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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 MARCH 26, 2016**
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 No. 001-15943

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation or Organization)
251 Ballardvale Street
Wilmington, Massachusetts
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

06-1397316
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

01887
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): **(781) 222-6000**

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. 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 Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if 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

As of April 18, 2016, there were 47,177,976 shares of the Registrant's common stock outstanding.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q
FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED MARCH 26, 2016

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Special Note on Factors Affecting Future Results

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements regarding future events and the future results of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. that are based on our current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about the industries in which we operate and the beliefs and assumptions of our management. Words such as “expect,” “anticipate,” “target,” “goal,” “project,” “intend,” “plan,” “believe,” “seek,” “estimate,” “will,” “likely,” “may,” “designed,” “would,” “future,” “can,” “could” and other similar expressions that are predictions of or indicate future events and trends or which do not relate to historical matters are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are based on our current expectations and beliefs and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. For example, we may use forward-looking statements when addressing topics such as: goodwill and asset impairments still under review; future demand for drug discovery and development products and services, including the outsourcing of these services; our expectations regarding stock repurchases, including the number of shares to be repurchased, expected timing and duration, the amount of capital that may be expended and the treatment of repurchased shares; present spending trends and other cost reduction activities by our clients; future actions by our management; the outcome of contingencies; changes in our business strategy, business practices and methods of generating revenue; the development and performance of our services and products; market and industry conditions, including competitive and pricing trends; our strategic relationships with leading pharmaceutical companies and venture capital investments and opportunities for future similar arrangements; our cost structure; the impact of acquisitions (including Sunrise, Celsis, Oncotest and WIL Research); our expectations with respect to revenue growth and operating synergies (including the impact of specific actions intended to cause related improvements); the impact of specific actions intended to improve overall operating efficiencies and profitability (and our ability to accommodate future demand with our infrastructure), including gains and losses attributable to businesses we plan to close, consolidate or divest; changes in our expectations regarding future stock option, restricted stock, performance share units and other equity grants to employees and directors; expectations with respect to foreign currency exchange; assessing (or changing our assessment of) our tax positions for financial statement purposes; and our liquidity. In addition, these statements include the impact of economic and market conditions on us and our clients; the effects of our cost saving actions and the steps to optimize returns to shareholders on an effective and timely basis and our ability to withstand the current market conditions. You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they are predictions and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual results may differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this document or in the case of statements incorporated by reference, on the date of the document incorporated by reference. Factors that might cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, those discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2015 under the sections entitled “Our Strategy,” “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and in our press releases and other financial filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. We have no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or risks. New information, future events or risks may cause the forward-looking events we discuss in this report not to occur.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
Service revenue	\$ 220,701	\$ 196,780
Product revenue	134,167	123,634
Total revenue	354,868	320,414
Costs and expenses:		
Cost of services provided (excluding amortization of intangible assets)	147,349	136,306
Cost of products sold (excluding amortization of intangible assets)	66,751	64,448
Selling, general and administrative	82,944	71,397
Amortization of intangible assets	6,352	5,258
Operating income	51,472	43,005
Other income (expense):		
Interest income	263	284
Interest expense	(4,211)	(3,024)
Other income (expense), net	4,026	(8,313)
Income from continuing operations, before income taxes	51,550	31,952
Provision for income taxes	13,975	331
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	37,575	31,621
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(26)	(7)
Net income	37,549	31,614
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(406)	(73)
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 37,143	\$ 31,541
Earnings (loss) per common share		
Basic:		
Continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.67
Discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ —
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.80	\$ 0.67
Diluted:		
Continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.66
Discontinued operations	\$ —	\$ —
Net income attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.78	\$ 0.66

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS) (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
Net income	\$ 37,549	\$ 31,614
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustment and other	(7,796)	(32,669)
Cumulative translation adjustment related to intercompany loan forgiveness	—	(2,341)
Amortization of net loss and prior service benefit included in net periodic cost for pension and other post-retirement benefit plans	390	729
Other comprehensive income (loss), before income taxes	30,143	(2,667)
Income tax expense related to items of other comprehensive income (loss) (Note 9)	142	217
Comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes	30,001	(2,884)
Less: Comprehensive income related to noncontrolling interests	(127)	(73)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to common shareholders	\$ 29,874	\$ (2,957)

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands, except per share amounts)

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 157,375	\$ 117,947
Trade receivables, net	287,178	270,068
Inventories	97,101	93,735
Prepaid assets	33,573	30,198
Other current assets	62,164	47,286
Total current assets	637,391	559,234
Property, plant and equipment, net	664,437	677,959
Goodwill	434,056	438,829
Client relationships, net	202,888	213,374
Other intangible assets, net	62,496	67,430
Deferred tax assets	26,355	40,028
Other assets	76,095	71,643
Total assets	\$ 2,103,718	\$ 2,068,497
Liabilities, Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest and Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt and capital leases	\$ 21,382	\$ 17,033
Accounts payable	43,897	36,675
Accrued compensation	57,072	72,832
Deferred revenue	80,297	81,343
Accrued liabilities	89,433	89,494
Other current liabilities	16,056	12,544
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	1,852	1,840
Total current liabilities	309,989	311,761
Long-term debt, net and capital leases	840,481	845,997
Deferred tax liabilities	45,297	48,223
Other long-term liabilities	87,364	89,062
Long-term liabilities of discontinued operations	7,415	7,890
Total liabilities	1,290,546	1,302,933
Commitments and contingencies		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	28,744	28,008
Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 20,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 120,000 shares authorized; 86,051 shares issued and 47,114 shares outstanding as of March 26, 2016 and 85,464 shares issued and 46,698 shares outstanding at December 26, 2015	861	855
Additional paid-in capital	2,426,984	2,397,960
Retained earnings	47,681	10,538
Treasury stock, at cost 38,937 shares and 38,766 shares as of March 26, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively	(1,552,885)	(1,540,738)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(142,817)	(135,548)
Total equity attributable to common shareholders	779,824	733,067
Noncontrolling interests	4,604	4,489
Total equity	784,428	737,556
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest and equity	\$ 2,103,718	\$ 2,068,497

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
(in thousands)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
Cash flows relating to operating activities		
Net income	\$ 37,549	\$ 31,614
Less: Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(26)	(7)
Income from continuing operations	37,575	31,621
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	24,655	22,368
Amortization of debt issuance costs and discounts	409	423
Stock-based compensation	9,941	9,674
Deferred income taxes	12,522	9,474
Gain on venture capital investments	(3,082)	(1,271)
Gain on bargain purchase	16	—
Other, net	1,405	(917)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables, net	(16,279)	(18,302)
Inventories	(3,081)	431
Other assets	(3,432)	(5,448)
Accounts payable	9,352	3,038
Accrued compensation	(16,025)	(17,252)
Deferred revenue	(979)	1,321
Accrued liabilities	(444)	(2,742)
Taxes payable and prepaid taxes	(13,649)	(20,639)
Other liabilities	(365)	(527)
Net cash provided by operating activities	38,539	11,252
Cash flows relating to investing activities		
Acquisition of businesses and assets, net of cash acquired	(318)	(893)
Capital expenditures	(8,250)	(10,648)
Purchases of investments	(6,395)	(9,724)
Proceeds from sale of investments and distributions from venture capital investments	5,700	8,288
Other, net	2,821	684
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,442)	(12,293)
Cash flows relating to financing activities		
Proceeds from long-term debt and revolving credit facility	49,423	39,828
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	12,514	34,136
Payments on long-term debt, capital lease obligations and revolving credit facility	(49,409)	(23,678)
Purchase of treasury stock	(12,147)	(58,632)
Other, net	6,700	10,280
Net cash provided by financing activities	7,081	1,934
Discontinued operations		
Net cash used in operating activities from discontinued operations	(489)	(316)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	739	(8,681)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	39,428	(8,104)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	117,947	160,023
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 157,375	\$ 151,919

See Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements are unaudited and have been prepared by Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the Company) in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet data was derived from the Company's audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by U.S. GAAP. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015. The condensed consolidated financial statements, in the opinion of management, reflect all normal and recurring adjustments necessary for a fair statement of the Company's financial position and results of operations.

The Company's fiscal year is typically based on a 52-week year, with each quarter composed of 13 weeks. A 53-week year will occur during the fiscal year 2016, with an additional week included in the fourth quarter.

The Company reports its financial performance in three segments: Research Models and Services (RMS), Discovery and Safety Assessment (DSA), and Manufacturing Support (Manufacturing).

Use of Estimates

The preparation of condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires that the Company make estimates and judgments that may affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interest, revenues, expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, judgments and methodologies. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. Changes in estimates are reflected in reported results in the period in which they become known.

Consolidation

The Company's condensed consolidated financial statements reflect its financial statements and those of its subsidiaries in which the Company holds a controlling financial interest. For consolidated entities in which the Company owns or is exposed to less than 100% of the economics, the Company records net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests in its consolidated statements of income equal to the percentage of the economic or ownership interest retained in such entities by the respective noncontrolling parties. Intercompany balances and transactions are eliminated in consolidation.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Company's significant accounting policies are described in Note 1, "Description of Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015.

