to hold us responsible for the actions or failures to act by our franchisees. Adverse outcomes related to litigation could result in substantial damages and could cause our earnings to decline. Negative public opinion could also result from our subsidiaries' actual or alleged conduct in such claims, possibly damaging our reputation, which, in turn, could adversely affect our business prospects and cause the market price of our securities to decline.

In addition, we have been sued, and certain of our competitors have been sued, in connection with the offering of different types of refund transfer products. Further, we have received an inquiry from the California Attorney General requesting information regarding our refund transfer product, the RAC. In a case involving one of our competitors, a California appellate court affirmed a trial court's ruling that the competitor's specific version of a refund transfer product was subject to truth-in-lending and other related laws. Following the appellate court's ruling, the case was denied further appellate review. We believe there are differences that distinguish our RAC product from the product that was the subject of the competitor's case described above. Revenues from our RAC product totaled \$181 million in fiscal year 2014; any requirement that materially alters our offering of RACs, including limitations on the fees we charge or disclosure requirements that could reduce the demand for these products, could have a material adverse impact on our business and our consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

There have been no other material changes in our risk factors from those reported at April 30, 2014 in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.



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## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

A summary of our purchases of H&R Block common stock during the second quarter of fiscal year 2015 is as follows: (in 000s, except per share amounts)

	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (2)	Maximum Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
August 1 – August 31	—	\$32.01	—	\$857,504
September 1 – September 30	1	\$33.52	—	\$857,504
October 1 – October 31	27	\$30.54	—	\$857,504
	28	\$30.62		

We purchased approximately 28 thousand shares in connection with funding employee income tax withholding (1) obligations arising upon the lapse of restrictions on restricted shares and restricted share units. There were no open-market repurchases.

(2) In June 2008, our Board of Directors approved an authorization to purchase up to \$2.0 billion of our common stock through June 2012. In June 2012, our Board of Directors extended this authorization through June 2015.

## ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

## ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

The following exhibits are numbered in accordance with the Exhibit Table of Item 601 of Regulation S-K:

10.1 Amended and Restated H&R Block Executive Performance Plan, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's current report on Form 8-K filed September 12, 2014, file number 1-6089, is incorporated herein by reference.

10.2 Letter Agreement among H&R Block Bank, Block Financial LLC, and BofI Federal Bank, effective October 23, 2014, filed as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's current report on Form 8-K filed October 23, 2014, file number 1-6089, is incorporated herein by reference.

31.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

32.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1350, as adopted by Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS XBRL Instance Document

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema

101.CAL XBRL Extension Calculation Linkbase

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase

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SIGNATURES

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

H&R BLOCK, INC.

/s/ William C. Cobb

William C. Cobb

President and Chief Executive Officer

December 9, 2014

/s/ Gregory J. Macfarlane

Gregory J. Macfarlane

Chief Financial Officer

December 9, 2014

/s/ Jeffrey T. Brown

Jeffrey T. Brown

Chief Accounting and Risk Officer

December 9, 2014

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