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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number 1-08940

Altria Group, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

13-3260245

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

6601 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia

(Address of principal executive offices)

23230

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (804) 274-2200

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company

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

Yes No

At October 15, 2013, there were 2,000,014,810 shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share.

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PART I - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in millions of dollars)

(Unaudited)

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$4,211 | \$2,900 |
| Receivables | 92 | 193 |
| Inventories: | | |
| Leaf tobacco | 798 | 876 |
| Other raw materials | 177 | 173 |
| Work in process | 307 | 349 |
| Finished product | 436 | 348 |
| | 1,718 | 1,746 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,218 | 1,216 |
| Other current assets | 310 | 260 |
| Total current assets | 7,549 | 6,315 |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost | 4,787 | 4,750 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 2,746 | 2,648 |
| | 2,041 | 2,102 |
| Goodwill | 5,174 | 5,174 |
| Other intangible assets, net | 12,063 | 12,078 |
| Investment in SABMiller | 6,520 | 6,637 |
| Finance assets, net | 2,153 | 2,581 |
| Other assets | 450 | 442 |
| Total Assets | \$35,950 | \$35,329 |

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Continued)
(in millions of dollars, except share and per share data)
(Unaudited)

| | September 30, 2013 | December 31, 2012 |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Liabilities | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$1,984 | \$1,459 |
| Accounts payable | 347 | 451 |
| Accrued liabilities: | | |
| Marketing | 523 | 568 |
| Employment costs | 215 | 184 |
| Settlement charges | 3,047 | 3,616 |
| Other | 1,258 | 1,093 |
| Dividends payable | 963 | 888 |
| Total current liabilities | 8,337 | 8,259 |
| Long-term debt | 12,892 | 12,419 |
| Deferred income taxes | 6,466 | 6,652 |
| Accrued pension costs | 1,243 | 1,735 |
| Accrued postretirement health care costs | 2,492 | 2,504 |
| Other liabilities | 505 | 556 |
| Total liabilities | 31,935 | 32,125 |
| Contingencies (Note 11) | | |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest | 34 | 34 |
| Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.33 1/3 per share (2,805,961,317 shares issued) | 935 | 935 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 5,701 | 5,688 |
| Earnings reinvested in the business | 25,636 | 24,316 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive losses | (2,223) | (2,040) |
| Cost of repurchased stock (805,674,097 shares in 2013 and 796,221,021 shares in 2012) | (26,068) | (25,731) |
| Total stockholders' equity attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | 3,981 | 3,168 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | 2 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 3,981 | 3,170 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$35,950 | \$35,329 |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | | |

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings
 (in millions of dollars, except per share data)
 (Unaudited)

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net revenues | \$18,386 | \$18,376 |
| Cost of sales | 5,210 | 5,860 |
| Excise taxes on products | 5,127 | 5,336 |
| Gross profit | 8,049 | 7,180 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 1,723 | 1,678 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | 25 | (48) |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | 1 | 47 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 15 | 15 |
| Operating income | 6,285 | 5,488 |
| Interest and other debt expense, net | 794 | 868 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | 874 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (738) | (973) |
| Earnings before income taxes | 6,229 | 4,719 |
| Provision for income taxes | 2,182 | 1,641 |
| Net earnings | 4,047 | 3,078 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | (1) |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$4,047 | \$3,077 |
| Per share data: | | |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$2.02 | \$1.51 |
| Dividends declared | \$1.36 | \$1.26 |

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Earnings
 (in millions of dollars, except per share data)
 (Unaudited)

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net revenues | \$6,553 | \$6,242 |
| Cost of sales | 1,939 | 1,982 |
| Excise taxes on products | 1,793 | 1,776 |
| Gross profit | 2,821 | 2,484 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 659 | 548 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | 25 | (48) |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | — | 10 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 5 | 5 |
| Operating income | 2,132 | 1,969 |
| Interest and other debt expense, net | 269 | 282 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | 874 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (255) | (230) |
| Earnings before income taxes | 2,118 | 1,043 |
| Provision for income taxes | 722 | 386 |
| Net earnings | 1,396 | 657 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$1,396 | \$657 |
| Per share data: | | |
| Basic and diluted earnings per share attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$0.70 | \$0.32 |
| Dividends declared | \$0.48 | \$0.44 |

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Earnings
 (in millions of dollars)
 (Unaudited)

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net earnings | \$4,047 | \$3,078 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings, net of deferred income taxes: | | |
| Currency translation adjustments | (1) | — |
| Benefit plans | 159 | 98 |
| SABMiller | (341) | 185 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings, net of deferred income taxes | (183) | 283 |
| Comprehensive earnings | 3,864 | 3,361 |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | (1) |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$3,864 | \$3,360 |

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 (in millions of dollars)
 (Unaudited)

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|---|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Net earnings | \$1,396 | \$657 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes: | | |
| Benefit plans | 46 | 37 |
| SABMiller | 61 | 33 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | 107 | 70 |
| Comprehensive earnings | 1,503 | 727 |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$1,503 | \$727 |

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
 Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity
 for the Year Ended December 31, 2012 and
 the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
 (in millions of dollars, except per share data)
 (Unaudited)

| | Attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | | | | | | Total Stockholders' Equity |
|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|---------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Common Stock | Additional Paid-in Capital | Earnings Reinvested in the Business | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses | Cost of Repurchased Stock | Non-controlling Interests | |
| Balances, December 31, 2011 | \$935 | \$5,674 | \$23,583 | \$ (1,887) | \$ (24,625) | \$ 3 | \$ 3,683 |
| Net earnings ⁽¹⁾ | — | — | 4,180 | — | — | — | 4,180 |
| Other comprehensive losses, net of deferred income tax benefit | — | — | — | (153) | — | — | (153) |
| Stock award activity | — | 14 | — | — | 10 | — | 24 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$1.70 per share) | — | — | (3,447) | — | — | — | (3,447) |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | — | — | — | (1,116) | — | (1,116) |
| Other | — | — | — | — | — | (1) | (1) |
| Balances, December 31, 2012 | 935 | 5,688 | 24,316 | (2,040) | (25,731) | 2 | 3,170 |
| Net earnings (losses) ⁽¹⁾ | — | — | 4,047 | — | — | (2) | 4,045 |
| Other comprehensive losses, net of deferred income tax benefit | — | — | — | (183) | — | — | (183) |
| Stock award activity | — | 13 | — | — | 11 | — | 24 |
| Cash dividends declared (\$1.36 per share) | — | — | (2,727) | — | — | — | (2,727) |
| Repurchases of common stock | — | — | — | — | (348) | — | (348) |
| Balances, September 30, 2013 | \$935 | \$5,701 | \$25,636 | \$ (2,223) | \$ (26,068) | \$ — | \$ 3,981 |

Net earnings/losses attributable to noncontrolling interests for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and for the year ended December 31, 2012 exclude net earnings of \$2 million and \$3 million, respectively, due to the redeemable noncontrolling interest related to Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, which is reported in the mezzanine equity section in the condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. See Note 11.

See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(in millions of dollars)
(Unaudited)

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities | | |
| Net earnings | \$4,047 | \$3,078 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to operating cash flows: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 158 | 169 |
| Deferred income tax benefit | (105) | (1,088) |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (738) | (973) |
| Dividends from SABMiller | 331 | 299 |
| IRS payment related to the Closing Agreement | — | (456) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | 874 |
| Cash effects of changes: | | |
| Receivables, net | 101 | 202 |
| Inventories | 28 | 155 |
| Accounts payable | (19) | (38) |
| Income taxes | 181 | 825 |
| Accrued liabilities and other current assets | (103) | (195) |
| Accrued settlement charges | (569) | (277) |
| Pension plan contributions | (391) | (538) |
| Pension provisions and postretirement, net | 133 | 134 |
| Other | (78) | (51) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 2,976 | 2,120 |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | | |
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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)
(in millions of dollars)
(Unaudited)

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|--|--|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities | | |
| Capital expenditures | \$(90) | \$(77) |
| Proceeds from finance assets | 559 | 813 |
| Other | 16 | (8) |
| Net cash provided by investing activities | 485 | 728 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities | | |
| Long-term debt issued | 996 | 2,787 |
| Long-term debt repaid | — | (2,600) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (382) | (595) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (2,652) | (2,508) |
| Financing fees and debt issuance costs | (12) | (22) |
| Tender premiums and fees related to early extinguishment of debt | — | (864) |
| Other | (100) | (130) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (2,150) | (3,932) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | |
| Increase (decrease) | 1,311 | (1,084) |
| Balance at beginning of period | 2,900 | 3,270 |
| Balance at end of period | \$4,211 | \$2,186 |
| See notes to condensed consolidated financial statements. | | |

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

Note 1. Background and Basis of Presentation:

Background

At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries included Philip Morris USA Inc. ("PM USA"), which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and certain smokeless tobacco products in the United States; John Middleton Co. ("Middleton"), which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of machine-made large cigars and pipe tobacco, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PM USA; and UST LLC ("UST"), which through its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, including U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC ("USSTC") and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Ltd. ("Ste. Michelle"), is engaged in the manufacture and sale of smokeless tobacco products and wine. Nu Mark LLC ("Nu Mark"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., is engaged in the development and marketing of innovative tobacco products for adult tobacco consumers. Philip Morris Capital Corporation ("PMCC"), a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., maintains a portfolio of leveraged and direct finance leases. In addition, Altria Group, Inc. held approximately 26.8% of the economic and voting interest of SABMiller plc ("SABMiller") at September 30, 2013, which Altria Group, Inc. accounts for under the equity method of accounting. Altria Group, Inc.'s access to the operating cash flows of its wholly-owned subsidiaries consists of cash received from the payment of dividends and distributions, and the payment of interest on intercompany loans by its subsidiaries. In addition, Altria Group, Inc. receives cash dividends on its interest in SABMiller if and when SABMiller pays such dividends. At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s principal wholly-owned subsidiaries were not limited by long-term debt or other agreements in their ability to pay cash dividends or make other distributions with respect to their common stock.

Dividends and Share Repurchases

During the third quarter of 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") approved a 9.1% increase in the quarterly dividend rate to \$0.48 per common share versus the previous rate of \$0.44 per common share. The current annualized dividend rate is \$1.92 per Altria Group, Inc. common share. Future dividend payments remain subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

In October 2011, the Board of Directors authorized a \$1.0 billion share repurchase program that was expanded to \$1.5 billion in October 2012 (as expanded, the "October 2011 share repurchase program"). During the first quarter of 2013, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 1.7 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$57 million, and \$34.05 average price per share) and completed the October 2011 share repurchase program. Under this program, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased a total of 48.3 million shares of its common stock at an average price of \$31.06 per share.

In April 2013, the Board of Directors authorized a new \$300 million share repurchase program that was expanded to \$1.0 billion in August 2013 (as expanded, the "April 2013 share repurchase program"). Altria Group, Inc. expects to complete this program by the end of the third quarter of 2014. During the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 8.2 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$291 million, and \$35.44 average price per share) and 4.5 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$156 million, and \$34.75 average price per share), respectively, under the April 2013 share repurchase program. At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. had approximately \$709 million remaining in the April 2013 share repurchase program.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 9.9 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$348 million, and \$35.20 average price per share) and 19.6 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$622 million, and \$31.76 average price per share), respectively, under the share repurchase

programs discussed above.

The timing of share repurchases under the April 2013 share repurchase program depends upon marketplace conditions and other factors. The program remains subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Basis of Presentation

The interim condensed consolidated financial statements of Altria Group, Inc. are unaudited. It is the opinion of Altria Group, Inc.'s management that all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the interim results presented have been

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reflected therein. All such adjustments were of a normal recurring nature. Net revenues and net earnings for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for the entire year.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes, which appear in Altria Group, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (the "2012 Form 10-K").

Effective January 1, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s reportable segments are smokeable products, smokeless products and wine. The financial services and the alternative products businesses have been combined in an all other category due to the continued reduction of the lease portfolio of PMCC and the relative financial contribution of Altria Group, Inc.'s alternative products business to its consolidated results. In addition, due to the continued reduction of the lease portfolio of PMCC, Altria Group, Inc.'s balance sheet accounts are no longer segregated by consumer products and financial services, and all balance sheet accounts are classified as either current or non-current. Prior-period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current-period presentation.

Effective January 1, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. adopted new authoritative guidance that requires an entity to provide additional information by component concerning the amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive earnings/losses. Altria Group, Inc. has included the additional disclosures in Note 6. Other Comprehensive Earnings/Losses.

Note 2. Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs:

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, pre-tax asset impairment and exit costs of \$1 million were recorded in the smokeable products segment. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, pre-tax implementation costs of \$1 million were recorded in marketing, administration and research costs in the smokeable products segment.

Pre-tax asset impairment, exit and implementation costs for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012 consisted of the following:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | |
|--------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------|---|----------------------|-------|
| | Asset Impairment and Exit Costs (in millions) | Implementation (Gain) Costs | Total | Asset Impairment and Exit Costs | Implementation Costs | Total |
| Smokeable products | \$24 | \$(11) |) \$13 | \$1 | \$1 | \$2 |
| Smokeless products | 22 | 5 | 27 | 8 | — | 8 |
| General corporate | 1 | (1) |) — | 1 | — | 1 |
| Total | \$47 | \$(7) |) \$40 | \$10 | \$1 | \$11 |

The asset impairment, exit and implementation (gain) costs shown in the table above were related to Altria Group, Inc.'s cost reduction program announced in October 2011 (the "2011 Cost Reduction Program"). Total pre-tax charges, net related to this program were substantially completed as of December 31, 2012.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2012, pre-tax implementation (gain) costs of \$(7) million shown in the table above were recorded on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statement of earnings as follows: a net gain of \$15 million, which included a \$26 million curtailment gain related to amendments made to an Altria Group, Inc.

postretirement benefit plan, was included in marketing, administration and research costs; and other costs of \$8 million were included in cost of sales. For the three months ended September 30, 2012, pre-tax implementation costs of \$1 million shown in the table above were recorded in marketing, administration and research costs on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statement of earnings.

The severance liability related to the 2011 Cost Reduction Program was \$37 million at December 31, 2012, substantially all of which was paid as of June 30, 2013.

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Note 3. Benefit Plans:

Subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. sponsor noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering the majority of all employees of Altria Group, Inc. However, employees hired on or after a date specific to their employee group are not eligible to participate in these noncontributory defined benefit pension plans but are instead eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan with enhanced benefits. This transition for new hires occurred from October 1, 2006 to January 1, 2008. In addition, effective January 1, 2010, certain employees of UST and Middleton who were participants in noncontributory defined benefit pension plans ceased to earn additional benefit service under those plans and became eligible to participate in a defined contribution plan with enhanced benefits. Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries also provide health care and other benefits to the majority of retired employees.

Pension Plans

Components of Net Periodic Benefit Cost

Net periodic pension cost consisted of the following:

| | For the Nine Months Ended | | For the Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------|--------|
| | September 30, | | September 30, | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Service cost | \$65 | \$59 | \$22 | \$19 |
| Interest cost | 235 | 258 | 78 | 86 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (370 |) (331 |) (123 |) (110 |
| Amortization: | | | | |
| Net loss | 203 | 168 | 67 | 56 |
| Prior service cost | 8 | 8 | 3 | 3 |
| Net periodic pension cost | \$141 | \$162 | \$47 | \$54 |

Employer Contributions

Altria Group, Inc. makes contributions to the extent that they are tax deductible and pays benefits that relate to plans for salaried employees that cannot be funded under Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") regulations. On January 2, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. made a voluntary \$350 million contribution to its pension plans. Additional employer contributions of \$41 million were made to Altria Group, Inc.'s pension plans during the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Currently, Altria Group, Inc. anticipates making additional employer contributions to its pension plans during the remainder of 2013 of up to approximately \$5 million, based on current tax law. However, this estimate is subject to change as a result of changes in tax and other benefit laws, as well as asset performance significantly above or below the assumed long-term rate of return on pension assets, or changes in interest rates.

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Postretirement Benefit Plans

Net postretirement health care costs consisted of the following:

| | For the Nine Months Ended | | For the Three Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Service cost | \$13 | \$16 | \$3 | \$5 |
| Interest cost | 74 | 87 | 23 | 27 |
| Amortization: | | | | |
| Net loss | 38 | 34 | 10 | 10 |
| Prior service credit | (33 |) (32 |) (11 |) (9 |
| Curtailment gain | — | (26 |) — | — |
| Net postretirement health care costs | \$92 | \$79 | \$25 | \$33 |

The curtailment gain shown in the table above is related to the 2011 Cost Reduction Program. For further information on this program, see Note 2. Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs.

Note 4. Earnings from Equity Investment in SABMiller:

Pre-tax earnings from Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller consisted of the following:

| | For the Nine Months Ended | | For the Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Equity earnings | \$662 | \$942 | \$243 | \$216 |
| Gains resulting from issuances of common stock by SABMiller | 76 | 31 | 12 | 14 |
| | \$738 | \$973 | \$255 | \$230 |

Altria Group, Inc.'s equity earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included its share of pre-tax non-cash gains of \$342 million resulting from SABMiller's strategic alliance transactions with Anadolu Efes and Castel.

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Note 5. Earnings Per Share:

Basic and diluted earnings per share (“EPS”) were calculated using the following:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | |
|--|--|---------|---|-------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$4,047 | \$3,077 | \$1,396 | \$657 |
| Less: Distributed and undistributed earnings attributable to unvested restricted and deferred shares | (11 |) (10 |) (4 |) (2 |
| Earnings for basic and diluted EPS | \$4,036 | \$3,067 | \$1,392 | \$655 |
| Weighted-average shares for basic and diluted EPS | 2,001 | 2,028 | 1,998 | 2,024 |

Since February 29, 2012, there were no stock options outstanding. For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 computation, there were no antidilutive stock options.

Note 6. Other Comprehensive Earnings/Losses:

The following tables set forth the changes in each component of accumulated other comprehensive losses, net of deferred income taxes, attributable to Altria Group, Inc.:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | | |
|---|--|---------------|-----------|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments | Benefit Plans | SABMiller | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Balances, December 31, 2012 | \$2 | \$(2,414 |) \$372 | \$(2,040 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings before reclassifications | (1 |) 30 | (527 |) (498 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | (13 |) 184 | 171 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings before reclassifications, net of deferred income taxes | (1 |) 17 | (343 |) (327 |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings | — | 230 | 2 | 232 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | (88 |) — | (88 |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 142 | 2 | 144 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings, net of deferred income taxes | (1 |) 159 | (341 |) (183 |
| Balances, September 30, 2013 | \$1 | \$(2,255 |) \$31 | \$(2,223 |

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| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | | |
|---|---|---------------|-----------|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments | Benefit Plans | SABMiller | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Balances, June 30, 2013 | \$1 | \$(2,301) | \$(30) | \$(2,330) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications | — | — | 92 | 92 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | (32) | (32) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications, net of deferred income taxes | — | — | 60 | 60 |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings | — | 74 | 1 | 75 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | (28) | — | (28) |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 46 | 1 | 47 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 46 | 61 | 107 |
| Balances, September 30, 2013 | \$1 | \$(2,255) | \$31 | \$(2,223) |

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | |
|---|--|---------------|-----------|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments | Benefit Plans | SABMiller | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Balances, December 31, 2011 | \$2 | \$(2,062) | \$173 | \$(1,887) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications | — | — | 280 | 280 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | (98) | (98) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications, net of deferred income taxes | — | — | 182 | 182 |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings | — | 162 | 4 | 166 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | (64) | (1) | (65) |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 98 | 3 | 101 |
| | — | 98 | 185 | 283 |

Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred
income taxes

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|----------|---------|----------|---|
| Balances, September 30, 2012 | \$2 | \$(1,964 |) \$358 | \$(1,604 |) |
|------------------------------|-----|----------|---------|----------|---|

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| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | | | |
|---|---|---------------|-----------|---|
| | Currency Translation Adjustments (in millions) | Benefit Plans | SABMiller | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Losses |
| Balances, June 30, 2012 | \$2 | \$(2,001) | \$325 | \$(1,674) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications | — | — | 43 | 43 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | — | (15) | (15) |
| Other comprehensive earnings before reclassifications, net of deferred income taxes | — | — | 28 | 28 |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings | — | 60 | 8 | 68 |
| Deferred income taxes | — | (23) | (3) | (26) |
| Amounts reclassified to net earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 37 | 5 | 42 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | — | 37 | 33 | 70 |
| Balances, September 30, 2012 | \$2 | \$(1,964) | \$358 | \$(1,604) |

The following table sets forth pre-tax amounts by component, reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive losses to net earnings for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013 | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012 | |
|--|--|-------|---|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Benefit Plans: ^(a) | | | | |
| Net loss | \$255 | \$212 | \$82 | \$66 |
| Prior service cost/credit | (25) | (50) | (8) | (6) |
| | 230 | 162 | 74 | 60 |
| SABMiller ^(b) | 2 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| Pre-tax amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive losses to net earnings | \$232 | \$166 | \$75 | \$68 |

^(a) Amounts are included in net defined benefit plan costs. For further details, see Note 3. Benefit Plans.

^(b) Amounts are included in earnings from equity investment in SABMiller. For further information on Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller, see Note 4. Earnings from Equity Investment in SABMiller.

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Note 7. Segment Reporting:

The products of Altria Group, Inc.'s subsidiaries include smokeable products comprised of cigarettes manufactured and sold by PM USA and machine-made large cigars and pipe tobacco manufactured and sold by Middleton; smokeless products manufactured and sold by or on behalf of USSTC and PM USA; and wine produced and/or distributed by Ste. Michelle. The products and services of these subsidiaries constitute Altria Group, Inc.'s reportable segments of smokeable products, smokeless products and wine. The financial services and the alternative products businesses are included in all other.

As discussed in Note 1. Background and Basis of Presentation, beginning with the first quarter of 2013, Altria Group, Inc. revised its reportable segments. Prior-period segment data have been recast to conform with the current-period segment presentation.

Altria Group, Inc.'s chief operating decision maker reviews operating companies income to evaluate the performance of and allocate resources to the segments. Operating companies income for the segments excludes general corporate expenses and amortization of intangibles. Interest and other debt expense, net, and provision for income taxes are centrally managed at the corporate level and, accordingly, such items are not presented by segment since they are excluded from the measure of segment profitability reviewed by Altria Group, Inc.'s chief operating decision maker. Segment data were as follows:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|----------|---|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Net revenues: | | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$16,448 | \$16,616 | \$5,802 | \$5,613 |
| Smokeless products | 1,333 | 1,243 | 485 | 437 |
| Wine | 411 | 381 | 148 | 140 |
| All other | 194 | 136 | 118 | 52 |
| Net revenues | \$18,386 | \$18,376 | \$6,553 | \$6,242 |
| Earnings before income taxes: | | | | |
| Operating companies income: | | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$5,471 | \$4,716 | \$1,825 | \$1,637 |
| Smokeless products | 769 | 678 | 277 | 246 |
| Wine | 73 | 63 | 28 | 26 |
| All other | 185 | 166 | 92 | 79 |
| Amortization of intangibles | (15) | (15) | (5) | (5) |
| General corporate expenses | (173) | (168) | (60) | (62) |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | (25) | 48 | (25) | 48 |
| Operating income | 6,285 | 5,488 | 2,132 | 1,969 |
| Interest and other debt expense, net | (794) | (868) | (269) | (282) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | (874) | — | (874) |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | 738 | 973 | 255 | 230 |
| Earnings before income taxes | \$6,229 | \$4,719 | \$2,118 | \$1,043 |

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Items affecting the comparability of operating companies income for the reportable segments were as follows:

Non-Participating Manufacturer (“NPM”) Adjustment Items - For the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, PM USA recorded pre-tax income of \$664 million and \$145 million, respectively, on Altria Group, Inc.’s condensed consolidated statements of earnings, which increased operating companies income in the smokeable products segment. This recording of pre-tax income resulted from the following:

a reduction to cost of sales of \$519 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 for the settlement of disputes with certain states and territories related to the NPM adjustment provision under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement (the “MSA”) for the years 2003 - 2012; and

a reduction to cost of sales of \$145 million for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 for the September 11, 2013 diligent enforcement rulings of the arbitration panel presiding over the NPM adjustment dispute for 2003.

For further discussion of these items, see Possible Adjustments in MSA Payments for 2003 - 2012 in Note 11. Contingencies.

Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs - See Note 2. Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs for a breakdown of these costs by segment.

Tobacco and Health Judgments - See Note 11. Contingencies for pre-tax charges related to tobacco and health judgments recorded in operating companies income in the smokeable products segment.

Note 8. Finance Assets, net:

In 2003, PMCC ceased making new investments and began focusing exclusively on managing its portfolio of finance assets in order to maximize its operating results and cash flows from its existing lease portfolio activities and asset sales. Accordingly, PMCC’s operating companies income will fluctuate over time as investments mature or are sold.

At September 30, 2013, finance assets, net, of \$2,153 million were comprised of investments in finance leases of \$2,194 million and a receivable of \$11 million, reduced by the allowance for losses of \$52 million. At December 31, 2012, finance assets, net, of \$2,581 million were comprised of investments in finance leases of \$2,680 million, reduced by the allowance for losses of \$99 million.

The activity in the allowance for losses on finance assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 was as follows:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|----------------------------------|--|--------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | |
| Balance at beginning of the year | \$99 | \$227 |
| Decrease to allowance | (47) | (10) |
| Amounts written-off | — | (118) |
| Balance at September 30 | \$52 | \$99 |

PMCC assesses the adequacy of its allowance for losses relative to the credit risk of its leasing portfolio on an ongoing basis. During the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, PMCC determined that its allowance for losses exceeded the amount required based on management’s assessment of the credit quality and size of PMCC’s

leasing portfolio. As a result, PMCC reduced its allowance for losses by \$47 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, and by \$10 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012. These decreases to the allowance for losses were recorded as a reduction to marketing, administration and research costs on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

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In addition, as a result of developments related to the 2011 American Airlines, Inc. (“American”) bankruptcy filing, during the nine months ended September 30, 2012, PMCC wrote off \$118 million of the related investment in finance lease balance against its allowance for losses. Also, during the third quarter of 2012, deferred taxes of \$22 million were accelerated and PMCC recorded \$33 million of pre-tax income primarily related to recoveries from the sale of bankruptcy claims on, as well as the sale of aircraft under, its leases to American. During the first quarter of 2013, PMCC sold its remaining interest in the American aircraft leases.

All PMCC lessees were current on their lease payment obligations as of September 30, 2013.

PMCC believes that, as of September 30, 2013, the allowance for losses of \$52 million was adequate. PMCC continues to monitor economic and credit conditions, and the individual situations of its lessees and their respective industries, and may increase or decrease its allowance for losses if such conditions change in the future.

The credit quality of PMCC’s investments in finance assets as assigned by Standard & Poor’s Ratings Services (“Standard & Poor’s”) and Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. (“Moody’s”) at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 was as follows:

| | September 30, 2013 (in millions) | December 31, 2012 |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Credit Rating by Standard & Poor’s/Moody’s: | | |
| “AAA/Aaa” to “A-/A3” | \$611 | \$961 |
| “BBB+/Baa1” to “BBB-/Baa3” | 931 | 938 |
| “BB+/Ba1” and Lower | 663 | 781 |
| Total | \$2,205 | \$2,680 |

Note 9. Debt:

Short-term Borrowings and Borrowing Arrangements

At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Altria Group, Inc. had no short-term borrowings.

On August 19, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. amended and restated its \$3.0 billion senior unsecured 5-year revolving credit agreement to extend the expiration date to August 19, 2018, with an option, subject to certain conditions, for Altria Group, Inc. to extend the expiration date for two additional one-year periods (as amended and restated, the “Credit Agreement”). All other terms of the Credit Agreement remain substantially the same.

Any borrowings under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by PM USA (see Note 12. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information). At September 30, 2013, the credit line available to Altria Group, Inc. under the Credit Agreement was \$3.0 billion.

Long-term Debt

On May 2, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 2.95% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2023 and \$650 million aggregate principal amount of 4.50% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2043. Interest on these notes is payable semi-annually. The net proceeds from the issuance of these senior unsecured notes were added to Altria Group, Inc.’s general funds and were used for general corporate purposes.

The notes are Altria Group, Inc.'s senior unsecured obligations and rank equally in right of payment with all of Altria Group, Inc.'s existing and future senior unsecured indebtedness. Upon the occurrence of both (i) a change of control of Altria Group, Inc. and (ii) the notes ceasing to be rated investment grade by each of Moody's, Standard & Poor's and Fitch Ratings Ltd. within a specified time period, Altria Group, Inc. will be required to make an offer to purchase the notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of such notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of repurchase as and to the extent set forth in the terms of the notes.

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The obligations of Altria Group, Inc. under the notes are guaranteed by PM USA (see Note 12. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information).

Altria Group, Inc.'s estimate of the fair value of its debt is based on observable market information derived from a third-party pricing source and is classified in level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The aggregate fair value of Altria Group, Inc.'s total long-term debt at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, was \$17.4 billion and \$17.6 billion, respectively, as compared with its carrying value of \$14.9 billion and \$13.9 billion, respectively.

Tender Offer for Altria Group, Inc. Senior Notes

In August 2012, Altria Group, Inc. issued \$1.9 billion aggregate principal amount of 2.85% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2022 and \$0.9 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.25% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2042. The net proceeds from the issuances of these senior unsecured notes were added to Altria Group, Inc.'s general funds and were used in connection with a tender offer to purchase for cash \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of certain of its senior unsecured notes. During the third quarter of 2012, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased \$1,151 million aggregate principal amount of its 9.70% notes due 2018, and \$849 million aggregate principal amount of its 9.25% notes due 2019. As a result of this tender offer, Altria Group, Inc. recorded, during the third quarter of 2012, a pre-tax loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$874 million, which included debt tender premiums and fees of \$864 million and the write-off of related unamortized debt discounts and debt issuance costs of \$10 million.

Note 10. Income Taxes:

The income tax rate of 35.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased 0.2 percentage points from 34.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to the following:

- an interest benefit, recorded during the second quarter of 2012, resulting primarily from lower than estimated interest on tax underpayments related to the execution of a closing agreement with the IRS that conclusively resolved the federal income tax treatment for all prior and future tax years of certain leveraged lease transactions entered into by PMCC (the "Closing Agreement"); and

- the reversal in 2012 of tax reserves and associated interest due primarily to the closure in August 2012 of the IRS audit of Altria Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries' 2004 - 2006 tax years ("IRS 2004 - 2006 Audit"); partially offset by:

- the resolution of various Kraft Foods Inc. (now known as Mondelēz International, Inc. ("Mondelēz")) and Philip Morris International Inc. ("PMI") tax matters in the third quarters of 2013 and 2012, as discussed further below;

- the reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer (see Note 9. Debt); and

- the reversal in 2013 of tax accruals no longer required.

As discussed in its 2012 Form 10-K, Altria Group, Inc. recognizes accrued interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as part of the provision for income taxes on its condensed consolidated statements of earnings. As a result of the Closing Agreement, during the second quarter of 2012, Altria Group, Inc. paid \$456 million in federal income taxes and related estimated interest on tax underpayments. The tax component of these payments represents an acceleration of income taxes that Altria Group, Inc. would have otherwise paid over the lease terms of these transactions.

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The income tax rate of 34.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2013 decreased 2.9 percentage points from 37.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2012, due primarily to the following:

- the resolution of various Mondelēz and PMI tax matters in the third quarters of 2013 and 2012, as discussed further below;

- the reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer;
- and

- the reversal in 2013 of tax accruals no longer required;

partially offset by:

- the reversal in 2012 of tax reserves and associated interest due primarily to the closure in August 2012 of the IRS 2004 - 2006 Audit.

Under tax sharing agreements entered into in connection with the 2007 and 2008 spin-offs between Altria Group, Inc. and its former subsidiaries Mondelēz and PMI, respectively, Mondelēz and PMI are responsible for their respective pre-spin-off tax obligations. Altria Group, Inc., however, remains severally liable for Mondelēz's and PMI's pre-spin-off federal tax obligations pursuant to regulations governing federal consolidated income tax returns, and continues to include the pre-spin-off federal income tax reserves of Mondelēz and PMI in its liability for uncertain tax positions. Altria Group, Inc. also includes corresponding receivables/payables from Mondelēz and PMI in its assets and liabilities. A third quarter 2013 tax benefit of \$25 million for Mondelēz tax matters, relating to the IRS audit of Altria Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries' 2007 - 2009 tax years, was offset by the recording of a corresponding payable to Mondelēz, which was recorded as a decrease to operating income on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013. A third quarter 2012 tax provision of \$48 million for Mondelēz and PMI tax matters, resulting from the closure of the IRS 2004 - 2006 Audit, was offset by an increase to the corresponding receivables from Mondelēz and PMI, which was recorded as an increase to operating income on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012. Due to these offsets, the Mondelēz and PMI tax matters had no impact on Altria Group, Inc.'s net earnings for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012.

Altria Group, Inc. is subject to income taxation in many jurisdictions. Uncertain tax positions reflect the difference between tax positions taken or expected to be taken on income tax returns and the amounts recognized in the financial statements. Resolution of the related tax positions with the relevant tax authorities may take many years to complete, and such timing is not entirely within the control of Altria Group, Inc. It is reasonably possible that within the next 12 months certain examinations will be resolved, which could result in a decrease in unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$130 million, a portion of which would relate to the unrecognized tax benefits from Mondelēz and PMI, for which Altria Group, Inc. is indemnified by Mondelēz and PMI under respective tax sharing agreements.

Note 11. Contingencies:

Legal proceedings covering a wide range of matters are pending or threatened in various United States and foreign jurisdictions against Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including PM USA and UST and its subsidiaries, as well as their respective indemnitees. Various types of claims may be raised in these proceedings, including product liability, consumer protection, antitrust, tax, contraband shipments, patent infringement, employment matters, claims for contribution and claims of distributors.