Newly Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting." The standard reduces complexity in several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based compensation, including the income tax consequences, classification of awards as either equity or liabilities, and classification on the statement of cash flows. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is still evaluating the impact this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases." The standard established the principles that lessees and lessors will apply to report useful information to users of financial statements about the amount, timing, and uncertainty of cash flows arising from a lease. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is still evaluating the full impact this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures but expects to recognize substantially all of its leases on the balance sheet, by recording a right-to-use asset and a corresponding lease liability.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-11, "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory," that simplifies the subsequent measurement of inventories by replacing the current lower of cost or market test with a lower of cost or net realizable value test. The ASU is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is still evaluating the impact this standard will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." The standard, including subsequently issued amendments, will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective and permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The standard will require an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The standard will be effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company has not yet selected a transition method and is evaluating the impact the adoption will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

2. BUSINESS ACQUISITIONS

WIL Research

On April 4, 2016, the Company acquired WRH, Inc. (WIL Research), a provider of safety assessment and contract development and manufacturing (CDMO) services to biopharmaceutical and agricultural and industrial chemical companies worldwide. The acquisition enhanced the Company's position as a leading global early-stage contract research organization (CRO) by strengthening its ability to partner with global clients across the drug discovery and development continuum. The preliminary purchase price for WIL Research was approximately \$585.0 million in cash, which is subject to certain customary adjustments. See Note 7, "Long-Term Debt and Capital Leases." WIL Research's safety assessment and CDMO businesses will be reported in the Company's DSA and Manufacturing reportable segments, respectively. Due to the limited time between the acquisition date and the filing of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, it is not practicable for the Company to disclose the preliminary allocation of purchase price to assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The Company incurred transaction and integration costs in connection with the acquisition of \$4.0 million during the three months ended March 26, 2016, which were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Oncotest

On November 18, 2015, the Company acquired Oncotest GmbH (Oncotest), a German CRO providing discovery services for oncology, one of the largest therapeutic areas for biopharmaceutical research and development spending. With this acquisition, the Company expanded its oncology services capabilities, enabling it to provide clients with access to a more comprehensive portfolio of technologies, including patient-derived xenograft (PDX) and syngeneic models. The purchase price for Oncotest was approximately \$36.0 million, including \$0.3 million in contingent consideration. The acquisition was funded by borrowings on the Company's revolving credit facility. The business is reported in the Company's DSA reportable segment.

The contingent consideration is a one-time payment that could become payable based on the achievement of a revenue target for the fiscal year 2016. If achieved, the payment will become due in the first quarter of the fiscal year 2017. The aggregate, undiscounted amount of contingent consideration that the Company may pay is €2.0 million (\$2.2 million as of March 26, 2016). The Company estimated the fair value of this contingent consideration based on a probability-weighted set of outcomes.

The purchase price allocation of \$35.4 million, net of \$0.6 million of cash acquired, was as follows:

	November 18, 2015	
	(in thousands)	
Trade receivables (contractual amount of \$3,546)	\$	3,520
Inventories		129
Other current assets (excluding cash)		706
Property, plant and equipment		2,528
Definite-lived intangible assets		13,330
Goodwill		22,894
Other long-term assets		250
Current liabilities		(3,456)
Long-term liabilities		(4,470)
Total purchase price allocation	\$	<u>35,431</u>

The purchase price allocations were prepared on a preliminary basis and are subject to change as additional information becomes available concerning the fair value and tax basis of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Any additional adjustments to the purchase price allocation will be made as soon as practicable but no later than one year from the date of acquisition.

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The breakout of definite-lived intangible assets acquired was as follows:

	Definite-Lived Intangible Assets	Weighted Average Amortization Life
	(in thousands)	(in years)
Client relationships	\$ 7,146	19
Developed technology	5,960	19
Other intangible assets	224	3
Total definite-lived intangible assets	<u>\$ 13,330</u>	

The goodwill resulting from the transaction is primarily attributed to the potential growth in the Company's DSA businesses from customers and technology introduced through Oncotest, the assembled workforce of the acquired business and expected cost synergies. The goodwill attributable to Oncotest is not deductible for tax purposes.

The Company incurred insignificant transaction and integration costs in connection with the acquisition for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, which were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Celsis

On July 24, 2015, the Company acquired Celsis Group Limited (Celsis), a leading provider of rapid testing systems for non-sterile bacterial contamination for the biopharmaceutical and consumer products industries. The purpose of this acquisition was to enhance the Company's portfolio of rapid microbial detection products and services with the addition of a rapid bioburden testing product. The purchase price for Celsis was \$214.5 million, including assumed debt and certain liabilities of \$10.3 million. The acquisition was funded by cash on hand and borrowings on the Company's revolving credit facility. The business is reported in the Company's Manufacturing reportable segment.

The purchase price allocation of \$212.2 million, net of \$2.3 million of cash acquired, was as follows:

	July 24, 2015
	(in thousands)
Trade receivables (contractual amount of \$5,410)	\$ 5,288
Inventories	10,103
Other current assets (excluding cash)	13,269
Property, plant and equipment	4,639
Definite-lived intangible assets	118,140
Goodwill	105,262
Other long-term assets	537
Short-term debt	(9,766)
Other current liabilities	(7,136)
Long-term liabilities	(28,100)
Total purchase price allocation	<u>\$ 212,236</u>

The purchase price allocations were prepared on a preliminary basis and are subject to change as additional information becomes available concerning the fair value and tax basis of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. From the date of the acquisition through March 26, 2016, the Company recorded measurement-period adjustments related to the Celsis acquisition that resulted in an immaterial change to the purchase price allocation. Any additional adjustments to the purchase price allocation will be made as soon as practicable but no later than one year from the date of acquisition.

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The breakout of definite-lived intangible assets acquired was as follows:

	Definite-Lived Intangible Assets	Weighted Average Amortization Life
	(in thousands)	(in years)
Client relationships	\$ 71,000	16
Developed technology	39,140	14
Trademark and trade names	5,200	14
Non-compete	2,800	5
Total definite-lived intangible assets	\$ 118,140	

The goodwill resulting from the transaction is primarily attributed to the potential growth of the Company's Manufacturing business from clients introduced through Celsis, the assembled workforce of the acquired business and expected cost synergies. The goodwill attributable to Celsis is not deductible for tax purposes.

The Company incurred insignificant transaction and integration costs in connection with the acquisition of for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, which were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Sunrise

On May 5, 2015, the Company acquired Sunrise Farms, Inc. (Sunrise), a producer of specific-pathogen-free fertile chicken eggs and chickens used in the manufacture of live viruses. The purpose of this business acquisition was to expand the capabilities of the Company's existing Avian Vaccine Services business. The purchase price of the acquisition was \$9.6 million and was funded by cash on hand and borrowings on the Company's revolving credit facility. The business is reported in the Company's Manufacturing reportable segment.

The Company recorded a bargain purchase gain of \$9.8 million, which represents the excess of the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired over the preliminary purchase price. The bargain purchase gain was recorded in other income (expense), net, in the Company's consolidated statement of income and was not recognized for tax purposes. The Company believes there were several factors that contributed to this transaction resulting in a bargain purchase gain, including the highly specialized nature of Sunrise's business falling outside of the seller's core activities and a limited pool of potential buyers.

Before recognizing the gain from the bargain purchase, the Company reassessed its initial identification and valuation of assets acquired and liabilities assumed to validate that all assets and liabilities that the Company was able to identify at the acquisition date were properly recognized.

The purchase price allocation of \$9.6 million, net of less than \$0.1 million of cash acquired, was as follows:

	May 5, 2015
	(in thousands)
Trade receivables (contractual amount of \$995)	\$ 965
Inventories	1,518
Other current assets (excluding cash)	973
Property, plant and equipment	13,698
Definite-lived intangible assets	3,400
Current liabilities	(925)
Long-term liabilities	(250)
Fair value of net assets acquired	19,379
Bargain purchase gain	(9,821)
Total purchase price allocation	\$ 9,558

The identifiable definite-lived intangible assets acquired represent the client relationships intangible, which is being amortized over the estimated useful life of approximately 15 years.

The Company incurred insignificant transaction and integration costs in connection with the acquisition for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, which were included in selling, general and administrative expenses.

3. SUPPLEMENTAL BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

The composition of trade receivables, net is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Client receivables	\$ 237,430	\$ 230,010
Unbilled revenue	52,134	45,996
Total	289,564	276,006
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,386)	(5,938)
Trade receivables, net	\$ 287,178	\$ 270,068

The composition of inventories is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Raw materials and supplies	\$ 17,197	\$ 15,998
Work in process	14,295	12,101
Finished products	65,609	65,636
Inventories	\$ 97,101	\$ 93,735

The composition of other current assets is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Investments	\$ 18,846	\$ 20,516
Prepaid income tax	43,011	26,350
Restricted cash	159	271
Other	148	149
Other current assets	\$ 62,164	\$ 47,286

The composition of other assets is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Life insurance policies	\$ 27,130	\$ 27,554
Venture capital investments	37,935	32,730
Restricted cash	1,787	1,745
Other	9,243	9,614
Other assets	\$ 76,095	\$ 71,643

The composition of other current liabilities is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Accrued income taxes	\$ 15,674	\$ 12,168
Accrued interest and other	382	376
Other current liabilities	\$ 16,056	\$ 12,544

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NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

The composition of other long-term liabilities is as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Long-term pension liability	\$ 32,494	\$ 34,604
Accrued executive supplemental life insurance retirement plan and deferred compensation plan	30,587	30,188
Other	24,283	24,270
Other long-term liabilities	\$ 87,364	\$ 89,062

4. VENTURE CAPITAL INVESTMENTS AND MARKETABLE SECURITIES

Venture Capital Investments

The Company invests in several venture capital funds that invest in start-up companies, primarily in the life sciences industry. The Company's ownership interest in these funds ranges from 3.6% to 12.0%. The Company accounts for these investments, which are variable interest entities, under the equity method of accounting. The Company is not the primary beneficiary because it has no power to direct the activities that most significantly affect the funds' economic performance.