Litigation is subject to uncertainty and it is possible that there could be adverse developments in pending or future cases. An unfavorable outcome or settlement of pending tobacco-related or other litigation could encourage the commencement of additional litigation. Damages claimed in some tobacco-related and other litigation are or can be significant and, in certain cases, range in the billions of dollars. The variability in pleadings in multiple jurisdictions, together with the actual experience of management in litigating claims, demonstrate that the monetary relief that may

be specified in a lawsuit bears little relevance to the ultimate outcome. In certain cases, plaintiffs claim that defendants' liability is joint and several. In such cases, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries may face the risk that one or more co-defendants decline or otherwise fail to participate in the bonding required for an appeal or to pay their proportionate or jury-allocated share of a judgment. As a result, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances may have to pay more than

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their proportionate share of any bonding- or judgment-related amounts. Furthermore, in those cases where plaintiffs are successful, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries may also be required to pay interest and attorney's fees.

Although PM USA has historically been able to obtain required bonds or relief from bonding requirements in order to prevent plaintiffs from seeking to collect judgments while adverse verdicts have been appealed, there remains a risk that such relief may not be obtainable in all cases. This risk has been substantially reduced given that 45 states and Puerto Rico now limit the dollar amount of bonds or require no bond at all. As discussed below, however, tobacco litigation plaintiffs have challenged the constitutionality of Florida's bond cap statute in several cases and plaintiffs may challenge state bond cap statutes in other jurisdictions as well. Such challenges may include the applicability of state bond caps in federal court. Although we cannot predict the outcome of such challenges, it is possible that the consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position of Altria Group, Inc., or one or more of its subsidiaries, could be materially affected in a particular fiscal quarter or fiscal year by an unfavorable outcome of one or more such challenges.

Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries record provisions in the condensed consolidated financial statements for pending litigation when they determine that an unfavorable outcome is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. At the present time, while it is reasonably possible that an unfavorable outcome in a case may occur, except to the extent discussed elsewhere in this Note 11. Contingencies: (i) management has concluded that it is not probable that a loss has been incurred in any of the pending tobacco-related cases; (ii) management is unable to estimate the possible loss or range of loss that could result from an unfavorable outcome in any of the pending tobacco-related cases; and (iii) accordingly, management has not provided any amounts in the condensed consolidated financial statements for unfavorable outcomes, if any. Legal defense costs are expensed as incurred.

Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries have achieved substantial success in managing litigation. Nevertheless, litigation is subject to uncertainty and significant challenges remain. It is possible that the consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position of Altria Group, Inc., or one or more of its subsidiaries, could be materially affected in a particular fiscal quarter or fiscal year by an unfavorable outcome or settlement of certain pending litigation. Altria Group, Inc. and each of its subsidiaries named as a defendant believe, and each has been so advised by counsel handling the respective cases, that it has valid defenses to the litigation pending against it, as well as valid bases for appeal of adverse verdicts. Each of the companies has defended, and will continue to defend, vigorously against litigation challenges. However, Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries may enter into settlement discussions in particular cases if they believe it is in the best interests of Altria Group, Inc. to do so.

Overview of Altria Group, Inc. and/or PM USA Tobacco-Related Litigation

Types and Number of Cases

Claims related to tobacco products generally fall within the following categories: (i) smoking and health cases alleging personal injury brought on behalf of individual plaintiffs; (ii) smoking and health cases primarily alleging personal injury or seeking court-supervised programs for ongoing medical monitoring and purporting to be brought on behalf of a class of individual plaintiffs, including cases in which the aggregated claims of a number of individual plaintiffs are to be tried in a single proceeding; (iii) health care cost recovery cases brought by governmental (both domestic and foreign) plaintiffs seeking reimbursement for health care expenditures allegedly caused by cigarette smoking and/or disgorgement of profits; (iv) class action suits alleging that the uses of the terms "Lights" and "Ultra Lights" constitute deceptive and unfair trade practices, common law or statutory fraud, unjust enrichment, breach of warranty or violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act ("RICO"); and (v) other tobacco-related litigation described below. Plaintiffs' theories of recovery and the defenses raised in pending smoking and health, health care cost recovery and "Lights/Ultra Lights" cases are discussed below.

The table below lists the number of certain tobacco-related cases pending in the United States against PM USA and, in some instances, Altria Group, Inc. as of October 21, 2013, October 25, 2012 and October 24, 2011.

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|---|--|--|--|
| Individual Smoking and Health Cases ⁽¹⁾ | 68 | 77 | 79 |
| Smoking and Health Class Actions and Aggregated Claims Litigation ⁽²⁾ | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| Health Care Cost Recovery Actions ⁽³⁾ | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| “Lights/Ultra Lights” Class Actions | 15 | 14 | 18 |

⁽¹⁾ Does not include 2,572 cases brought by flight attendants seeking compensatory damages for personal injuries allegedly caused by exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (“ETS”). The flight attendants allege that they are members of an ETS smoking and health class action in Florida, which was settled in 1997 (Broin). The terms of the court-approved settlement in that case allow class members to file individual lawsuits seeking compensatory damages, but prohibit them from seeking punitive damages. Also, does not include individual smoking and health cases brought by or on behalf of plaintiffs in Florida state and federal courts following the decertification of the Engle case (discussed below in Smoking and Health Litigation - Engle Class Action).

⁽²⁾ Includes as one case the 600 civil actions (of which 346 were actions against PM USA) that were to be tried in a single proceeding in West Virginia (In re: Tobacco Litigation). The West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals has ruled that the United States Constitution did not preclude a trial in two phases in this case. Issues related to defendants’ conduct and whether punitive damages are permissible were tried in the first phase. Trial in the first phase of this case began in April 2013. In May 2013, the jury returned a verdict in favor of defendants on the claims for design defect, negligence, failure to warn, breach of warranty, and concealment and declined to find that the defendants’ conduct warranted punitive damages. Plaintiffs prevailed on their claim that ventilated filter cigarettes should have included use instructions for the period 1964 - 1969. The second phase, if any, will consist of individual trials to determine liability and compensatory damages on that claim only. In July 2013, plaintiffs filed a renewed motion for judgment as a matter of law and a motion for a new trial. Also in July 2013, defendants filed a motion for judgment notwithstanding the verdict. On August 13, 2013, the trial court denied all post-trial motions. The trial court has yet to enter final judgment.

⁽³⁾ See Health Care Cost Recovery Litigation - Federal Government’s Lawsuit below.

International Tobacco-Related Cases

As of October 21, 2013, PM USA is a named defendant in Israel in one “Lights” class action. PM USA is a named defendant in nine health care cost recovery actions in Canada, seven of which also name Altria Group, Inc. as a defendant. PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. are also named defendants in seven smoking and health class actions filed in various Canadian provinces. See Guarantees and Other Similar Matters below for a discussion of the Distribution Agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI that provides for indemnities for certain liabilities concerning tobacco products.

Tobacco-Related Cases Set for Trial

As of October 21, 2013, 2 Engle progeny cases and no individual smoking and health cases against PM USA are set for trial in 2013. Cases against other companies in the tobacco industry are also scheduled for trial in 2013. Trial dates are subject to change.

Trial Results

Since January 1999, excluding the Engle progeny cases (separately discussed below), verdicts have been returned in 56 smoking and health, "Lights/Ultra Lights" and health care cost recovery cases in which PM USA was a defendant. Verdicts in favor of PM USA and other defendants were returned in 38 of the 56 cases. These 38 cases were tried in Alaska (1), California (6), Florida (10), Louisiana (1), Massachusetts (1), Mississippi (1), Missouri (3), New Hampshire (1), New Jersey (1), New York (5), Ohio (2), Pennsylvania (1), Rhode Island (1), Tennessee (2), and West Virginia (2). A motion for a new trial was granted in one of the cases in Florida and in the case in Alaska. In the Alaska case (Hunter),

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the trial court withdrew its order for a new trial upon PM USA's motion for reconsideration. Plaintiff's notice of appeal of this ruling remains pending. See Types and Number of Cases above for a discussion of the trial results in In re: Tobacco Litigation (West Virginia consolidated cases).

Of the 18 non-Engle progeny cases in which verdicts were returned in favor of plaintiffs, 13 have reached final resolution. A verdict against defendants in one health care cost recovery case (Blue Cross/Blue Shield) was reversed and all claims were dismissed with prejudice. In addition, a verdict against defendants in a purported "Lights" class action in Illinois (Price) was reversed and the case was dismissed with prejudice in December 2006. The plaintiff in Price is seeking to reopen the judgment dismissing this case. See below for a discussion of developments in Price.

As of October 21, 2013, 47 state and federal Engle progeny cases involving PM USA have resulted in verdicts since the Florida Supreme Court's Engle decision. Twenty-four verdicts were returned in favor of plaintiffs and 23 verdicts were returned in favor of PM USA. See Smoking and Health Litigation - Engle Progeny Trial Results below for a discussion of these verdicts.

Judgments Paid and Provisions for Tobacco and Health Litigation (Including Engle Progeny Litigation)

After exhausting all appeals in those cases resulting in adverse verdicts associated with tobacco-related litigation, PM USA has paid in the aggregate judgments (and related costs and fees) totaling approximately \$258 million and interest totaling approximately \$142 million as of October 21, 2013. These amounts include payments for Engle progeny judgments (and related costs and fees) totaling approximately \$5.4 million and interest totaling approximately \$500,000.

The changes in Altria Group, Inc.'s accrued liability for tobacco and health judgments, including related interest costs, for the periods specified below were as follows:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|--------|---|------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Accrued liability for tobacco and health judgments at beginning of period | \$— | \$122 | \$6 | \$2 |
| Pre-tax charges for tobacco and health judgments | 18 | 4 | 13 | 3 |
| Pre-tax charges for related interest costs | 4 | — | 3 | — |
| Payments | (16) | (124) | (16) | (3) |
| Accrued liability for tobacco and health judgments at end of period | \$6 | \$2 | \$6 | \$2 |

The accrued liability for tobacco and health judgments, including related interest costs, was included in other accrued liabilities on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated balance sheets. Pre-tax charges for tobacco and health judgments were included in marketing, administration and research costs on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings. Pre-tax charges for related interest costs were included in interest and other debt expense, net on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

Security for Judgments

To obtain stays of judgments pending current appeals, as of September 30, 2013, PM USA has posted various forms of security totaling approximately \$38 million, the majority of which has been collateralized with cash deposits that are included in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

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Smoking and Health Litigation

Overview

Plaintiffs' allegations of liability in smoking and health cases are based on various theories of recovery, including negligence, gross negligence, strict liability, fraud, misrepresentation, design defect, failure to warn, nuisance, breach of express and implied warranties, breach of special duty, conspiracy, concert of action, violations of deceptive trade practice laws and consumer protection statutes, and claims under the federal and state anti-racketeering statutes. Plaintiffs in the smoking and health actions seek various forms of relief, including compensatory and punitive damages, treble/multiple damages and other statutory damages and penalties, creation of medical monitoring and smoking cessation funds, disgorgement of profits, and injunctive and equitable relief. Defenses raised in these cases include lack of proximate cause, assumption of the risk, comparative fault and/or contributory negligence, statutes of limitations and preemption by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act.

Non-Engle Progeny Trial Results

Summarized below are the non-Engle progeny smoking and health cases pending during 2012 and 2013 in which verdicts were returned in favor of plaintiffs and against PM USA. Charts listing the verdicts for plaintiffs in the Engle progeny cases can be found in Smoking and Health Litigation - Engle Progeny Trial Results below.

Mulholland: On July 30, 2013, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and awarded \$5.5 million in compensatory damages. On August 15, 2013, after taking into account a prior recovery by the plaintiff against third parties, the court entered final judgment in the amount of \$4.9 million. On September 12, 2013, PM USA filed a renewed motion for judgment as a matter of law and plaintiff moved to modify the amount of the judgment.

D. Boeken: This litigation has concluded. In August 2011, a California jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff, awarding \$12.8 million in compensatory damages against PM USA. PM USA's motions for judgment notwithstanding the verdict and for a new trial were denied in October 2011. PM USA appealed and posted a bond in the amount of \$12.8 million in November 2011. In July 2013, the California Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment. PM USA sought a petition for rehearing, which the California Court of Appeal denied on July 30, 2013. In the third quarter of 2013, PM USA recorded a pre-tax provision of \$12.8 million related to damages and costs and \$2.8 million related to interest. On September 30, 2013, PM USA paid an amount of approximately \$15.6 million in satisfaction of the judgment and associated costs and interest.

Bullock: This litigation has concluded. In the fourth quarter of 2011, PM USA recorded a pre-tax provision of \$14 million related to damages and costs and \$3 million related to interest and, in March 2012, paid an amount of approximately \$19.1 million in satisfaction of the judgment and associated costs and interest.

Schwarz: In March 2002, an Oregon jury awarded against PM USA \$168,500 in compensatory damages and \$150 million in punitive damages. In May 2002, the trial court reduced the punitive damages award to \$100 million. In May 2006, the Oregon Court of Appeals affirmed the compensatory damages verdict, reversed the award of punitive damages and remanded the case to the trial court for a second trial to determine the amount of punitive damages, if any. In June 2006, plaintiff petitioned the Oregon Supreme Court to review the portion of the court of appeals' decision reversing and remanding the case for a new trial on punitive damages. In June 2010, the Oregon Supreme Court affirmed the court of appeals' decision and remanded the case to the trial court for a new trial limited to the question of

punitive damages. In December 2010, the Oregon Supreme Court reaffirmed its earlier ruling and awarded PM USA approximately \$500,000 in costs. In March 2011, PM USA filed a claim against the plaintiff for its costs and disbursements on appeal, plus interest. Trial on the amount of punitive damages began in January 2012. In February 2012, the jury awarded plaintiff \$25 million in punitive damages. In September 2012, PM USA filed a notice of appeal from the trial court's judgment with the Oregon Court of Appeals.

Williams: This litigation has concluded. In the fourth quarter of 2011, PM USA recorded a provision of approximately \$48 million related to damages and costs and \$54 million related to interest and in January 2012 paid an amount of approximately \$102 million in satisfaction of the judgment and associated costs and interest.

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See Scott Class Action below for a discussion of the verdict and post-trial developments in the Scott class action and Federal Government Lawsuit below for a discussion of the verdict and post-trial developments in the United States of America healthcare cost recovery case.

Engle Class Action

In July 2002, in the second phase of the Engle smoking and health class action in Florida, a jury returned a verdict assessing punitive damages totaling approximately \$145 billion against various defendants, including \$74 billion against PM USA. Following entry of judgment, PM USA appealed.

In May 2001, the trial court approved a stipulation providing that execution of the punitive damages component of the Engle judgment will remain stayed against PM USA and the other participating defendants through the completion of all judicial review. As a result of the stipulation, PM USA placed \$500 million into an interest-bearing escrow account that, regardless of the outcome of the judicial review, was to be paid to the court and the court was to determine how to allocate or distribute it consistent with Florida Rules of Civil Procedure. In May 2003, the Florida Third District Court of Appeal reversed the judgment entered by the trial court and instructed the trial court to order the decertification of the class. Plaintiffs petitioned the Florida Supreme Court for further review.

In July 2006, the Florida Supreme Court ordered that the punitive damages award be vacated, that the class approved by the trial court be decertified and that members of the decertified class could file individual actions against defendants within one year of issuance of the mandate. The court further declared the following Phase I findings are entitled to res judicata effect in such individual actions brought within one year of the issuance of the mandate: (i) that smoking causes various diseases; (ii) that nicotine in cigarettes is addictive; (iii) that defendants' cigarettes were defective and unreasonably dangerous; (iv) that defendants concealed or omitted material information not otherwise known or available knowing that the material was false or misleading or failed to disclose a material fact concerning the health effects or addictive nature of smoking; (v) that defendants agreed to misrepresent information regarding the health effects or addictive nature of cigarettes with the intention of causing the public to rely on this information to their detriment; (vi) that defendants agreed to conceal or omit information regarding the health effects of cigarettes or their addictive nature with the intention that smokers would rely on the information to their detriment; (vii) that all defendants sold or supplied cigarettes that were defective; and (viii) that defendants were negligent. The court also reinstated compensatory damages awards totaling approximately \$6.9 million to two individual plaintiffs and found that a third plaintiff's claim was barred by the statute of limitations. In February 2008, PM USA paid approximately \$3 million, representing its share of compensatory damages and interest, to the two individual plaintiffs identified in the Florida Supreme Court's order.

In August 2006, PM USA sought rehearing from the Florida Supreme Court on parts of its July 2006 opinion, including the ruling (described above) that certain jury findings have res judicata effect in subsequent individual trials timely brought by Engle class members. The rehearing motion also asked, among other things, that legal errors that were raised but not expressly ruled upon in the Third District Court of Appeal or in the Florida Supreme Court now be addressed. Plaintiffs also filed a motion for rehearing in August 2006 seeking clarification of the applicability of the statute of limitations to non-members of the decertified class. In December 2006, the Florida Supreme Court refused to revise its July 2006 ruling, except that it revised the set of Phase I findings entitled to res judicata effect by excluding finding (v) listed above (relating to agreement to misrepresent information), and added the finding that defendants sold or supplied cigarettes that, at the time of sale or supply, did not conform to the representations of fact made by defendants. In January 2007, the Florida Supreme Court issued the mandate from its revised opinion. Defendants then filed a motion with the Florida Third District Court of Appeal requesting that the court address legal

errors that were previously raised by defendants but have not yet been addressed either by the Third District Court of Appeal or by the Florida Supreme Court. In February 2007, the Third District Court of Appeal denied defendants' motion. In May 2007, defendants' motion for a partial stay of the mandate pending the completion of appellate review was denied by the Third District Court of Appeal. In May 2007, defendants filed a petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court. In October 2007, the United States Supreme Court denied defendants' petition. In November 2007, the United States Supreme Court denied defendants' petition for rehearing from the denial of their petition for writ of certiorari.

In February 2008, the trial court decertified the class, except for purposes of the May 2001 bond stipulation, and formally vacated the punitive damages award pursuant to the Florida Supreme Court's mandate. In April 2008, the trial court ruled that certain defendants, including PM USA, lacked standing with respect to allocation of the funds escrowed under the

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May 2001 bond stipulation and will receive no credit at this time from the \$500 million paid by PM USA against any future punitive damages awards in cases brought by former Engle class members.

In May 2008, the trial court, among other things, decertified the limited class maintained for purposes of the May 2001 bond stipulation and, in July 2008, severed the remaining plaintiffs' claims except for those of Howard Engle. The only remaining plaintiff in the Engle case, Howard Engle, voluntarily dismissed his claims with prejudice.

The deadline for filing Engle progeny cases, as required by the Florida Supreme Court's decision, expired in January 2008. As of October 21, 2013, approximately 3,200 state court cases were pending against PM USA or Altria Group, Inc. asserting individual claims by or on behalf of approximately 4,400 state court plaintiffs. Furthermore, as of October 21, 2013, approximately 1,200 cases were pending against PM USA in federal district court asserting individual claims by or on behalf of a similar number of federal court plaintiffs. The U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville) dismissed 521 and 306 Engle progeny cases with prejudice in January 2013 and in June 2013, respectively. In February 2013, plaintiffs appealed the January dismissal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit. Because of a number of factors including, but not limited to, docketing delays, duplicated filings and overlapping dismissal orders, these numbers are estimates.

Federal Engle Progeny Cases

Three federal district courts (in the Merlob, B. Brown and Burr cases) ruled in 2008 that the findings in the first phase of the Engle proceedings cannot be used to satisfy elements of plaintiffs' claims, and two of those rulings (B. Brown and Burr) were certified by the trial court for interlocutory review. The certification in both cases was granted by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and the appeals were consolidated. In February 2009, the appeal in Burr was dismissed for lack of prosecution, and in September 2012, the district court dismissed the case on statute of limitations grounds. Plaintiff is appealing the dismissal. In July 2010, the Eleventh Circuit ruled in B. Brown that, as a matter of Florida law, plaintiffs do not have an unlimited right to use the findings from the original Engle trial to meet their burden of establishing the elements of their claims at trial. The Eleventh Circuit did not reach the issue of whether the use of the Engle findings violates defendants' due process rights. Rather, the court held that plaintiffs may only use the findings to establish those specific facts, if any, that they demonstrate with a reasonable degree of certainty were actually decided by the original Engle jury. The Eleventh Circuit remanded the case to the district court to determine what specific factual findings the Engle jury actually made.

After the remand of B. Brown, the Eleventh Circuit's ruling on Florida state law was superseded by state appellate rulings (discussed below and in Appeals of Engle Progeny Verdicts), which initially included Martin, an Engle progeny case against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company ("R.J. Reynolds") in Escambia County, and J. Brown, an Engle progeny case against R.J. Reynolds in Broward County. More recently, the Eleventh Circuit's ruling on Florida state law has been superseded by the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Douglas, discussed below.

Following Martin and J. Brown, in the Waggoner case, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville) ruled in December 2011 that application of the Engle findings to establish the wrongful conduct elements of plaintiffs' claims consistent with Martin or J. Brown did not violate defendants' due process rights. PM USA and the other defendants sought appellate review of the due process ruling. In February 2012, the district court denied the motion for interlocutory appeal, but did apply the ruling to all active pending federal Engle progeny cases. As a result, R.J. Reynolds appealed the rulings in the Walker and Duke cases to the Eleventh Circuit, which, on September 6, 2013, rejected the due process defense and affirmed the underlying judgments. On October 7, 2013, R.J. Reynolds filed a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc.

Most of the Engle progeny cases pending against PM USA in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville) asserting individual claims by or on behalf of approximately 1,200 plaintiffs remain stayed. There are currently approximately 270 active cases pending in federal court, including cases that became active on August 1, 2013 following an order from the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville). In January 2013, the district court ordered the parties to negotiate an aggregate settlement mediation of all pending cases. In April 2013, the mediators reported to the district court that the cases have not been resolved and that the parties have not agreed to a mechanism for settlement. On July 29, 2013, the district court issued an order transferring, for case management purposes, all the Middle District of Florida Engle progeny cases to a judge presiding in the District of Massachusetts.

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The district court directed that the cases will remain in the Middle District of Florida and that such judge will be designated a judge of that district for purposes of managing the cases.

Florida Bond Cap Statute

In June 2009, Florida amended its existing bond cap statute by adding a \$200 million bond cap that applies to all state Engle progeny lawsuits in the aggregate and establishes individual bond caps for individual Engle progeny cases in amounts that vary depending on the number of judgments in effect at a given time. Plaintiffs in three state Engle progeny cases against R.J. Reynolds in Alachua County, Florida (Alexander, Townsend and Hall) and one case in Escambia County (Clay) challenged the constitutionality of the bond cap statute. The Florida Attorney General intervened in these cases in defense of the constitutionality of the statute.

Trial court rulings were rendered in Clay, Alexander, Townsend and Hall rejecting the plaintiffs' bond cap statute challenges in those cases. The plaintiffs unsuccessfully appealed these rulings. In Alexander, Clay and Hall, the District Court of Appeal for the First District of Florida affirmed the trial court decisions and certified the decision in Hall for appeal to the Florida Supreme Court, but declined to certify the question of the constitutionality of the bond cap statute in Clay and Alexander. The Florida Supreme Court granted review of the Hall decision, but, in September 2012, the court dismissed the appeal as moot. In October 2012, the Florida Supreme Court denied the plaintiffs' rehearing petition. On August 1, 2013, in Calloway, discussed further below, plaintiff filed a motion in the trial court to determine the sufficiency of the bond posted by defendants on the ground that the bond cap statute is unconstitutional.

No federal court has yet addressed the constitutionality of the bond cap statute or the applicability of the bond cap to Engle progeny cases tried in federal court. However, in April 2013, PM USA, R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard Tobacco Company ("Lorillard") filed a motion in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida to have the court apply the Florida bond cap statute to all federal Engle progeny cases. On August 16, 2013, the court denied the motion without prejudice on the grounds that it was premature to adjudicate such issue.

Engle Progeny Trial Results

As of October 21, 2013, 47 federal and state Engle progeny cases involving PM USA have resulted in verdicts since the Florida Supreme Court Engle decision. Twenty-four verdicts were returned in favor of plaintiffs. For a further discussion of these cases, see the verdict charts below.

Twenty-three verdicts were returned in favor of PM USA (Gelep, Kalyvas, Gil de Rubio, Warrick, Willis, Russo (formerly Frazier), C. Campbell, Rohr, Espinosa, Oliva, Weingart, Junious, Szymanski, Gollihue, McCray, Denton, Hancock, Wilder, D. Cohen, LaMotte, J. Campbell, Dombey and Haldeman). While the juries in the Weingart and Hancock cases returned verdicts against PM USA awarding no damages, the trial court in each case granted an additur. In the Russo case (formerly Frazier), the Florida Third District Court of Appeal reversed the judgment in defendants' favor in April 2012 and remanded the case for a new trial. Defendants sought review of the case in the Florida Supreme Court, which was granted on September 3, 2013. In addition, there have been a number of mistrials, only some of which have resulted in new trials as of October 21, 2013.

In Lukacs, a case that was tried to verdict before the Florida Supreme Court Engle decision, the Florida Third District Court of Appeal in March 2010 affirmed per curiam the trial court decision without issuing an opinion. Under Florida procedure, further review of a per curiam affirmance without opinion by the Florida Supreme Court is generally

prohibited. Subsequently in 2010, after defendants' petition for rehearing with the Court of Appeal was denied, defendants paid the judgment.

The charts below list the verdicts and post-trial developments in the Engle progeny cases that were pending during 2012 or 2013 in which verdicts were returned in favor of plaintiffs (including Weingart and Hancock, where the verdicts originally were returned in favor of PM USA). The first chart lists such cases that are currently pending; the second chart lists such cases that are concluded.

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Currently-Pending Cases

Plaintiff: Rizzuto
Date: August 2013

Verdict:
On August 23, 2013, a Hernando County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and Liggett Group LLC (“Liggett Group”). The jury awarded plaintiff \$12,550,000 in compensatory damages.

Post-Trial Developments:
On September 3, 2013, defendants filed post-trial motions, including motions to set aside the verdict and for a new trial. On September 26, 2013, the court granted a remittitur in part on economic damages, which the court reduced from \$2.55 million to \$1.1 million for a total award of \$11.1 million in compensatory damages. The court declined defendants’ request to reduce the compensatory damages award by the jury’s assessment of comparative fault, imposing joint and several liability for the compensatory damages. The court denied all other motions except for defendants’ motion for a juror interview, which was granted.

Plaintiff: Skolnick
Date: June 2013

Verdict:
In June 2013, a Palm Beach County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded plaintiff \$2,555,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 30% of the fault to each defendant (an amount of \$766,500).

Post-Trial Developments:
In June 2013, defendants filed post-trial motions including a motion to set aside the verdict and a motion for a new trial. The court entered final judgment against defendants in July 2013. The post-trial motions remain pending.

Plaintiff: Starr-Blundell
Date: June 2013

Verdict:
In June 2013, a Duval County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded plaintiff \$500,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 10% of the fault to each defendant (an amount of \$50,000).

Post-Trial Developments:
In June 2013, the defendants filed a motion to set aside the verdict and to enter judgment in accordance with their motion for directed verdict or, in the alternative, for a new trial.

Plaintiff: Ruffo
Date: May 2013

Verdict:

In May 2013, a Miami-Dade County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and Lorillard. The jury awarded plaintiff \$1,500,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 12% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$180,000).

Post-Trial Developments:

In May 2013, defendants filed several post-trial motions, including motions for a new trial and to set aside the verdict, which the trial court denied on October 4, 2013 and entered final judgment in favor of plaintiff.

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Plaintiff: Graham
Date: May 2013

Verdict:

In May 2013, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Jacksonville) returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded \$2.75 million in compensatory damages and allocated 10% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$275,000).

Post-Trial Developments:

In June 2013, defendants filed several post-trial motions including motions for judgment as a matter of law and for a new trial, which the trial court denied on September 10, 2013. On October 4, 2013, defendants filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit and on October 9, 2013, PM USA posted a bond in the amount of \$277,750.

Plaintiff: Searcy
Date: April 2013

Verdict:

In April 2013, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Orlando) returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded \$6 million in compensatory damages and \$10 million in punitive damages against each defendant.

Post-Trial Developments:

In June 2013, the trial court entered final judgment declining defendants' request to reduce the compensatory damages award by the jury's assessment of comparative fault and imposing joint and several liability for the compensatory damages. In July 2013, defendants filed various post-trial motions, including motions requesting reductions in damages. On September 12, 2013, the district court reduced the compensatory damages award to \$1 million and the punitive damages award to \$1.67 million against each defendant. The district court denied all other post-trial motions. On September 27, 2013, plaintiffs filed a motion to reconsider the district court's remittitur and, in the alternative, to certify the issue to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit.

Plaintiff: Buchanan
Date: December 2012

Verdict:

In December 2012, a Leon County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and Liggett Group. The jury awarded \$5.5 million in compensatory damages and allocated 37% of the fault to each of the defendants (an amount of approximately \$2 million).

Post-trial Developments:

In December 2012, defendants filed several post-trial motions, including motions for a new trial and to set aside the verdict. In March 2013, the trial court denied all motions and entered final judgment against PM USA and Liggett Group refusing to reduce the compensatory damages award by plaintiff's comparative fault and holding PM USA and Liggett Group jointly and severally liable for \$5.5 million. In April 2013, defendants filed a notice of appeal to the Florida First District Court of Appeal and PM USA posted a bond in the amount of \$2.5 million.

Plaintiff: Lock

Date: October 2012

Verdict:

A Pinellas County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded \$1.15 million in compensatory damages and allocated 9% of the fault to each of the defendants (an amount of \$103,500).

Post-trial Developments:

In November 2012, defendants filed several post-trial motions, including motions for a new trial, to set aside the verdict and to reduce the damages award by the amount of economic damages paid by third parties. In January 2013, the trial court orally denied all post-trial motions. In February 2013, the trial court entered final judgment. PM USA's portion of the

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damages was \$103,500. In March 2013, defendants filed a notice of appeal to the Florida Second District Court of Appeal. In March 2013, PM USA posted bonds in the amount of \$103,500.

Plaintiff: Hancock
Date: August 2012

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in the amount of zero damages and allocated 5% of the fault to each of the defendants (PM USA and R.J. Reynolds). The trial court granted an additur of \$110,000, which is subject to the jury's comparative fault finding.

Post-trial Developments:

In August 2012, defendants moved to set aside the verdict and to enter judgment in accordance with their motion for directed verdict. Defendants also moved to reduce damages, which motion the court granted. The trial court granted defendants' motion to set off the damages award by the amount of economic damages paid by third parties, which will reduce further any final award. In October 2012, the trial court entered final judgment. PM USA's portion of the damages was approximately \$700. In November 2012, both sides filed notices of appeal to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal.

Plaintiff: Calloway
Date: May 2012

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA, R.J. Reynolds, Lorillard and Liggett Group. The jury awarded approximately \$21 million in compensatory damages and allocated 25% of the fault against PM USA, but the trial court ruled that it will not apply the comparative fault allocations because the jury found against each defendant on the intentional tort claims. The jury also awarded approximately \$17 million in punitive damages against PM USA, approximately \$17 million in punitive damages against R.J. Reynolds, approximately \$13 million in punitive damages against Lorillard and approximately \$8 million in punitive damages against Liggett Group.

Post-trial Developments:

In May and June, 2012, defendants filed motions to set aside the verdict and for a new trial. In August 2012, the trial court denied the remaining post-trial motions and entered final judgment, reducing the total compensatory damages award to \$16.1 million but leaving undisturbed the separate punitive damages awards. In September 2012, PM USA posted a bond in an amount of \$1.5 million and defendants filed a notice of appeal to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal. On August 1, 2013, plaintiff filed a motion to determine the sufficiency of the bond in the trial court on the ground that the bond cap statute is unconstitutional.

Plaintiff: Hallgren
Date: January 2012

Verdict:

A Highland County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded approximately \$2 million in compensatory damages and allocated 25% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$500,000). The jury also awarded \$750,000 in punitive damages against each of the defendants.

Post-trial Developments:

The trial court entered final judgment in March 2012. In April 2012, PM USA posted a bond in an amount of approximately \$1.25 million. In May 2012, defendants filed a notice of appeal to the Florida Second District Court of Appeal. On October 18, 2013, the Second District Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment, but certified the question of availability of punitive damages on plaintiff's negligence and strict liability claims to the Florida Supreme Court as a matter of public importance.

Plaintiff: Allen

Date: April 2011

Verdict:

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A Duval County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiffs and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded a total of \$6 million in compensatory damages and allocated 15% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$900,000). The jury also awarded \$17 million in punitive damages against each of the defendants.

Post-trial Developments:

In May 2011, the trial court entered final judgment. In October 2011, the trial court granted defendants' motion for remittitur, reducing the punitive damages award against PM USA to \$2.7 million, and denied defendants' remaining post-trial motions. PM USA filed a notice of appeal to the Florida First District Court of Appeal and posted a bond in the amount of \$1.25 million in November 2011. In May 2013, the First District Court of Appeal reversed and remanded the case for a new trial on the basis that the trial court erred in failing to submit the question of addiction causation to the jury. In June 2013, the plaintiff filed a motion for rehearing or rehearing en banc, which the First District Court of Appeal denied in July 2013. On August 8, 2013, plaintiff filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. On October 11, 2013, the \$1.25 million bond was returned to PM USA as a result of the First District Court of Appeal's remand for a new trial.

Plaintiff: Tullo

Date: April 2011

Verdict:

A Palm Beach County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA, Lorillard and Liggett Group. The jury awarded a total of \$4.5 million in compensatory damages and allocated 45% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$2,025,000).

Post-trial Developments:

In April 2011, the trial court entered final judgment. In July 2011, PM USA filed its notice of appeal to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal and posted a \$2 million bond. On August 7, 2013, the Court of Appeal affirmed the judgment. On October 16, 2013, defendants filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court.

Plaintiff: Kayton (formerly Tate)

Date: July 2010

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded \$8 million in compensatory damages and allocated 64% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$5.1 million). The jury also awarded approximately \$16.2 million in punitive damages against PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

In August 2010, the trial court entered final judgment, and PM USA filed its notice of appeal and posted a \$5 million appeal bond. In November 2012, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed the punitive damages award and remanded the case for a new trial on plaintiff's conspiracy claim. Upon retrial, if the jury finds in plaintiff's favor on that claim, the original \$16.2 million punitive damages award will be reinstated. PM USA filed a motion for rehearing, which was denied in January 2013. In January 2013, plaintiff and defendant each filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. PM USA filed a motion to stay the mandate, which was denied in March 2013. The Fourth District issued its mandate in April 2013. In June 2013, plaintiff moved to consolidate with Hess and R. Cohen, which PM USA does not oppose.

Plaintiff: Putney

Date: April 2010

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA, R.J. Reynolds and Liggett Group. The jury awarded approximately \$15.1 million in compensatory damages and allocated 15% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$2.3 million). The jury also awarded \$2.5 million in punitive damages against PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

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In August 2010, the trial court entered final judgment. PM USA filed its notice of appeal to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal and posted a \$1.6 million appeal bond. In June 2013, the Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed and remanded the case for further proceedings, holding that the trial court erred in (1) not reducing the compensatory damage award as excessive and (2) not instructing the jury on the statute-of-repose in connection with plaintiff's conspiracy claim that resulted in the \$2.5 million punitive damages award. In July 2013, plaintiff filed a motion for rehearing, which the Fourth District Court of Appeal denied on August 9, 2013. In September 2013, both parties filed notices to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court.

Plaintiff: R. Cohen
Date: March 2010

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded \$10 million in compensatory damages and allocated 33 1/3% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$3.3 million). The jury also awarded a total of \$20 million in punitive damages, assessing separate \$10 million awards against each defendant.

Post-trial Developments:

In July 2010, the trial court entered final judgment and, in August 2010, PM USA filed its notice of appeal. In October 2010, PM USA posted a \$2.5 million appeal bond. In September 2012, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal affirmed the compensatory damages award but reversed and remanded the punitive damages verdict. The Fourth District returned the case to the trial court for a new jury trial on plaintiff's fraudulent concealment claim. If the jury finds in plaintiff's favor on that claim, the \$10 million punitive damages award against each defendant will be reinstated. In January 2013, plaintiff and defendants each filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. In February 2013, the Fourth District granted defendants' motion to stay the mandate. In March 2013, plaintiff filed a motion for review of the stay order with the Florida Supreme Court, which was denied in April 2013. In June 2013, plaintiff moved to consolidate with Hess and Kayton, which defendants do not oppose.

Plaintiff: Douglas
Date: March 2010

Verdict:

A Hillsborough County jury returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff and against PM USA, R.J. Reynolds and Liggett Group. The jury awarded \$5 million in compensatory damages. Punitive damages were dismissed prior to trial. The jury allocated 18% of the fault to PM USA, resulting in an award of \$900,000.

Post-trial Developments:

In June 2010, PM USA filed its notice of appeal and posted a \$900,000 appeal bond. In March 2012, the Florida Second District Court of Appeal issued a decision affirming the judgment and upholding the use of the Engle jury findings but certified to the Florida Supreme Court the question of whether granting res judicata effect to the Engle jury findings violates defendants' federal due process rights. In April 2012, defendants filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. In May 2012, the Florida Supreme Court accepted jurisdiction of the case. In March 2013, the Florida Supreme Court affirmed the final judgment entered in favor of the plaintiff and issued its mandate in April 2013. In the first quarter of 2013, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$2.2 million for the judgment plus interest and associated costs. PM USA filed its petition for writ of certiorari to the United States Supreme Court on August 9, 2013, which the court denied

on October 7, 2013.

Plaintiff: Naugle

Date: November 2009

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded approximately \$56.6 million in compensatory damages and \$244 million in punitive damages. The jury allocated 90% of the fault to PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

In March 2010, the trial court entered final judgment reflecting a reduced award of approximately \$13 million in

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compensatory damages and \$26 million in punitive damages. In April 2010, PM USA filed its notice of appeal and posted a \$5 million appeal bond. In August 2010, upon the motion of PM USA, the trial court entered an amended final judgment of approximately \$12.3 million in compensatory damages and approximately \$24.5 million in punitive damages to correct a clerical error. In June 2012, the Fourth District Court of Appeal affirmed the amended final judgment. In July 2012, PM USA filed a motion for rehearing. In December 2012, the Fourth District withdrew its prior decision, reversed the verdict as to compensatory and punitive damages and returned the case to the trial court for a new trial on the question of damages. In December 2012, plaintiff filed a motion for rehearing en banc or for certification to the Florida Supreme Court, which was denied in January 2013. In February 2013, plaintiff and PM USA each filed a notice to invoke the discretionary jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. In May 2013, the Florida Supreme Court consolidated the parties' petitions and ordered PM USA to show cause as to why the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Douglas is not controlling in this case. PM USA filed its response to the order in June 2013. Upon retrial on the question of damages, on October 16, 2013, the new jury awarded approximately \$3.7 million in compensatory damages and \$7.5 million in punitive damages.

Plaintiff: Barbanell

Date: August 2009

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff, awarding \$5.3 million in compensatory damages. The judge had previously dismissed the punitive damages claim. In September 2009, the trial court entered final judgment and awarded plaintiff \$1.95 million in actual damages. The judgment reduced the jury's \$5.3 million award of compensatory damages due to the jury allocating 36.5% of the fault to PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

A notice of appeal was filed by PM USA in September 2009, and PM USA posted a \$1.95 million appeal bond. In February 2012, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal reversed the judgment, holding that the statute of limitations barred plaintiff's claims. In October 2012, on motion for rehearing, the Fourth District withdrew its prior decision and affirmed the trial court's judgment. In November 2012, PM USA filed a notice to invoke the jurisdiction of the Florida Supreme Court. In December 2012, the Florida Supreme Court granted a partial stay pending its disposition of the J. Brown case against R.J. Reynolds and the Fourth District issued its mandate. In April 2013, the Florida Supreme Court ordered PM USA to show cause as to why the Florida Supreme Court's decision in Douglas is not controlling in this case. In May 2013, defendants submitted their response arguing that the statute of limitations is not controlled by Douglas; also in May 2013, plaintiff submitted a response arguing the appeal should be dismissed.

Plaintiff: Hess

Date: February 2009

Verdict:

A Broward County jury found in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded \$3 million in compensatory damages and \$5 million in punitive damages. In June 2009, the trial court entered final judgment and awarded plaintiff \$1.26 million in actual damages and \$5 million in punitive damages. The judgment reduced the jury's \$3 million award of compensatory damages due to the jury allocating 42% of the fault to PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

PM USA noticed an appeal to the Fourth District Court of Appeal in July 2009. In May 2012, the Fourth District reversed and vacated the punitive damages award and affirmed the judgment in all other respects, upholding the

compensatory damages award of \$1.26 million. In June 2012, both parties filed rehearing motions with the Fourth District, which were denied in September 2012. In October 2012, PM USA and plaintiff filed notices to invoke the Florida Supreme Court's discretionary jurisdiction. In the first quarter of 2013, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$3.2 million for the judgment plus interest and associated costs. In June 2013, the Florida Supreme Court accepted jurisdiction of plaintiff's petition for review, but declined to accept jurisdiction of PM USA's petition. In June 2013, plaintiff moved to consolidate with R. Cohen and Kayton, which PM USA does not oppose.

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Plaintiff: Hatziyannakis
Date: February 2011

Verdict:

A Broward County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded approximately \$270,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 32% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$86,000).

Post-trial Developments:

In January 2013, the Fourth District affirmed per curiam the trial court's decision without issuing an opinion. In the first quarter of 2013, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$174,000 for the judgment plus interest and associated costs. On August 7, 2013, PM USA paid the judgment plus interest and associated costs in the amount of \$178,000.

Plaintiff: Giddens
Date: March 2013

Verdict:

In March 2013, a jury in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Fort Myers) returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded approximately \$80,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 7% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$5,600).

Post-trial Developments:

In March 2013, the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida (Fort Myers) entered its final judgment against PM USA in the amount of \$5,600, plus post-judgment interest. In April 2013, the parties entered into an agreement not to pursue any appeal or cost claims and PM USA will not be required to pay the judgment.

Plaintiff: Weingart
Date: July 2011

Verdict:

A Palm Beach County jury returned a verdict in the amount of zero damages and allocated 3% of the fault to each of the defendants (PM USA, R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard).

Post-trial Developments:

In September 2011, the trial court, on plaintiff's motion, concluded that an additur of \$150,000 is required for plaintiff's pain and suffering. The trial court entered final judgment and, since PM USA was allocated 3% of the fault, its portion of the damages was \$4,500. In October 2011, PM USA filed its notice of appeal to the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal. In February 2013, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal affirmed per curiam the trial court's decision. In the first quarter of 2013, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$50,000 for the judgment plus interest and associated costs. In June 2013, PM USA paid an amount of approximately \$50,000 in satisfaction of the judgment and associated costs.

Plaintiff: Huish

Date: February 2011

Verdict:

An Alachua County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA. The jury awarded \$750,000 in compensatory damages and allocated 25% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of \$187,500). The jury also awarded \$1.5 million in punitive damages against PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

In March 2012, the Florida First District Court of Appeal affirmed per curiam the trial court's decision without issuing an opinion. In the second quarter of 2012, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$2.5 million. In July 2012, PM USA paid an amount of \$2.5 million in satisfaction of the judgment and

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associated costs.

Plaintiff: Piendle

Date: August 2010

Verdict:

A Palm Beach County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against PM USA and R.J. Reynolds. The jury awarded \$4 million in compensatory damages and allocated 27.5% of the fault to PM USA (an amount of approximately \$1.1 million). The jury also awarded \$90,000 in punitive damages against PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

In June 2012, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal affirmed per curiam the trial court's decision without issuing an opinion. In the third quarter of 2012, PM USA recorded a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$2.7 million for the judgment plus interest and associated costs and paid such amount in November 2012. In the first quarter of 2013, PM USA paid related fees in the amount of approximately \$100,000.

Plaintiff: F. Campbell

Date: August 2009

Verdict:

An Escambia County jury returned a verdict in favor of plaintiff and against R.J. Reynolds, PM USA and Liggett Group. The jury awarded \$7.8 million in compensatory damages. In September 2009, the trial court entered final judgment and awarded plaintiff \$156,000 in damages against PM USA due to the jury allocating only 2% of the fault to PM USA.

Post-trial Developments:

In March 2011, the Florida First District Court of Appeal affirmed per curiam the trial court's decision without issuing an opinion. In May 2012, PM USA paid an amount of approximately \$262,000 in satisfaction of the judgment and associated costs and interest.

Appeals of Engle Progeny Verdicts

Plaintiffs in various Engle progeny cases have appealed adverse rulings or verdicts and, in some cases, PM USA has cross-appealed. PM USA's appeals of adverse verdicts are discussed in the charts above.

Since the remand of B. Brown (discussed above under the heading Federal Engle Progeny Cases), several state appellate rulings have superseded the Eleventh Circuit's ruling on Florida state law. These cases include Martin, an Engle progeny case against R.J. Reynolds in Escambia County, and J. Brown, an Engle progeny case against R.J. Reynolds in Broward County. In Martin, the Florida First District Court of Appeal rejected the B. Brown ruling as a matter of state law and upheld the use of the Engle findings to relax plaintiffs' burden of proof. R.J. Reynolds had sought Florida Supreme Court review in that case but, in July 2011, the Florida Supreme Court declined to hear the appeal. In December 2011, petitions for certiorari were filed with the United States Supreme Court by R.J. Reynolds in Campbell, Martin, Gray and Hall and by PM USA and Liggett Group in Campbell. The United States Supreme Court denied defendants' certiorari petitions in March 2012.

In *J. Brown*, the Florida Fourth District Court of Appeal also rejected the *B. Brown* ruling as a matter of state law and upheld the use of the *Engle* findings to relax plaintiffs' burden of proof. However, the Fourth District expressly disagreed with the First District's *Martin* decision by ruling that *Engle* progeny plaintiffs must prove legal causation on their claims. In addition, the *J. Brown* court expressed concerns that using the *Engle* findings to reduce plaintiffs' burden may violate defendants' due process rights. In October 2011, the Fourth District denied R.J. Reynolds' motion to certify *J. Brown* to the Florida Supreme Court for review. R.J. Reynolds is seeking review of the case by the Florida Supreme Court.

In *Douglas*, in March 2012, the Florida Second District Court of Appeal issued a decision affirming the judgment of the trial court in favor of the plaintiff and upholding the use of the *Engle* jury findings with respect to strict liability claims but certified to the Florida Supreme Court the question of whether granting *res judicata* effect to the *Engle* jury findings

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violates defendants' federal due process rights. In March 2013, the Florida Supreme Court affirmed the final judgment entered in favor of plaintiff, upholding the use of the Engle jury findings with respect to strict liability and negligence claims. PM USA filed its petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court on August 9, 2013, which the court denied on October 7, 2013.

In Koballa, in October 2012, the Florida Fifth District Court of Appeal issued a decision affirming the judgment of the trial court in favor of the plaintiff and upholding the use of the Engle jury findings with respect to negligence, concealment and conspiracy claims but, like Douglas, certified to the Florida Supreme Court the question of whether granting res judicata effect to the Engle jury findings violates defendants' federal due process rights. In November 2012, R.J. Reynolds filed an appeal to the Florida Supreme Court and the court entered a stay in the case pending resolution of the Douglas case.

As noted above in Federal Engle Progeny Cases, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit in the Duke and Walker cases upheld the use of findings from the original Engle trial in Engle progeny cases and rejected the federal due process issues raised by R.J. Reynolds. On October 7, 2013, R.J. Reynolds filed a petition for rehearing or rehearing en banc.

Because of the substantial period of time required for the federal and state appellate processes, it is possible that PM USA may have to pay additional outstanding judgments in the Engle progeny cases before the final adjudication of these issues by the Florida Supreme Court or the United States Supreme Court.

Other Smoking and Health Class Actions

Since the dismissal in May 1996 of a purported nationwide class action brought on behalf of allegedly addicted smokers, plaintiffs have filed numerous putative smoking and health class action suits in various state and federal courts. In general, these cases purport to be brought on behalf of residents of a particular state or states (although a few cases purport to be nationwide in scope) and raise addiction claims and, in many cases, claims of physical injury as well.

Class certification has been denied or reversed by courts in 59 smoking and health class actions involving PM USA in Arkansas (1), California (1), the District of Columbia (2), Florida (2), Illinois (3), Iowa (1), Kansas (1), Louisiana (1), Maryland (1), Michigan (1), Minnesota (1), Nevada (29), New Jersey (6), New York (2), Ohio (1), Oklahoma (1), Pennsylvania (1), Puerto Rico (1), South Carolina (1), Texas (1) and Wisconsin (1).

As of October 21, 2013, PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. are named as defendants, along with other cigarette manufacturers, in seven class actions filed in the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Ontario. In Saskatchewan, British Columbia (two separate cases) and Ontario, plaintiffs seek class certification on behalf of individuals who suffer or have suffered from various diseases, including chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, heart disease or cancer, after smoking defendants' cigarettes. In the actions filed in Alberta, Manitoba and Nova Scotia, plaintiffs seek certification of classes of all individuals who smoked defendants' cigarettes. See Guarantees and Other Similar Matters below for a discussion of the Distribution Agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI that provides for indemnities for certain liabilities concerning tobacco products.

Scott Class Action

Following a 2004 verdict that awarded plaintiffs approximately \$590 million to fund a 10-year smoking cessation program and a series of appeals and other post-trial motions, PM USA recorded in the second quarter of 2011 a provision on its condensed consolidated balance sheet of approximately \$36 million related to the judgment and approximately \$5 million related to interest, which was in addition to a previously recorded provision of approximately \$30 million. In August 2011, PM USA paid its share of the judgment and interest in an amount of approximately \$70 million.

In October 2011, plaintiffs' counsel filed a motion for an award of attorneys' fees and costs. In December 2012, the trial court awarded the plaintiffs' counsel attorneys' fees in an amount of approximately \$103 million, all of which have now been paid from the court supervised fund. This litigation has concluded.

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Other Medical Monitoring Class Actions

In addition to the Scott class action discussed above, two purported medical monitoring class actions are pending against PM USA. These two cases were brought in New York (Caronia, filed in January 2006 in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York) and Massachusetts (Donovan, filed in December 2006 in the U.S. District Court for the District of Massachusetts) on behalf of each state's respective residents who: are age 50 or older; have smoked the Marlboro brand for 20 pack-years or more; and have neither been diagnosed with lung cancer nor are under investigation by a physician for suspected lung cancer. Plaintiffs in these cases seek to impose liability under various product-based causes of action and the creation of a court-supervised program providing members of the purported class Low Dose CT ("LDCT") Scanning in order to identify and diagnose lung cancer. Plaintiffs in these cases do not seek punitive damages. Two other cases (California (Xavier) and Florida (Gargano)) were dismissed in 2011.

In Caronia, in February 2010, the district court granted in part PM USA's summary judgment motion, dismissing plaintiffs' strict liability and negligence claims and certain other claims, granted plaintiffs leave to amend their complaint to allege a medical monitoring cause of action and requested further briefing on PM USA's summary judgment motion as to plaintiffs' implied warranty claim and, if plaintiffs amend their complaint, their medical monitoring claim. In March 2010, plaintiffs filed their amended complaint and PM USA moved to dismiss the implied warranty and medical monitoring claims. In January 2011, the district court granted PM USA's motion, dismissed plaintiffs' claims and declared plaintiffs' motion for class certification moot in light of the dismissal of the case. The plaintiffs appealed that decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit. In May 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit affirmed the dismissal of plaintiffs' traditional negligence, strict liability and breach-of-warranty claims on the grounds of statute of limitations and the widespread knowledge regarding the risks of cigarette smoking, but certified to the New York State Court of Appeals the following questions: (1) whether New York would recognize an independent claim for medical monitoring, (2) if so, what would be the elements of such a claim, and (3) what would be the statute of limitations applicable to such a claim and when would it be triggered. In May 2013, the questions were accepted by the New York Court of Appeals. Oral argument is scheduled for November 13, 2013.

In Donovan, the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, in answering questions certified to it by the district court, held in October 2009 that under certain circumstances state law recognizes a claim by individual smokers for medical monitoring despite the absence of an actual injury. The court also ruled that whether or not the case is barred by the applicable statute of limitations is a factual issue to be determined by the trial court. The case was remanded to federal court for further proceedings. In June 2010, the district court granted in part the plaintiffs' motion for class certification, certifying the class as to plaintiffs' claims for breach of implied warranty and violation of the Massachusetts Consumer Protection Act, but denying certification as to plaintiffs' negligence claim. In July 2010, PM USA petitioned the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit for appellate review of the class certification decision. The petition was denied in September 2010. As a remedy, plaintiffs have proposed a 28-year medical monitoring program with an approximate cost of \$190 million. In June 2011, plaintiffs filed various motions for summary judgment and to strike affirmative defenses, which the district court denied in March 2012 without prejudice. In October 2011, PM USA filed a motion for class decertification, which motion was denied in March 2012. In February 2013, the district court amended the class definition to extend to individuals who satisfy the class membership criteria through February 26, 2013, and to exclude any individual who was not a Massachusetts resident as of February 26, 2013. A trial date has not been set.

Evolving medical standards and practices could have an impact on the defense of medical monitoring claims. For example, the first publication of the findings of the National Cancer Institute's National Lung Screening Trial (NLST)

in June 2011 reported a 20% reduction in lung cancer deaths among certain long-term smokers receiving LDCT Scanning for lung cancer. Since then, various public health organizations have begun to develop new lung cancer screening guidelines. Also, a number of hospitals have advertised the availability of screening programs and some insurance companies now cover screening for some individuals. Other studies in this area are ongoing. On July 29, 2013, the United States Preventative Services Task Force issued a preliminary recommendation that LDCT scanning be classified as a Class B screening for certain heavy smokers, which means that it would be considered an “Essential Health Benefit” for those smokers under the Affordable Care Act.

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Health Care Cost Recovery Litigation

Overview

In the health care cost recovery litigation, governmental entities seek reimbursement of health care cost expenditures allegedly caused by tobacco products and, in some cases, of future expenditures and damages as well. Relief sought by some but not all plaintiffs includes punitive damages, multiple damages and other statutory damages and penalties, injunctions prohibiting alleged marketing and sales to minors, disclosure of research, disgorgement of profits, funding of anti-smoking programs, additional disclosure of nicotine yields, and payment of attorney and expert witness fees.

The claims asserted include the claim that cigarette manufacturers were “unjustly enriched” by plaintiffs’ payment of health care costs allegedly attributable to smoking, as well as claims of indemnity, negligence, strict liability, breach of express and implied warranty, violation of a voluntary undertaking or special duty, fraud, negligent misrepresentation, conspiracy, public nuisance, claims under federal and state statutes governing consumer fraud, antitrust, deceptive trade practices and false advertising, and claims under federal and state anti-racketeering statutes.

Defenses raised include lack of proximate cause, remoteness of injury, failure to state a valid claim, lack of benefit, adequate remedy at law, “unclean hands” (namely, that plaintiffs cannot obtain equitable relief because they participated in, and benefited from, the sale of cigarettes), lack of antitrust standing and injury, federal preemption, lack of statutory authority to bring suit, and statutes of limitations. In addition, defendants argue that they should be entitled to “set off” any alleged damages to the extent the plaintiffs benefit economically from the sale of cigarettes through the receipt of excise taxes or otherwise. Defendants also argue that these cases are improper because plaintiffs must proceed under principles of subrogation and assignment. Under traditional theories of recovery, a payor of medical costs (such as an insurer) can seek recovery of health care costs from a third party solely by “standing in the shoes” of the injured party. Defendants argue that plaintiffs should be required to bring any actions as subrogees of individual health care recipients and should be subject to all defenses available against the injured party.

Although there have been some decisions to the contrary, most judicial decisions in the United States have dismissed all or most health care cost recovery claims against cigarette manufacturers. Nine federal circuit courts of appeals and eight state appellate courts, relying primarily on grounds that plaintiffs’ claims were too remote, have ordered or affirmed dismissals of health care cost recovery actions. The United States Supreme Court has refused to consider plaintiffs’ appeals from the cases decided by five circuit courts of appeals. In 2011, in the health care cost recovery case brought against PM USA and other defendants by the City of St. Louis, Missouri and approximately 40 Missouri hospitals, a verdict was returned in favor of defendants.

Individuals and associations have also sued in purported class actions or as private attorneys general under the Medicare as Secondary Payer (“MSP”) provisions of the Social Security Act to recover from defendants Medicare expenditures allegedly incurred for the treatment of smoking-related diseases. Cases were brought in New York (2), Florida (2) and Massachusetts (1). All were dismissed by federal courts.

In addition to the cases brought in the United States, health care cost recovery actions have also been brought against tobacco industry participants, including PM USA and Altria Group, Inc., in Israel (dismissed), the Marshall Islands (dismissed) and Canada (9), and other entities have stated that they are considering filing such actions.

In September 2005, in the first of several health care cost recovery cases filed in Canada, the Canadian Supreme Court ruled that legislation passed in British Columbia permitting the lawsuit is constitutional, and, as a result, the case,

which had previously been dismissed by the trial court, was permitted to proceed. PM USA's and other defendants' challenge to the British Columbia court's exercise of jurisdiction was rejected by the Court of Appeals of British Columbia and, in April 2007, the Supreme Court of Canada denied review of that decision. In December 2009, the Court of Appeals of British Columbia ruled that certain defendants can proceed against the Federal Government of Canada as third parties on the theory that the Federal Government of Canada negligently misrepresented to defendants the efficacy of a low tar tobacco variety that the Federal Government of Canada developed and licensed to defendants. In May 2010, the Supreme Court of Canada granted leave to the Federal Government of Canada to appeal this decision and leave to defendants to cross-appeal the Court of Appeals' decision to dismiss claims against the Federal Government of Canada based on other theories of liability. In July 2011, the Supreme Court of Canada dismissed the third-party claims against the Federal Government of Canada.

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Since the beginning of 2008, the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Quebec, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island have brought health care reimbursement claims against cigarette manufacturers. PM USA is named as a defendant in the British Columbia and Quebec cases, while both Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA are named as defendants in the New Brunswick, Ontario, Newfoundland and Labrador, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island cases. The Province of Nova Scotia and the territory of Nunavut have enacted similar legislation or are in the process of enacting similar legislation. See Guarantees and Other Similar Matters below for a discussion of the Distribution Agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI that provides for indemnities for certain liabilities concerning tobacco products.

Settlements of Health Care Cost Recovery Litigation

In November 1998, PM USA and certain other United States tobacco product manufacturers entered into the MSA with 46 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the United States Virgin Islands, American Samoa and the Northern Marianas to settle asserted and unasserted health care cost recovery and other claims. PM USA and certain other United States tobacco product manufacturers had previously entered into agreements to settle similar claims brought by Mississippi, Florida, Texas and Minnesota (together with the MSA, the “State Settlement Agreements”). The State Settlement Agreements require that the original participating manufacturers make annual payments of approximately \$9.4 billion, subject to adjustments for several factors, including inflation, market share and industry volume. In addition, the original participating manufacturers are required to pay settling plaintiffs’ attorneys’ fees, subject to an annual cap of \$500 million. For the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the aggregate amount recorded in cost of sales with respect to the State Settlement Agreements and the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (“FETRA”) was approximately \$1.2 billion for each period. For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, the aggregate amount recorded in cost of sales with respect to the State Settlement Agreements and FETRA was approximately \$3.0 billion and \$3.6 billion, respectively. The 2013 amounts include reductions to cost of sales of \$664 million and \$145 million for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, related to the NPM Adjustment items discussed below.

The State Settlement Agreements also include provisions relating to advertising and marketing restrictions, public disclosure of certain industry documents, limitations on challenges to certain tobacco control and underage use laws, restrictions on lobbying activities and other provisions.

Possible Adjustments in MSA Payments for 2003 - 2012

Pursuant to the provisions of the MSA, PM USA and the other manufacturers that are original signatories to the MSA (the “Original Participating Manufacturers” or “OPMs”) are participating in proceedings with respect to claims for downward adjustments to the amounts paid by them to the states and territories that are parties to the MSA for each of the years 2003 - 2012. The proceedings relate to an adjustment based on the collective loss of market share for the relevant year by all participating manufacturers who are subject to the payment obligations and marketing restrictions of the MSA to NPMs who are not subject to such obligations and restrictions (the “NPM Adjustment”).

As part of these proceedings, an independent economic consulting firm is required to determine whether the disadvantages of the MSA were a “significant factor” contributing to the participating manufacturers’ collective loss of market share for the year in question. If the firm determines that the disadvantages of the MSA were such a “significant factor,” each state may avoid a downward adjustment to its share of the participating manufacturers’ annual MSA payments for that year by establishing that it diligently enforced a qualifying escrow statute during the entirety of that year. Such a state’s share of the downward adjustment would then be reallocated to any states that are found not to have established such diligent enforcement.

An independent economic consulting firm determined that the disadvantages of the MSA were such a significant factor for each of the years 2003 - 2006. Following the firm's determination for 2006, the OPMs and the states agreed that the states would not contest that the disadvantages of the MSA were a significant factor contributing to the participating manufacturers' collective loss of market share for the years 2007 - 2012 (the "significant factor agreement"). This agreement has become effective for 2007 - 2010 and will become effective for 2011 and 2012 on February 1, 2014 and 2015, respectively.

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Once a significant factor determination in favor of the participating manufacturers for a particular year has been made, or the significant factor agreement has become effective for a particular year, PM USA has the right under the MSA to pay the disputed amount of the NPM Adjustment for that year into a disputed payments account (the “DPA”) or withhold the amount altogether. PM USA made its full MSA payment due in each year from 2006 - 2010 to the states (subject to a right to recoup the NPM Adjustment amount in the form of a credit against future MSA payments), even though it had the right to deduct the disputed amounts of the 2003 - 2007 NPM Adjustments from such MSA payments. PM USA paid its share of the amount of the disputed 2008, 2009 and 2010 NPM Adjustments into the DPA in connection with its MSA payments due in 2011, 2012 and 2013, respectively. The approximate maximum amounts of PM USA’s share of the disputed NPM Adjustment for the years 2003 - 2012, as currently calculated by the MSA’s Independent Auditor, are as follows (the amounts shown below do not include the interest or earnings thereon to which PM USA believes it would be entitled, do not reflect the partial liability reduction for the 2003 NPM Adjustment pursuant to the agreement regarding arbitration described below and do not reflect any reduction in light of the Term Sheet described below):

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|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Year for which NPM Adjustment calculated | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 |
| Year in which deduction for NPM Adjustment may be taken | 2006 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 |
| PM USA’s Approximate Share of Disputed NPM Adjustment (in millions) | \$337 | \$388 | \$181 | \$154 | \$185 | \$250 | \$205 | \$203 | \$159 | \$199 |

Following the 2003 “significant factor” determination, 38 states filed actions in their respective state courts seeking a declaration that the state diligently enforced its escrow statute during 2003. The participating manufacturers responded to these actions by filing motions to compel arbitration in accordance with the terms of the MSA, including filing motions to compel arbitration in 11 MSA states and territories that did not file declaratory judgment actions. Courts in all but one of the 46 MSA states, as well as courts in the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico, have ruled that the question of whether a state had diligently enforced its escrow statute during 2003 is subject to arbitration. Several of these rulings may be subject to further review. The Montana state courts have ruled that the diligent enforcement claims of that state may be litigated in state court, rather than in arbitration. In June 2012, the participating manufacturers and Montana entered into a consent decree pursuant to which Montana will not be subject to the 2003 NPM Adjustment.

PM USA, the other OPMs and approximately 25 other MSA-participating manufacturers have entered into an agreement regarding arbitration with 45 MSA states and territories concerning the 2003 NPM Adjustment. The agreement provides for a partial liability reduction of 20% for the 2003 NPM Adjustment for states that entered into the agreement by January 30, 2009 and are determined in the arbitration not to have diligently enforced a qualifying escrow statute during 2003. The partial liability reduction will reduce the amount of PM USA’s 2003 NPM Adjustment by that percentage.

The selection of the arbitration panel for the 2003 NPM Adjustment was completed in July 2010. Following the completion of discovery, the participating manufacturers determined to continue to contest the 2003 diligent enforcement claims of 33 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico (the “contested states”) and to no longer contest such claims by 12 states and four U.S. territories (the “non-contested states”). The non-contested states’ share of any such NPM Adjustment, along with the shares of any states found by the arbitration panel to have diligently enforced during 2003, will be reallocated in accordance with the MSA to those states found by the panel not to have

diligently enforced during 2003.

Effective December 17, 2012, prior to the completion of the 2003 arbitration, PM USA, the other OPMs and certain other participating manufacturers entered into a term sheet (the "Term Sheet") with 17 MSA states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for settlement of the 2003 - 2012 NPM Adjustments with those states and territories. An additional MSA state joined the Term Sheet in April 2013 (prior to the date of PM USA's April 2013 MSA payment), and two more MSA states joined the Term Sheet in May 2013 (after the date of PM USA's April 2013 MSA payment). (These 20 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico are collectively referred to as the "signatory states.")

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In March 2013, the arbitration panel in the NPM Adjustment arbitration issued a stipulated partial settlement and award (the “Stipulated Award”) permitting the Term Sheet to proceed. As a result, the number of contested states in the 2003 arbitration was reduced from 35 to the 15 contested states that did not join the Term Sheet. As part of the Stipulated Award, the arbitration panel ruled that the total 2003 NPM Adjustment claim is to be reduced pro rata by the aggregate allocable share of the signatory states (currently approximately 46%) to determine the maximum amount of the 2003 NPM Adjustment potentially available from the 15 remaining contested states, although any of those states may seek a more favorable reduction method as to it for the 2003 NPM Adjustment through review in its state court. Following the issuance of the Stipulated Award, 14 of the states that have not joined the Term Sheet (“non-signatory states”), including 12 of the 15 remaining contested states described above, filed motions in their state MSA courts to vacate and/or modify portions or all of the Stipulated Award. On October 11, 2013, the Idaho state court denied Idaho’s motion to vacate the Stipulated Award, although it is possible that the state will seek further review of this ruling. Many of the remaining motions seek a more favorable reduction method than the pro rata reduction ordered by the arbitration panel in the Stipulated Award. Additional non-signatory states may also take action in state court to vacate or modify the Stipulated Award, although PM USA believes that the statutory deadline for the filing of such motions has now passed. No assurance can be given that this litigation or any other such attempts by other non-signatory states will be resolved in a manner favorable to PM USA, nor can PM USA predict the remedy that might be ordered if any such litigation were to be resolved unfavorably to PM USA.

The Term Sheet provides for the OPMs to receive reductions to their MSA payments in an amount equal to 46% of the signatory states’ aggregate allocable share of the OPMs’ aggregate 2003 - 2012 NPM Adjustments. The OPMs have agreed that, subject to certain conditions, PM USA will receive approximately 28% of such reductions (which is the maximum percentage allocation of the total 2003 - 2012 NPM Adjustments to which PM USA was entitled under the MSA); R.J. Reynolds will receive approximately 60% of such reductions; and Lorillard will receive approximately 12% of such reductions. Based on the identity of the signatory states on April 15, 2013, the reduction in PM USA’s April 2013 MSA payment obligation was approximately \$483 million.