The Company's total commitments to the entities as of March 26, 2016 was \$65.0 million, of which the Company funded \$31.0 million through March 26, 2016. During the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, the Company received no dividends from the entities.

Subsequent to March 26, 2016, the Company invested in new venture capital funds, which increased the Company's total commitments by \$10.6 million.

Marketable Securities

The following is a summary of the Company's marketable securities, all of which are classified as available-for-sale:

	March 26, 2016			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(in thousands)			
Mutual fund	\$ 4,650	\$ —	\$ (98)	\$ 4,552
Total	\$ 4,650	\$ —	\$ (98)	\$ 4,552

	December 26, 2015			
	Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
	(in thousands)			
Mutual fund	\$ 4,650	\$ —	\$ (141)	\$ 4,509
Total	\$ 4,650	\$ —	\$ (141)	\$ 4,509

There were no sales of available-for-sale securities during the three months ended March 26, 2016 or March 28, 2015.

5. FAIR VALUE

The Company has certain assets, liabilities and redeemable noncontrolling interest recorded at fair value, which have been classified as Level 1, 2, or 3 within the fair value hierarchy:

- Level 1 - Fair values are determined utilizing quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access.
- Level 2 - Fair values are determined by utilizing quoted prices for identical or similar assets and liabilities in active markets or other market observable inputs such as interest rates, yield curves and foreign currency spot rates.
- Level 3 - Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

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The fair value hierarchy level is determined by asset, liability and redeemable noncontrolling interest class based on the lowest level of significant input. The observability of inputs may change for certain assets or liabilities. This condition could cause an asset or liability to be reclassified between levels. The Company recognizes transfers between levels within the fair value hierarchy, if any, at the end of each quarter. During the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, there were no transfers between levels.

Valuation methodologies used for assets, liabilities and the redeemable noncontrolling interest measured or disclosed at fair value are as follows:

- Cash equivalents - Valued at quoted market prices determined through third-party pricing services.
- Mutual funds - Valued at the unadjusted quoted net asset value of shares held by the Company.
- Foreign currency forward contracts - Valued using market observable inputs, such as forward foreign exchange points and foreign exchange rates.
- Life insurance policies - Valued at cash surrender value based on the fair value of underlying investments.
- Contingent consideration - Valued based on a probability weighting of the future cash flows associated with the potential outcomes.
- Redeemable noncontrolling interest - Valued using the income approach based on estimated future cash flows of the underlying business discounted by a weighted average cost of capital.

Assets, liabilities and redeemable noncontrolling interest measured at fair value on a recurring basis are summarized below:

	March 26, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(in thousands)			
Cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 221	\$ —	\$ 221
Other current assets:				
Mutual funds	4,552	—	—	4,552
Other assets:				
Life insurance policies	—	19,889	—	19,889
Total assets measured at fair value	<u>\$ 4,552</u>	<u>\$ 20,110</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 24,662</u>
Other current liabilities:				
Contingent consideration	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,114	\$ 1,114
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	25	—	25
Other long-term liabilities:				
Contingent consideration	—	—	200	200
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	28,744	28,744
Total liabilities and redeemable noncontrolling interest measured at fair value	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 25</u>	<u>\$ 30,058</u>	<u>\$ 30,083</u>

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	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	(in thousands)			
Cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 190	\$ —	\$ 190
Other current assets:				
Mutual funds	4,509	—	—	4,509
Foreign currency forward contracts	—	15	—	15
Other assets:				
Life insurance policies	—	20,364	—	20,364
Total assets measured at fair value	<u>\$ 4,509</u>	<u>\$ 20,569</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 25,078</u>
Other current liabilities:				
Contingent consideration	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,172	\$ 1,172
Other long-term liabilities:				
Contingent consideration	—	—	198	198
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	—	28,008	28,008
Total liabilities and redeemable noncontrolling interest measured at fair value	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 29,378</u>	<u>\$ 29,378</u>

Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest

The Company's redeemable noncontrolling interest resulted from the acquisition of a 75% ownership interest in Vital River. Concurrent with the acquisition, the Company entered into an agreement with the noncontrolling interest holders that provides the Company with the right to purchase the remaining 25% of the entity for cash at its then appraised value beginning in January 2016. Additionally, the noncontrolling interest holders were granted the right to require the Company to purchase the remaining 25% of the entity at its then appraised value beginning in January 2016 for cash. These rights are accelerated if certain conditions are met. As the noncontrolling interest holders can require the Company to purchase the remaining 25% interest, the noncontrolling interest is classified in the mezzanine section of the condensed consolidated balance sheet, which is above the equity section and below liabilities.

The following table provides a rollforward of the fair value of the Company's redeemable noncontrolling interest related to the acquisition of Vital River.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 28,008	\$ 28,419
Additions	—	—
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	198	(130)
Foreign currency translation	(186)	78
Change in fair value, included in additional paid-in capital	724	1,086
Ending balance	<u>\$ 28,744</u>	<u>\$ 29,453</u>

As of March 26, 2016, the significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's redeemable noncontrolling interest are the estimated future cash flows based on projected financial data and a discount rate of 18.0%. Significant changes in the timing or amounts of the estimated future cash flows would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement. Significant increases or decreases in the discount rate would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement, respectively. A 1% increase in the discount rate used would result in a \$1.7 million decrease in the fair value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest.

Contingent Consideration

The following table provides a rollforward of the contingent consideration related to the business acquisitions.

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Beginning balance	\$ 1,370	\$ 2,828
Additions	600	675
Payments	(674)	—
Total gains or losses (realized/unrealized):		
Reversal of previously recorded contingent liability and change in fair value	18	(717)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 1,314</u>	<u>\$ 2,786</u>

The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurement of the Company's contingent consideration are the probabilities of successful achievement of certain financial targets and a discount rate. Significant increases or decreases in any of the probabilities of success would result in a significantly higher or lower fair value measurement, respectively. Significant increases or decreases in the discount rate would result in a significantly lower or higher fair value measurement, respectively.

Debt Instruments

The book value of the Company's term and revolving loans, which are variable rate loans carried at amortized cost, approximates the fair value based on current market pricing of similar debt. As the fair value is based on significant other observable inputs, including current interest and foreign currency exchange rates, it is deemed to be Level 2.

6. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill

The following table provides a rollforward of the Company's goodwill:

	December 26, 2015	Adjustments to Goodwill		March 26, 2016
		Acquisitions	Foreign Exchange	
	(in thousands)			
RMS	\$ 58,167	\$ —	\$ (14)	\$ 58,153
DSA	247,050	—	(1,816)	245,234
Manufacturing	133,612	(118)	(2,825)	130,669
Total	<u>\$ 438,829</u>	<u>\$ (118)</u>	<u>\$ (4,655)</u>	<u>\$ 434,056</u>

Intangibles Assets, Net

The following table displays intangible assets, net by major class:

	March 26, 2016			December 26, 2015		
	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net
	(in thousands)					
Backlog	\$ 51,537	\$ (51,526)	\$ 11	\$ 50,568	\$ (50,554)	\$ 14
Technology	56,725	(6,462)	50,263	60,350	(5,911)	54,439
Trademarks and trade names	11,187	(6,076)	5,111	11,495	(5,944)	5,551
Other	14,722	(7,611)	7,111	14,711	(7,285)	7,426
Other intangible assets	134,171	(71,675)	62,496	137,124	(69,694)	67,430
Client relationships	391,729	(188,841)	202,888	396,537	(183,163)	213,374
Intangible assets	<u>\$ 525,900</u>	<u>\$ (260,516)</u>	<u>\$ 265,384</u>	<u>\$ 533,661</u>	<u>\$ (252,857)</u>	<u>\$ 280,804</u>

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the Company determined that the carrying values of certain DSA intangible assets were not recoverable and recorded an impairment charge of \$1.9 million, which was included in costs of services provided (excluding amortization of intangible assets).

7. LONG-TERM DEBT AND CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS

Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt, net consists of the following:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Term loans	\$ 385,000	\$ 390,000
Revolving credit facility	452,735	446,041
Other long-term debt	196	193
Total debt	837,931	836,234
Less: current portion of long-term debt	(20,196)	(15,193)
Long-term debt	817,735	821,041
Debt discount and debt issuance costs	(7,091)	(6,805)
Long-term debt, net	\$ 810,644	\$ 814,236

In April 2015, the Company amended and restated the \$970M Credit Facility, creating a \$1.3 billion facility (\$1.3B Credit Facility) that provides for a \$400.0 million term loan facility and a \$900.0 million multi-currency revolving facility. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the Company's \$1.3B Credit Facility are, at the Company's option, equal to either the alternate base rate (which is the higher of (1) the prime rate, (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.5% or (3) the one-month adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1%), or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon the Company's leverage ratio. As of March 26, 2016 and December 26, 2015, the weighted average interest rate on the Company's debt was 1.49% and 1.33%, respectively.

The \$1.3B Credit Facility includes certain customary representations and warranties, events of default, notices of material adverse changes to the Company's business, and negative and affirmative covenants. As of March 26, 2016, the Company was compliant with all covenants.

On March 30, 2016, the Company amended and restated its \$1.3B credit facility creating a \$1.65 billion credit facility (\$1.65B Credit Facility) which (1) extends the maturity date for the credit facility and (2) makes certain other amendments in connection with the Company's acquisition of WIL Research. The \$1.65B Credit Facility provides for up to approximately \$1.65 billion in financing, including an approximately \$650.0 million term loan facility and a \$1.0 billion multi-currency revolving facility. The term loan facility matures in 19 quarterly installments with the last installment due March 30, 2021. The revolving facility matures on March 30, 2021, and requires no scheduled payment before that date.

The obligations of the Company under the \$1.65B Credit Facility are secured by substantially all of the assets of the Company. Under specified circumstances, the Company has the ability to increase the term loans and/or revolving line of credit by up to \$500.0 million in the aggregate. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the \$1.65B Credit Facility are, at the Company's option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of (1) the prime rate, (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (3) the one-month adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1%) or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon the Company's leverage ratio.

Letters of Credit

As of March 26, 2016 and December 26, 2015, the Company had \$5.1 million and \$4.9 million in outstanding letters of credit, respectively.

Capital Lease Obligations

The Company's capital lease obligations amounted to \$31.1 million and \$33.6 million as of March 26, 2016 and December 26, 2015, respectively.

8. EQUITY

Earnings Per Share

The following table reconciles the numerator and denominator in the computations of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Numerator:		
Income from continuing operations, net of income taxes	\$ 37,575	\$ 31,621
Loss from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(26)	(7)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(406)	(73)
Net income attributable to common shareholders	<u>\$ 37,143</u>	<u>\$ 31,541</u>
Denominator:		
Weighted-average shares outstanding - Basic	46,642	46,772
Effect of dilutive securities: Stock options, restricted stock units, performance share units and restricted stock	975	1,096
Weighted-average shares outstanding - Diluted	<u>47,617</u>	<u>47,868</u>

Options to purchase approximately 1.0 million and 0.6 million shares for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, respectively, and an insignificant number of restricted stock, restricted stock units (RSUs) and performance share units (PSUs) were not included in computing diluted earnings per share because their inclusion would have been anti-dilutive. Basic weighted average shares outstanding for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015 excluded the impact of approximately 1.1 million and 1.2 million shares, respectively, of non-vested restricted stock, RSUs and PSUs.

Treasury Shares

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the Company did not repurchase any shares under its authorized stock repurchase program. The Company repurchased approximately 0.7 million shares for \$50.0 million in the three months ended March 28, 2015. As of March 26, 2016, the Company had \$69.7 million remaining on the authorized stock repurchase program. The Company's stock-based compensation plans permit the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock, RSUs and PSUs in order to satisfy individual minimum statutory tax withholding requirements. During the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, the Company acquired approximately 0.2 million shares for \$12.1 million and approximately 0.1 million shares for \$8.6 million, respectively.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Changes to each component of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes, are as follows:

	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustment and Other	Pension and Other Post- Retirement Benefit Plans	Total
	(in thousands)		
December 26, 2015	\$ (82,977)	\$ (52,571)	\$ (135,548)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(7,517)	—	(7,517)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	—	390	390
Net current period other comprehensive income (loss)	(7,517)	390	(7,127)
Income tax expense	—	142	142
March 26, 2016	<u>\$ (90,494)</u>	<u>\$ (52,323)</u>	<u>\$ (142,817)</u>

Foreign currency translation and other includes an insignificant amount of unrealized gains (losses) on available-for-sale marketable securities.

Nonredeemable Noncontrolling Interests

The Company has investments in several entities, whose financial results are consolidated in the Company's financial statements, as it has a controlling financial interest in these entities. The interests of the respective noncontrolling parties in these entities have been recorded as noncontrolling interests. The activity within the nonredeemable noncontrolling interests was insignificant during the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015.

9. INCOME TAXES

The Company's overall effective tax rate for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015 was 27.1% and 1.0%, respectively. For the three months ended March 26, 2016, the increase was primarily attributable to a benefit recorded during the three months ended March 28, 2015 for a reduction in unrecognized tax benefits and related interest of \$10.4 million due to the expiration of the statute of limitations associated with pre-acquisition tax positions on forgiveness of debt, as well as the accrual of withholding taxes recorded during the three months ended March 26, 2016 in order to access cash from the Company's Canadian and Chinese operations for use outside of the U.S. as a result of the reinstatement of the controlled foreign corporation look-through rules during the three months ended December 26, 2015.

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits increased by \$0.1 million to \$23.4 million, primarily due to an additional quarter of Canadian Scientific Research and Experimental Development credit reserves offset by favorable foreign exchange movement. The amount of unrecognized income tax benefits that would impact the effective tax rate remained constant at \$20.1 million. The amount of accrued interest on unrecognized tax benefits was \$1.1 million at March 26, 2016. The Company estimates that it is reasonably possible that the unrecognized tax benefits will decrease by up to \$3.1 million over the next twelve-month period, primarily as a result of the outcome of a pending tax ruling and competent authority ruling.

The Company conducts business in a number of tax jurisdictions. As a result, it is subject to tax audits in jurisdictions including the U.S., U.K., China, Japan, France, Germany and Canada. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. and international income tax examinations for years before 2012.

The Company and certain of its subsidiaries have ongoing tax controversies with various tax authorities in the U.S., Canada, China and France. The Company does not believe that resolution of these controversies will have a material impact on its financial position or results of operations.

In accordance with the Company's policy, the remaining undistributed earnings of its non-U.S. subsidiaries remain indefinitely reinvested as of the end of the three months ended March 26, 2016 as they are required to fund needs outside the U.S. and cannot be repatriated in a manner that is substantially tax free.

Income tax expense related to change in unrecognized pension gains, losses and prior service costs was \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, respectively.

10. PENSION AND OTHER POST-RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The following table provides the components of net periodic cost (benefit) for the Company's pension plans for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015:

	Pension Plans	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Service cost	\$ 554	\$ 1,149
Interest cost	3,364	3,335
Expected return on plan assets	(3,992)	(4,382)
Amortization of prior service credit	(144)	(151)
Amortization of net loss	546	880
Net periodic cost	<u>\$ 328</u>	<u>\$ 831</u>

The net periodic cost for the Company's other post-retirement benefit plan for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015 was insignificant.

11. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

The Company has stock-based compensation plans under which employees and non-employee directors may be granted stock-based awards such as stock options, restricted stock, RSUs and PSUs.

The following table provides stock-based compensation by the financial statement line item in which it is reflected:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Cost of revenue	\$ 1,682	\$ 1,501
Selling, general and administrative	8,259	8,173
Stock-based compensation, before income taxes	9,941	9,674
Provision for income taxes	(3,514)	(3,385)
Stock-based compensation, net of income taxes	<u>\$ 6,427</u>	<u>\$ 6,289</u>

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the Company issued approximately 0.6 million stock options with a per share weighted average grant date fair value of \$15.04, approximately 0.2 million RSUs with a per share weighted average grant date fair value of \$73.71 and approximately 0.2 million PSUs with a per share weighted average grant date fair value of \$79.81. The maximum number of common shares to be issued upon vesting of PSUs granted during the three months ended March 26, 2016 is approximately 0.4 million.

12. FOREIGN CURRENCY CONTRACTS

The Company enters into foreign exchange forward contracts to limit its foreign currency exposure related to intercompany loans that are not of a long-term investment nature. These contracts are recorded at fair value in the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheet and are not designated as hedging instruments. Any gains or losses on such contracts are immediately recognized in other income (expense), net, and are largely offset by the remeasurement of the underlying intercompany loan balances.

The notional amount and fair value of the Company's foreign currency forward contracts is summarized as follows:

	Notional Amount	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location
	(in thousands)		
March 26, 2016	\$ 90,412	\$ (25)	Other Current Liabilities
December 26, 2015	\$ 88,483	\$ 15	Other Current Assets

The following table summarizes the effect of foreign exchange forward contracts related to intercompany loans denominated in Euros on the Company's consolidated statement of income:

Three Months Ended March 26, 2016	
Location of Gain (Loss)	Gain (Loss) Recognized
	(in thousands)
Other income (expense), net	\$ 2,243

The forward contracts outstanding as of March 26, 2016 had durations of 1 month. The Company had no such contracts during the three months ended March 28, 2015.

13. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

Various lawsuits, claims and proceedings of a nature considered normal to its business are pending against the Company. While the outcome of any of these proceedings cannot be accurately predicted, the Company does not believe the ultimate resolution of any of these existing matters would have a material adverse effect on the Company's business or financial condition.

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In July 2015, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc. and IDEXX Distribution, Inc. (collectively, IDEXX) filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware alleging the Company has infringed three recently issued patents related to a blood spot sample collection method used in determining the presence or absence of an infectious disease in a population of rodents. On September 21, 2015, the Company timely filed a motion to dismiss the complaint on the grounds that all of the claims are directed to unpatentable subject matter and therefore are invalid. On October, 7, 2015, IDEXX filed an amended complaint which substantially asserts the same patents and infringement allegations as asserted in the original complaint, and on October 26, 2015, the Company timely filed a motion to dismiss this amended complaint. While no prediction may be made as to the outcome of litigation, the Company intends to defend against this proceeding vigorously and therefore an estimate of the possible loss or range of loss cannot be made.

In May 2013, the Company commenced an investigation into inaccurate billing with respect to certain government contracts. The Company promptly reported these matters to the relevant government contracting officers, the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of the Inspector General, and the Department of Justice, and the Company is cooperating with these agencies to ensure the proper repayment and resolution of this matter. The Company has identified approximately \$1.5 million of excess amounts billed on these contracts since January 1, 2007, and has recorded a liability for such amount as of March 26, 2016, as this represents the Company's best estimate. Because of the ongoing discussions with the government and the complex nature of this matter, the Company believes it is reasonably possible that additional losses may be incurred but cannot at this time make a reasonable estimate of the potential range of loss beyond such estimated liability.