PM USA received all of its approximately \$483 million reduction with respect to the signatory states that had joined the Term Sheet prior to the date of the April 2013 MSA payment through a credit against that MSA payment. PM USA expects to receive an additional \$36 million credit to be applied to its next MSA payment as a result of the two additional states that joined the Term Sheet after the date of the 2013 MSA payment. R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard are expected to receive their respective reductions over a five-year period. PM USA recorded the \$483 million, which it received as a credit against its April 2013 MSA payment as a reduction to cost of sales that increased its reported pre-tax earnings in the first quarter of 2013, and recorded the additional \$36 million credit that it expects to receive in April 2014 as a reduction to cost of sales, which increased its reported pre-tax earnings in the second quarter of 2013. As part of the settlement, each of the signatory states that had joined the Term Sheet prior to the date of the April 2013 MSA payment is to receive its portion of over \$4.7 billion from the DPA. In this context, PM USA authorized release to the signatory states of their allocable share of the \$658 million that PM USA has paid into the DPA (plus the accumulated earnings thereon), which amounted to approximately \$272 million. In addition, PM USA authorized release of additional funds from the DPA to the two signatory states that joined the Term Sheet after the date of the April 2013 MSA payment in an amount of approximately \$22 million. Furthermore, PM USA will deposit the signatory states’ allocable share of their portion of the 2011 - 2012 NPM Adjustments into the DPA in connection with its April 2014 - 2015 MSA payments and then, following such deposit, authorize the release of such share to the signatory states as provided in the Stipulated Award.

The Term Sheet also provides that the NPM Adjustment provision will be revised and streamlined as to the signatory states for years after 2012. In connection with the settlement, the formula for allocating among the OPMs the revised NPM Adjustments applicable in the future to the signatory states will be modified in a manner favorable to PM USA, although the extent to which it is favorable to PM USA will depend upon certain future events, including the future relative market shares of the OPMs.

On September 11, 2013, the arbitration panel for the 2003 NPM Adjustment issued awards ruling that six of the 15 contested states that had not joined the Term Sheet did not diligently enforce their respective escrow statutes during 2003. Based on this ruling, the participating manufacturers are entitled to the entire 2003 NPM Adjustment remaining after the pro rata reduction ordered in light of the Term Sheet by the arbitration panel in the Stipulated Award. Based on the pro rata reduction method specified by the panel as described above and the 20% partial liability reduction applicable to signatories of the agreement regarding arbitration described above, PM USA is entitled to an NPM Adjustment for 2003, likely in the form of a credit against its April 2014 MSA payment, in the amount of approximately \$145 million. PM

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USA also is entitled to interest on that amount, although a potential dispute has been raised as to how interest and earnings are to be allocated among the OPMs. PM USA recorded the \$145 million credit that it expects to receive as a reduction to cost of sales, which increased its reported pre-tax earnings in the third quarter of 2013. This credit will be applied only to the non-diligent states. The non-diligent states may file motions in their state courts to vacate and/or modify the panel's rulings as to their diligence. Furthermore, as noted above, a number of states have already filed motions in their state courts to vacate and/or modify the Stipulated Award seeking a more favorable reduction method as to them than the pro rata reduction ordered by the panel in the Stipulated Award. While PM USA intends to contest these motions vigorously, no assurance can be given that one or more of these states will not be successful in either vacating or modifying the panel's ruling that it was not diligent and/or in seeking to have a more favorable reduction method applied as to it. If one or more states are successful with respect to any such motions, the amount of the 2003 NPM Adjustment to which PM USA is entitled could be lower than the amount described above.

PM USA continues to reserve all rights regarding the NPM Adjustments with respect to the non-signatory states and intends to continue to pursue vigorously the disputed NPM Adjustments for 2004 - 2012 against them. No proceedings to determine state diligent enforcement claims for the years 2004 through 2012 have yet been scheduled. PM USA believes that the MSA requires state claims of diligent enforcement for 2004 - 2012 to be determined in a national arbitration, although a number of non-signatory states have reserved rights to contend that such claims for those years are to be determined either in separate arbitrations for each state or in state court on a state-by-state basis. No assurance can be given as to if and when proceedings for the years 2004 through 2012 will be scheduled or the precise form those proceedings will take.

The amounts of the NPM Adjustments for 2004 - 2012 set forth in the table above will be reduced in light of the Term Sheet to determine the maximum amount of such adjustments potentially available from the non-signatory states. The Stipulated Award did not specify the reduction method applicable to the 2004 - 2012 NPM Adjustment claims.

The amounts in the table above may be recalculated by the MSA's Independent Auditor if it receives information that is different from or in addition to the information on which it based these calculations, including, among other things, if it receives revised sales volumes from any participating manufacturer. Disputes among the manufacturers could also reduce the foregoing amounts. The availability and the precise amount of any NPM Adjustment for 2004 - 2012 obtained through such proceedings (as opposed to the Term Sheet) will not be finally determined until later in 2014 or thereafter. There is no certainty that the OPMs and other MSA-participating manufacturers would ultimately receive any adjustment from the non-signatory states as a result of these proceedings, and the amount of any adjustment received for a year could be less than the amount for that year listed above (even as reduced in light of the Term Sheet). If the OPMs do receive such an adjustment through these proceedings (apart from the Term Sheet), the adjustment amount would be allocated among the OPMs pursuant to the MSA's provisions. It is expected that PM USA would receive its share of any adjustments for 2004 - 2007 likely in the form of a credit against future MSA payments and its share of any adjustment for 2008 - 2010 in the form of a withdrawal from the DPA.

Other Disputes Related to MSA Payments

In addition to the disputed NPM Adjustments described above, MSA states and participating manufacturers, including PM USA, conducted another arbitration to resolve certain other disputes related to the calculation of the participating manufacturers' payments under the MSA. PM USA disputed the method by which ounces of "roll your own" tobacco had been converted to cigarettes for purposes of calculating the downward volume adjustments to its MSA payments. PM USA believed that, for the years 2004 - 2012, the use of an incorrect conversion method resulted in excess MSA payments by PM USA in those years of approximately \$92 million in the aggregate. In February 2013, the arbitration panel issued a ruling in favor of the MSA states. Consequently, PM USA will not receive any credit against its future MSA payments on account of this dispute. This same arbitration panel also issued a ruling in the dispute over whether the "adjusted gross" or the "net" number of cigarettes on which federal excise tax is paid is the correct methodology for calculating MSA payments due from certain subsequent participating manufacturers. It is unclear precisely which past

and future MSA payments may be affected by this ruling. PM USA also does not currently have access to the data that would be necessary to determine the magnitude and the direction of such effects, if any.

Other MSA-Related Litigation

Since the MSA's inception, NPMs and/or their distributors or customers have filed a number of challenges to the MSA and related legislation. They have named as defendants the states and their officials, in an effort to enjoin enforcement of

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important parts of the MSA and related legislation, and/or participating manufacturers, in an effort to obtain damages. To date, no such challenge has been successful, and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second, Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth Circuits have affirmed judgments in favor of defendants in 16 such cases.

Federal Government's Lawsuit

In 1999, the United States government filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against various cigarette manufacturers, including PM USA, and others, including Altria Group, Inc., asserting claims under three federal statutes, namely the Medical Care Recovery Act ("MCRA"), the MSP provisions of the Social Security Act and the civil provisions of RICO. Trial of the case ended in June 2005. The lawsuit sought to recover an unspecified amount of health care costs for tobacco-related illnesses allegedly caused by defendants' fraudulent and tortious conduct and paid for by the government under various federal health care programs, including Medicare, military and veterans' health benefits programs, and the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program. The complaint alleged that such costs total more than \$20 billion annually. It also sought what it alleged to be equitable and declaratory relief, including disgorgement of profits that arose from defendants' allegedly tortious conduct, an injunction prohibiting certain actions by defendants, and a declaration that defendants are liable for the federal government's future costs of providing health care resulting from defendants' alleged past tortious and wrongful conduct. In September 2000, the trial court dismissed the government's MCRA and MSP claims, but permitted discovery to proceed on the government's claims for relief under the civil provisions of RICO.

The government alleged that disgorgement by defendants of approximately \$280 billion is an appropriate remedy. In May 2004, the trial court issued an order denying defendants' motion for partial summary judgment limiting the disgorgement remedy. In February 2005, a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit held that disgorgement is not a remedy available to the government under the civil provisions of RICO and entered summary judgment in favor of defendants with respect to the disgorgement claim. In July 2005, the government petitioned the United States Supreme Court for further review of the Court of Appeals' ruling that disgorgement is not an available remedy, and in October 2005, the Supreme Court denied the petition.

In June 2005, the government filed with the trial court its proposed final judgment seeking remedies of approximately \$14 billion, including \$10 billion over a five-year period to fund a national smoking cessation program and \$4 billion over a 10-year period to fund a public education and counter-marketing campaign. Further, the government's proposed remedy would have required defendants to pay additional monies to these programs if targeted reductions in the smoking rate of those under 21 were not achieved according to a prescribed timetable. The government's proposed remedies also included a series of measures and restrictions applicable to cigarette business operations, including, but not limited to, restrictions on advertising and marketing, potential measures with respect to certain price promotional activities and research and development, disclosure requirements for certain confidential data and implementation of a monitoring system with potential broad powers over cigarette operations.

In August 2006, the federal trial court entered judgment in favor of the government. The court held that certain defendants, including Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA, violated RICO and engaged in seven of the eight "sub-schemes" to defraud that the government had alleged. Specifically, the court found that:

• defendants falsely denied, distorted and minimized the significant adverse health consequences of smoking;

• defendants hid from the public that cigarette smoking and nicotine are addictive;

- defendants falsely denied that they control the level of nicotine delivered to create and sustain addiction;
- defendants falsely marketed and promoted “low tar/light” cigarettes as less harmful than full-flavor cigarettes;
- defendants falsely denied that they intentionally marketed to youth;
- defendants publicly and falsely denied that ETS is hazardous to non-smokers; and
- defendants suppressed scientific research.

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The court did not impose monetary penalties on defendants, but ordered the following relief: (i) an injunction against “committing any act of racketeering” relating to the manufacturing, marketing, promotion, health consequences or sale of cigarettes in the United States; (ii) an injunction against participating directly or indirectly in the management or control of the Council for Tobacco Research, the Tobacco Institute, or the Center for Indoor Air Research, or any successor or affiliated entities of each; (iii) an injunction against “making, or causing to be made in any way, any material false, misleading, or deceptive statement or representation or engaging in any public relations or marketing endeavor that is disseminated to the United States public and that misrepresents or suppresses information concerning cigarettes”; (iv) an injunction against conveying any express or implied health message through use of descriptors on cigarette packaging or in cigarette advertising or promotional material, including “lights,” “ultra lights” and “low tar,” which the court found could cause consumers to believe one cigarette brand is less hazardous than another brand; (v) the issuance of “corrective statements” in various media regarding the adverse health effects of smoking, the addictiveness of smoking and nicotine, the lack of any significant health benefit from smoking “low tar” or “light” cigarettes, defendants’ manipulation of cigarette design to ensure optimum nicotine delivery and the adverse health effects of exposure to environmental tobacco smoke; (vi) the disclosure on defendants’ public document websites and in the Minnesota document repository of all documents produced to the government in the lawsuit or produced in any future court or administrative action concerning smoking and health until 2021, with certain additional requirements as to documents withheld from production under a claim of privilege or confidentiality; (vii) the disclosure of disaggregated marketing data to the government in the same form and on the same schedule as defendants now follow in disclosing such data to the Federal Trade Commission (“FTC”) for a period of 10 years; (viii) certain restrictions on the sale or transfer by defendants of any cigarette brands, brand names, formulas or cigarette businesses within the United States; and (ix) payment of the government’s costs in bringing the action.

Defendants appealed and, in May 2009, a three judge panel of the Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit issued a per curiam decision largely affirming the trial court’s judgment against defendants and in favor of the government. Although the panel largely affirmed the remedial order that was issued by the trial court, it vacated the following aspects of the order:

• its application to defendants’ subsidiaries;

• the prohibition on the use of express or implied health messages or health descriptors, but only to the extent of extraterritorial application;

• its point-of-sale display provisions; and

• its application to Brown & Williamson Holdings.

The Court of Appeals panel remanded the case for the trial court to reconsider these four aspects of the injunction and to reformulate its remedial order accordingly.

Furthermore, the Court of Appeals panel rejected all of the government’s and intervenors’ cross appeal arguments and refused to broaden the remedial order entered by the trial court. The Court of Appeals panel also left undisturbed its prior holding that the government cannot obtain disgorgement as a permissible remedy under RICO.

In July 2009, defendants filed petitions for a rehearing before the panel and for a rehearing by the entire Court of Appeals. Defendants also filed a motion to vacate portions of the trial court’s judgment on the grounds of mootness because of the passage of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (“FSPTCA”), granting the U.S.

Food and Drug Administration (the "FDA") broad authority over the regulation of tobacco products. In September 2009, the Court of Appeals entered three per curiam rulings. Two of them denied defendants' petitions for panel rehearing or for rehearing en banc. In the third per curiam decision, the Court of Appeals denied defendants' suggestion of mootness and motion for partial vacatur. In February 2010, PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. filed their certiorari petitions with the United States Supreme Court. In addition, the federal government and the intervenors filed their own certiorari petitions, asking the court to reverse an earlier Court of Appeals decision and hold that civil RICO allows the trial court to order disgorgement as well as other equitable relief, such as smoking cessation remedies, designed to redress continuing consequences of prior RICO violations. In June 2010, the United States Supreme Court denied all of the parties' petitions. In July 2010, the Court of Appeals issued its mandate lifting the stay of the trial court's judgment and remanding the case to the trial court. As a result of the mandate, except for those matters remanded to the trial court for

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further proceedings, defendants are now subject to the injunction discussed above and the other elements of the trial court's judgment.

In February 2011, the government submitted its proposed corrective statements and the trial court referred issues relating to a document repository to a special master. Defendants filed a response to the government's proposed corrective statements and filed a motion to vacate the trial court's injunction in light of the FSPTCA, which motion was denied in June 2011. Defendants appealed the trial court's ruling to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In July 2012, the Court of Appeals affirmed the district court's denial of defendants' motion to vacate the district court's injunction.

Remaining issues pending include: (i) the specifics relating to the court-ordered corrective statements and (ii) the requirements related to point-of-sale signage. In November 2012, the district court issued its order specifying the content of the corrective statements described above. The district court's order requires that the parties engage in negotiations with the special master regarding implementation of the corrective statements remedy, which negotiations are ongoing. Unresolved issues will be decided by the special master and the court. In January 2013, defendants filed a notice of appeal from the order on the content of the corrective statements and a motion to hold the appeal in abeyance. In February 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals granted defendants' motion to hold their appeal in abeyance.

In December 2011, the parties to the lawsuit entered into an agreement as to the issues concerning the document repository. Pursuant to this agreement, PM USA agreed to deposit an amount of approximately \$3.1 million into the district court in installments over a five-year period.

“Lights/Ultra Lights” Cases

Overview

Plaintiffs in certain pending matters seek certification of their cases as class actions and allege, among other things, that the uses of the terms “Lights” and/or “Ultra Lights” constitute deceptive and unfair trade practices, common law or statutory fraud, unjust enrichment or breach of warranty, and seek injunctive and equitable relief, including restitution and, in certain cases, punitive damages. These class actions have been brought against PM USA and, in certain instances, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries, on behalf of individuals who purchased and consumed various brands of cigarettes, including Marlboro Lights, Marlboro Ultra Lights, Virginia Slims Lights and Superslims, Merit Lights and Cambridge Lights. Defenses raised in these cases include lack of misrepresentation, lack of causation, injury and damages, the statute of limitations, non-liability under state statutory provisions exempting conduct that complies with federal regulatory directives, and the First Amendment. As of October 21, 2013, a total of 15 such cases are pending in the United States. Three of these cases are pending in U.S. federal courts as discussed below. The other cases are pending in various U.S. state courts. In addition, a purported “Lights” class action is pending against PM USA in Israel (El-Roy).

In El-Roy, hearings on plaintiffs' motion for class certification were held in November and December 2008, and an additional hearing on class certification was held in November 2011. In November 2012, the trial court denied the plaintiffs' motion for class certification and ordered the plaintiffs to pay defendants approximately \$100,000 in attorney fees. Plaintiffs in that case have noticed an appeal. See Guarantees and Other Similar Matters below for a discussion of the Distribution Agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI that provides for indemnities for certain liabilities concerning tobacco products.

The Good Case

In May 2006, a federal trial court in Maine granted PM USA's motion for summary judgment in Good, a purported "Lights" class action, on the grounds that plaintiffs' claims are preempted by the Federal Cigarette Labeling and Advertising Act ("FCLAA") and dismissed the case. In December 2008, the United States Supreme Court ruled that plaintiffs' claims are not barred by federal preemption. Although the Court rejected the argument that the FTC's actions were so extensive with respect to the descriptors that the state law claims were barred as a matter of federal law, the Court's decision was limited: it did not address the ultimate merits of plaintiffs' claim, the viability of the action as a class action, or other state law issues. The case was returned to the federal court in Maine and consolidated with other federal cases in the multidistrict litigation proceeding discussed below. In June 2011, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the case without prejudice after the district court denied plaintiffs' motion for class certification, concluding the litigation.

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Federal Multidistrict Proceeding and Subsequent Developments

Since the December 2008 United States Supreme Court decision in *Good*, and through October 21, 2013, 26 purported “Lights” class actions were served upon PM USA and, in certain cases, Altria Group, Inc. These cases were filed in 15 states, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the District of Columbia. All of these cases either were filed in federal court or were removed to federal court by PM USA and were transferred and consolidated by the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation (“JPMDL”) before the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine for pretrial proceedings (“MDL proceeding”).

In November 2010, the district court in the MDL proceeding denied plaintiffs’ motion for class certification in four cases, covering the jurisdictions of California, the District of Columbia, Illinois and Maine. These jurisdictions were selected by the parties as sample cases, with two selected by plaintiffs and two selected by defendants. Plaintiffs sought appellate review of this decision but, in February 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit denied plaintiffs’ petition for leave to appeal. Later that year, plaintiffs in 13 cases voluntarily dismissed without prejudice their cases. In April 2012, the JPMDL remanded the remaining four cases (Phillips, Tang, Wyatt and Cabbat) back to the federal district courts in which the suits originated. In Tang, which was pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York, the plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed the case without prejudice in July 2012, concluding the litigation.

In Phillips, which is now pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, defendants filed in June 2012 a motion for partial judgment on the pleadings on plaintiffs’ class action consumer sales practices claims and a motion for judgment on the pleadings on plaintiffs’ state deceptive trade practices claims. In March 2013, the court granted defendants’ motions, dismissing with prejudice the associated claims. In April 2013, defendants filed a motion for judgment on the pleadings on the class component of plaintiffs’ claims for fraud and unjust enrichment. If defendants’ motion is successful, the only remaining claims that could potentially be pursued on a class-wide basis would be claims for implied and express warranty. Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification on August 26, 2013, which is scheduled for hearing on October 30, 2013.

In Cabbat, which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii, plaintiffs amended their complaint in July 2012, adding a claim for unjust enrichment and dropping their claims for breach of express and implied warranty. Plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification in April 2013. The trial court heard plaintiffs’ motion on July 26, 2013. Trial is currently scheduled for February 10, 2014.

In Wyatt, which is pending in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Wisconsin, plaintiffs filed a motion for class certification in January 2013, which the court denied on August 8, 2013. On August 22, 2013, plaintiffs filed a petition for appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit, which the court denied on September 6, 2013. On October 3, 2013, plaintiffs filed a motion in the district court seeking reconsideration of the denial of class certification.

“Lights” Cases Dismissed, Not Certified or Ordered De-Certified

To date, in addition to the district court in the MDL proceeding, 17 courts in 18 “Lights” cases have refused to certify class actions, dismissed class action allegations, reversed prior class certification decisions or have entered judgment in favor of PM USA.

Trial courts in Arizona, Illinois, Kansas, New Jersey, New Mexico, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin have refused to grant class certification or have dismissed plaintiffs' class action allegations. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed a case in Michigan after a trial court dismissed the claims plaintiffs asserted under the Michigan Unfair Trade and Consumer Protection Act.

Several appellate courts have issued rulings that either affirmed rulings in favor of Altria Group, Inc. and/or PM USA or reversed rulings entered in favor of plaintiffs. In Florida, an intermediate appellate court overturned an order by a trial court that granted class certification in Hines. The Florida Supreme Court denied review in January 2008. The Supreme Court of Illinois has overturned a judgment that awarded damages to a certified class in the Price case. See The Price Case below for further discussion. In Louisiana, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit dismissed a purported "Lights" class action brought in Louisiana federal court (Sullivan) on the grounds that plaintiffs' claims were preempted by the FCLAA. In New York, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit overturned a decision by a New York trial

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court in Schwab that granted plaintiffs' motion for certification of a nationwide class of all U.S. residents that purchased cigarettes in the United States that were labeled "Light" or "Lights." In July 2010, plaintiffs in Schwab voluntarily dismissed the case with prejudice. In Ohio, the Ohio Supreme Court overturned class certifications in the Marrone and Phillips cases. Plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed without prejudice both cases in August 2009, but refiled in federal court as the Phillips case (discussed above). The Supreme Court of Washington denied a motion for interlocutory review filed by the plaintiffs in the Davies case that sought review of an order by the trial court that refused to certify a class. Plaintiffs subsequently voluntarily dismissed the Davies case with prejudice. In August 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit affirmed the Illinois federal district court's dismissal of "Lights" claims brought against PM USA in the Cleary case. In Curtis, a certified class action, in May 2012, the Minnesota Supreme Court affirmed the trial court's entry of summary judgment in favor of PM USA, concluding this litigation.

In Lawrence, in August 2012, the New Hampshire Supreme Court reversed the trial court's order to certify a class and subsequently denied plaintiffs' rehearing petition. In October 2012, the case was dismissed after plaintiffs filed a motion to dismiss the case with prejudice, concluding this litigation.

Other Developments

In Oregon (Pearson), a state court denied plaintiffs' motion for interlocutory review of the trial court's refusal to certify a class. In February 2007, PM USA filed a motion for summary judgment based on federal preemption and the Oregon statutory exemption. In September 2007, the district court granted PM USA's motion based on express preemption under the FCLAA, and plaintiffs appealed this dismissal and the class certification denial to the Oregon Court of Appeals. Argument was held in April 2010. In June 2013, the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed the trial court's denial of class certification and remanded to the trial court for further consideration of class certification. In July 2013, PM USA filed a petition for reconsideration with the Oregon Court of Appeals, which was denied on August 23, 2013. The parties have until October 25, 2013 to file a petition for review to the Oregon Supreme Court.

In December 2009, the state trial court in Carroll (formerly known as Holmes) (pending in Delaware) denied PM USA's motion for summary judgment based on an exemption provision in the Delaware Consumer Fraud Act. In January 2011, the trial court allowed the plaintiffs to file an amended complaint substituting class representatives and naming Altria Group, Inc. and PMI as additional defendants. In July 2011, the parties stipulated to the dismissal without prejudice of Altria Group, Inc. and PMI. In February 2013, the trial court approved the parties' stipulation to the dismissal without prejudice of Altria Group, Inc. and PMI. PM USA is now the sole defendant in the case.

In June 2007, the United States Supreme Court reversed the lower court rulings in Miner (formerly known as Watson) that denied plaintiffs' motion to have the case heard in a state, as opposed to federal, trial court. The Supreme Court rejected defendants' contention that the case must be tried in federal court under the "federal officer" statute. The case was removed to federal court in Arkansas and the case was transferred to the MDL proceeding discussed above. In November 2010, the district court in the MDL proceeding remanded the case to Arkansas state court. In December 2011, plaintiffs voluntarily dismissed their claims against Altria Group, Inc. without prejudice. In March 2013, plaintiffs filed a class certification motion. The trial court heard the motion on October 22, 2013 and the same day indicated that it intends to certify the class, although it has not yet issued an order to that effect.

The Price Case

Trial in Price commenced in state court in Illinois in January 2003, and in March 2003, the judge found in favor of the plaintiff class and awarded \$7.1 billion in compensatory damages and \$3.0 billion in punitive damages against PM

USA. In December 2005, the Illinois Supreme Court reversed the trial court's judgment in favor of the plaintiffs. In November 2006, the United States Supreme Court denied plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari and, in December 2006, the Circuit Court of Madison County enforced the Illinois Supreme Court's mandate and dismissed the case with prejudice.

In December 2008, plaintiffs filed with the trial court a petition for relief from the final judgment that was entered in favor of PM USA. Specifically, plaintiffs sought to vacate the judgment entered by the trial court on remand from the 2005 Illinois Supreme Court decision overturning the verdict on the ground that the United States Supreme Court's December 2008 decision in *Good* demonstrated that the Illinois Supreme Court's decision was "inaccurate." PM USA filed a motion to dismiss plaintiffs' petition and, in February 2009, the trial court granted PM USA's motion on the basis that the petition was not timely filed. In March 2009, the Price plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal with the Fifth Judicial

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District of the Appellate Court of Illinois. In February 2011, the intermediate appellate court ruled that the petition was timely filed and reversed the trial court's dismissal of the plaintiffs' petition and, in September 2011, the Illinois Supreme Court declined PM USA's petition for review. As a result, the case was returned to the trial court for proceedings on whether the court should grant the plaintiffs' petition to reopen the prior judgment. In February 2012, plaintiffs filed an amended petition, which PM USA opposed. Subsequently, in responding to PM USA's opposition to the amended petition, plaintiffs asked the trial court to reinstate the original judgment. The trial court denied plaintiffs' petition in December 2012. In January 2013, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal with the Fifth Judicial District. In January 2013, PM USA filed a motion asking the Illinois Supreme Court to immediately exercise its jurisdiction over the appeal. In February 2013, the Illinois Supreme Court denied PM USA's motion. Oral argument on plaintiffs' appeal to the Fifth Judicial District was heard on October 23, 2013.

In June 2009, the plaintiff in an individual smoker lawsuit (Kelly) brought on behalf of an alleged smoker of "Lights" cigarettes in Madison County, Illinois state court filed a motion seeking a declaration that his claims under the Illinois Consumer Fraud Act are not (i) barred by the exemption in that statute based on his assertion that the Illinois Supreme Court's decision in Price is no longer good law in light of the decisions by the United States Supreme Court in Good and Watson, and (ii) preempted in light of the United States Supreme Court's decision in Good. In September 2009, the court granted plaintiff's motion as to federal preemption, but denied it with respect to the state statutory exemption.

State Trial Court Class Certifications

State trial courts have certified classes against PM USA in several jurisdictions. Over time, several such cases have been dismissed by the courts at the summary judgment stage. Certified class actions remain pending at the trial or appellate level in California (Brown), Massachusetts (Aspinall) and Missouri (Larsen). Significant developments in these cases include:

Aspinall: In August 2004, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court affirmed the class certification order. In August 2006, the trial court denied PM USA's motion for summary judgment and granted plaintiffs' cross-motion for summary judgment on the defenses of federal preemption and a state law exemption to Massachusetts' consumer protection statute. On motion of the parties, the trial court subsequently reported its decision to deny summary judgment to the appeals court for review and stayed further proceedings pending completion of the appellate review. In March 2009, the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court affirmed the order denying summary judgment to PM USA and granting the plaintiffs' cross-motion. In January 2010, plaintiffs moved for partial summary judgment as to liability claiming collateral estoppel from the findings in the case brought by the Department of Justice (see Health Care Cost Recovery Litigation - Federal Government's Lawsuit described above). In March 2012, the trial court denied plaintiffs' motion. In February 2013, the trial court, upon agreement of the parties, dismissed without prejudice plaintiffs' claims against Altria Group, Inc. PM USA is now the sole defendant in the case. In September 2013, the case was transferred to the Business Litigation Session of the Massachusetts Superior Court. On September 27, 2013, plaintiffs filed a motion for partial summary judgment on the scope of remedies available in the case.

Brown: In June 1997, plaintiffs filed suit in California state court alleging that domestic cigarette manufacturers, including PM USA and others, violated California law regarding unfair, unlawful and fraudulent business practices. In May 2009, the California Supreme Court reversed an earlier trial court decision that decertified the class and remanded the case to the trial court. The class consists of individuals who, at the time they were residents of California, (i) smoked in California one or more cigarettes manufactured by PM USA that were labeled and/or advertised with the terms or phrases "light," "medium," "mild," "low tar," and/or "lowered tar and nicotine," but not including any cigarettes labeled or advertised with the terms or phrases "ultra light" or "ultra low tar," and (ii) who were exposed to

defendant's marketing and advertising activities in California. Plaintiffs are seeking restitution of a portion of the costs of "light" cigarettes purchased during the class period and injunctive relief ordering corrective communications. In September 2012, at the plaintiffs' request, the trial court dismissed all defendants except PM USA from the lawsuit. Trial began in April 2013. In May 2013 the parties redefined the class to include California residents who smoked in California one or more of defendant's Marlboro Lights cigarettes between January 1, 1998, and April 23, 2001, and who were exposed to defendant's marketing and advertising activities in California. In June 2013, PM USA filed a motion to decertify the class. Trial concluded in July 2013. On September 24, 2013, the court issued a final Statement of Decision, in which the court found that PM USA violated California law, but that plaintiffs had not established a basis for relief. On

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this basis, the court granted judgment for PM USA. The court also denied PM USA's motion to decertify the class. On October 15, 2013, the court entered final judgment in favor of PM USA.

Larsen: In August 2005, a Missouri Court of Appeals affirmed the class certification order. In December 2009, the trial court denied plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration of the period during which potential class members can qualify to become part of the class. The class period remains 1995 through 2003. In June 2010, PM USA's motion for partial summary judgment regarding plaintiffs' request for punitive damages was denied. In April 2010, plaintiffs moved for partial summary judgment as to an element of liability in the case, claiming collateral estoppel from the findings in the case brought by the Department of Justice (see Federal Government's Lawsuit described above). The plaintiffs' motion was denied in December 2010. In June 2011, PM USA filed various summary judgment motions challenging the plaintiffs' claims. In August 2011, the trial court granted PM USA's motion for partial summary judgment, ruling that plaintiffs could not present a damages claim based on allegations that Marlboro Lights are more dangerous than Marlboro Reds. The trial court denied PM USA's remaining summary judgment motions. Trial in the case began in September 2011 and, in October 2011 the court declared a mistrial after the jury failed to reach a verdict. The court has scheduled the new trial to begin in January 2014.

Certain Other Tobacco-Related Litigation

Tobacco Price Case: One case remains pending in Kansas (Smith) in which plaintiffs allege that defendants, including PM USA and Altria Group, Inc., conspired to fix cigarette prices in violation of antitrust laws. Plaintiffs' motion for class certification was granted. In March 2012, the trial court granted defendants' motions for summary judgment. Plaintiffs sought the trial court's reconsideration of its decision, but in June 2012, the trial court denied plaintiffs' motion for reconsideration. Plaintiffs have appealed the decision, and defendants have cross-appealed the trial court's class certification decision, to the Court of Appeals of Kansas. Oral argument is set for December 11, 2013.

Ignition Propensity Cases: PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. are currently facing litigation alleging that a fire caused by cigarettes led to individuals' deaths. In a Kentucky case (Walker), the federal district court denied plaintiffs' motion to remand the case to state court and dismissed plaintiffs' claims in February 2009. Plaintiffs subsequently filed a notice of appeal. In October 2011, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit reversed the portion of the district court decision that denied remand of the case to Kentucky state court and remanded the case to Kentucky state court. The Sixth Circuit did not address the merits of the district court's dismissal order. Defendants' petition for rehearing with the Sixth Circuit was denied in December 2011. Defendants filed a renewed motion to dismiss in state court in March 2013. Based on new evidence, in June 2013, defendants removed the case for a second time to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky and re-filed their motion to dismiss in June 2013. In July 2013, plaintiffs filed a motion to remand the case to Kentucky state court.

False Claims Act Case: PM USA is a defendant in a qui tam action filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia (United States ex rel. Anthony Oliver) alleging violation of the False Claims Act in connection with sales of cigarettes to the U.S. military. The relator contends that PM USA violated "most favored customer" provisions in government contracts and regulations by selling cigarettes to non-military customers in overseas markets at more favorable prices than it sold to the U.S. military exchange services for resale on overseas military bases in those same markets. The relator has dropped Altria Group, Inc. as a defendant and has dropped claims related to post-MSA price increases on cigarettes sold to the U.S. military. In July 2012, PM USA filed a motion to dismiss, which was granted in June 2013, and the case was dismissed with prejudice. In July 2013, the relator appealed the dismissal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit.

Argentine Grower Cases: PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. are named as defendants in four cases (Hupan, Chalanuk, Rodriguez Da Silva and Aranda) filed in Delaware state court against multiple defendants by the parents of Argentine children born with alleged birth defects. On August 9, 2013, PM USA and Altria Group, Inc. were named as defendants in Taborda, another such case. Plaintiffs in these cases allege that they grew tobacco in Argentina under contract with Tabacos Norte S.A., an alleged subsidiary of PMI, and that they and their infant children were exposed directly and in utero to hazardous herbicides and pesticides used in the production and cultivation of tobacco. Plaintiffs seek compensatory and punitive damages against all defendants under U.S. and Argentine law. Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA are in discussions with PMI regarding indemnification for these cases pursuant to the Distribution Agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI. See Guarantees and Other Similar Matters below for a discussion of the Distribution

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Agreement. In December 2012, Altria Group, Inc. and certain other defendants were dismissed from the Hupan, Chalanuk and Rodriguez Da Silva cases. Altria Group, Inc. and certain other defendants were dismissed from Aranda and Taborda in May 2013 and October 2013, respectively. The three remaining defendants in those actions are PM USA, Philip Morris Global Brands (a subsidiary of PMI) and Monsanto Company.

UST Litigation

Claims related to smokeless tobacco products generally fall within the following categories:

First, UST and/or its tobacco subsidiaries has been named in certain actions in West Virginia (See In re: Tobacco Litigation above) brought by or on behalf of individual plaintiffs against cigarette manufacturers, smokeless tobacco manufacturers, and other organizations seeking damages and other relief in connection with injuries allegedly sustained as a result of tobacco usage, including smokeless tobacco products. Included among the plaintiffs are five individuals alleging use of USSTC's smokeless tobacco products and alleging the types of injuries claimed to be associated with the use of smokeless tobacco products. USSTC, along with other non-cigarette manufacturers, has remained severed from such proceedings since December 2001.

Second, UST and/or its tobacco subsidiaries has been named in a number of other individual tobacco and health suits over time. Plaintiffs' allegations of liability in these cases are based on various theories of recovery, such as negligence, strict liability, fraud, misrepresentation, design defect, failure to warn, breach of implied warranty, addiction, and breach of consumer protection statutes. Plaintiffs seek various forms of relief, including compensatory and punitive damages, and certain equitable relief, including but not limited to disgorgement. Defenses raised in these cases include lack of causation, assumption of the risk, comparative fault and/or contributory negligence, and statutes of limitations. USSTC is currently named in one such action in Florida (Vassallo).

Environmental Regulation

Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries (and former subsidiaries) are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the discharge of materials into the environment, or otherwise related to environmental protection, including, in the United States: The Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act and the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (commonly known as "Superfund"), which can impose joint and several liability on each responsible party. Subsidiaries (and former subsidiaries) of Altria Group, Inc. are involved in several matters subjecting them to potential costs of remediation and natural resource damages under Superfund or other laws and regulations. Altria Group, Inc.'s subsidiaries expect to continue to make capital and other expenditures in connection with environmental laws and regulations.

Altria Group, Inc. provides for expenses associated with environmental remediation obligations on an undiscounted basis when such amounts are probable and can be reasonably estimated. Such accruals are adjusted as new information develops or circumstances change. Other than those amounts, it is not possible to reasonably estimate the cost of any environmental remediation and compliance efforts that subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. may undertake in the future. In the opinion of management, however, compliance with environmental laws and regulations, including the payment of any remediation costs or damages and the making of related expenditures, has not had, and is not expected to have, a material adverse effect on Altria Group, Inc.'s consolidated results of operations, capital expenditures, financial position or cash flows.

Guarantees and Other Similar Matters

In the ordinary course of business, certain subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. have agreed to indemnify a limited number of third parties in the event of future litigation. At September 30, 2013, subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. were also contingently liable for \$32 million of guarantees related to their own performance, consisting primarily of surety bonds. In addition, from time to time, subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. issue lines of credit to affiliated entities. These items have not had, and are not expected to have, a significant impact on Altria Group, Inc.'s liquidity.

Under the terms of a distribution agreement between Altria Group, Inc. and PMI (the "Distribution Agreement"), entered into as a result of Altria Group, Inc.'s 2008 spin-off of its former subsidiary PMI, liabilities concerning tobacco products will be allocated based in substantial part on the manufacturer. PMI will indemnify Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA for

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liabilities related to tobacco products manufactured by PMI or contract manufactured for PMI by PM USA, and PM USA will indemnify PMI for liabilities related to tobacco products manufactured by PM USA, excluding tobacco products contract manufactured for PMI. Altria Group, Inc. does not have a related liability recorded on its condensed consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2013 as the fair value of this indemnification is insignificant.

As more fully discussed in Note 12. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information, PM USA has issued guarantees relating to Altria Group, Inc.'s obligations under its outstanding debt securities, borrowings under the Credit Agreement and amounts outstanding under its commercial paper program.

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest

In September 2007, Ste. Michelle completed the acquisition of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars through one of its consolidated subsidiaries, Michelle-Antinori, LLC ("Michelle-Antinori"), in which Ste. Michelle holds an 85% ownership interest with a 15% noncontrolling interest held by Antinori California ("Antinori"). In connection with the acquisition of Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Ste. Michelle entered into a put arrangement with Antinori. The put arrangement, as later amended, provides Antinori with the right to require Ste. Michelle to purchase its 15% ownership interest in Michelle-Antinori at a price equal to Antinori's initial investment of \$27 million. The put arrangement became exercisable on September 11, 2010 and has no expiration date. As of September 30, 2013, the redemption value of the put arrangement did not exceed the noncontrolling interest balance. Therefore, no adjustment to the value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest was recognized on the condensed consolidated balance sheet for the put arrangement.

The noncontrolling interest put arrangement is accounted for as mandatorily redeemable securities because redemption is outside of the control of Ste. Michelle. As such, the redeemable noncontrolling interest is reported in the mezzanine equity section on the condensed consolidated balance sheets at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

Note 12. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information:

PM USA, which is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., has issued guarantees relating to Altria Group, Inc.'s obligations under its outstanding debt securities, borrowings under its Credit Agreement and amounts outstanding under its commercial paper program (the "Guarantees"). Pursuant to the Guarantees, PM USA fully and unconditionally guarantees, as primary obligor, the payment and performance of Altria Group, Inc.'s obligations under the guaranteed debt instruments (the "Obligations"), subject to release under certain customary circumstances as noted below.

The Guarantees provide that PM USA guarantees the punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of the Obligations. The liability of PM USA under the Guarantees is absolute and unconditional irrespective of: any lack of validity, enforceability or genuineness of any provision of any agreement or instrument relating thereto; any change in the time, manner or place of payment of, or in any other term of, all or any of the Obligations, or any other amendment or waiver of or any consent to departure from any agreement or instrument relating thereto; any exchange, release or non-perfection of any collateral, or any release or amendment or waiver of or consent to departure from any other guarantee, for all or any of the Obligations; or any other circumstance that might otherwise constitute a defense available to, or a discharge of, Altria Group, Inc. or PM USA. The obligations of PM USA under the Guarantees are limited to the maximum amount as will, after giving effect to such maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of PM USA that are relevant under Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state

law to the extent applicable to the Guarantees, result in PM USA's obligations under the Guarantees not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance. For this purpose, "Bankruptcy Law" means Title 11, U.S. Code, or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

PM USA will be unconditionally released and discharged from the Obligations upon the earliest to occur of:

• the date, if any, on which PM USA consolidates with or merges into Altria Group, Inc. or any successor;

• the date, if any, on which Altria Group, Inc. or any successor consolidates with or merges into PM USA;

• the payment in full of the Obligations pertaining to such Guarantees; and

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the rating of Altria Group, Inc.'s long-term senior unsecured debt by Standard & Poor's of A or higher.

At September 30, 2013, the respective principal wholly-owned subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA were not limited by long-term debt or other agreements in their ability to pay cash dividends or make other distributions with respect to their common stock.

The following sets forth the condensed consolidating balance sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, condensed consolidating statements of earnings and comprehensive earnings for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, and condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 for Altria Group, Inc., PM USA and Altria Group, Inc.'s other subsidiaries that are not guarantors of Altria Group, Inc.'s debt instruments (the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries"). The financial information is based on Altria Group, Inc.'s understanding of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") interpretation and application of Rule 3-10 of SEC Regulation S-X.

The financial information may not necessarily be indicative of results of operations or financial position had PM USA and the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries operated as independent entities. Altria Group, Inc. and PM USA account for investments in their subsidiaries under the equity method of accounting.

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 (in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|--|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$4,169 | \$— | \$42 | \$— | \$4,211 |
| Receivables | — | 6 | 86 | — | 92 |
| Inventories: | | | | | |
| Leaf tobacco | — | 459 | 339 | — | 798 |
| Other raw materials | — | 126 | 51 | — | 177 |
| Work in process | — | 9 | 298 | — | 307 |
| Finished product | — | 162 | 274 | — | 436 |
| | — | 756 | 962 | — | 1,718 |
| Due from Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 5,469 | 2,953 | 1,679 | (10,101) | — |
| Deferred income taxes | 1 | 1,246 | 16 | (45) | 1,218 |
| Other current assets | 131 | 259 | 47 | (127) | 310 |
| Total current assets | 9,770 | 5,220 | 2,832 | (10,273) | 7,549 |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost | 2 | 3,257 | 1,528 | — | 4,787 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 2 | 2,144 | 600 | — | 2,746 |
| | — | 1,113 | 928 | — | 2,041 |
| Goodwill | — | — | 5,174 | — | 5,174 |
| Other intangible assets, net | — | 2 | 12,061 | — | 12,063 |
| Investment in SABMiller | 6,520 | — | — | — | 6,520 |
| Investment in consolidated subsidiaries | 10,042 | 2,996 | — | (13,038) | — |
| Finance assets, net | — | — | 2,153 | — | 2,153 |
| Other assets | 151 | 561 | 113 | (375) | 450 |
| Total Assets | \$26,483 | \$9,892 | \$23,261 | \$ (23,686) | \$35,950 |

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(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 1,984 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$ 1,984 |
| Accounts payable | 30 | 128 | 189 | — | 347 |
| Accrued liabilities: | | | | | |
| Marketing | — | 494 | 29 | — | 523 |
| Employment costs | 89 | 9 | 117 | — | 215 |
| Settlement charges | — | 3,041 | 6 | — | 3,047 |
| Other | 364 | 704 | 362 | (172) | 1,258 |
| Dividends payable | 963 | — | — | — | 963 |
| Due to Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 4,088 | 453 | 5,560 | (10,101) | — |
| Total current liabilities | 7,518 | 4,829 | 6,263 | (10,273) | 8,337 |
| Long-term debt | 12,592 | — | 300 | — | 12,892 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,012 | — | 4,829 | (375) | 6,466 |
| Accrued pension costs | 223 | — | 1,020 | — | 1,243 |
| Accrued postretirement health care costs | — | 1,728 | 764 | — | 2,492 |
| Other liabilities | 157 | 194 | 154 | — | 505 |
| Total liabilities | 22,502 | 6,751 | 13,330 | (10,648) | 31,935 |
| Contingencies | | | | | |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest | — | — | 34 | — | 34 |
| Stockholders' Equity | | | | | |
| Common stock | 935 | — | 9 | (9) | 935 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 5,701 | 3,320 | 10,273 | (13,593) | 5,701 |
| Earnings reinvested in the business | 25,636 | 234 | 1,367 | (1,601) | 25,636 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive losses | (2,223) | (413) | (1,752) | 2,165) | (2,223) |
| Cost of repurchased stock | (26,068) | — | — | — | (26,068) |
| Total stockholders' equity attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | 3,981 | 3,141 | 9,897 | (13,038) | 3,981 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total stockholders' equity | 3,981 | 3,141 | 9,897 | (13,038) | 3,981 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$ 26,483 | \$ 9,892 | \$ 23,261 | \$ (23,686) | \$ 35,950 |

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(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|--|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$2,862 | \$— | \$38 | \$— | \$2,900 |
| Receivables | 101 | 7 | 85 | — | 193 |
| Inventories: | | | | | |
| Leaf tobacco | — | 512 | 364 | — | 876 |
| Other raw materials | — | 127 | 46 | — | 173 |
| Work in process | — | 3 | 346 | — | 349 |
| Finished product | — | 117 | 231 | — | 348 |
| | — | 759 | 987 | — | 1,746 |
| Due from Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 834 | 3,424 | 1,171 | (5,429) | — |
| Deferred income taxes | — | 1,246 | 16 | (46) | 1,216 |
| Other current assets | — | 193 | 175 | (108) | 260 |
| Total current assets | 3,797 | 5,629 | 2,472 | (5,583) | 6,315 |
| Property, plant and equipment, at cost | 2 | 3,253 | 1,495 | — | 4,750 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | 2 | 2,073 | 573 | — | 2,648 |
| | — | 1,180 | 922 | — | 2,102 |
| Goodwill | — | — | 5,174 | — | 5,174 |
| Other intangible assets, net | — | 2 | 12,076 | — | 12,078 |
| Investment in SABMiller | 6,637 | — | — | — | 6,637 |
| Investment in consolidated subsidiaries | 9,521 | 3,018 | — | (12,539) | — |
| Finance assets, net | — | — | 2,581 | — | 2,581 |
| Due from Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 4,500 | — | — | (4,500) | — |
| Other assets | 136 | 530 | 141 | (365) | 442 |
| Total Assets | \$24,591 | \$10,359 | \$23,366 | \$(22,987) | \$35,329 |

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(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Liabilities | | | | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$1,459 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$1,459 |
| Accounts payable | 4 | 155 | 292 | — | 451 |
| Accrued liabilities: | | | | | |
| Marketing | — | 526 | 42 | — | 568 |
| Employment costs | 27 | 10 | 147 | — | 184 |
| Settlement charges | — | 3,610 | 6 | — | 3,616 |
| Other | 469 | 506 | 272 | (154) | 1,093 |
| Dividends payable | 888 | — | — | — | 888 |
| Due to Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 3,965 | 409 | 1,055 | (5,429) | — |
| Total current liabilities | 6,812 | 5,216 | 1,814 | (5,583) | 8,259 |
| Long-term debt | 12,120 | — | 299 | — | 12,419 |
| Deferred income taxes | 2,034 | — | 4,983 | (365) | 6,652 |
| Accrued pension costs | 235 | — | 1,500 | — | 1,735 |
| Accrued postretirement health care costs | — | 1,759 | 745 | — | 2,504 |
| Due to Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | — | — | 4,500 | (4,500) | — |
| Other liabilities | 222 | 178 | 156 | — | 556 |
| Total liabilities | 21,423 | 7,153 | 13,997 | (10,448) | 32,125 |
| Contingencies | | | | | |
| Redeemable noncontrolling interest | — | — | 34 | — | 34 |
| Stockholders' Equity | | | | | |
| Common stock | 935 | — | 9 | (9) | 935 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 5,688 | 3,321 | 10,272 | (13,593) | 5,688 |
| Earnings reinvested in the business | 24,316 | 314 | 943 | (1,257) | 24,316 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive losses | (2,040) | (429) | (1,891) | 2,320 | (2,040) |
| Cost of repurchased stock | (25,731) | — | — | — | (25,731) |
| Total stockholders' equity attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | 3,168 | 3,206 | 9,333 | (12,539) | 3,168 |
| Noncontrolling interests | — | — | 2 | — | 2 |
| Total stockholders' equity | 3,168 | 3,206 | 9,335 | (12,539) | 3,170 |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$24,591 | \$10,359 | \$23,366 | \$(22,987) | \$35,329 |

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Earnings
 For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
 (in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net revenues | \$— | \$15,967 | \$2,436 | \$(17) | \$18,386 |
| Cost of sales | — | 4,550 | 677 | (17) | 5,210 |
| Excise taxes on products | — | 4,936 | 191 | — | 5,127 |
| Gross profit | — | 6,481 | 1,568 | — | 8,049 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 155 | 1,384 | 184 | — | 1,723 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | 25 | — | — | — | 25 |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | — | 1 | — | — | 1 |
| Amortization of intangibles | — | — | 15 | — | 15 |
| Operating (expense) income | (180) | 5,096 | 1,369 | — | 6,285 |
| Interest and other debt expense, net | 490 | 2 | 302 | — | 794 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (738) | — | — | — | (738) |
| Earnings before income taxes and equity earnings of subsidiaries | 68 | 5,094 | 1,067 | — | 6,229 |
| (Benefit) provision for income taxes | (89) | 1,890 | 381 | — | 2,182 |
| Equity earnings of subsidiaries | 3,890 | 163 | — | (4,053) | — |
| Net earnings | 4,047 | 3,367 | 686 | (4,053) | 4,047 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$4,047 | \$3,367 | \$686 | \$(4,053) | \$4,047 |
| Net earnings | \$4,047 | \$3,367 | \$686 | \$(4,053) | \$4,047 |
| Other comprehensive (losses) earnings, net of deferred income taxes | (183) | 16 | 139 | (155) | (183) |
| Comprehensive earnings | 3,864 | 3,383 | 825 | (4,208) | 3,864 |
| Comprehensive losses (earnings) attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$3,864 | \$3,383 | \$825 | \$(4,208) | \$3,864 |

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For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|--|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net revenues | \$— | \$16,090 | \$2,304 | \$(18) | \$18,376 |
| Cost of sales | — | 5,238 | 640 | (18) | 5,860 |
| Excise taxes on products | — | 5,117 | 219 | — | 5,336 |
| Gross profit | — | 5,735 | 1,445 | — | 7,180 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 148 | 1,382 | 148 | — | 1,678 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | (48) |) — | — | — | (48) |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | 1 | 45 | 1 | — | 47 |
| Amortization of intangibles | — | — | 15 | — | 15 |
| Operating (expense) income | (101) |) 4,308 | 1,281 | — | 5,488 |
| Interest and other debt expense (income), net | 548 | (2) |) 322 | — | 868 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 874 | — | — | — | 874 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (973) |) — | — | — | (973) |
| (Loss) earnings before income taxes and equity earnings of subsidiaries | (550) |) 4,310 | 959 | — | 4,719 |
| (Benefit) provision for income taxes | (240) |) 1,567 | 314 | — | 1,641 |
| Equity earnings of subsidiaries | 3,387 | 163 | — | (3,550) | — |
| Net earnings | 3,077 | 2,906 | 645 | (3,550) | 3,078 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (1) |) — | (1) |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$3,077 | \$2,906 | \$644 | \$(3,550) | \$3,077 |
| Net earnings | \$3,077 | \$2,906 | \$645 | \$(3,550) | \$3,078 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | 283 | 10 | 82 | (92) | 283 |
| Comprehensive earnings | 3,360 | 2,916 | 727 | (3,642) | 3,361 |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | (1) |) — | (1) |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$3,360 | \$2,916 | \$726 | \$(3,642) | \$3,360 |

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(Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Earnings
For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013
(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net revenues | \$— | \$5,627 | \$932 | \$ (6) | \$6,553 |
| Cost of sales | — | 1,698 | 247 | (6) | 1,939 |
| Excise taxes on products | — | 1,728 | 65 | — | 1,793 |
| Gross profit | — | 2,201 | 620 | — | 2,821 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 60 | 517 | 82 | — | 659 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | 25 | — | — | — | 25 |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | — | — | — | — | — |
| Amortization of intangibles | — | — | 5 | — | 5 |
| Operating (expense) income | (85) | 1,684 | 533 | — | 2,132 |
| Interest and other debt expense, net | 166 | 3 | 100 | — | 269 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (255) | — | — | — | (255) |
| Earnings before income taxes and equity earnings of subsidiaries | 4 | 1,681 | 433 | — | 2,118 |
| (Benefit) provision for income taxes | (63) | 628 | 157 | — | 722 |
| Equity earnings of subsidiaries | 1,329 | 61 | — | (1,390) | — |
| Net earnings | 1,396 | 1,114 | 276 | (1,390) | 1,396 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$1,396 | \$1,114 | \$276 | \$ (1,390) | \$1,396 |
| Net earnings | \$1,396 | \$1,114 | \$276 | \$ (1,390) | \$1,396 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | 107 | 4 | 41 | (45) | 107 |
| Comprehensive earnings | 1,503 | 1,118 | 317 | (1,435) | 1,503 |
| Comprehensive losses (earnings) attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$1,503 | \$1,118 | \$317 | \$ (1,435) | \$1,503 |

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Earnings
For the Three Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|--|-----------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Net revenues | \$— | \$5,444 | \$804 | \$ (6) | \$6,242 |
| Cost of sales | — | 1,763 | 225 | (6) | 1,982 |
| Excise taxes on products | — | 1,706 | 70 | — | 1,776 |
| Gross profit | — | 1,975 | 509 | — | 2,484 |
| Marketing, administration and research costs | 61 | 464 | 23 | — | 548 |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | (48) | — | — | — | (48) |
| Asset impairment and exit costs | 1 | 9 | — | — | 10 |
| Amortization of intangibles | — | — | 5 | — | 5 |
| Operating (expense) income | (14) | 1,502 | 481 | — | 1,969 |
| Interest and other debt expense (income), net | 181 | (1) | 102 | — | 282 |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 874 | — | — | — | 874 |
| Earnings from equity investment in SABMiller | (230) | — | — | — | (230) |
| (Loss) earnings before income taxes and equity earnings of subsidiaries | (839) | 1,503 | 379 | — | 1,043 |
| (Benefit) provision for income taxes | (295) | 527 | 154 | — | 386 |
| Equity earnings of subsidiaries | 1,201 | 56 | — | (1,257) | — |
| Net earnings | 657 | 1,032 | 225 | (1,257) | 657 |
| Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$657 | \$1,032 | \$225 | \$ (1,257) | \$657 |
| Net earnings | \$657 | \$1,032 | \$225 | \$ (1,257) | \$657 |
| Other comprehensive earnings, net of deferred income taxes | 70 | 4 | 31 | (35) | 70 |
| Comprehensive earnings | 727 | 1,036 | 256 | (1,292) | 727 |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests | — | — | — | — | — |
| Comprehensive earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. | \$727 | \$1,036 | \$256 | \$ (1,292) | \$727 |

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Altria Group, Inc. and Subsidiaries
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(Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013
(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash Provided by Operating Activities | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$3,347 | \$2,986 | \$351 | \$ (3,708) | \$2,976 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | (18) | (72) | — | (90) |
| Proceeds from finance assets | — | — | 559 | — | 559 |
| Other | — | — | 16 | — | 16 |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | — | (18) | 503 | — | 485 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities | | | | | |
| Long-term debt issued | 996 | — | — | — | 996 |
| Repurchases of common stock | (382) | — | — | — | (382) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (2,652) | — | — | — | (2,652) |
| Changes in amounts due to/from Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | (11) | 517 | (506) | — | — |
| Financing fees and debt issuance costs | (12) | — | — | — | (12) |
| Cash dividends paid to parent | — | (3,447) | (261) | 3,708 | — |
| Other | 21 | (38) | (83) | — | (100) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (2,040) | (2,968) | (850) | 3,708 | (2,150) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: | | | | | |
| Increase | 1,307 | — | 4 | — | 1,311 |
| Balance at beginning of period | 2,862 | — | 38 | — | 2,900 |
| Balance at end of period | \$4,169 | \$— | \$42 | \$— | \$4,211 |

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(Unaudited)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows
For the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2012
(in millions of dollars)

| | Altria Group, Inc. | PM USA | Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries | Total Consolidating Adjustments | Consolidated |
|---|-----------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Cash Provided by Operating Activities | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$1,883 | \$2,814 | \$382 | \$ (2,959) | \$ 2,120 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | — | (18) | (59) | — | (77) |
| Proceeds from finance assets | — | — | 813 | — | 813 |
| Other | — | — | (8) | — | (8) |
| Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities | — | (18) | 746 | — | 728 |
| Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities | | | | | |
| Long-term debt issued | 2,787 | — | — | — | 2,787 |
| Long-term debt repaid | (2,000) | — | (600) | — | (2,600) |
| Repurchases of common stock | (595) | — | — | — | (595) |
| Dividends paid on common stock | (2,508) | — | — | — | (2,508) |
| Changes in amounts due to/from Altria Group, Inc. and subsidiaries | 220 | 17 | (237) | — | — |
| Financing fees and debt issuance costs | (22) | — | — | — | (22) |
| Tender premiums and fees related to early extinguishment of debt | (864) | — | — | — | (864) |
| Cash dividends paid to parent | — | (2,774) | (185) | 2,959 | — |
| Other | 7 | (39) | (98) | — | (130) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (2,975) | (2,796) | (1,120) | 2,959 | (3,932) |
| Cash and cash equivalents: (Decrease) increase | (1,092) | — | 8 | — | (1,084) |
| Balance at beginning of period | 3,245 | — | 25 | — | 3,270 |
| | \$2,153 | \$— | \$33 | \$ — | \$ 2,186 |

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Description of the Company

At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries included Philip Morris USA Inc. ("PM USA"), which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of cigarettes and certain smokeless tobacco products in the United States; John Middleton Co. ("Middleton"), which is engaged in the manufacture and sale of machine-made large cigars and pipe tobacco, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of PM USA; and UST LLC ("UST"), which through its direct and indirect wholly-owned subsidiaries, including U.S. Smokeless Tobacco Company LLC ("USSTC") and Ste. Michelle Wine Estates Ltd. ("Ste. Michelle"), is engaged in the manufacture and sale of smokeless tobacco products and wine. Nu Mark LLC ("Nu Mark"), an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., is engaged in the development and marketing of innovative tobacco products for adult tobacco consumers. Philip Morris Capital Corporation ("PMCC"), a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Altria Group, Inc., maintains a portfolio of leveraged and direct finance leases. In addition, Altria Group, Inc. held approximately 26.8% of the economic and voting interest of SABMiller plc ("SABMiller") at September 30, 2013, which Altria Group, Inc. accounts for under the equity method of accounting. Altria Group, Inc.'s access to the operating cash flows of its wholly-owned subsidiaries consists of cash received from the payment of dividends and distributions, and the payment of interest on intercompany loans by its subsidiaries. In addition, Altria Group, Inc. receives cash dividends on its interest in SABMiller if and when SABMiller pays such dividends. At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s principal wholly-owned subsidiaries were not limited by long-term debt or other agreements in their ability to pay cash dividends or make other distributions with respect to their common stock.

Effective January 1, 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s reportable segments are smokeable products, smokeless products and wine. The financial services and the alternative products businesses have been combined in an all other category due to the continued reduction of the lease portfolio of PMCC and the relative financial contribution of Altria Group, Inc.'s alternative products business to its consolidated results. In addition, due to the continued reduction of the lease portfolio of PMCC, Altria Group, Inc.'s balance sheet accounts are no longer segregated by consumer products and financial services, and all balance sheet accounts are classified as either current or non-current. Prior-period amounts have been reclassified to conform with the current-period presentation.

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Executive Summary

The following executive summary is intended to provide significant highlights of the Discussion and Analysis that follows.

Consolidated Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013: The changes in Altria Group, Inc.'s net earnings and diluted earnings per share ("EPS") attributable to Altria Group, Inc. for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, from the nine months ended September 30, 2012, were due primarily to the following:

| | Net Earnings (in millions, except per share data) | Diluted EPS |
|--|--|-------------|
| For the nine months ended September 30, 2012 | \$3,077 | \$1.51 |
| 2012 Asset impairment, exit and implementation costs | 25 | 0.01 |
| 2012 Tobacco and health judgments | 3 | — |
| 2012 SABMiller special items | (172) | (0.08) |
| 2012 Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 559 | 0.28 |
| 2012 PMCC leveraged lease benefit | (68) | (0.03) |
| 2012 Tax items ¹ | (51) | (0.03) |
| Subtotal 2012 special items | 296 | 0.15 |
| 2013 NPM Adjustment Items ² | 427 | 0.21 |
| 2013 Asset impairment, exit and implementation costs | (1) | — |
| 2013 Tobacco and health judgments | (14) | — |
| 2013 SABMiller special items | (16) | (0.01) |
| 2013 Tax items | 25 | 0.01 |
| Subtotal 2013 special items | 421 | 0.21 |
| Fewer shares outstanding | — | 0.02 |
| Change in tax rate | 58 | 0.03 |
| Operations | 195 | 0.10 |
| For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 | \$4,047 | \$2.02 |

¹ Excludes the tax impact included in the PMCC leveraged lease benefit.

² Reflects the impact of the NPM Adjustment Settlement (\$0.16) and the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision (\$0.05). See the discussion of events affecting the comparability of statement of earnings amounts in the Consolidated Operating Results section of the following Discussion and Analysis.

Fewer Shares Outstanding: Fewer shares outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 compared with the prior-year period were due primarily to shares repurchased by Altria Group, Inc. under its share repurchase programs.

Change in Tax Rate: The change in tax rate was due primarily to a reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer.

Operations: The increase of \$195 million in operations shown in the table above was due primarily to the following:

• higher income from the smokeable products and smokeless products segments;

lower interest and other debt expense, net; and

higher earnings from Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller (excluding special items).

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For further details, see the Consolidated Operating Results and Operating Results by Business Segment sections of the following Discussion and Analysis.

Consolidated Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013: The changes in Altria Group, Inc.'s net earnings and diluted EPS attributable to Altria Group, Inc. for the three months ended September 30, 2013, from the three months ended September 30, 2012, were due primarily to the following:

| | Net Earnings (in millions, except per share data) | Diluted EPS |
|--|--|-------------|
| For the three months ended September 30, 2012 | \$657 | \$0.32 |
| 2012 Asset impairment, exit and implementation costs | 7 | — |
| 2012 Tobacco and health judgments | 2 | — |
| 2012 SABMiller special items | 12 | 0.01 |
| 2012 Loss on early extinguishment of debt | 559 | 0.28 |
| 2012 Tax items | (62) | (0.03) |
| Subtotal 2012 special items | 518 | 0.26 |
| 2013 NPM Adjustment Items ¹ | 93 | 0.05 |
| 2013 Tobacco and health judgments | (10) | — |
| 2013 SABMiller special items | (9) | (0.01) |
| 2013 Tax items | 25 | 0.01 |
| Subtotal 2013 special items | 99 | 0.05 |
| Fewer shares outstanding | — | 0.01 |
| Change in tax rate | 44 | 0.02 |
| Operations | 78 | 0.04 |
| For the three months ended September 30, 2013 | \$1,396 | \$0.70 |

¹ Reflects the impact of the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision.

See the discussion of events affecting the comparability of statement of earnings amounts in the Consolidated Operating Results section of the following Discussion and Analysis.

Fewer Shares Outstanding: Fewer shares outstanding during the three months ended September 30, 2013 compared with the prior-year period were due primarily to shares repurchased by Altria Group, Inc. under its share repurchase programs.

Change in Tax Rate: The change in tax rate was due primarily to a reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer.

Operations: The increase of \$78 million in operations shown in the table above was due primarily to the following:

- higher income from the smokeable products and smokeless products segments;
- higher earnings from Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller; and
- lower interest and other debt expense, net.

For further details, see the Consolidated Operating Results and Operating Results by Business Segment sections of the following Discussion and Analysis.

2013 Forecasted Results: In September 2013, Altria Group, Inc. revised its 2013 full-year forecast for reported diluted EPS to a range of \$2.57 to \$2.62 from a range of \$2.51 to \$2.56 to reflect the impact of the September 11, 2013 diligent enforcement rulings of the arbitration panel presiding over the non-participating manufacturer (“NPM”) adjustment dispute for 2003 (the “NPM Arbitration Panel Decision”). For a further discussion of this item, see Possible Adjustments in MSA

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Payments for 2003 - 2012 in Note 11. Contingencies to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1. Financial Statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (“Item 1”). Additionally, the revised guidance reflects the reversal of tax accruals no longer required. The 2013 full-year reported diluted EPS forecast includes estimated net income of \$0.21 per share as detailed in the table below, as compared with the 2012 full-year reported diluted EPS of \$2.06, which included \$0.15 per share of net expenses, as detailed in the table below. In October 2013, Altria Group, Inc. reaffirmed its 2013 full-year forecast for reported diluted EPS. In addition, in September and October 2013, Altria Group, Inc. reaffirmed its forecast for 2013 full-year adjusted diluted EPS, which excludes the items in the table below, representing a growth rate of 7% to 9% over 2012 full-year adjusted diluted EPS.

The factors described in the Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results section of the following Discussion and Analysis represent continuing risks to this forecast.

(Income) Expense, Net Included in Reported Diluted EPS

| | 2013 | | 2012 |
|---|---------|---|---------|
| NPM Adjustment Items ¹ | \$(0.21 |) | \$— |
| Asset impairment, exit and implementation costs | — | | 0.01 |
| SABMiller special items | 0.01 | | (0.08) |
| PMCC leveraged lease benefit | — | | (0.03) |
| Loss on early extinguishment of debt | — | | 0.28 |
| Tax items ² | (0.01 |) | (0.03) |
| | \$(0.21 |) | \$0.15 |

¹ Reflects the impact of the NPM Adjustment Settlement (\$0.16) and the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision (\$0.05).

² Excludes the tax impact included in the PMCC leveraged lease benefit.

Adjusted diluted EPS is a financial measure that is not consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”). Altria Group, Inc.’s management reviews diluted EPS on an adjusted basis, which excludes certain income and expense items that management believes are not part of underlying operations. These items may include, for example, loss on early extinguishment of debt, restructuring charges, SABMiller special items, certain PMCC leveraged lease items, certain tax items, tobacco and health judgments, and settlements of, and determinations made in, disputes with certain states related to the NPM adjustment provision (“NPM Adjustment”) under the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement (the “MSA”). Altria Group, Inc.’s management does not view any of these special items to be part of its sustainable results as they may be highly variable and difficult to predict and can distort underlying business trends and results. Altria Group, Inc.’s management believes it is appropriate to disclose this non-GAAP financial measure to provide useful insight into underlying business trends and results, and to provide a more meaningful comparison of year-over-year results. Adjusted measures are used by management and regularly provided to Altria Group, Inc.’s chief operating decision maker for planning, forecasting and evaluating business and financial performance, including allocating resources and evaluating results relative to employee compensation targets. This information should be considered as supplemental in nature and not considered in isolation or as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

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Discussion and Analysis

Consolidated Operating Results

See pages 96-99 for a discussion of Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results.

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|----------|---|---------|
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Net revenues: | | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$16,448 | \$16,616 | \$5,802 | \$5,613 |
| Smokeless products | 1,333 | 1,243 | 485 | 437 |
| Wine | 411 | 381 | 148 | 140 |
| All other | 194 | 136 | 118 | 52 |
| Net revenues | \$18,386 | \$18,376 | \$6,553 | \$6,242 |
| Excise taxes on products: | | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$5,016 | \$5,239 | \$1,751 | \$1,742 |
| Smokeless products | 96 | 83 | 37 | 29 |
| Wine | 15 | 14 | 5 | 5 |
| Excise taxes on products | \$5,127 | \$5,336 | \$1,793 | \$1,776 |
| Operating income: | | | | |
| Operating companies income: | | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$5,471 | \$4,716 | \$1,825 | \$1,637 |
| Smokeless products | 769 | 678 | 277 | 246 |
| Wine | 73 | 63 | 28 | 26 |
| All other | 185 | 166 | 92 | 79 |
| Amortization of intangibles | (15) | (15) | (5) | (5) |
| General corporate expenses | (173) | (168) | (60) | (62) |
| Changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables | (25) | 48 | (25) | 48 |
| Operating income | \$6,285 | \$5,488 | \$2,132 | \$1,969 |

As discussed further in Note 7. Segment Reporting to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1, Altria Group, Inc.'s chief operating decision maker reviews operating companies income to evaluate the performance of, and allocate resources to, the segments. Operating companies income for the segments is defined as operating income before amortization of intangibles and general corporate expenses. Management believes it is appropriate to disclose this measure to help investors analyze the business performance and trends of the various business segments.