Lease Commitments

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the Company assumed or entered into new lease agreements or exercised options to extend the lease terms for certain existing leases. As a result, the Company's lease obligations through August 2024 increased by \$3.3 million.

14. SEGMENT INFORMATION

The following table presents revenue and other financial information by reportable segment:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
(in thousands)		
RMS		
Revenue	\$ 124,010	\$ 120,011
Operating income	36,533	28,845
Depreciation and amortization	5,281	6,045
Capital expenditures	1,053	2,733
DSA		
Revenue	\$ 157,983	\$ 140,012
Operating income	30,830	23,516
Depreciation and amortization	11,957	11,139
Capital expenditures	4,707	5,378
Manufacturing		
Revenue	\$ 72,875	\$ 60,391
Operating income	19,468	16,798
Depreciation and amortization	5,945	3,286
Capital expenditures	2,129	1,566

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For the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015, reconciliations of segment operating income, depreciation and amortization and capital expenditures to the respective consolidated amounts are as follows:

	Operating Income		Depreciation and Amortization		Capital Expenditures	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)					
Total reportable segments	\$ 86,831	\$ 69,159	\$ 23,183	\$ 20,470	\$ 7,889	\$ 9,677
Unallocated corporate	(35,359)	(26,154)	1,472	1,898	361	971
Total consolidated	\$ 51,472	\$ 43,005	\$ 24,655	\$ 22,368	\$ 8,250	\$ 10,648

Revenue for each significant product or service offering is as follows:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
RMS	\$ 124,010	\$ 120,011
DSA	157,983	140,012
Manufacturing	72,875	60,391
Total revenue	\$ 354,868	\$ 320,414

A summary of unallocated corporate expense consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in thousands)	
Stock-based compensation	\$ 6,108	\$ 6,280
Compensation, benefits, and other employee-related expenses	12,541	10,696
External consulting and other service expenses	5,176	3,641
Information Technology	3,132	1,864
Depreciation	1,472	1,898
Acquisition and integration	3,763	(362)
Other general unallocated corporate	3,167	2,137
Total unallocated corporate expense	\$ 35,359	\$ 26,154

Other general unallocated corporate expense consist of various departmental costs including those associated with departments such as senior executives, corporate accounting, legal, tax, human resources, treasury and investor relations.

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

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying footnotes of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and our audited consolidated financial statements and related footnotes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015. The following discussion contains forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements. Factors that might cause future results to differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, those discussed in "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015. Certain percentage changes may not recalculate due to rounding.

Overview

We are a full service, early-stage contract research organization (CRO). For nearly 70 years, we have been in the business of providing the research models required in research and development of new drugs, devices and therapies. Over this time, we have built upon our original core competency of laboratory animal medicine and science (research model technologies) to develop a diverse portfolio of discovery and safety assessment services, both Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) and non-GLP, that are able to support our clients from target identification through preclinical development. We also provide a suite of products and services to support our clients' manufacturing activities. Utilizing our broad portfolio of products and services enables our clients to create a more flexible drug development model, which reduces their costs, enhances their productivity and effectiveness, and increases speed to market.

We report our financial performance in three segments: Research Models and Services (RMS), Discovery and Safety Assessment (DSA), and Manufacturing Support (Manufacturing). Our RMS segment includes the Research Models and Research Model Services businesses. Research Models includes the commercial production and sale of small research models, as well as the supply of large research models. Research Model Services includes three business units: Genetically Engineered Models and Services, which performs contract breeding and other services associated with genetically engineered models; Research Animal Diagnostic Services (RADS), which provides health monitoring and diagnostics services related to research models; and Insourcing Solutions (IS), which provides colony management of our clients' research operations (including recruitment, training, staffing, and management services). Our DSA segment includes services required to take a drug through the early development process including discovery services, which are non-regulated services to assist clients with the identification, screening, and selection of a lead compound for drug development, and regulated and non-regulated safety assessment services. Our Manufacturing segment includes Microbial Solutions (formerly Endotoxin and Microbial Detection or EMD), which includes *in vitro* (non-animal) lot-release testing products and microbial detection and species identification services; Biologics Testing Services (Biologics), which performs specialized testing of biologics; and Avian Vaccine Services (Avian), which supplies specific-pathogen-free fertile chicken eggs and chickens.

On April 4, 2016, we acquired WRH, Inc. (WIL Research), a provider of safety assessment and contract development and manufacturing services to biopharmaceutical and agricultural and industrial chemical companies worldwide. The acquisition enhanced our position as a leading global early-stage CRO by strengthening our ability to partner with global clients across the drug discovery and development continuum. The preliminary purchase price for WIL Research was approximately \$585.0 million in cash, which is subject to certain customary adjustments.

Results of Operations

Three Months Ended March 26, 2016 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 28, 2015

Revenue

	Three Months Ended		\$ Change	% Change	Impact of FX
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015			
	(in millions, except percentages)				
RMS	\$ 124.0	\$ 120.0	\$ 4.0	3.3%	(1.3)%
DSA	158.0	140.0	18.0	12.8%	(1.9)%
Manufacturing	72.9	60.4	12.5	20.7%	(1.8)%
Total revenue	<u>\$ 354.9</u>	<u>\$ 320.4</u>	<u>\$ 34.5</u>	10.8%	(1.6)%

Revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 increased \$34.5 million, or 10.8%, compared to the corresponding period in 2015. The negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates decreased revenue by \$5.2 million, or 1.6%, when compared to the corresponding period in 2015.

RMS revenue increased by \$4.0 million due to higher research model revenue in North America, Europe and Asia, and higher research model services revenue; partially offset by the negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

DSA revenue increased \$18.0 million due to higher revenue in the Safety Assessment business, primarily as a result of increased study volume and pricing; and higher revenue in the Discovery Services business, primarily as a result of the Oncotest acquisition that contributed \$2.9 million to revenue growth; partially offset by the negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Manufacturing revenue increased \$12.5 million due to higher revenue for Microbial Solutions, which includes the Celsis acquisition, higher revenue in the Biologics business, and higher revenue in the Avian business, which includes the Sunrise acquisition; partially offset by the negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Service revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was \$220.7 million, an increase of \$23.9 million, or 12.2%, compared to \$196.8 million in the corresponding period in 2015. The increase in service revenue was due to higher revenue in the Safety Assessment business, primarily as a result of increased study volume and pricing; higher revenue in the Discovery Services business, which included the acquisition of Oncotest that contributed \$2.9 million to service revenue; higher revenue in the Biologics business, and higher research model services revenue; partially offset by the negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Product revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was \$134.2 million, an increase of \$10.6 million, or 8.5%, compared to \$123.6 million in the corresponding period in 2015. The increase was due to higher revenue for Microbial Solutions and Avian, which included the acquisitions of Celsis and Sunrise, respectively, which contributed \$8.7 million to product revenue growth; and higher research model revenue in North America, Europe and Asia; partially offset by the negative effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Cost of Services Provided and Products Sold (Excluding Amortization of Intangible Assets)

	Three Months Ended			
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015	\$ change	% change
	(in millions, except percentages)			
RMS	\$ 71.6	\$ 74.2	\$ (2.6)	(3.5)%
DSA	106.9	96.3	10.6	11.0 %
Manufacturing	35.6	30.2	5.4	17.8 %
Total cost of services provided and products sold (excluding amortization of intangible assets)	\$ 214.1	\$ 200.7	\$ 13.4	6.6 %

Cost of services provided and products sold (excluding amortization of intangibles assets) (Costs) for the three months ended March 26, 2016 increased \$13.4 million, or 6.6%, compared to the corresponding period in 2015. Costs as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were 60.3%, a decrease of 2.3%, from 62.6% for the corresponding period in 2015.

RMS Costs decreased \$2.6 million due primarily to the favorable effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates, cost savings achieved as a result of our efficiency initiatives, and reduced restructuring costs. RMS Costs as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were 57.7%, a decrease of 4.1%, from 61.8% for the corresponding period in 2015.

DSA Costs increased \$10.6 million due primarily to an increase in Safety Assessment Costs resulting from the growth of the business, and an increase in Discovery Services Costs, which included a higher cost base due to the acquisition of Oncotest, and a charge of \$1.9 million related to an impairment of certain intangibles; partially offset by the favorable effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. DSA Costs as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were 67.7%, a decrease of 1.1%, from 68.8% for the corresponding period in 2015, primarily due to improved operating leverage as a result of increased study volume in our Safety Assessment business.

Manufacturing Costs increased \$5.4 million due primarily to an increase in Microbial Solutions Costs resulting from the Celsis acquisition, and an increase in Biologics Costs resulting from the growth of the business; partially offset by the favorable effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Manufacturing Costs as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were 48.8%, a decrease of 1.2%, from 50.0% for the corresponding period in 2015.

Costs of services provided for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were \$147.3 million, an increase of \$11.0 million, or 8.1%, compared to \$136.3 million for the corresponding period in 2015. The increase was due to a higher Discovery Services cost base, as a result of the acquisition of Oncotest, and a charge of \$1.9 million related to an impairment of certain intangibles; as well as increased Safety Assessment and Biologics revenues; partially offset by the favorable effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Costs of products sold for the three months ended March 26, 2016 were \$66.8 million, an increase of \$2.4 million, or 3.6%, compared to \$64.4 million for the corresponding period in 2015. The increase was due to higher Costs as a result of acquisitions of Celsis and Sunrise, partially offset by savings associated with global efficiency initiatives, reduced restructuring costs, and the favorable effect of changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

	Three Months Ended			
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015	\$ change	% change
	(in millions, except percentages)			
RMS	\$ 15.3	\$ 16.2	\$ (0.9)	(5.5)%
DSA	17.1	16.7	0.4	2.3 %
Manufacturing	15.1	12.3	2.8	23.0 %
Unallocated corporate	35.4	26.2	9.2	35.2 %
Total selling, general and administrative	\$ 82.9	\$ 71.4	\$ 11.5	16.2 %

Selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A) for three months ended March 26, 2016 increased \$11.5 million, or 16.2%, compared to the corresponding period in 2015. SG&A as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was 23.4%, an increase of 1.1%, from 22.3% for the corresponding period in 2015.

The decrease in RMS SG&A of \$0.9 million was related to a decrease of \$0.5 million in severance expense and a decrease of \$0.8 million in other expenses; partially offset by an increase of \$0.4 million in compensation, benefits, and other employee-related expenses. RMS SG&A as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was 12.3%, a decrease of 1.2%, from 13.5% for the corresponding period in 2015.

The increase in DSA SG&A of \$0.4 million was related to an increase of \$0.5 million in compensation, benefits, and other employee-related expenses; an increase of \$0.3 million in external consulting and other service expenses; an increase of \$0.3 million in stock-based compensation; and an increase of \$0.5 million in other expenses; partially offset by a decrease of \$1.2 million in bad debt reserves. DSA SG&A as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was 10.8%, a decrease of 1.1%, from 11.9% for the corresponding period in 2015.

The increase in Manufacturing SG&A of \$2.8 million was related to an increase of \$1.5 million in compensation, benefits, and other employee-related expenses; an increase of \$0.6 million in external consulting and other service expenses; an increase of \$0.4 million in depreciation expense; and an increase of \$0.3 million in other expense. Manufacturing SG&A as a percentage of revenue for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was 20.8%, an increase of 0.4%, from 20.4% for the corresponding period in 2015.

The increase in unallocated corporate SG&A of \$9.2 million was related to an increase of 3.4 million in costs associated with the evaluation and integration of acquisitions; an increase of \$1.8 million in compensation, benefits, and other employee-related expenses; an increase of \$1.5 million in external consulting and other service expenses; an increase of \$1.3 million in information technology; an increase of \$0.7 million due to the absence of contingent consideration adjustments, primarily related to a reversal of the contingent consideration liability previously recorded in connection with the acquisition of Argenta and BioFocus recorded in the corresponding period of 2015; and an increase of \$0.5 million in other expenses.

Amortization of Intangible Assets Amortization of intangibles for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was \$6.4 million, an increase of \$1.1 million, or 20.8%, from \$5.3 million for the corresponding period in 2015, due primarily to certain intangibles acquired in connection with the Oncotest, Celsis, and Sunrise acquisitions.

Interest Income Interest income, which represents earnings on held cash, cash equivalents, and time deposits was \$0.3 million for the three months ended March 26, 2016 and for the corresponding period in 2015.

Interest Expense Interest expense for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was \$4.2 million, an increase of \$1.2 million, or 39.3%, compared to \$3.0 million for the corresponding period in 2015. The increase was primarily due to higher average balance outstanding under our \$1.3B Credit Facility as a result of additional borrowings related to business acquisitions, and an increased interest expense related to capital leases.

Other Income (Expense), Net Other income (expense), net was a net other income of \$4.0 million for the three months ended March 26, 2016, an increase of \$12.3 million, or 148.4%, compared to a net other expense of \$8.3 million for the corresponding period in 2015. The increase in other income (expense), net was driven by the absence of an expense of \$10.4 million due to a reversal of the indemnification asset associated with a previous acquisition in the corresponding period of 2015; an increase of \$1.8 million in gains on our venture capital investments accounted for under the equity method; and a \$1.2 million increase in gains from changes in foreign currency exchange rates; partially offset by a decrease of \$1.1 million in other activity.

Income Taxes Income tax expense for the three months ended March 26, 2016 was \$14.0 million, an increase of \$13.7 million compared to \$0.3 million for the corresponding period in 2015. Our effective tax rate was 27.1% for the three months ended March 26, 2016, compared to 1.0% for the corresponding period in 2015. The increase was primarily attributable to a prior

year reduction in unrecognized tax benefits and related interest of \$10.4 million due to the expiration of the statute of limitations associated with pre-acquisition tax positions on forgiveness of debt, as well as the accrual of withholding taxes in the first quarter of 2016 in order to access cash from our Canadian and Chinese operations for use outside of the United States (U.S.) as a result of the reinstatement of the controlled foreign corporation look-through rules during the fourth quarter of 2015.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We currently require cash to fund our working capital needs, pension obligations, capital expansion, acquisitions and to pay our debt obligations. Our principal sources of liquidity have been our cash flows from operations, supplemented by long-term borrowings. Based on our current business plan, we believe that our existing funds, when combined with cash generated from operations and our access to financing resources, are sufficient to fund our operations for the foreseeable future.

The following table presents our cash, cash equivalents and investments held in the U.S. and by non-U.S. entities:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Held in the U.S. entities	\$ 11.7	\$ 3.6
Held by non-U.S. entities	145.7	114.3
Total cash and cash equivalents	157.4	117.9
Investments:		
Held in the U.S. entities	4.5	4.5
Held by non-U.S. entities	14.3	16.0
Total cash, cash equivalents and investments	\$ 176.2	\$ 138.4

Borrowings

In April 2015, we amended and restated our \$970M Credit Facility, creating a \$1.3 billion facility (\$1.3B Credit Facility) that provides for a \$400.0 million term loan facility and a \$900.0 million multi-currency revolving facility. The term loan facility matures in 20 quarterly installments with the last installment due April 22, 2020. The revolving facility matures on April 22, 2020 and requires no scheduled payment before that date. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under our credit agreement are, at our option, equal to either the alternate base rate (which is the higher of (1) the prime rate, (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (3) the one-month adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1%), or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio.

Amounts outstanding under the \$1.3B Credit Facility were as follows:

	March 26, 2016	December 26, 2015
	(in millions)	
Term loans	\$ 385.0	\$ 390.0
Revolving credit facility	452.7	446.0
Total	\$ 837.7	\$ 836.0

On March 30, 2016, we amended and restated our \$1.3B Credit Facility, creating a \$1.65 billion credit facility (\$1.65B Credit Facility) which (1) extends the maturity date for the credit facility, and (2) makes certain other amendments in connection with our acquisition of WIL Research. The \$1.65B Credit Facility provides for up to approximately \$1.65 billion in financing, including an approximately \$650.0 million term loan facility and a \$1.0 billion multi-currency revolving facility. The term loan facility matures in 19 quarterly installments, with the last installment due March 30, 2021. The revolving facility matures on March 30, 2021, and requires no scheduled payment before that date.

Under specified circumstances, we have the ability to increase the term loans and/or revolving line of credit by up to \$500.0 million in the aggregate. The interest rates applicable to term loans and revolving loans under the credit agreement are, at our option, equal to either the base rate (which is the higher of (1) the prime rate, (2) the federal funds rate plus 0.50%, or (3) the one-month adjusted LIBOR rate plus 1%), or the adjusted LIBOR rate plus an interest rate margin based upon our leverage ratio.

Repurchases of Common Stock

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, we did not repurchase any shares under our authorized stock repurchase program. As of March 26, 2016, we had \$69.7 million remaining on the authorized stock repurchase program. Our stock-based compensation plans permit the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock, restricted stock units, and performance share units in order to satisfy individual minimum statutory tax withholding requirements. During the three months ended March 26, 2016, we acquired approximately 0.2 shares for \$12.1 million.

Cash Flows

The following table presents our net cash provided by operating activities:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in millions)	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 37.6	\$ 31.6
Adjustments to reconcile net income from continuing operations to net cash provided by operating activities	45.8	39.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(44.9)	(60.1)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 38.5</u>	<u>\$ 11.3</u>

Cash flows from operating activities represent the cash receipts and disbursements related to all of our activities other than investing and financing activities. Operating cash flow is derived by adjusting our income from continuing operations for (1) non-cash operating items such as depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, gains (losses) on venture capital investments, and gains on bargain purchases, as well as (2) changes in operating assets and liabilities, which reflect timing differences between the receipt and payment of cash associated with transactions and when they are recognized in our results of operations. For the three months ended March 26, 2016, compared to the three months ended March 26, 2015, the increase in cash provided by operating activities was primarily driven by an increase in income from continuing operations and a favorable change in operating assets and liabilities. Our days sales outstanding, which includes deferred revenue as an offset to accounts receivable but is not adjusted for an allowance for doubtful accounts in the calculation, was 52 days as of March 26, 2016, compared to 51 days as of December 26, 2015.

The following table presents our net cash used in investing activities:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in millions)	
Acquisition of businesses and assets, net of cash acquired	\$ (0.3)	\$ (0.9)
Capital expenditures	(8.2)	(10.6)
Investments, net	(0.7)	(1.4)
Other, net	2.8	0.6
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>\$ (6.4)</u>	<u>\$ (12.3)</u>

The primary use of cash in investing activities in the three months ended March 26, 2016 and March 28, 2015 was related to our capital expenditures.