The following events that occurred during the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 affected the comparability of statement of earnings amounts.

NPM Adjustment Items: For the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, PM USA recorded pre-tax income of \$664 million and \$145 million, respectively, on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated statements of earnings, which increased operating companies income in the smokeable products segment. This recording of pre-tax income resulted from the following:

a reduction to cost of sales of \$519 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 for settlement of disputes with certain states and territories related to the NPM Adjustment for the years 2003 - 2012 (“NPM Adjustment Settlement”); and

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a reduction to cost of sales of \$145 million for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 for the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision.

For further discussion of these items (which are referred to collectively as the “NPM Adjustment Items”), see Possible Adjustments in MSA Payments for 2003 - 2012 in Note 11. Contingencies to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 (“Note 11”).

Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs: Altria Group, Inc.’s pre-tax asset impairment, exit and implementation costs were related to Altria Group, Inc.’s cost reduction program announced in October 2011 (the “2011 Cost Reduction Program”), which was substantially completed as of December 31, 2012. Altria Group, Inc. believes that the program remains on track to deliver \$400 million in annualized savings versus previously planned spending by the end of 2013.

For a breakdown of these costs by segment, see Note 2. Asset Impairment, Exit and Implementation Costs to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1.

Tobacco and Health Judgments: See Note 11 for pre-tax charges related to tobacco and health judgments recorded in operating companies income in the smokeable products segment, and related interest costs.

SABMiller Special Items: Altria Group, Inc.’s earnings from its equity investment in SABMiller for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 included net pre-tax charges of \$25 and \$14 million, respectively, consisting of costs for SABMiller’s “business capability programme” and costs related to SABMiller’s economic and social development program in South Africa, partially offset by gains related to divestitures. Net pre-tax charges for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 also included asset impairment charges.

Altria Group, Inc.’s earnings from its equity investment in SABMiller for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included net pre-tax income of \$264 million, consisting of gains resulting from SABMiller’s strategic alliance transactions with Anadolu Efes and Castel, partially offset by costs for SABMiller’s “business capability programme,” costs related to SABMiller’s acquisition of Foster’s Group Limited and costs related to SABMiller’s economic and social development program in South Africa. Altria Group, Inc.’s earnings from its equity investment in SABMiller for the three months ended September 30, 2012 included pre-tax charges of \$19 million, consisting of costs for SABMiller’s “business capability programme,” and costs related to SABMiller’s acquisition of Foster’s Group Limited.

PMCC Leveraged Lease Benefit: During the second quarter of 2012, Altria Group, Inc. entered into a closing agreement (the “Closing Agreement”) with the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) that conclusively resolved the federal income tax treatment for all prior and future tax years of certain leveraged lease transactions entered into by PMCC. As a result of the Closing Agreement, Altria Group, Inc. recorded a one-time net earnings benefit of \$68 million during the second quarter of 2012 due primarily to lower than estimated interest on tax underpayments. The net benefit was recorded on Altria Group, Inc.’s condensed consolidated statements of earnings as a decrease to provision for income taxes of \$75 million and a decrease to net revenues of \$7 million.

Loss on Early Extinguishment of Debt: During the third quarter of 2012, Altria Group, Inc. completed a tender offer to purchase for cash \$2.0 billion aggregate principal amount of certain of its senior unsecured notes. As a result of the tender offer, during the third quarter of 2012, Altria Group, Inc. recorded a pre-tax loss on early extinguishment of debt of \$874 million, which included debt tender premiums and fees of \$864 million and the write off of related unamortized debt discounts and debt issuance costs of \$10 million. For further discussion, see Note 9. Debt to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 (“Note 9”).

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Tax Items: Tax items for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 included the reversal of tax accruals no longer required. Tax items for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012 included the reversal of tax reserves and associated interest due primarily to the closure in August 2012 of the IRS audit of Altria Group, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries' 2004 - 2006 tax years ("IRS 2004 - 2006 Audit"). For further discussion, see Note 10. Income Taxes to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 ("Note 10").

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Consolidated Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2013

The following discussion compares consolidated operating results for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 with the nine months ended September 30, 2012.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, were essentially unchanged at \$18.4 billion, due primarily to higher net revenues from the smokeless products and wine segments, and higher gains on asset sales in the financial services business, offset by lower net revenues from the smokeable products segment.

Excise taxes on products decreased \$209 million (3.9%), due primarily to lower smokeable products shipment volume.

Cost of sales decreased \$650 million (11.1%), due primarily to the NPM Adjustment Items and lower smokeable products shipment volume, partially offset by higher per unit settlement charges and higher manufacturing costs.

Marketing, administration and research costs increased \$45 million (2.7%), due primarily to spending related to the alternative products business, higher charges related to tobacco and health judgments and a postretirement benefit plan curtailment gain in 2012 related to the 2011 Cost Reduction Program, partially offset by lower spending in the smokeable products segment.

Operating income increased \$797 million (14.5%), due primarily to higher operating results from the smokeable products segment (which includes the NPM Adjustment Items) and higher operating results from the smokeless products segment, partially offset by changes to Kraft Foods Inc. (now known as Mondelēz International, Inc. (“Mondelēz”)) and Philip Morris International Inc. (“PMI”) tax-related receivables/payables as discussed further in Note 10.

Interest and other debt expense, net, decreased \$74 million (8.5%), due primarily to lower interest costs on debt as a result of debt refinancing activities in 2012, partially offset by interest associated with debt issuances in 2013.

Earnings from Altria Group, Inc.’s equity investment in SABMiller decreased \$235 million (24.2%), due primarily to SABMiller special items (which included gains of \$342 million resulting from SABMiller’s strategic alliance transactions with Anadolu Efes and Castel in 2012), partially offset by higher gains resulting from issuances of common stock by SABMiller in 2013.

Altria Group, Inc.’s income tax rate increased 0.2 percentage points to 35.0%, due primarily to the PMCC leveraged lease benefit recorded during the second quarter of 2012 and the reversal in 2012 of tax reserves and associated interest due primarily to the closure in August 2012 of the IRS 2004 - 2006 Audit. These increases were partially offset by the resolution of various Mondelēz and PMI tax matters in the third quarters of 2013 and 2012; the reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer; and the reversal in 2013 of tax accruals no longer required. For further discussion, see Note 10.

Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. of \$4,047 million increased \$970 million (31.5%), due primarily to the loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2012, higher operating income and lower interest and other debt expense, net, partially offset by lower earnings from Altria Group, Inc.’s equity investment in SABMiller. Diluted and basic EPS attributable to Altria Group, Inc. of \$2.02, each increased by 33.8% due to higher net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. and fewer shares outstanding.

Consolidated Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended September 30, 2013

The following discussion compares consolidated operating results for the three months ended September 30, 2013 with the three months ended September 30, 2012.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, increased \$311 million (5.0%), due primarily to higher net revenues from the smokeable products and smokeless products segments, and higher gains on asset sales in the financial services business.

Excise taxes on products increased \$17 million (1.0%), due primarily to higher smokeable products and smokeless products shipment volume, partially offset by lower excise taxes for Middleton.

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Cost of sales decreased \$43 million (2.2%), due primarily to the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision, partially offset by higher smokeable products and smokeless products shipment volume, higher per unit settlement charges and higher manufacturing costs.

Marketing, administration and research costs increased \$111 million (20.3%), due primarily to timing of spending in the smokeable products segment, a recovery of \$33 million in 2012 related to the bankruptcy of American Airlines Inc. as discussed further in Note 8. Finance Assets, net to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1, spending related to the alternative products business and higher charges related to tobacco and health judgments.

Operating income increased \$163 million (8.3%), due primarily to higher operating results from the smokeable products segment (which includes the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision) and higher operating results from the smokeless products segment, partially offset by changes to Mondelēz and PMI tax-related receivables/payables as discussed further in Note 10.

Interest and other debt expense, net, decreased \$13 million (4.6%), due primarily to lower interest costs on debt as a result of debt refinancing activities in 2012, partially offset by interest associated with debt issuances in 2013.

Earnings from Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller increased \$25 million (10.9%), due primarily to higher ongoing equity earnings.

Altria Group, Inc.'s income tax rate decreased 2.9 percentage points to 34.1%, due primarily to the resolution of various Mondelēz and PMI tax matters in the third quarters of 2013 and 2012; the reduction in certain consolidated tax benefits in 2012 resulting from the third quarter of 2012 debt tender offer; and the reversal in 2013 of tax accruals no longer required. These decreases were partially offset by the reversal in 2012 of tax reserves and associated interest due primarily to the closure in August 2012 of the IRS 2004-2006 Audit.

Net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. of \$1,396 million increased \$739 million (100%+), due primarily to the loss on early extinguishment of debt in 2012, higher operating income, a lower income tax rate, higher earnings from Altria Group, Inc.'s equity investment in SABMiller and lower interest and other debt expense, net. Diluted and basic EPS attributable to Altria Group, Inc. of \$0.70, each increased by 100%+ due to higher net earnings attributable to Altria Group, Inc. and fewer shares outstanding.

Operating Results by Business Segment

Tobacco Space

Business Environment

Summary

The United States tobacco industry faces a number of business and legal challenges that have adversely affected and may adversely affect the business and sales volume of our tobacco subsidiaries and our consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial position. These challenges, some of which are discussed in more detail below, in Note 11 and in Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results, include:

- pending and threatened litigation and bonding requirements as discussed in Note 11;
- the requirement to issue “corrective statements” in various media in connection with the Federal Government’s lawsuit described in detail in Note 11;
- restrictions and requirements imposed by the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (“FSPTCA”) enacted in June 2009, and restrictions and requirements that have been, and in the future may be, imposed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) under this statute;
- actual and proposed excise tax increases, as well as changes in tax structures and tax stamping requirements;
- bans and restrictions on tobacco use imposed by governmental entities and private establishments and employers;
- other federal, state and local government actions, including:

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increases in the minimum age to purchase tobacco products above the current federal minimum age of 18, restrictions on the sale of tobacco products by certain retail establishments, the sale of certain tobacco products with certain characterizing flavors and the sale of tobacco products in certain package sizes;

- additional restrictions on the advertising and promotion of tobacco products;
- other actual and proposed tobacco product legislation and regulation; and
- governmental investigations;

the diminishing prevalence of cigarette smoking and increased efforts by tobacco control advocates and others (including employers) to further restrict tobacco use;

- price gaps and changes in price gaps between premium and lowest price brands;
- competitive disadvantages related to cigarette price increases attributable to the settlement of certain litigation; illicit trade practices, including the sale of counterfeit tobacco products by third parties; the sale of tobacco products by third parties over the Internet and by other means designed to avoid the collection of applicable taxes; diversion into one market of products intended for sale in another; the potential assertion of claims and other issues relating to contraband shipments of tobacco products; and the imposition of additional legislative or regulatory requirements related to illicit trade practices; and
- potential adverse changes in tobacco leaf price, availability and quality.

In addition to and in connection with the foregoing, evolving adult tobacco consumer preferences pose challenges for Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries. Our tobacco subsidiaries believe that a significant number of adult tobacco consumers switch between tobacco categories or use multiple forms of tobacco products and that approximately 50% of adult smokers say they are interested in trying innovative tobacco products. Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries further believe that adult tobacco consumer awareness of electronic cigarettes is high and growing and project consumer expenditures for electronic cigarettes to reach approximately \$1 billion in 2013. Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries work to meet these evolving adult tobacco consumer preferences over time by developing, manufacturing, marketing and distributing products both within and outside the United States through innovation and adjacency growth strategies (including, where appropriate, arrangements with third parties). For example, Nu Mark entered the e-vapor category with the introduction of MarkTen e-cigarettes into a lead market in Indiana in August 2013 and plans to expand distribution of MarkTen e-cigarettes to Arizona in December 2013. See the discussions regarding new product technologies, adjacency growth strategy and evolving consumer preferences in Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results for certain risks associated with the foregoing discussion.

We have provided additional detail on the following topics below:

- FSPTCA and FDA Regulation;
- Excise Taxes;
- International Treaty on Tobacco Control;
- State Settlement Agreements;
- Other Federal, State and Local Regulation and Activity;
- Illicit Trade;
- Tobacco Price, Availability and Quality; and
- Timing of Sales.

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FSPTCA and FDA Regulation
The Regulatory Framework

The FSPTCA expressly establishes certain restrictions and prohibitions on our cigarette and smokeless tobacco businesses and authorizes or requires further FDA action. Under the FSPTCA, the FDA has broad authority to regulate the design, manufacture, packaging, advertising, promotion, sale and distribution of cigarettes, cigarette tobacco and smokeless tobacco products; the authority to require disclosures of related information; and the authority to enforce the FSPTCA and related regulations. The law also grants the FDA authority to extend its application, by regulation, to all other tobacco products, including cigars, pipe tobacco and electronic cigarettes. The FDA has indicated that it intends to regulate cigars and other tobacco products, but it has not indicated a timeline for the issuance of final regulations.

Among other measures, the FSPTCA:

- imposes restrictions on the advertising, promotion, sale and distribution of tobacco products, including at retail;
- prohibits cigarettes with characterizing flavors other than menthol and tobacco;
- bans descriptors such as “light,” “mild” or “low” or similar descriptors unless expressly authorized by the FDA;
- requires extensive ingredient disclosure to the FDA and may require more limited public ingredient disclosure;
- prohibits any express or implied claims that a tobacco product is or may be less harmful than other tobacco products without FDA authorization;
- imposes reporting obligations relating to contraband activity and grants the FDA authority to impose other recordkeeping and reporting obligations to address counterfeit and contraband products;
 - changes the language of the cigarette and smokeless tobacco product health warnings, enlarges their size and requires the development by the FDA of graphic warnings for cigarettes, and gives the FDA the authority to require new warnings;
- authorizes the FDA to adopt product regulations and related actions, including:
 - to impose tobacco product standards that are appropriate for the protection of the public health through a regulatory process, including, among other possibilities, restrictions on ingredients, constituents or other properties, performance or design criteria, as well as to impose testing, measurement, reporting and disclosure requirements;
 - to subject tobacco products that are modified or first introduced into the market after March 22, 2011 to application and premarket review and authorization requirements (the “New Product Application Process”) if the FDA does not find them to be “substantially equivalent” to products commercially marketed as of February 15, 2007, and to deny any such new product application thus preventing the distribution and sale of any product affected by such denial;
 - to determine that certain existing tobacco products modified or introduced into the market for the first time between February 15, 2007 and March 22, 2011 are not “substantially equivalent” to products commercially marketed as of February 15, 2007, in which case the FDA could require the removal of such products or subject them to the New Product Application Process and, if any such applications are denied, prevent the continued distribution and sale of such products (see FDA Regulatory Actions below);
 - to restrict or otherwise regulate menthol cigarettes, as well as other tobacco products with characterizing flavors (see Action on Menthol below);
 - to regulate nicotine yields and to reduce or eliminate harmful constituents or harmful ingredients or other components of tobacco products;
 - to impose manufacturing standards for tobacco products; and
 - equips the FDA with a variety of investigatory and enforcement tools, including the authority to inspect tobacco product manufacturing and other facilities.

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Implementation Timing, Rulemaking and Guidance

The implementation of the FSPTCA began in 2009 and will continue over time. Some provisions took effect immediately, some provisions have taken effect since the enactment of the FSPTCA and other provisions will not take effect for some time. Those provisions that require the FDA to take action through rulemaking generally involve consideration of public comment and, for some issues, scientific review. Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries are participating actively in processes established by the FDA to develop and implement its regulatory framework, including submission of comments to various FDA proposals and participation in public hearings and engagement sessions.

From time to time, the FDA also issues guidance for public comment, which may be issued in draft or final form. Such guidance, when finalized, is intended to represent the FDA's current thinking on a particular topic and may be predictive of the FDA's enforcement stance on that topic. Such guidance, even when finalized, is not intended to bind the FDA or the public or establish legally enforceable responsibilities. Examples of current draft guidance include:

- Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Demonstrating the Substantial Equivalence of a New Tobacco Product: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions;
- Draft Guidance for Industry: Modified Risk Tobacco Product Applications; and
- Draft Guidance for Industry: Applications for Premarket Review of New Tobacco Products.

A complete set of guidance documents issued by the FDA can be found on the FDA's website at www.fda.gov/TobaccoProductsGuidanceComplianceRegulatoryInformation. The information on this website is not, and shall not be deemed to be, part of this report or incorporated into any other filings Altria Group, Inc. makes with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

PM USA and USSTC submit comments to the FDA on draft or final guidance when appropriate. In some cases, PM USA and USSTC may disagree with a particular interpretation by the FDA as expressed in draft or final guidance and may communicate their position in writing to the FDA. For example, PM USA and USSTC communicated disagreement with FDA interpretations of the statute set forth in the "Draft Guidance for Industry and FDA Staff: Demonstrating the Substantial Equivalence of a New Tobacco Product: Responses to Frequently Asked Questions" regarding when a manufacturer must submit substantial equivalence reports. While PM USA and USSTC believe that all of their current products meet the statutory requirements of the FSPTCA, they cannot currently predict whether, when or how the FDA ultimately will apply its guidance or seek to enforce the law and regulations consistent with its guidance. As discussed below in Investigations and Enforcement, FDA enforcement actions could have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, cash flows and results of operations of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries.

The implementation of the FSPTCA and related regulations and guidance also may have an impact on enforcement efforts by states, territories and localities of the United States of their laws and regulations as well as of the State Settlement Agreements discussed below (see State Settlement Agreements below). Such enforcement efforts may adversely affect our tobacco subsidiaries' ability to market and sell regulated tobacco products in those states, territories and localities.

Impact on Our Business; Compliance Costs

Regulations imposed and other regulatory actions taken by the FDA under the FSPTCA could have a material adverse impact on the business, financial position, cash flows and results of operations of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries in a number of different ways. For example, actions by the FDA could:

- impact the consumer acceptability of tobacco products;

- delay, discontinue or prevent the sale or distribution of existing, new or modified tobacco products;
- limit adult consumer choices;
- restrict communications to adult consumers;
- create a competitive advantage or disadvantage for certain tobacco companies;
- impose additional manufacturing, labeling or packaging requirements;
- impose additional restrictions at retail;
- result in increased illicit trade activities; or

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- otherwise significantly increase the cost of doing business.

The failure to comply with FDA regulatory requirements, even inadvertently, and FDA enforcement actions could also have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, cash flows and results of operations of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries.

The law imposes fees on tobacco product manufacturers and importers to pay for the cost of regulation and other matters. The cost of the FDA user fee is allocated first among tobacco product categories subject to FDA regulation according to a process set out in the statute, which relies, in part, on the allocation methodology set forth in the Fair and Equitable Tobacco Reform Act of 2004 (“FETRA”), and then among manufacturers and importers within each respective category based on their relative market shares. In May 2013, the FDA issued proposed regulations to govern the allocation of the FDA user fee after the FETRA program concludes in 2014. An Altria Group, Inc. subsidiary filed comments on behalf of PM USA and USSTC objecting to certain aspects of the proposed regulations. For a discussion of the impact of the State Settlement Agreements, the FETRA and FDA user fee payments on Altria Group, Inc., see Financial Review - Debt and Liquidity - Payments Under State Settlement and Other Tobacco Agreements, and FDA Regulation below. In addition, compliance with the law’s regulatory requirements has resulted and will continue to result in additional costs for our tobacco businesses. The amount of additional compliance and related costs has not been material in any given quarter to date but could become substantial, either individually or in the aggregate, and will depend on the nature of the requirements imposed by the FDA.

Investigation and Enforcement

The FDA has a number of investigatory and enforcement tools available to it, including document requests and other required information submissions, facility inspections, examinations and investigations, injunction proceedings, money penalties, product withdrawals and recalls, and product seizures. The use of any of these investigatory or enforcement tools by the FDA could result in significant costs to the tobacco businesses of Altria Group, Inc. or otherwise have a material adverse effect on the business, financial position, cash flows and results of operations of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries.

For example, in June 2010, the FDA issued a document request regarding changes to Marlboro Gold Pack cigarette packaging in connection with the FSPTCA’s ban of certain descriptors. PM USA submitted documents in response to the FDA’s request.

TPSAC

The Role of the TPSAC

As required by the FSPTCA, the FDA has established a tobacco product scientific advisory committee (the “TPSAC”), which consists of both voting and non-voting members, to provide advice, reports, information and recommendations to the FDA on scientific and health issues relating to tobacco products. For example, the TPSAC advises the FDA about modified risk products (products marketed with reduced risk claims), good manufacturing practices, the effects of the alteration of nicotine yields from tobacco products and nicotine dependence thresholds. The TPSAC previously made reports and recommendations to the FDA on menthol cigarettes, including the impact of the use of menthol in cigarettes on the public health, and the nature and impact of dissolvable tobacco products on the public health. The FDA may seek advice from the TPSAC about other safety, dependence or health issues relating to tobacco products, including tobacco product standards and applications to market new tobacco products.

TPSAC Membership

Beginning in March 2010, PM USA and USSTC raised with the FDA their concerns that four of the voting members of the TPSAC have financial and other conflicts (including services as paid experts for plaintiffs in tobacco litigation) that could hamper the full and fair consideration of issues by the TPSAC and requested that their appointments be

withdrawn. PM USA and USSTC raised similar concerns related to the engagement of two TPSAC subcommittee consultants. The FDA declined PM USA's and USSTC's requests, stating that the FDA had satisfied itself, after inquiry, that the individuals in question did not have disqualifying conflicts of interest. In February 2011, Lorillard Tobacco Company and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against the United States Department of Health and Human Services and individual defendants (sued in their official capacities) asserting that the composition of the TPSAC and the composition of the Constituents Subcommittee of the TPSAC violates several federal laws, including the Federal Advisory Committee Act. In August 2012, the district court denied the government's motion to dismiss the plaintiffs' complaint. The government defendants filed their motion for summary judgment as to all claims in June 2013. R.J. Reynolds and Lorillard filed a cross-motion for summary judgment in July 2013.

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Action on Menthol

As mandated by the FSPTCA, in March 2011, the TPSAC submitted to the FDA a report on the impact of the use of menthol in cigarettes on the public health and related recommendations. The TPSAC report stated that “[m]enthol cigarettes have an adverse impact on public health in the United States.” The TPSAC report recommended that the “[r]emoval of menthol cigarettes from the marketplace would benefit public health in the United States.” The TPSAC report noted the potential that any ban on menthol cigarettes could lead to an increase in contraband cigarettes and other potential unintended consequences and suggested that the FDA consult with appropriate experts on this matter. The TPSAC report also recommended that additional research could address gaps in understanding menthol cigarettes.

In March 2011, PM USA submitted a report to the FDA outlining its position that neither science nor other evidence demonstrates that regulatory actions or restrictions related to the use of menthol cigarettes are warranted. The report noted PM USA’s belief that significant restrictions on the use of menthol cigarettes would have unintended consequences detrimental to public health and society.

In July 2011, the TPSAC revised and approved its March 2011 report. The revisions were editorial in nature and did not change the substantive conclusions and recommendations of the TPSAC.

The FSPTCA does not set a deadline or required timeline for the FDA to act on the TPSAC report. The FDA has stated that the TPSAC report is only a recommendation and that the FDA’s receipt of the TPSAC’s report will not have an immediate effect on the availability of menthol cigarettes. In January 2012, the FDA announced that it had evaluated scientific information on menthol and had drafted a report related to the impact of menthol in cigarettes on public health. The FDA indicated that it had sent its report to external scientists for peer review. In July 2013, the FDA released its preliminary scientific evaluation, which states “that menthol cigarettes pose a public health risk above that seen with non-menthol cigarettes.” At the same time, the FDA also issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking requesting comments on FDA’s preliminary scientific evaluation and information that may inform potential regulatory actions regarding menthol in cigarettes or other tobacco products. Comments are due by November 22, 2013. No future action can be taken by the FDA to regulate the manufacture, marketing or sale of menthol cigarettes (including a possible ban) until the completion of the rulemaking process.

Final Tobacco Marketing Rule

As required by the FSPTCA, the FDA re-promulgated in March 2010 certain advertising and promotion restrictions in substantially the same form as regulations that were previously adopted in 1996 (but never imposed on tobacco manufacturers due to a United States Supreme Court ruling) (the “Final Tobacco Marketing Rule”). The Final Tobacco Marketing Rule:

- bans the use of color and graphics in tobacco product labeling and advertising;
- prohibits the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to underage persons;
- restricts the use of non-tobacco trade and brand names on cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products;
- requires the sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco in direct, face-to-face transactions;
- prohibits sampling of cigarettes and prohibits sampling of smokeless tobacco products except in qualified adult-only facilities;
- prohibits gifts or other items in exchange for buying cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products;
- prohibits the sale or distribution of items such as hats and tee shirts with tobacco brands or logos; and
- prohibits brand name sponsorship of any athletic, musical, artistic, or other social or cultural event, or any entry or team in any event.

Subject to the limitations described below, the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule took effect in June 2010. At the time of the re-promulgation of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule, the FDA also issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking regarding the so-called “1000 foot rule,” which would establish restrictions on the placement of outdoor tobacco advertising in relation to schools and playgrounds. PM USA and USSTC submitted comments on this advance notice.

Since enactment, several lawsuits have been filed challenging various provisions of the FSPTCA and the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule, including their constitutionality and the scope of the FDA’s authority thereunder. Altria Group, Inc. and its

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tobacco subsidiaries are not parties to any of these lawsuits. In January 2010, in one such challenge (Commonwealth Brands), the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Kentucky struck down as unconstitutional, and enjoined enforcement of, the portion of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule that bans the use of color and graphics in labeling and advertising and claims implying that a tobacco product is safer because of FDA regulation. The parties appealed and in March 2012, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit affirmed in part and reversed in part the district court's decision. The Sixth Circuit affirmed the district court's injunction against enforcement of the portion of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule that bans the use of color and graphics in labeling and advertising. The Sixth Circuit reversed the injunction against enforcement of the prohibition on claims implying that a tobacco product is safer because of FDA regulation. The Sixth Circuit also held that the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule's ban on consumer continuity programs violates the First Amendment and reversed the district court's decision upholding the ban. The Sixth Circuit upheld the FSPTCA's statutory requirements for enlarged textual and graphic warnings on cigarette packages and advertising, but did not rule upon the constitutionality of the nine graphic warnings actually selected by the FDA in its June 2011 final rule. In May 2012, the plaintiffs in Commonwealth Brands filed a petition for rehearing and rehearing en banc, which the Sixth Circuit denied. In October 2012, the plaintiffs filed a petition for writ of certiorari in the United States Supreme Court seeking further review of the Sixth Circuit's decision upholding the FSPTCA's new enlarged and expanded warning requirements that include graphic warnings, the FSPTCA's restrictions on modified risk tobacco product claims and certain other provisions of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule. The FDA did not file a petition for writ of certiorari with the United States Supreme Court seeking further review of the Sixth Circuit's decision. The FDA filed its opposition to the plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari in March 2013. In April 2013, the United States Supreme Court denied plaintiffs' petition for writ of certiorari. As a result of this litigation, the portion of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule that bans the use of color and graphics in labeling and advertising is unenforceable by the FDA. For a further discussion of this final rule and the status of graphic warnings for cigarette packages and advertising, see FDA Regulatory Actions - Graphics Warnings below.

In a separate challenge to the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Renegade Tobacco Company, Inc. and others have challenged the constitutionality of an FDA regulation that restricts tobacco manufacturers from using the trade or brand name of a non-tobacco product on cigarettes or smokeless tobacco products. In May 2010, the Court issued a stay in the Renegade case pending the FDA's consideration of amendments to the trade or brand name rule. In November 2011, the FDA proposed an amended rule, but continues to exercise its discretion to enforce the original trade or brand name provisions of the Final Tobacco Marketing Rule according to FDA guidance issued in May 2010. It is not possible to predict the outcome of any such litigation or its effect on the extent of the FDA's authority to regulate tobacco products.

Contraband

The FSPTCA imposes on manufacturers reporting obligations relating to knowledge of suspected contraband activity involving their brands and also grants the FDA the authority to impose certain other recordkeeping and reporting obligations to address counterfeit and contraband tobacco products. The FSPTCA also empowers the FDA to assess whether additional tools should be employed to track and trace tobacco products through the distribution chain.

FDA Regulatory Actions

Graphic Warnings

In June 2011, as required by the FSPTCA, the FDA issued its final rule to modify the required warnings that appear on cigarette packages and in cigarette advertisements. The FSPTCA requires the warnings to consist of nine new textual warning statements accompanied by color graphics depicting the negative health consequences of smoking. The graphic health warnings will (i) be located beneath the cellophane, and comprise the top 50% of the front and rear panels of cigarette packages, and (ii) occupy 20% of a cigarette advertisement and be located at the top of the

advertisement.

The rule requires that cigarette packaging manufactured after September 22, 2012 contain the new graphic warnings and all cigarette advertising contain the new warnings by that date. In August 2011, however, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, Lorillard Tobacco Company and several other plaintiffs filed suit in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against the FDA challenging its graphic warnings rule. In November 2011, the district court granted the plaintiffs' motion for a preliminary injunction, thereby staying enforcement of the graphic warnings rule until 15 months after a final ruling from the district court. In February 2012, the district court entered final judgment on behalf of the plaintiffs, enjoining enforcement of the graphic warnings rule. The FDA appealed this decision to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit. In August 2012, the Court of Appeals affirmed the ruling of the district court. The FDA filed a petition for panel rehearing and rehearing en banc with the Court of Appeals, which was denied in December 2012. In March 2013, the FDA decided not to

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seek further review of the Court of Appeals' decision and announced its plans to propose a new graphic warnings rule in the future.

New Product Marketing Authorization Processes

In January 2011, the FDA issued guidance concerning reports that manufacturers must submit for certain FDA-regulated tobacco products that the manufacturer modified or introduced for the first time into the market after February 15, 2007. These reports must be reviewed by the agency to determine if such tobacco products are "substantially equivalent" to products commercially available as of February 15, 2007. In general, in order to continue marketing these products sold before March 22, 2011, manufacturers of FDA-regulated tobacco products were required to send to the FDA a report demonstrating substantial equivalence by March 22, 2011. PM USA and USSTC submitted timely reports. PM USA and USSTC can continue marketing these products unless the FDA makes a determination that a specific product is not substantially equivalent. If the FDA ultimately makes such a determination, it could require the removal of such products or subject them to the New Product Application Process and, if any such applications are denied, prevent the continued distribution and sale of such products. PM USA and USSTC believe all of their current products meet the statute's requirements, but cannot predict when or how the FDA will respond to their substantial equivalence reports.

Manufacturers intending to introduce new products and certain modified products into the market after March 22, 2011 must submit a report to the FDA and obtain a "substantial equivalence order" from the agency before introducing the products into the market. If the FDA declines to issue a so-called "substantial equivalence order" for a product or if the manufacturer itself determines that the product does not meet the substantial equivalence requirements, the product would need to undergo the New Product Application Process.

The FDA began announcing its decisions on substantial equivalence reports in the second quarter of 2013. However, there are a significant number of substantial equivalence reports for which the FDA has not announced decisions. At this time, it is not possible to predict how long agency reviews of either substantial equivalence reports or new product applications will take.

The FDA also published a final regulation in July 2011, establishing a process for requesting an exemption from the substantial equivalence requirements for certain minor modifications to tobacco additives. The final rule became effective in August 2011.

Good Manufacturing Practices

In March 2013, the FDA published a notice announcing that it had established a public docket to obtain input by May 20, 2013 on the proposed Good Manufacturing Practice Regulations recommended to the FDA in January 2012 by a group of tobacco companies, including PM USA and USSTC. The FSPTCA requires that the FDA promulgate good manufacturing practice regulations for tobacco product manufacturers, but does not specify a timeframe for such regulations.

Excise Taxes

Tobacco products are subject to substantial excise taxes in the United States. Significant increases in tobacco-related taxes or fees have been proposed or enacted and are likely to continue to be proposed or enacted at the federal, state and local levels within the United States.

Federal, state and local excise taxes have increased substantially over the past decade, far outpacing the rate of inflation. For example, in 2009, the federal excise tax ("FET") on cigarettes increased from \$0.39 per pack to

approximately \$1.01 per pack and on July 1, 2010, the New York state excise tax increased by \$1.60 to \$4.35 per pack. Between the end of 1998 and October 21, 2013, the weighted-average state and certain local cigarette excise taxes increased from \$0.36 to \$1.47 per pack. As of October 21, 2013, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Oregon and Puerto Rico have enacted legislation to increase their cigarette taxes during 2013. In addition, the President's fiscal year 2014 Budget proposes significant increases in the FET for all tobacco products. The proposed budget would increase the FET on a pack of cigarettes by \$0.94 per pack, raising the total FET to \$1.95 per pack, and would also increase the tax on other tobacco products by a proportionate amount. It is not possible to predict whether this proposed FET increase will be enacted.

Tax increases are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on sales of the tobacco products of our tobacco subsidiaries through lower consumption levels and the potential shift in adult consumer purchases from the premium to the non-premium or discount segments or to other low-priced or low-taxed tobacco products or to counterfeit and contraband products. Such shifts may have an impact on the reported share performance of tobacco products of Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries.