The following table presents our net cash provided by financing activities:

	Three Months Ended	
	March 26, 2016	March 28, 2015
	(in millions)	
Proceeds from long-term debt and revolving credit facility	\$ 49.4	\$ 39.8
Proceeds from exercises of stock options	12.5	34.1
Payments on long-term debt, capital lease obligation and revolving credit facility	(49.4)	(23.7)
Purchase of treasury stock	(12.1)	(58.6)
Other, net	6.7	10.3
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>\$ 7.1</u>	<u>\$ 1.9</u>

For the three months ended March 26, 2016, cash provided by financing activities reflected proceeds from exercises of employee stock options of \$12.5 million and other activity; partially offset by treasury stock purchases of \$12.1 million due to the netting of common stock upon vesting of stock based awards in order to satisfy individual minimum statutory tax withholding requirements. For the three months ended March 28, 2015, cash provided by financing activities reflected net borrowings of \$16.1 million and proceeds from exercises of employee stock options of \$34.1 million, partially offset by treasury stock purchases of \$58.6 million made primarily pursuant to our authorized stock repurchase program.

Contractual Commitments and Obligations

The disclosure of our contractual obligations and commitments was reported in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 26, 2015. There have been no material changes from the contractual commitments and obligations previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K other than the changes described in Note 7, “Long-Term Debt and Capital Lease Obligations and Note 13, “Commitments and Contingencies,” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of March 26, 2016, we did not have any significant off-balance sheet arrangements, as defined in Item 303(a)(4)(ii) of SEC Regulation S-K promulgated under the Exchange Act, except as disclosed below.

Venture Capital Investments

We invest in several venture capital funds that invest in start-up companies, primarily in the life sciences industry. Our total commitment to the funds as of March 26, 2016 was \$65.0 million, of which we funded \$31.0 million through March 26, 2016. Refer to Note 4, “Venture Capital Investments and Marketable Securities” for additional information.

Letters of Credit

Our off-balance sheet commitments related to our outstanding letters of credit as of March 26, 2016 were \$5.1 million.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of our liquidity, capital resources and results of operations is based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make certain estimates and assumptions that may affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported periods and related disclosures. These estimates and assumptions are monitored and analyzed by us for changes in facts and circumstances, and material changes in these estimates could occur in the future. We base our estimates on our historical experience, trends in the industry and various other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from our estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe that our application of the following accounting policies, each of which require significant judgments and estimates on the part of management, is the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our reported financial results: (1) revenue recognition, (2) income taxes, (3) goodwill and intangible assets, (4) valuation and impairment of long-lived assets, (5) pension and other retirement benefit plans, and (6) stock-based compensation. Our critical accounting policies are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

For a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements please refer to Note 1, “Basis of Presentation,” in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We did not adopt any new accounting pronouncements during the three months ended March 26, 2016 that had a material effect on our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this report.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates and currency exchange rates, which could affect our future results of operations and financial condition. We manage our exposure to these risks through our regular operating and financing activities.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to changes in interest rates while conducting normal business operations as a result of ongoing financing activities. As of March 26, 2016, our debt portfolio was comprised primarily of floating interest rate borrowings. A 100-basis point increase in interest rates would increase our annual pre-tax interest expense by approximately \$8.4 million.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We operate on a global basis and have exposure to some foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations for our financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

While the financial results of our global activities are reported in U.S. dollars, our foreign subsidiaries typically conduct their operations in their respective local currency. The principal functional currencies of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are the Euro, British Pound and Canadian Dollar. During the three months ended March 26, 2016, the most significant drivers of foreign currency translation adjustment the Company recorded as part of comprehensive income were the Euro and Canadian Dollar, and to a lesser extent, the British Pound.

Fluctuations in the foreign currency exchange rates of the countries in which we do business will affect our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. In particular, as the U.S. dollar strengthens against other currencies, the value of our non-U.S. revenue, expenses, assets, liabilities, and cash flows will generally decline when reported in U.S. dollars. The impact to net income as a result of a U.S. dollar strengthening will be partially mitigated by the value of non-U.S. expense, which will also decline when reported in U.S. dollars. As the U.S. dollar weakens versus other currencies, the value of the non-U.S. revenue and expenses, assets, liabilities and cash flows will generally increase when reported in U.S. dollars. For the three months ended March 26, 2016, our revenue would have increased by approximately \$14.2 million and our operating income would have increased by approximately \$0.5 million, if the U.S. dollar exchange rate would have strengthened by 10% with all other variables held constant.

We attempt to minimize this exposure by using certain financial instruments in accordance with our overall risk management and our hedge policies. We do not enter into speculative derivative agreements.

During the three months ended March 26, 2016, we utilized foreign exchange contracts, principally to hedge certain balance sheet exposures resulting from fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Based on their evaluation, required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15, promulgated by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Exchange Act, are effective, at a reasonable assurance level to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, as of March 26, 2016. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurances of achieving the desired control objectives, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in designing and evaluating the controls and procedures.

(b) Changes in Internal Controls

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of the Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that occurred during the quarter ended March 26, 2016 that materially affected, or were reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1A. Risk Factors

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, “Item 1A. Risk Factors” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015, which could materially affect our business, financial condition, and/or future results. The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and/or operating results. There have been no material changes to the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year 2015.

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

The following table provides information relating to the purchases of shares of our common stock during the three months ended March 26, 2016.

	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in thousands)
December 27, 2015 to January 23, 2016	—	\$ —	—	\$ 69,694
January 24, 2016 to February 20, 2016	68,045	\$ 68.16	—	\$ 69,694
February 21, 2016 to March 26, 2016	102,648	\$ 73.15	—	\$ 69,694
Total:	170,693		—	

As of March 26, 2016, we had \$69.7 million remaining on the authorized stock repurchase program.

Additionally, our stock-based compensation plans permit the netting of common stock upon vesting of restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance share units in order to satisfy individual minimum statutory tax withholding requirements.

Item 6. Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

- 10.1* Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan dated April 5, 2016
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer.
- 32.1 Certification of the Principal Executive Officer and the Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) of 15d-14(a) of the Exchange Act.
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Definition Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document.
- * Management contract or compensatory plan, contract or arrangement.

SIGNATURES

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

CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.

May 4, 2016

/s/ JAMES C. FOSTER

James C. Foster
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer

May 4, 2016

/s/ DAVID R. SMITH

David R. Smith
*Corporate Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*

**CHARLES RIVER LABORATORIES INTERNATIONAL, INC.
NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS DEFERRAL PLAN**

Purpose. The purpose of the Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. Non-Employee Directors Deferral Plan (the “**Plan**”) is to retain the services of experienced non-employee directors for Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the “**Company**”) by providing them with opportunities to defer income taxes on their compensation and to encourage them to acquire additional shares of the Company’s common stock (“**Stock**”). This Plan is established in connection with the Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. 2016 Incentive Plan (the “**Incentive Plan**”).

Section 2. Definitions. Unless otherwise defined in the Plan, capitalized terms used in the Plan shall have the meanings assigned to them in the Incentive Plan.

Section 3. Eligibility. Each director of the Company who is eligible to receive compensation as a non-employee director shall be eligible to participate in the Plan. Each such eligible non-employee director who makes a deferral under the Plan is referred to herein as a “**Participant**”.

Section 4. Administration. The Plan shall be administered by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “**Board**”). Subject to the terms of the Plan and applicable law, the Board shall have full power and authority to: (i) designate Participants; (ii) determine the terms and conditions of any deferral made under the Plan; (iii) interpret and administer the Plan and any instrument or agreement relating to, or deferral made under, the Plan; (iv) establish, amend, suspend or waive such rules and regulations and appoint such agents as it shall deem appropriate for the proper administration of the Plan; and (v) make any other determination and take any other action that the Board deems necessary or desirable for the administration of the Plan. To the extent legally permitted, the Board may, in its discretion, delegate to the Chief Administrative Officer of the Company, the Secretary of the Company, or to one or more senior officers of the Company any or all authority and responsibility to act with respect to administrative matters with respect to the Plan. The determination of the Board on all matters within its authority relating to the Plan shall be final, conclusive and binding upon all parties, including the Company, its shareholders and the Participants.

Section 5. Deferrals.

(a) *Deferral Elections.* Each Participant may elect to defer receipt of all or any shares of Stock issuable upon settlement of any restricted stock units (a “**RSU**”) granted to such Participant pursuant to Section 4(d) of the Incentive Plan (a “**Deferred Stock Unit**” or “**DSU**”), which shall include, for the avoidance of doubt, RSUs granted to such Participant in lieu of his or her annual cash retainer for services as a member of the Board or a committee of the Board or chair or lead director of the Board (the “**Retainer**”). The date on which any such shares of Stock were scheduled to be issued to such Participant, had such Participant not deferred receipt of such shares of Stock, is referred to herein as the “**Scheduled Payment Date**”.

(b) *Election Forms.* A Participant’s deferral election shall be made in the form of a document (an “**Election Form**”) established for such purpose by the Board that is executed by such Participant and filed with the Chief Administrative Officer of the Company. The Election Form will require such Participant to specify:

(i) the portion of any shares of Stock issuable upon conversion of any RSU that will be deferred;

and

(ii) the time at which the deferred shares of Stock will be distributed to such Participant, which time may be (x) a specified date, (y) the 60th day following such Participant’s separation from service as a director of the Company or (z) the earlier of (x) or (y).

Each Election Form will remain in effect until superseded or revoked pursuant to this Section 5.