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A majority of states currently tax smokeless tobacco products using an ad valorem method, which is calculated as a percentage of the price of the product, typically the wholesale price. This ad valorem method results in more tax being paid on premium products than is paid on lower-priced products of equal weight. Altria Group, Inc.'s subsidiaries support legislation to convert ad valorem taxes on smokeless tobacco to a weight-based methodology because, unlike the ad valorem tax, a weight-based tax subjects cans of equal weight to the same tax. As of October 21, 2013, 23 states, Washington, D.C., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and Cook County, Illinois have adopted a weight-based tax methodology for smokeless tobacco.

International Treaty on Tobacco Control

The World Health Organization's Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (the "FCTC") entered into force in February 2005. As of October 21, 2013, 177 countries, as well as the European Community, have become parties to the FCTC. While the United States is a signatory of the FCTC, it is not currently a party to the agreement, as the agreement has not been submitted to, or ratified by, the United States Senate. The FCTC is the first international public health treaty and its objective is to establish a global agenda for tobacco regulation with the purpose of reducing initiation of tobacco use and encouraging cessation. The treaty recommends (and in certain instances, requires) signatory nations to enact legislation that would, among other things: establish specific actions to prevent youth tobacco product use; restrict or eliminate all tobacco product advertising, marketing, promotion and sponsorship; initiate public education campaigns to inform the public about the health consequences of tobacco consumption and exposure to tobacco smoke and the benefits of quitting; implement regulations imposing product testing, disclosure and performance standards; impose health warning requirements on packaging; and adopt measures intended to combat tobacco product smuggling and counterfeit tobacco products, including tracking and tracing of tobacco products through the distribution chain and restrict smoking in public places.

There are a number of proposals currently under consideration by the governing body of the FCTC, some of which call for substantial restrictions on the manufacture, marketing, distribution and sale of tobacco products. In addition, the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products (the "Protocol") was approved by the Conference of Parties to the FCTC in November 2012. It includes provisions related to the tracking and tracing of tobacco products through the distribution chain and numerous other provisions regarding the regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of tobacco products. The Protocol has not yet entered into force, but in any event will not apply to the United States until the Senate ratifies the FCTC and until the President signs, and the Senate ratifies, the Protocol. It is not possible to predict the outcome of these proposals or the impact of any FCTC actions on legislation or regulation in the United States, either directly or as a result of the United States becoming a party to the FCTC, or whether or how these actions might indirectly influence FDA regulation and enforcement.

State Settlement Agreements

As discussed in Note 11, during 1997 and 1998, PM USA and other major domestic tobacco product manufacturers entered into agreements with states and various United States jurisdictions settling asserted and unasserted health care cost recovery and other claims (collectively, the "State Settlement Agreements"). These settlements require participating manufacturers to make substantial annual payments, which are adjusted for several factors, including inflation, market share and industry volume. For a discussion of the impact of the State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fee payments on Altria Group, Inc., see Financial Review - Debt and Liquidity - Payments Under State Settlement and Other Tobacco Agreements, and FDA Regulation below. The settlements also place numerous requirements and restrictions on participating manufacturers' business operations, including prohibitions and restrictions on the advertising and marketing of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products. Among these are prohibitions of outdoor and transit brand advertising, payments for product placement and free sampling (except in adult-only facilities). Restrictions are also placed on the use of brand name sponsorships and brand name non-tobacco products. The State Settlement Agreements also place prohibitions on targeting youth and the use of cartoon characters. In addition, the

State Settlement Agreements require companies to affirm corporate principles directed at reducing underage use of cigarettes; impose requirements regarding lobbying activities; mandate public disclosure of certain industry documents; limit the industry's ability to challenge certain tobacco control and underage use laws; and provide for the dissolution of certain tobacco-related organizations and place restrictions on the establishment of any replacement organizations.

In November 1998, USSTC entered into the Smokeless Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement (the "STMSA") with the attorneys general of various states and United States territories to resolve the remaining health care cost reimbursement cases initiated against USSTC. The STMSA required USSTC to adopt various marketing and advertising restrictions. USSTC is the only smokeless tobacco manufacturer to sign the STMSA.

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Other Federal, State and Local Regulation and Activity

Federal, State and Local Laws

State and Local Laws Addressing Certain Characterizing Flavors

In a number of states and localities, legislation has been enacted or proposed that prohibits or would prohibit the sale of certain tobacco products with certain characterizing flavors. The legislation varies in terms of the type of tobacco products subject to prohibition, the conditions under which the sale of such products is or would be prohibited, and exceptions to the prohibitions. For example, a number of proposals would prohibit characterizing flavors in smokeless tobacco products, with no exception for mint- or wintergreen-flavored products.

To date, the following states have enacted legislation that prohibits certain tobacco products with certain characterizing flavors:

Maine enacted legislation that prohibits the sale of certain flavored cigar and cigarette products. As implemented, including the application of certain statutory exemptions, this prohibition did not ban any PM USA, USSTC or Middleton product. In 2010, Maine amended the characterizing flavor prohibition. The amendment allows the continued sale of cigars that obtained favorable exemption rulings under the previous statute but does not provide for the possibility of further exemptions, such as for future products with characterizing flavors.

New Jersey enacted legislation banning the sale and marketing of cigarettes with a characterizing flavor other than menthol, mint or clove. This legislation does not ban any PM USA, USSTC or Middleton product.

In addition, such legislation has been enacted or is being considered in a number of localities. For example:

New York City adopted an ordinance that prohibits the sale of certain flavored tobacco products other than cigarettes. This legislation affects certain USSTC and Middleton products. The ordinance and related final regulations took effect in August 2010. Certain subsidiaries of USSTC filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York challenging the New York City legislation on the grounds that it is preempted by the FSPTCA. The district court granted summary judgment on the preemption claim in favor of New York City, which the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld. This litigation has concluded. Plaintiffs are complying with the ordinance.

Providence, Rhode Island adopted two ordinances in January 2012. One prohibits the sale in most retail outlets of certain flavored tobacco products other than cigarettes. This legislation differs in a number of ways from the New York City ordinance, including by attempting to prohibit reference to concepts such as “spicy, arctic, ice, cool, warm, hot, mellow, fresh and breeze.” The second Providence ordinance prohibits licensed retailers in the city from accepting or redeeming coupons for cigarettes and other tobacco products or from selling such products to consumers through multi-pack discounts or other discounts provided in exchange for the purchase of another tobacco product. In February 2012, Altria Group, Inc.’s tobacco subsidiaries filed a legal challenge to these ordinances in the U.S. District Court for the District of Rhode Island challenging the legality of both ordinances on preemption and First Amendment grounds. Plaintiffs filed motions for preliminary injunction and summary judgment in March 2012. The City of Providence filed a cross-motion for summary judgment in June 2012. In December 2012, the district court struck the “concepts” language quoted above from the flavor ordinance, but otherwise granted summary judgment for the City of Providence as to both ordinances. The City of Providence commenced enforcement of the ordinances, as modified by the district court, in January 2013. In January 2013, plaintiffs filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit. Oral argument was held on July 29, 2013. On September 30, 2013, the Court of Appeals affirmed the district court’s decision upholding both ordinances.

Whether other states or localities will enact legislation in this area, and the precise nature of such legislation if enacted, cannot be predicted. See FSPTCA and FDA Regulation above for a summary of the FSPTCA’s regulation of

certain tobacco products with characterizing flavors.

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State and Local Laws Imposing Certain Speech Requirements or Other Restrictions

In several jurisdictions, legislation or regulations have been enacted or proposed that would require the disclosure of health information separate from or in addition to federally-mandated health warnings or that would restrict commercial speech in certain respects or that would impose additional restrictions on the marketing or sale of tobacco products. For example, in 2012, New York City attempted to require retailers selling tobacco products to display a sign depicting graphic images of the potential health consequences of smoking and urging smokers to quit. In litigation now concluded, a federal appeals court ruled that the ordinance was preempted by federal law.

As another example, the Village Board of Haverstraw, New York enacted a tobacco product display ban in April 2012. It would have barred tobacco retailers from displaying any tobacco product in a manner that an adult consumer could view the product prior to purchase and would have only allowed limited use of a “tobacco menu,” listing the types and prices of tobacco products available for sale. Following initiation of a lawsuit by an association of tobacco retailers and several tobacco manufacturers and distributors (including PM USA, USSTC and Middleton), the Village Board voted to approve a settlement of the lawsuit and to repeal the ordinance. Legislation similar to that enacted in Haverstraw has also been proposed in New York City. The proposal in New York City includes restrictions on the display of tobacco products and on price discounting.

Legislation was recently proposed in New York City to increase the City’s minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21. A hearing on the proposed regulations was held in May 2013. The current federal minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 18; four states have increased their state minimum age laws to 19 (Alabama, Alaska, New Jersey and Utah), and a number of localities have increased their minimum age laws above 18.

Federal Tobacco Quota Buy-Out

In October 2004, FETRA was signed into law. PM USA, Middleton and USSTC are subject to the requirements of FETRA. FETRA eliminated the federal tobacco quota and price support program through an industry-funded buy-out of tobacco growers and quota holders. The cost of the 10-year buy-out, which will end in 2014, is approximately \$9.5 billion and is being paid by manufacturers and importers of each kind of tobacco product subject to FET. The cost is being allocated based on the relative market shares of manufacturers and importers of each kind of such tobacco product.

In February 2011, PM USA filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia challenging the United States Department of Agriculture’s (the “USDA”) method for calculating the 2011 and future tobacco product class shares that are used to allocate liability for the industry payments that fund the FETRA buy-out described above. PM USA asserted in this litigation that the USDA violated FETRA, and imposed excessive FETRA assessments on PM USA, by failing to apply the most current FET rates enacted by Congress, which became effective in April 2009, in calculating the class share allocations. The Cigar Association of America has joined the litigation as a defendant intervenor. In October 2012, the district court denied PM USA’s motion for summary judgment, granted the defendants’ motion for summary judgment and dismissed the case. In December 2012, PM USA filed a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit. Oral argument was held on September 19, 2013.

For a discussion of the impact of the State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fee payments on Altria Group, Inc., see Financial Review - Debt and Liquidity - Payments Under State Settlement and Other Tobacco Agreements, and FDA Regulation below. We do not anticipate that the quota buy-out will have a material adverse impact on our consolidated results in 2013 or 2014.

Health Effects of Tobacco Consumption and Exposure to Environmental Tobacco Smoke (“ETS”)

It is the policy of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries to defer to the judgment of public health authorities as to the content of warnings in advertisements and on product packaging regarding the health effects of tobacco consumption, addiction and exposure to ETS. Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries believe that the public should be guided by the messages of the United States Surgeon General and public health authorities worldwide in making decisions concerning the use of tobacco products.

Reports with respect to the health effects of smoking have been publicized for many years, including in a June 2006 United States Surgeon General report on ETS entitled “The Health Consequences of Involuntary Exposure to Tobacco Smoke.” Many jurisdictions within the United States have restricted smoking in public places. The pace and scope of public smoking bans have increased significantly. Some public health groups have called for, and various jurisdictions have adopted or proposed, bans on smoking in outdoor places, in private apartments and in cars transporting minors. It is not possible to predict the results of

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ongoing scientific research or the types of future scientific research into the health risks of tobacco exposure and the impact of such research on regulation.

Other Legislation or Governmental Initiatives

In addition to the actions discussed above, other regulatory initiatives affecting the tobacco industry have been adopted or are being considered at the federal level and in a number of state and local jurisdictions. For example, in recent years, legislation has been introduced or enacted at the state or local level to subject tobacco products to various reporting requirements and performance standards (such as reduced cigarette ignition propensity standards); establish educational campaigns relating to tobacco consumption or tobacco control programs, or provide additional funding for governmental tobacco control activities; restrict the sale of tobacco products in certain retail establishments and the sale of tobacco products in certain packing sizes; require tax stamping of moist smokeless tobacco products; require the use of state tax stamps using data encryption technology; and further restrict the sale, marketing and advertising of cigarettes and other tobacco products. Such legislation may be subject to constitutional or other challenges on various grounds, which may or may not be successful.

It is not possible to predict what, if any, additional legislation, regulation or other governmental action will be enacted or implemented (and, if challenged, upheld) relating to the manufacturing, design, packaging, marketing, advertising, sale or use of tobacco products, or the tobacco industry generally. It is possible, however, that legislation, regulation or other governmental action could be enacted or implemented that might materially adversely affect the business and volume of our tobacco subsidiaries and our consolidated results of operations and cash flows.

Governmental Investigations

From time to time, Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries are subject to governmental investigations on a range of matters. Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries cannot predict whether new investigations may be commenced.

Illicit Trade

Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries support appropriate regulations and enforcement measures to prevent illicit trade in tobacco products. For example, Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries are engaged in a number of initiatives to help prevent trade in contraband tobacco products, including: enforcement of wholesale and retail trade programs and policies on trade in contraband tobacco products; engagement with and support of law enforcement and regulatory agencies; litigation to protect their trademarks; and support for a variety of federal and state legislative initiatives. Legislative initiatives to address trade in contraband tobacco products are designed to protect the legitimate channels of distribution, impose more stringent penalties for the violation of illegal trade laws and provide additional tools for law enforcement. Regulatory measures and related governmental actions to prevent the illicit manufacture and trade of tobacco products continue to evolve as the nature of illicit tobacco products evolves. For example, in March 2010, the President signed into law the Prevent All Cigarette Trafficking ("PACT") Act, which addresses illegal Internet sales by, among other things, imposing a series of restrictions and requirements on the delivery-sale of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco products and makes such products non-mailable to consumers through the United States Postal Service, subject to limited exceptions. This statute has been the subject of ongoing lawsuits brought by certain Internet cigarette sellers. In one of these lawsuits, pending in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, a preliminary injunction is currently in effect that prevents the implementation of certain portions of the PACT Act. On June 28, 2013, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit upheld the preliminary injunction and remanded the case to the trial court for further proceedings.

Tobacco Price, Availability and Quality

Shifts in crops driven by economic conditions and adverse weather patterns, government mandated prices and production control programs may increase or decrease the cost or reduce the quality of tobacco and other agricultural products used to manufacture our products. As with other agriculture commodities, the price of tobacco leaf can be influenced by economic conditions and imbalances in supply and demand and crop quality and availability can be influenced by variations in weather patterns, including those caused by climate change. Tobacco production in certain countries is subject to a variety of controls, including government mandated prices and production control programs. Changes in the patterns of demand for agricultural products and the cost of tobacco production could cause tobacco leaf prices to increase and could result in farmers growing less tobacco. Any significant change in tobacco leaf prices, quality or availability could affect our tobacco subsidiaries' profitability and business.

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Timing of Sales

In the ordinary course of business, our tobacco subsidiaries are subject to many influences that can impact the timing of sales to customers, including the timing of holidays and other annual or special events, the timing of promotions, customer incentive programs and customer inventory programs, as well as the actual or speculated timing of pricing actions and tax-driven price increases.

Operating Results

The following discussion compares operating results for the smokeable and smokeless products segments for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, versus the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012.

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|---|----------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Net Revenues | | Operating Companies Income | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$16,448 | \$16,616 | \$5,471 | \$4,716 |
| Smokeless products | 1,333 | 1,243 | 769 | 678 |
| Total smokeable and smokeless products | \$17,781 | \$17,859 | \$6,240 | \$5,394 |

| | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | | |
|--|--|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| | Net Revenues | | Operating Companies Income | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Smokeable products | \$5,802 | \$5,613 | \$1,825 | \$1,637 |
| Smokeless products | 485 | 437 | 277 | 246 |
| Total smokeable and smokeless products | \$6,287 | \$6,050 | \$2,102 | \$1,883 |

New Tracking Services

Effective in the first quarter of 2013, retail share results for cigarettes are based on a new tracking service, IRI/Management Science Associate Inc. ("MSAi"), and retail share results for cigars and smokeless products are based on a new tracking service, IRI InfoScan. These cost-effective new services measure retail share in stores representing trade classes selling a significant majority of the volume of the product being measured. For other trade classes selling cigarettes, retail share is based on shipments from wholesalers to retailers reported through the Store Tracking Analytical Reporting System ("STARS"). Retail market share results reported using the new services cannot be meaningfully compared to retail market shares previously reported by Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco companies under the previous services. Retail share results for 2012 have been restated to reflect these new services.

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Smokeable products segment

The smokeable products segment's operating companies income increased during the the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 versus the prior-year periods, due primarily to the NPM Adjustment Items and higher pricing. PM USA grew its total cigarette retail share versus both prior-year periods.

The following table summarizes smokeable products segment shipment volume performance:

| | Shipment Volume | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|---------|----------|--|--------|---------|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Change | 2013 | 2012 | Change |
| | (sticks in millions) | | | | | |
| Cigarettes: | | | | | | |
| Marlboro | 83,953 | 87,248 | (3.8)% | 29,399 | 28,954 | 1.5 % |
| Other premium | 5,838 | 6,503 | (10.2)% | 2,016 | 2,177 | (7.4)% |
| Discount | 7,646 | 7,290 | 4.9 % | 2,702 | 2,571 | 5.1 % |
| Total cigarettes | 97,437 | 101,041 | (3.6)% | 34,117 | 33,702 | 1.2 % |
| Cigars: | | | | | | |
| Black & Mild | 874 | 940 | (7.0)% | 311 | 298 | 4.4 % |
| Other | 17 | 14 | 21.4 % | 9 | 4 | 100%+ |
| Total cigars | 891 | 954 | (6.6)% | 320 | 302 | 6.0 % |
| Total smokeable products | 98,328 | 101,995 | (3.6)% | 34,437 | 34,004 | 1.3 % |

Cigarettes shipment volume includes Marlboro; Other premium brands, such as Virginia Slims, Parliament and Benson & Hedges; and Discount brands, which include Basic and L&M. Cigarettes volume includes units sold as well as promotional units, but excludes units sold in Puerto Rico and U.S. Territories, to Overseas Military and by Philip Morris Duty Free Inc., none of which, individually or in the aggregate, is material to the smokeable products segment.

The following table summarizes the smokeable products segment retail share performance:

| | Retail Share | | | | | |
|------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|--|--------|-------------------------|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Point Change | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Point Change |
| Cigarettes: | | | | | | |
| Marlboro | 43.6 % | 43.6 % | — | 43.7 % | 43.7 % | — |
| Other premium | 3.1 | 3.3 | (0.2) | 3.1 | 3.2 | (0.1) |
| Discount | 3.9 | 3.4 | 0.5 | 3.9 | 3.6 | 0.3 |
| Total cigarettes | 50.6 % | 50.3 % | 0.3 | 50.7 % | 50.5 % | 0.2 |
| Cigars: | | | | | | |
| Black & Mild | 29.2 % | 30.8 % | (1.6) | 29.5 % | 30.6 % | (1.1) |
| Other | 0.2 | 0.2 | — | 0.2 | 0.2 | — |
| Total cigars | 29.4 % | 31.0 % | (1.6) | 29.7 % | 30.8 % | (1.1) |

As previously discussed, effective in the first quarter of 2013, retail share results for cigarettes are based on data from IRI/MSAi, a tracking service that uses a sample of stores and certain wholesale shipments to project market share and depict share trends. Retail share results for cigars are based on data from IRI InfoScan, a tracking service that uses a sample of stores to project market share and depict share trends. Both services track sales in the Food, Drug and Mass Merchandisers (including Wal-Mart), Convenience, Military, Dollar Store and Club trade classes. For other trade

classes selling cigarettes, retail share is based on shipments from wholesalers to retailers (STARS). These services are not designed to capture sales through other channels, including the internet, direct mail and some illicitly tax-advantaged outlets. Retail share results for cigars are based

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on data for machine-made large cigars. Middleton defines machine-made large cigars as cigars made by machine that weigh greater than three pounds per thousand, except cigars sold at retail in packages of 20 cigars. Because the cigars service represents retail share performance only in key trade channels, it should not be considered a precise measurement of actual retail share. It is IRI's standard practice to periodically refresh its services, which could restate retail share results that were previously released in these services.

PM USA and Middleton executed the following pricing and promotional allowance actions during 2013 and 2012:

Effective June 10, 2013, PM USA reduced its wholesale promotional allowance on Marlboro and L&M by \$0.06 per pack. In addition, PM USA increased the list price on all of its other cigarette brands by \$0.06 per pack.

Effective December 3, 2012, PM USA increased the list price on all of its cigarette brands by \$0.06 per pack.

Effective June 18, 2012, PM USA increased the list price on all of its cigarette brands by \$0.06 per pack.

Effective March 14, 2012, Middleton reduced the list price on all of its untipped cigarillo brands by \$0.39 per five-pack.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, decreased \$168 million (1.0%), due primarily to lower shipment volume, partially offset by higher pricing, which includes higher promotional investments. Operating companies income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$755 million (16.0%), due primarily to the NPM Adjustment Items (\$664 million), higher pricing (\$552 million), which includes higher promotional investments, and lower marketing, administration and research costs, partially offset by lower shipment volume (\$336 million), higher per unit settlement charges (\$88 million), higher manufacturing costs and higher charges related to tobacco and health judgments.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the three months ended September 30, 2013, increased \$189 million (3.4%), due primarily to higher pricing, which includes higher promotional investments, and higher shipment volume. Operating companies income for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$188 million (11.5%), due primarily to the NPM Arbitration Panel Decision (\$145 million), higher pricing (\$113 million), which includes higher promotional investments, and higher shipment volume (\$44 million), partially offset by higher per unit settlement charges (\$42 million), higher marketing, administration and research costs (\$41 million) and higher manufacturing costs.

Total smokeable products shipment volume for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 decreased 3.6% versus the prior-year period. Total smokeable products shipment volume for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased 1.3% versus the prior-year period.

PM USA's reported domestic cigarettes shipment volume decreased 3.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, due primarily to the industry's rate of decline and changes in trade inventories, partially offset by retail share gains. After adjusting for changes in trade inventories, PM USA estimates that its 2013 nine-month domestic cigarettes shipment volume was down approximately 4%, in line with the estimated decline rate for total cigarette category volume for the same period.

PM USA's reported domestic cigarettes shipment volume increased 1.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2013, due primarily to one extra shipping day, changes in trade inventories and retail share gains, partially offset by the industry's rate of decline. After adjusting for calendar differences and changes in trade inventories, PM USA estimates that its third-quarter 2013 domestic cigarettes shipment volume was down approximately 3% and that total cigarette category volume declined approximately 3.5% in the same period.

PM USA's shipments of premium cigarettes accounted for 92.2% and 92.1% of its reported domestic cigarettes shipment volume for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, versus 92.8% and 92.4% for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012, respectively.

Middleton's reported cigars shipment volume for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 decreased 6.6% due primarily to changes in wholesale inventories and retail share losses. Middleton's reported cigars shipment volume for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased 6.0%.

In the cigarette category, Marlboro's 2013 retail share was unchanged versus both prior-year periods. During the fourth quarter of 2013, PM USA will expand Marlboro Edge distribution nationally. Marlboro Edge is part of the Marlboro Black family.

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PM USA's retail share for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 increased 0.3 and 0.2 share points, respectively, versus the prior-year periods, due to retail share gains by L&M in Discount, partially offset by share losses on other portfolio brands.

In the machine-made large cigars category, Black & Mild's retail share for the the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 decreased 1.6 and 1.1 share points, respectively.

Smokeless products segment

The smokeless products segment's operating companies income grew during the the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 versus the prior-year periods, primarily through higher pricing and higher volume. USSTC grew Copenhagen and Skoal's combined volume and retail share versus both prior-year periods.

The following table summarizes smokeless products segment shipment volume performance:

| | Shipment Volume | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|-------|--------|--|-------|-------|--------|---|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Change | | 2013 | 2012 | Change | |
| | (cans and packs in millions) | | | | | | | |
| Copenhagen | 316.6 | 284.9 | 11.1 | % | 116.4 | 100.9 | 15.4 | % |
| Skoal | 213.8 | 210.0 | 1.8 | % | 75.6 | 72.9 | 3.7 | % |
| Copenhagen and Skoal | 530.4 | 494.9 | 7.2 | % | 192.0 | 173.8 | 10.5 | % |
| Other | 58.6 | 61.0 | (3.9) |)% | 20.8 | 20.5 | 1.5 | % |
| Total smokeless products | 589.0 | 555.9 | 6.0 | % | 212.8 | 194.3 | 9.5 | % |

Smokeless products shipment volume includes cans and packs sold, as well as promotional units, but excludes international volume, which is not material to the smokeless products segment. Other includes certain USSTC and PM USA smokeless products. New types of smokeless products, as well as new packaging configurations of existing smokeless products, may or may not be equivalent to existing moist smokeless tobacco ("MST") products on a can for can basis. To calculate volumes of cans and packs shipped, USSTC and PM USA have assumed that one pack of snus, irrespective of the number of pouches in the pack, is equivalent to one can of MST.

The following table summarizes smokeless products segment retail share performance (excluding international volume):

| | Retail Share | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|---|--------|-------------------------|--|------|--------|-------------------------|---|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | | | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Point Change | | 2013 | 2012 | Percentage Point Change | |
| Copenhagen | 29.1 | % 27.7 | % 1.4 | | 29.6 | % 28.3 | % 1.3 | |
| Skoal | 21.6 | 22.6 | (1.0) |) | 21.2 | 22.4 | (1.2) |) |
| Copenhagen and Skoal | 50.7 | 50.3 | 0.4 | | 50.8 | 50.7 | 0.1 | |
| Other | 4.3 | 4.9 | (0.6) |) | 4.3 | 4.7 | (0.4) |) |
| Total smokeless products | 55.0 | % 55.2 | % (0.2) |) | 55.1 | % 55.4 | % (0.3) |) |

As previously discussed, effective in the first quarter of 2013, retail share results for smokeless products are based on data from IRI InfoScan, a tracking service that uses a sample of stores to project market share and depict share trends. The service tracks sales in the Food, Drug and Mass Merchandisers (including Wal-Mart), Convenience, Military, Dollar Store and Club trade classes on the number of cans and packs sold. Smokeless products is defined by IRI as

moist smokeless and spit-free tobacco products. Other includes certain USSTC and PM USA smokeless products. New types of smokeless products, as well as new packaging configurations of existing smokeless products, may or may not be equivalent to existing MST products on a can for can basis. USSTC and PM USA have assumed that one pack of snus, irrespective of the number of pouches in the pack, is equivalent to one can of MST. All other products are considered to be equivalent on a can for can basis. Because this service represents retail share performance only in key trade channels, it should not be considered a precise measurement of actual retail share. It is IRI's standard practice to periodically refresh its InfoScan services, which could restate retail share results that were previously released in this service.

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USSTC and PM USA executed the following pricing actions during 2013 and 2012:

Effective May 13, 2013, PM USA increased the list price on Marlboro Snus tins and flip-top box (“FTB”) by \$0.05 per tin or FTB.

Effective May 12, 2013, USSTC increased the list price on all of its brands by \$0.05 per can.

Effective December 9, 2012, USSTC increased the list price on all of its brands by \$0.05 per can.

Effective December 3, 2012, PM USA increased the list price on Marlboro Snus tins and FTB by \$0.05 per tin or FTB.

Effective June 18, 2012, PM USA increased the list price on Marlboro Snus tins and FTB by \$0.05 per tin or FTB.

Effective May 25, 2012, USSTC increased the list price on all of its brands by \$0.05 per can.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, increased \$90 million (7.2%), due primarily to higher volume and higher pricing, which includes higher promotional investments, partially offset by unfavorable mix due to growth in products introduced in recent years at a lower, popular price. Operating companies income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$91 million (13.4%), due primarily to higher volume (\$44 million), higher pricing (\$28 million), which includes higher promotional investments, and charges in 2012 related to the 2011 Cost Reduction Program (\$27 million), partially offset by unfavorable mix.

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the three months ended September 30, 2013, increased \$48 million (11.0%), due primarily to higher volume and higher pricing, which includes higher promotional investments. Operating companies income for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$31 million (12.6%), due primarily to higher volume (\$21 million), charges in 2012 related to the 2011 Cost Reduction Program (\$8 million) and higher pricing (\$7 million), which includes higher promotional investments, partially offset by higher marketing, administrative and research costs.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, USSTC and PM USA’s combined reported domestic smokeless products shipment volume increased 6.0% due to volume growth for Copenhagen and Skoal, partially offset by volume declines for Other portfolio brands. For the three months ended September 30, 2013, USSTC and PM USA’s combined reported domestic smokeless products shipment volume increased 9.5%, due primarily to one extra shipping day and volume growth for Copenhagen and Skoal. Copenhagen and Skoal’s combined shipment volume increased 7.2% and 10.5% for the the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, versus the prior-year periods. For the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, Copenhagen’s volume grew 11.1% and 15.4%, respectively, as the brand continued to benefit from products introduced in recent years. Skoal’s volume increased 1.8% and 3.7% for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively.

After adjusting for trade inventory changes and other factors, USSTC and PM USA estimate that their combined domestic smokeless products shipment volume grew approximately 5% for the first nine months of 2013, in line with the estimated volume growth rate for the smokeless products category over the 12 months ended September 30, 2013. After adjusting for an extra shipping day, trade inventory changes and other factors, USSTC and PM USA estimate that their combined domestic smokeless products shipment volume grew approximately 4% for the three months ended September 30, 2013.

Copenhagen and Skoal’s combined retail share for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 increased 0.4 and 0.1 share points, respectively, versus the prior-year periods. Copenhagen’s retail share for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 grew 1.4 and 1.3 share points, respectively, as the brand continued to benefit from

products introduced over the past several years. Skoal's retail share for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 declined 1.0 and 1.2 share points, respectively, due primarily to competitive activity and Copenhagen's performance.

USSTC and PM USA's combined retail share for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013 decreased 0.2 and 0.3 share points, respectively, versus the prior-year periods as retail share losses for Skoal and Other portfolio brands were mostly offset by retail share gains for Copenhagen.

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Wine segment

Business Environment

Ste. Michelle is a leading producer of Washington state wines, primarily Chateau Ste. Michelle, Columbia Crest and 14 Hands, and owns wineries in or distributes wines from several other wine regions. As discussed in Note 11, Ste. Michelle holds an 85% ownership interest in Michelle-Antinori, LLC, which owns Stag's Leap Wine Cellars in Napa Valley. Ste. Michelle also owns Conn Creek in Napa Valley and Erath in Oregon. In addition, Ste. Michelle imports and markets Antinori and Villa Maria Estate wines and Champagne Nicolas Feuillatte in the United States. Key elements of Ste. Michelle's strategy are expanded domestic distribution of its wines, especially in certain account categories such as restaurants, wholesale clubs, supermarkets, wine shops and mass merchandisers, and a focus on improving product mix to higher-priced, premium products.

Ste. Michelle's business is subject to significant competition, including competition from many larger, well-established domestic and international companies, as well as from many smaller wine producers. Wine segment competition is primarily based on quality, price, consumer and trade wine tastings, competitive wine judging, third-party acclaim and advertising. Substantially all of Ste. Michelle's sales occur through state-licensed distributors.

Federal, state and local governmental agencies regulate the alcohol beverage industry through various means, including licensing requirements, pricing, labeling and advertising restrictions, and distribution and production policies. Further regulatory restrictions or additional excise or other taxes on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages may have an adverse effect on Ste. Michelle's wine business.

Operating Results

Ste. Michelle delivered higher operating companies income for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013. The following discussion compares wine segment results for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, with the nine and three months ended September 30, 2012.

| | For the Nine Months Ended | | For the Three Months Ended | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------|----------------------------|-------|
| | September 30, 2013 | 2012 | September 30, 2013 | 2012 |
| | (in millions) | | | |
| Net revenues | \$411 | \$381 | \$148 | \$140 |
| Operating companies income | \$73 | \$63 | \$28 | \$26 |

The following table summarizes wine segment case shipment volume performance:

| | Shipment Volume | | | | Shipment Volume | | | |
|-----------------------|---|-------|--------|----|--|-------|--------|----|
| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | | Change | | For the Three Months Ended September 30, | | Change | |
| | 2013 | 2012 | | % | 2013 | 2012 | | % |
| | (cases in thousands) | | | | | | | |
| Chateau Ste. Michelle | 1,864 | 1,860 | 0.2 | % | 680 | 704 | (3.4 |)% |
| Columbia Crest | 1,202 | 1,193 | 0.8 | % | 404 | 440 | (8.2 |)% |
| 14 Hands | 949 | 710 | 33.7 | % | 296 | 270 | 9.6 | % |
| Other | 1,393 | 1,403 | (0.7 |)% | 492 | 496 | (0.8 |)% |
| Total wine | 5,408 | 5,166 | 4.7 | % | 1,872 | 1,910 | (2.0 |)% |

Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$30 million (7.9%), due to higher shipment volume, improved premium mix and higher pricing. Operating companies income for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$10 million (15.9%), due to higher shipment volume, improved premium mix and higher pricing, partially offset by higher marketing, general and

administrative costs.

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Net revenues, which include excise taxes billed to customers, for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$8 million (5.7%), due to improved premium mix and higher pricing, partially offset by lower shipment volume. Operating companies income for the three months ended September 30, 2013 increased \$2 million (7.7%), due to improved premium mix and higher pricing, partially offset by higher marketing, general and administrative costs and lower shipment volume.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013, Ste. Michelle's reported wine shipment volume increased 4.7% due primarily to increased distribution of 14 Hands. For the three months ended September 30, 2013, Ste. Michelle's reported wine shipment volume decreased 2.0%, due primarily to changes in trade inventories.

Financial Review

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities

During the first nine months of 2013, net cash provided by operating activities was \$2,976 million compared with \$2,120 million during the first nine months of 2012. This increase was due primarily to:

- the Closing Agreement with the IRS, which resulted in a payment for federal income tax and estimated interest of \$456 million in 2012;

- lower settlement payments, including the \$483 million credit that PM USA received against its April 2013 MSA payment as a result of the NPM Adjustment Settlement; and

- a lower voluntary contribution to Altria Group, Inc.'s pension plans in the first nine months of 2013.

Altria Group, Inc. had a working capital deficit at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. Altria Group, Inc.'s management believes that it has the ability to fund these working capital deficits with cash provided by operating activities and/or short-term borrowings under its commercial paper program as discussed in the Debt and Liquidity section below.

Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities

During the first nine months of 2013, net cash provided by investing activities was \$485 million compared with \$728 million during the first nine months of 2012. This decrease was due primarily to lower proceeds from asset sales in the financial services business in the first nine months of 2013.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities

During the first nine months of 2013, net cash used in financing activities was \$2.2 billion compared with \$3.9 billion during the first nine months of 2012. This decrease was due primarily to the following:

- debt tender offer completed during the third quarter of 2012, which resulted in the repurchase of \$2.0 billion of long-term debt as well as an \$864 million payment of tender premiums and fees related to the early extinguishment of debt;

- \$600 million repayment of UST senior unsecured notes during the third quarter of 2012; and

- lower share repurchases during the first nine months of 2013;

partially offset by:

higher debt issuances during the first nine months of 2012; and

higher dividends paid during the first nine months of 2013.

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Debt and Liquidity

Credit Ratings - Altria Group, Inc.'s cost and terms of financing and its access to commercial paper markets may be impacted by applicable credit ratings. Under the terms of certain of Altria Group, Inc.'s existing debt instruments, a change in a credit rating could result in an increase or a decrease of the cost of borrowings. For instance, the interest rate payable on certain of Altria Group, Inc.'s outstanding notes is subject to adjustment from time to time if the rating assigned to the notes of such series by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") or Standard & Poor's Ratings Services ("Standard & Poor's") is downgraded (or subsequently upgraded) as and to the extent set forth in the notes. The impact of credit ratings on the cost of borrowings under Altria Group, Inc.'s credit agreement is discussed below.

At September 30, 2013, the credit ratings and outlook for Altria Group, Inc.'s indebtedness by major credit rating agencies were:

| | Short-term Debt | Long-term Debt | Outlook |
|-------------------|-----------------|----------------|---------|
| Moody's | P-2 | Baa1 | Stable |
| Standard & Poor's | A-2 | BBB | Stable |
| Fitch | F2 | BBB+ | Stable |

Credit Lines - From time to time, Altria Group, Inc. has short-term borrowing needs to meet its working capital requirements and generally uses its commercial paper program to meet those needs. As of and for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, and as of December 31, 2012, there were no short-term borrowings.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, Altria Group, Inc.'s average daily short-term borrowings, peak short-term borrowings outstanding and weighted-average interest rate on short-term borrowings were as follows:

| | For the Nine Months Ended September 30, | |
|---|--|----------|
| | 2013 | 2012 |
| | (dollars in millions) | |
| Average daily short-term borrowings | \$49 | \$10 |
| Peak short-term borrowings outstanding | \$650 | \$190 |
| Weighted-average interest rate on short-term borrowings | 0.34 | % 0.42 % |

Short-term borrowings were repaid with cash provided by operating activities. Peak borrowings for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012 were due primarily to payments related to State Settlement Agreements as further discussed in Payments Under State Settlement and Other Tobacco Agreements, and FDA Regulation, Tobacco Space - Business Environment and Note 11.

On August 19, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. amended and restated its \$3.0 billion senior unsecured 5-year revolving credit agreement to extend the expiration date to August 19, 2018, with an option, subject to certain conditions, for Altria Group, Inc. to extend the expiration date for two additional one-year periods (as amended and restated, the "Credit Agreement"). All other terms of the Credit Agreement remain substantially the same. Pricing for interest and fees under the Credit Agreement may be modified in the event of a change in the rating of Altria Group, Inc.'s long-term senior unsecured debt. Interest rates on borrowings under the Credit Agreement are expected to be based on the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") plus a percentage based on the higher of the ratings of Altria Group, Inc.'s long-term senior unsecured debt from Standard & Poor's and Moody's. The applicable percentage based on Altria Group, Inc.'s long-term senior unsecured debt ratings at September 30, 2013 for borrowings under the Credit Agreement was 1.25%. The Credit Agreement does not include any other rating triggers, nor does it contain any provisions that could

require the posting of collateral. At September 30, 2013, the credit line available to Altria Group, Inc. under the Credit Agreement was \$3.0 billion.

The Credit Agreement is used for general corporate purposes and to support Altria Group, Inc.'s commercial paper issuances. The Credit Agreement requires that Altria Group, Inc. maintain (i) a ratio of debt to consolidated EBITDA of not more than 3.0 to 1.0 and (ii) a ratio of consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense of not less than 4.0 to 1.0,

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each calculated as of the end of the applicable quarter on a rolling four quarters basis. At September 30, 2013, the ratios of debt to consolidated EBITDA and consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense, calculated in accordance with the Credit Agreement, were 1.7 to 1.0 and 8.4 to 1.0, respectively. Altria Group, Inc. expects to continue to meet its covenants associated with the Credit Agreement. The terms “consolidated EBITDA,” “debt” and “consolidated interest expense,” as defined in the Credit Agreement, include certain adjustments. Exhibit 99.3 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (“Form 10-Q”) sets forth the definitions of these terms as they appear in the Credit Agreement and is incorporated herein by reference.

Any commercial paper issued by Altria Group, Inc. and borrowings under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by PM USA as further discussed in Note 12. Condensed Consolidating Financial Information to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Item 1 (“Note 12”).

Financial Market Environment - Altria Group, Inc. believes it has adequate liquidity and access to financial resources to meet its anticipated obligations and ongoing business needs in the foreseeable future. Altria Group, Inc. continues to monitor the credit quality of its bank group and is not aware of any potential non-performing credit provider in that group. Altria Group, Inc. believes the lenders in its bank group will be willing and able to advance funds in accordance with their legal obligations.

Debt - At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, Altria Group, Inc.’s total debt was \$14.9 billion and \$13.9 billion, respectively.

On May 2, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. issued \$350 million aggregate principal amount of 2.95% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2023 and \$650 million aggregate principal amount of 4.50% senior unsecured long-term notes due 2043. Interest on these notes is payable semi-annually. The net proceeds from the issuance of these senior unsecured notes were added to Altria Group, Inc.’s general funds and will be used for general corporate purposes.

For a further discussion of long-term debt, see Note 9.

Guarantees and Other Similar Matters - As discussed in Note 11, Altria Group, Inc. had guarantees (including third-party guarantees) and a redeemable noncontrolling interest outstanding at September 30, 2013. From time to time, subsidiaries of Altria Group, Inc. also issue lines of credit to affiliated entities. In addition, as discussed in Note 12, PM USA has issued guarantees related to Altria Group, Inc.’s indebtedness. These items have not had, and are not expected to have, a significant impact on Altria Group, Inc.’s liquidity.

Payments Under State Settlement and Other Tobacco Agreements, and FDA Regulation - As discussed previously and in Note 11, PM USA has entered into State Settlement Agreements with the states and territories of the United States. PM USA also entered into a trust agreement to provide certain aid to U.S. tobacco growers and quota holders, but PM USA’s obligations under this trust expired on December 15, 2010 (these obligations had been offset by the obligations imposed on PM USA by FETRA, which expires in the third quarter of 2014). USSTC and Middleton are also subject to obligations imposed by FETRA. In addition, in June 2009, PM USA and a subsidiary of USSTC became subject to quarterly user fees imposed by the FDA as a result of the FSPTCA. The State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fees call for payments that are based on variable factors, such as volume, market share and inflation, depending on the subject payment. Altria Group, Inc.’s subsidiaries account for the cost of the State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fees as a component of cost of sales. As a result of the State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fees, Altria Group, Inc.’s subsidiaries recorded approximately \$3.2 billion and \$3.8 billion of charges to cost of sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and approximately \$1.2 billion and \$1.3 billion of charges to cost of sales for the three month periods ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The 2013 amounts included reductions to cost of sales of \$664 million and \$145 million for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, related to the NPM Adjustment Items

discussed below and under Possible Adjustments in MSA Payments for 2003 - 2012 in Note 11.

Effective December 17, 2012, PM USA and the other tobacco product manufacturers that are original signatories (the "OPMs") to the MSA, as well as certain other participating manufacturers, entered into a term sheet with 17 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico for settlement of the 2003 - 2012 NPM Adjustments with those states and territories. On March 12, 2013, the arbitration panel in the NPM Adjustment arbitration issued a stipulated partial settlement and award (the "Stipulated Award") permitting the term sheet to proceed. An additional MSA state joined the term sheet on April 12, 2013 (prior to the date of PM USA's April 2013 MSA payment). Based on the identity of the signatory states that had joined the term sheet prior to the date of the April 2013 MSA payment, the reduction in PM USA's MSA payment obligation was approximately \$483 million, all of which PM USA received as a credit against its April 2013 MSA payment. Two additional MSA states joined the

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term sheet on May 24, 2013 and, as a result, PM USA expects to receive an additional credit of \$36 million against its April 2014 MSA payment. All states and territories that have joined the term sheet are referred to collectively as the “signatory states.”

On September 11, 2013, the arbitration panel presiding over the 2003 NPM Adjustment dispute ruled that six of 15 states whose 2003 diligent enforcement claims were challenged by the participating manufacturers and that had not joined the term sheet, did not diligently enforce laws during 2003 that require escrow payments from the cigarette manufacturers that have not signed the MSA. As a result of this ruling, PM USA is entitled to an NPM Adjustment for 2003 likely in the form of a credit against its April 2014 MSA payment, in the amount of \$145 million, plus applicable interest on that amount.

As a result of these NPM Adjustment Items, PM USA recorded a reduction to cost of sales of \$664 million and \$145 million for the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, respectively.

As discussed under Possible Adjustments in MSA Payments for 2003 - 2012 in Note 11, a number of non-signatory states have taken action, and additional non-signatory states may also take action, in state court to vacate or modify the Stipulated Award or the diligent enforcement rulings of the arbitration panel. No assurance can be given that this litigation or any other such attempts by other non-signatory states will be resolved in a manner favorable to PM USA, nor can PM USA predict the remedy that might be ordered if any such litigation were to be resolved unfavorably to PM USA. The term sheet also provides that the NPM Adjustment provision will be revised and streamlined as to the signatory states for years after 2012. In connection with the settlement, the formula for allocating among the OPMs the revised NPM Adjustments applicable in the future to the signatory states will be modified in a manner favorable to PM USA, although the extent to which it is favorable to PM USA will be dependent upon certain future events, including the future relative market shares of the OPMs.

Based on current agreements, 2012 market share and historical annual industry volume decline rates, the estimated amounts that Altria Group, Inc.’s subsidiaries may charge to cost of sales for payments related to State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fees approximate \$4.5 billion in 2013 and \$5 billion for each year thereafter. These amounts include the \$664 million of reductions to costs of sales recorded during the nine months ended September 30, 2013, but exclude the potential impact of the revised and streamlined NPM Adjustment provision applicable to signatory states for years after 2012 discussed above and also excludes the adjustments described below.

The estimated amounts due under the State Settlement Agreements and FETRA charged to cost of sales in each year would generally be paid in the following year. The amounts charged to cost of sales for FDA user fees are generally paid in the quarter in which the fees are incurred. As previously stated, the payments due under the terms of the State Settlement Agreements, FETRA and FDA user fees are subject to adjustment for several factors, including volume, inflation and certain contingent events and, in general, are allocated based on each manufacturer’s market share. Future payment amounts are estimates, and actual payment amounts will differ to the extent underlying assumptions differ from actual future results.

Litigation Escrow Deposits - With respect to certain adverse verdicts currently on appeal, to obtain stays of judgments pending appeals, as of September 30, 2013, PM USA had posted various forms of security totaling approximately \$38 million, the majority of which have been collateralized with cash deposits. These cash deposits are included in other assets on the condensed consolidated balance sheet.

Although litigation is subject to uncertainty and an adverse outcome or settlement of litigation could have a material adverse effect on the financial position, cash flows or results of operations of PM USA, UST or Altria Group, Inc. in a particular fiscal quarter or fiscal year as more fully disclosed in Note 11 and in Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results, management expects cash flow from operations, together with Altria Group, Inc.’s access to capital

markets, to provide sufficient liquidity to meet ongoing business needs.

Leases - PMCC's investment in leases is included in the line item finance assets, net, on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. At September 30, 2013, PMCC's net finance receivables of approximately \$2.0 billion in leveraged leases, which are included in finance assets, net, on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated balance sheet, consisted of rents receivable (\$4.8 billion) and the residual value of assets under lease (\$1.0 billion), reduced by third-party nonrecourse debt (\$3.1 billion) and unearned income (\$0.7 billion). The repayment of the nonrecourse debt is collateralized by lease payments receivable and the leased property, and is nonrecourse to the general assets of PMCC. As required by U.S. GAAP, the third-party nonrecourse debt has been offset against the related rents receivable and has been presented on a net basis within finance assets, net, on Altria Group, Inc.'s condensed consolidated balance sheets. Finance assets, net, of \$2.2 billion at September 30, 2013, also included net finance receivables for direct finance leases and an allowance for losses.

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Equity and Dividends

On January 29, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. granted an aggregate of 1.4 million shares of restricted and deferred stock to eligible employees. Restrictions on these shares lapse in the first quarter of 2016. The market value per share was \$33.74 on the date of grant.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, 2.6 million shares of restricted and deferred stock vested. The total fair value of restricted and deferred stock that vested during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$89 million. The weighted-average grant date fair value per share of these awards was \$20.32.

Dividends paid during the first nine months of 2013 and 2012 were \$2,652 million and \$2,508 million, respectively, an increase of 5.7%, primarily reflecting a higher dividend rate, partially offset by fewer shares outstanding as a result of shares repurchased by Altria Group, Inc. under its share repurchase programs discussed below.

During the third quarter of 2013, Altria Group, Inc.'s Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors") approved a 9.1% increase in the quarterly dividend rate to \$0.48 per common share versus the previous rate of \$0.44 per common share. Altria Group, Inc. expects to continue to maintain a dividend payout ratio target of approximately 80% of its adjusted diluted EPS. The current annualized dividend rate is \$1.92 per Altria Group, Inc. common share. Future dividend payments remain subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

In October 2011, the Board of Directors authorized a \$1.0 billion share repurchase program that was expanded to \$1.5 billion in October 2012 (as expanded, the "October 2011 share repurchase program"). During the first quarter of 2013, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 1.7 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$57 million, and \$34.05 average price per share) and completed the October 2011 share repurchase program. Under this program, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased a total of 48.3 million shares of its common stock at an average price of \$31.06 per share.

In April 2013, the Board of Directors authorized a new \$300 million share repurchase program that was expanded to \$1.0 billion in August 2013 (as expanded, the "April 2013 share repurchase program"). Altria Group, Inc. expects to complete this program by the end of the third quarter of 2014. During the nine and three months ended September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 8.2 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$291 million, and \$35.44 average price per share) and 4.5 million million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$156 million and \$34.75 average price per share), respectively, under the April 2013 share repurchase program. At September 30, 2013, Altria Group, Inc. had approximately \$709 million remaining in the April 2013 share repurchase program.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, Altria Group, Inc. repurchased 9.9 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$348 million, and \$35.20 average price per share) and 19.6 million shares (aggregate cost of approximately \$622 million, and \$31.76 average price per share), respectively, under the share repurchase programs discussed above.

The timing of share repurchases under the April 2013 share repurchase program depends upon marketplace conditions and other factors. The program remains subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Contingencies

See Note 11 for a discussion of contingencies.

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Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results

Forward-Looking and Cautionary Statements

We ⁽¹⁾ may from time to time make written or oral forward-looking statements, including earnings guidance and other statements contained in filings with the SEC, in reports to security holders and in press releases and investor webcasts. You can identify these forward-looking statements by use of words such as “strategy,” “expects,” “continues,” “plans,” “anticipates,” “believes,” “will,” “estimates,” “forecasts,” “intends,” “projects,” “goals,” “objectives,” “guidance,” “targets” and of similar meaning. You can also identify them by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. We cannot guarantee that any forward-looking statement will be realized, although we believe we have been prudent in our plans and assumptions. Achievement of future results is subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that may prove to be inaccurate. Should known or unknown risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove inaccurate, actual results could vary materially from those anticipated, estimated or projected. Investors should bear this in mind as they consider forward-looking statements and whether to invest in or remain invested in Altria Group, Inc.’s securities. In connection with the “safe harbor” provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, we are identifying important factors that, individually or in the aggregate, could cause actual results and outcomes to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements made by us; any such statement is qualified by reference to the following cautionary statements. We elaborate on these and other risks we face throughout this Form 10-Q, particularly in the “Business Environment” sections preceding our discussion of operating results of our subsidiaries’ businesses above. You should understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all risk factors. Consequently, you should not consider the following to be a complete discussion of all potential risks or uncertainties. We do not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that we may make from time to time except as required by applicable law.

Tobacco-Related Litigation. Legal proceedings covering a wide range of matters are pending or threatened in various United States and foreign jurisdictions against Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries, including PM USA and UST and its subsidiaries, as well as their respective indemnitees. Various types of claims may be raised in these proceedings, including product liability, consumer protection, antitrust, tax, contraband shipments, patent infringement, employment matters, claims for contribution and claims of competitors and distributors.

Litigation is subject to uncertainty and it is possible that there could be adverse developments in pending or future cases. An unfavorable outcome or settlement of pending tobacco-related or other litigation could encourage the commencement of additional litigation. Damages claimed in some tobacco-related or other litigation are significant and, in certain cases, range in the billions of dollars. The variability in pleadings in multiple jurisdictions, together with the actual experience of management in litigating claims, demonstrate that the monetary relief that may be specified in a lawsuit bears little relevance to the ultimate outcome. In certain cases, plaintiffs claim that defendants’ liability is joint and several. In such cases, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries may face the risk that one or more co-defendants decline or otherwise fail to participate in the bonding required for an appeal or to pay their proportionate or jury-allocated share of a judgment. As a result, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries under certain circumstances may have to pay more than their proportionate share of any bonding- or judgment-related amounts. Furthermore, in those cases where plaintiffs are successful, Altria Group, Inc. or its subsidiaries may also be required to pay interest and attorney’s fees.

Although PM USA has historically been able to obtain required bonds or relief from bonding requirements in order to prevent plaintiffs from seeking to collect judgments while adverse verdicts have been appealed, there remains a risk that such relief may not be obtainable in all cases. This risk has been substantially reduced given that 45 states and Puerto Rico now limit the dollar amount of bonds or require no bond at all. As discussed in Note 11, tobacco litigation plaintiffs have challenged the constitutionality of Florida’s bond cap statute in several cases and plaintiffs may challenge state bond cap statutes in other jurisdictions as well. Such challenges may include the applicability of state bond caps in federal court. Although we cannot predict the outcome of such challenges, it is possible that the consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position of Altria Group, Inc., or one or more of its subsidiaries, could be materially affected in a particular fiscal quarter or fiscal year by an unfavorable outcome of one or more such challenges.

In certain litigation, PM USA faces potentially significant non-monetary remedies. For example, in the lawsuit brought by the United States Department of Justice, discussed in Note 11, the district court did not impose monetary penalties but ordered significant non-monetary remedies, including the issuance of “corrective statements” in various media.

⁽¹⁾ This section uses the terms “we,” “our” and “us” when it is not necessary to distinguish among Altria Group, Inc. and its various operating subsidiaries or when any distinction is clear from the context.

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Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries have achieved substantial success in managing litigation. Nevertheless, litigation is subject to uncertainty and significant challenges remain. It is possible that the consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position of Altria Group, Inc., or one or more of its subsidiaries, could be materially affected in a particular fiscal quarter or fiscal year by an unfavorable outcome or settlement of certain pending litigation. Altria Group, Inc. and each of its subsidiaries named as a defendant believe, and each has been so advised by counsel handling the respective cases, that it has valid defenses to the litigation pending against it, as well as valid bases for appeal of adverse verdicts. Each of the companies has defended, and will continue to defend, vigorously against litigation challenges. However, Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries may enter into settlement discussions in particular cases if they believe it is in the best interests of Altria Group, Inc. to do so. See Note 11 and Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this Form 10-Q for a discussion of pending tobacco-related litigation.

Tobacco Regulation and Control Action in the Public and Private Sectors. Our tobacco subsidiaries face significant governmental action, including efforts aimed at reducing the incidence of tobacco use, restricting marketing and advertising, imposing regulations on packaging, requiring warnings and disclosure of flavors or other ingredients, prohibiting the sale of tobacco products with certain characterizing flavors or other characteristics, requiring premarket authorization of certain tobacco products, limiting or prohibiting the sale of tobacco products by certain retail establishments and the sale of tobacco products in certain packing sizes, and seeking to hold them responsible for the adverse health effects associated with both smoking and exposure to environmental tobacco smoke. PM USA, USSTC and other Altria Group, Inc. subsidiaries are subject to regulation, and may become subject to additional regulation, by the FDA, as discussed in detail in Tobacco Space - Business Environment - FSPTCA and FDA Regulation above. We cannot predict how the FDA will implement and enforce its statutory authority, including by promulgating additional regulations, taking other regulatory actions and pursuing possible investigatory or enforcement actions.

Governmental actions, combined with the diminishing social acceptance of smoking and private actions to restrict smoking, have resulted in reduced cigarette industry volume, and we expect that these factors will continue to reduce cigarette consumption levels. Actions by the FDA or other federal, state or local governments or agencies may impact the consumer acceptability of tobacco products, limit adult consumer choices, delay or prevent the launch of new or modified tobacco products, restrict communications to adult consumers, restrict the ability to differentiate tobacco products, create a competitive advantage or disadvantage for certain tobacco companies, impose additional manufacturing, labeling or packing requirements, require the recall or removal of tobacco products from the marketplace or otherwise significantly increase the cost of doing business, all or any of which may have a material adverse impact on the business, consolidated results of operations, cash flows or financial position of Altria Group, Inc. and its tobacco subsidiaries.

Excise Taxes. Tobacco products are subject to substantial excise taxes, and significant increases in tobacco product-related taxes or fees have been proposed or enacted and are likely to continue to be proposed or enacted within the United States at the state, federal and local levels. Tax increases are expected to continue to have an adverse impact on sales of the tobacco products of our tobacco subsidiaries through lower consumption levels and the potential shift in adult consumer purchases from the premium to the non-premium or discount segments or to other low-priced or low-taxed tobacco products or to counterfeit and contraband products. Such shifts may have an adverse impact on the reported share performance of tobacco products of Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries. For further discussion, see Tobacco Space - Business Environment - Excise Taxes above.

Increased Competition in the United States Tobacco Categories. Each of Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries operates in highly competitive tobacco categories. Settlements of certain tobacco litigation in the United States, among other factors, have resulted in substantial cigarette price increases. PM USA faces competition from lowest priced brands sold by certain United States and foreign manufacturers that have cost advantages because they are not parties to these settlements. These manufacturers may fail to comply with related state escrow legislation or may avoid escrow deposit obligations on the majority of their sales by concentrating on certain states where escrow deposits are not required or are required on fewer than all such manufacturers' cigarettes sold in such states. Additional competition has resulted from diversion into the United States market of cigarettes intended for sale outside the United States, the sale of counterfeit cigarettes by third parties, the sale of cigarettes by third parties over the Internet and by

other means designed to avoid collection of applicable taxes, and increased imports of foreign lowest priced brands. USSTC faces significant competition in the smokeless tobacco category, both from existing competitors and new entrants, and has experienced consumer down-trading to lower-priced brands. In the cigar category, additional competition has resulted from increased imports of machine-made large cigars manufactured offshore.

New Product Technologies. Altria Group, Inc.'s subsidiaries continue to seek ways to develop and to commercialize new product technologies that may reduce the health risks associated with current tobacco products, while continuing to offer adult tobacco consumers (within and outside the United States) products that meet their taste expectations and evolving preferences. Potential solutions include tobacco-containing and nicotine-containing products that reduce or eliminate exposure to cigarette smoke and/or constituents identified by public health authorities as harmful. These efforts may include arrangements with third parties. Our subsidiaries may not succeed in their efforts. If they do not succeed, but one or more of their competitors does,

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our subsidiaries may be at a competitive disadvantage. Further, we cannot predict whether regulators, including the FDA, will permit the marketing or sale of such products with claims of reduced risk to consumers or whether consumers' purchase decisions would be affected by such claims. Nor can we predict whether regulators will impose an unduly burdensome regulatory framework on such products. Any of these developments could adversely affect the commercial viability of any such new products.

Adjacency Growth Strategy. Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries have adjacency growth strategies involving moves and potential moves into complementary products or processes. We cannot guarantee that these strategies, or any products introduced in connection with these strategies, will be successful. For a related discussion, see **New Product Technologies** above.

Tobacco Price, Availability and Quality. Any significant change in tobacco leaf prices, quality or availability could adversely affect our tobacco subsidiaries' profitability and business. For a discussion of factors that influence leaf prices, availability and quality, see **Tobacco Space - Business Environment - Tobacco Price, Availability and Quality** above.

Tobacco Key Facilities; Supply Security. Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries face risks inherent in reliance on a few significant facilities and a small number of significant suppliers. A natural or man-made disaster or other disruption that affects the manufacturing facilities of any of Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries or the facilities of any significant suppliers of any of Altria Group, Inc.'s tobacco subsidiaries could adversely impact the operations of the affected subsidiaries. An extended disruption in operations experienced by one or more Altria Group, Inc. subsidiaries or significant suppliers could have a material adverse effect on the business, the consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Altria Group, Inc.

Attracting and Retaining Talent. Our ability to implement our strategy of attracting and retaining the best talent may be impaired by the impact of decreasing social acceptance of tobacco usage and tobacco regulation and control actions. The tobacco industry competes for talent with the consumer products industry and other companies that enjoy greater societal acceptance. As a result, we may be unable to attract and retain the best talent.

Competition, Evolving Adult Consumer Preferences and Economic Conditions. Each of our tobacco and wine subsidiaries is subject to intense competition and changes in adult consumer preferences. To be successful, they must continue to:

- promote brand equity successfully;
- anticipate and respond to new and evolving adult consumer preferences;
- develop, manufacture, market and distribute products that appeal to adult consumers (including, where appropriate, through arrangements with third parties);
- improve productivity; and
- protect or enhance margins through cost savings and price increases.

See **Tobacco Space - Business Environment - Summary** for additional discussion concerning evolving adult tobacco consumer preferences, including increased consumer awareness of, and expenditures on, electronic cigarettes.

Continued growth of this product category could further contribute to reductions in cigarette consumption levels and cigarette industry sales volume, and could affect the growth rates of other tobacco products.

The willingness of adult consumers to purchase premium consumer product brands depends in part on economic conditions, which can have a material adverse effect on the business, consolidated results of operations, cash flows and financial position of Altria Group, Inc. In periods of economic uncertainty, adult consumers may purchase more discount brands and/or, in the case of tobacco products, consider lower-priced tobacco products. Our tobacco and wine subsidiaries work to broaden their brand portfolios to compete effectively with lower-priced products.

Our financial services business (conducted through PMCC) holds investments in finance leases, principally in transportation (including aircraft), power generation and manufacturing equipment and facilities. Its lessees are also subject to intense competition and economic conditions. If parties to PMCC's leases fail to manage through difficult economic and competitive conditions, PMCC may have to increase its allowance for losses, which would adversely affect our earnings.

Acquisitions. Altria Group, Inc. from time to time considers acquisitions. From time to time, we may engage in confidential acquisition negotiations that are not publicly announced unless and until those negotiations result in a

definitive agreement. Although we seek to maintain or improve our credit ratings over time, it is possible that completing a given acquisition or other event could impact our credit ratings or the outlook for those ratings. Furthermore, acquisition opportunities are limited, and acquisitions present risks of failing to achieve efficient and effective integration, strategic objectives and anticipated revenue

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improvements and cost savings. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to acquire attractive businesses on favorable terms, that we will realize any of the anticipated benefits from an acquisition or that acquisitions will be quickly accretive to earnings.

Capital Markets. Access to the capital markets is important for us to satisfy our liquidity and financing needs.

Disruption and uncertainty in the capital markets and any resulting tightening of credit availability, pricing and/or credit terms may negatively affect the amount of credit available to us and may also increase our costs and adversely affect our earnings or our dividend rate.

Exchange Rates. For purposes of financial reporting, the earnings of SABMiller are translated into U.S. dollars from various local currencies based on average exchange rates prevailing during a reporting period. During times of a strengthening U.S. dollar against these currencies, our reported equity earnings in SABMiller will be reduced because the local currencies will translate into fewer U.S. dollars.

Asset Impairment. We periodically calculate the fair value of our goodwill and other intangible assets to test for impairment. This calculation may be affected by several factors, including general economic conditions, regulatory developments, changes in category growth rates as a result of changing adult consumer preferences, success of planned new product introductions, competitive activity and tobacco-related taxes. If an impairment is determined to exist, we will incur impairment losses, which will reduce our earnings.

Wine - Competition; Grape Supply; Regulation and Excise Taxes. Ste. Michelle's business is subject to significant competition, including from many large, well-established domestic and international companies. The adequacy of Ste. Michelle's grape supply is influenced by consumer demand for wine in relation to industry-wide production levels as well as by weather and crop conditions, particularly in eastern Washington. Supply shortages related to any one or more of these factors could increase production costs and wine prices, which ultimately may have a negative impact on Ste. Michelle's sales. In addition, federal, state and local governmental agencies regulate the alcohol beverage industry through various means, including licensing requirements, pricing, labeling and advertising restrictions, and distribution and production policies. New regulations or revisions to existing regulations, resulting in further restrictions or taxes on the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, may have an adverse effect on Ste. Michelle's wine business. For further discussion, see Wine Segment - Business Environment above.

Information Systems. Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries use information systems to help manage business processes, collect and interpret business data and communicate internally and externally with employees, investors, suppliers, customers and others. Many of these information systems are managed by third-party service providers. We have backup systems and business continuity plans in place and we take care to protect our systems and data from unauthorized access. Nevertheless, failure of our systems to function as intended, or penetration of our systems by outside parties intent on extracting or corrupting information or otherwise disrupting business processes, could result in loss of revenue, assets or personal or other sensitive data, cause damage to the reputation of our companies and their brands and result in legal challenges and significant remediation and other costs to Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Governmental Investigations. From time to time, Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries are subject to governmental investigations on a range of matters. We cannot predict whether new investigations may be commenced or the outcome of such investigations, and it is possible that our subsidiaries' businesses could be materially affected by an unfavorable outcome of future investigations.

International Business Operations. While Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries are primarily engaged in business activities in the United States, they do engage (directly or indirectly) in certain international business activities that are subject to various United States and foreign laws and regulations, such as the U. S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and other laws prohibiting bribery and corruption. Although we have a Code of Conduct and a compliance system designed to prevent and detect violations of applicable law, no system can provide assurance that it will always protect against improper actions by employees or third parties. Violations of these laws, or allegations of such violations, could result in reputational harm, legal challenges and/or significant costs.

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures.

Altria Group, Inc. carried out an evaluation, with the participation of Altria Group, Inc.'s management, including Altria Group, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of Altria Group, Inc.'s disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, Altria Group, Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that Altria Group, Inc.'s disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

There have been no changes in Altria Group, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting during the most recent fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, Altria Group, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting.

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Part II – OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

See Note 11. Contingencies to the condensed consolidated financial statements included in Part I, Item 1. Financial Information of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (“Form 10-Q”) for a discussion of legal proceedings pending against Altria Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries. See also Exhibits 99.1 and 99.2 to this Form 10-Q.

Item 1A. Risk Factors.

Information regarding Risk Factors appears under Cautionary Factors That May Affect Future Results in Part I, Item 2. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of this Form 10-Q and in Part I, Item 1A. Risk Factors of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (“Form 10-K”). Other than as set forth in Part I, Item 2 of this Form 10-Q, there have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in our Form 10-K.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds.

In April 2013, Altria Group, Inc.’s Board of Directors (the “Board of Directors”), authorized a \$300 million share repurchase program that was expanded to \$1.0 billion in August 2013 (as expanded, the “April 2013 share repurchase program”). Altria Group, Inc. expects to complete this program by the end of the third quarter of 2014. The timing of share repurchases under the April 2013 share repurchase program depends upon marketplace conditions and other factors. The program remains subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Altria Group, Inc.’s share repurchase activity for each of the three months in the period ended September 30, 2013 was as follows:

| Period | 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⁾ | Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs ⁽³⁾ |
|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|
| July 1 - 31, 2013 | 786,000 | \$35.50 | 4,498,000 | \$137,445,903 |
| August 1 - 31, 2013 | 1,653,136 | \$34.42 | 6,148,000 | \$780,654,453 |
| September 1 - 30, 2013 | 2,055,100 | \$34.72 | 8,203,100 | \$709,292,585 |
| For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2013 | 4,494,236 | \$34.75 | | |

The total number of shares purchased include (a) shares purchased under the April 2013 share repurchase program (which totaled 786,000 shares in July, 1,650,000 shares in August and 2,055,100 shares in September) and (b) forfeitures of restricted stock for which consideration was paid in connection with termination of employment of certain employees (which totaled 3,136 shares in August).

⁽²⁾ Aggregate number of shares repurchased under the April 2013 share repurchase program as of the end of the period presented.

(3) Reflects the \$700 million expansion of the April 2013 share repurchase program in August 2013.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

4.1 Amended and Restated 5-Year Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of August 19, 2013, among Altria Group, Inc. and the lenders named therein and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. and Citibank, N.A., as Administrative Agents (the "Credit Agreement"). Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Altria Group, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2013 (File No. 1-08940).

12 Statements regarding computation of ratios of earnings to fixed charges.

31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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

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

99.1 Certain Litigation Matters.

99.2 Trial Schedule for Certain Cases.

99.3 Definitions of Terms Related to Financial Covenants included in Altria Group, Inc.'s Credit Agreement.

101.INS XBRL Instance Document.

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema.

101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase.

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase.

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase.

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase.

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Signature

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.

ALTRIA GROUP, INC.

/s/ HOWARD A. WILLARD III

Howard A. Willard III

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

October 24, 2013

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