(c) *Timing of Elections.*

(i) Subject to Section 5(c)(ii), an Election Form executed by a Participant shall apply to any RSU that is granted to such Participant at any time following the end of the calendar year in which such Election Form is executed.

(ii) An Election Form filed by a Participant within 30 days after such Participant becomes eligible to participate in the Plan shall apply to any RSU that is granted to such Participant or relates to services performed following the date

on which such Participant executes such Election Form, including, without limitation, any RSU paid in connection with such Participant's initial election as a non-employee director of the Company.

(iii) A person who is eligible to receive compensation as a non-employee director on the Effective Date (as defined in Section 11 hereof) and who files an Election Form within 30 days of the Effective Date may elect to defer any RSU that is granted to such Participant or relates to services performed following the date on which such Participant executes such Election Form.

- (d) *Subsequent Election Forms.* A Participant who has an Election Form on file with the Company may execute and file with the Company a subsequent Election Form at any time. Such subsequent Election Form shall apply to any RSU that is granted to such Participant following the end of the year in which such subsequent Election Form is executed.
- (e) *Revoking Election Forms.* A Participant may revoke an Election Form at any time by providing written notice to the Board. Such revocation shall apply to any RSU that is granted to such Participant following the year in which such notice is provided.
- (f) *Vesting.* Each Deferred Stock Unit shall be fully vested and non-forfeitable at all times from the applicable Scheduled Payment Date.

Section 6. *Timing and Form of Distribution.*

- (a) Subject to this Section 6, distribution with respect to a Participant's Deferred Stock Unit shall be made to such Participant, as specified on the applicable Election Form, either in (i) a single lump sum or (ii) substantially equal annual installments over a period of up to five years.
- (b) The Board, in its sole discretion, may accelerate the distribution of a Participant's Deferred Stock Unit or if such Participant experiences an unforeseeable emergency or hardship, provided that such distribution complies with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "**Code**").
- (c) All of a Participant's Deferred Stock Units shall be distributed to such Participant upon a Covered Transaction or such Participant's death or Disability no later than the 15th day of the third calendar month following the date the Covered Transaction or death or Disability occurs.
- (d) If the Board considers a Participant to be one of the Company's "specified employees" under Section 409A of the Code at the time of such Participant's termination of service from the Board, any distribution that otherwise would be made to such Participant as a result of such termination from service shall not be made until the date that is six months after such termination of service, except to the extent that earlier distribution would not result in such Participant's incurring interest or additional tax under Section 409A of the Code.
- (e) Each Deferred Stock Unit shall be distributed in shares of Stock.

Section 7. *Amount of Distribution.*

- (a) Each Deferred Stock Unit that is scheduled to be distributed in shares of Stock shall be allocated to a separate bookkeeping account (a "**Share Account**") established and maintained by the Administrator, or the Administrator's designee, to record the number of shares of Stock to which such Deferred Stock Unit relates. In the case of a Deferred Stock Unit, the Share Account shall reflect the number of shares of Stock deferred.
- (b) Until the distribution date applicable to a Participant's Deferred Stock Unit that is scheduled to be distributed in shares of Stock, if the Company pays a regular or ordinary cash dividend on its Stock, the Share Account shall be credited with a number of shares of Stock determined by dividing the amount of the cash dividend by the fair market value of a share of Stock on the dividend payment date, with the value of any fractional shares paid to the Participant in cash as soon as practicable following the dividend payment date.
- (c) In the event of any merger, reorganization, recapitalization, consolidation, sale or other distribution of substantially all of the assets of the Company, any stock dividend, split, spin-off, split-up, split-off, distribution of cash, securities or other property by the Company, or other change in the Company's corporate structure affecting the Stock, each Share

Account shall be automatically adjusted to prevent dilution or enlargement of the benefits or potential benefits intended to be awarded under this Plan.

- (d) On the distribution date applicable to a Participant's Deferred Stock Unit, such Participant shall receive that number of shares of Stock equal to the number of shares credited to the applicable Share Account as of such distribution date.

Section 8. General Provisions Applicable to Deferrals.

- (a) Except as may be permitted by the Board, (i) no deferral and no right under such deferral shall be assignable, alienable, saleable or transferable by a Participant otherwise than by will or pursuant to Section 8(b), and (ii) during a Participant's lifetime, each deferral, and each right under such deferral, shall be exercisable only by such Participant or, if permissible under applicable law, by such Participant's guardian or legal representative. The provisions of this Section 8(a) shall not apply to any deferral that has been distributed to a Participant.
- (b) A Participant may make a written designation of beneficiary or beneficiaries to receive all or part of the distributions under this Plan in the event of death at such times prescribed by the Board by using forms and following procedures approved or accepted by the Board for that purpose. Any shares of Stock that become payable upon a Participant's death, and as to which a designation of beneficiary is not in effect, will be distributed to such Participant's estate.
- (c) Following distribution of shares of Stock, a Participant will be the beneficial owner of the net shares of Stock issued to such Participant, and will be entitled to all rights of ownership, including voting rights and the right to receive cash or stock dividends or other distributions paid on the Stock. The Company may, if it determines it is appropriate, affix any legend to the stock certificates representing shares of Stock issued in accordance with the Plan (and any stock certificates that may subsequently be issued in substitution for the original certificates). The Company may advise the transfer agent to place a stop order against such shares of Stock if it determines that such an order is necessary or advisable.

Section 9. Amendments and Termination.

- (a) The Board, in its sole discretion, may amend, suspend or discontinue the Plan or any deferral at any time; *provided* that no such amendment, suspension or discontinuance shall reduce the accrued benefit of any Participant except to the extent necessary to comply with applicable law. The Board further has the right, without a Participant's consent, to amend or modify the terms of the Plan and such Participant's deferral to the extent that the Board deems it necessary to avoid adverse or unintended tax consequences to such Participant under federal, state or local income tax laws.
- (b) The Board, in its sole discretion, may terminate the Plan at any time, as long as such termination complies with then applicable tax and other requirements.
- (c) Such other changes to deferrals shall be permitted and honored under the Plan to the extent authorized by the Board and consistent with Code Section 409A.

Section 10. Miscellaneous.

- (a) No Participant or other person shall have any claim to be entitled to make a deferral under the Plan, and there is no obligation for uniformity of treatment of Participants or beneficiaries under the Plan. The terms and conditions of deferrals under the Plan need not be the same with respect to each Participant.
- (b) The opportunity to make a deferral under the Plan shall not be construed as giving a Participant the right to be retained in the service of the Board or the Company. A Participant's deferral under the Plan is not intended to confer any rights on such Participant except as set forth in the Plan and the applicable Election Form.
- (c) Nothing contained in the Plan shall prevent the Company from adopting or continuing in effect other or additional compensation arrangements, and such arrangements may be either generally applicable or applicable only in specific cases.
- (d) To the extent applicable, the Company shall be authorized to withhold from any distribution under the Plan or from any compensation or other amount owing to a Participant the amount (in cash, shares of Stock, other property, net settlement, or any combination thereof) of applicable withholding taxes due in respect of such distribution and to take

such other action (including providing for elective payment of such amounts in cash or shares of Stock by such Participant) as may be necessary in the opinion of the Company to satisfy all obligations for the payment of such taxes.

- (e) If any provision of the Plan or any Election Form is or becomes or is deemed to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, or as to any person or deferral, or would disqualify the Plan or any deferral under any law deemed applicable by the Board, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to applicable laws, or if it cannot be so construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Board, materially altering the intent of the Plan or such Election Form, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or deferral, and the remainder of the Plan and such Election Form shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 11. *Effective Date of the Plan.* The Plan shall be effective as of the date on which the Plan is adopted by the Board (the “Effective Date”).

Section 12. *Unfunded Status of the Plan.* The Plan is unfunded. The Plan, together with the applicable Election Form, shall represent at all times an unfunded and unsecured contractual obligation of the Company. Each Participant and beneficiary will be an unsecured creditor of the Company with respect to all obligations owed to them under the Plan. Amounts payable under the Plan will be satisfied solely out of the general assets of the Company subject to the claims of its creditors. No Participant or beneficiary will have any interest in any fund or in any specific asset of the Company of any kind, nor shall such Participant or beneficiary or any other person have any right to receive any payment or distribution under the Plan except as, and to the extent, expressly provided in the Plan and the applicable Election Form. Any reserve or other asset that the Company may establish or acquire to assure itself of the funds to provide payments required under the Plan shall not serve in any way as security to any Participant or beneficiary for the Company’s performance under the Plan.

Section 13. *Section 409A of the Code.* With respect to deferrals that are subject to Section 409A of the Code, the Plan is intended to comply with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and the provisions of the Plan and any Election Form shall be interpreted in a manner that satisfies the requirements of Section 409A of the Code, and the Plan shall be operated accordingly. If any provision of the Plan or any term or condition of any Election Form would otherwise frustrate or conflict with this intent, the provision, term or condition will be interpreted and deemed amended so as to avoid this conflict.

Section 14. *Governing Law.* The Plan and the Election Forms shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware without reference to principles of conflicts of laws.

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, James C. Foster, Chief Executive Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 26, 2016 of the registrant;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ James C. Foster

James C. Foster
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

May 4, 2016

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002
AND RULE 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) OF THE EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

I, David R. Smith, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the registrant) certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 26, 2016 of the registrant;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a. designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b. designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c. evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d. disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officers and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a. all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b. any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ David R. Smith

David R. Smith
*Corporate Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

May 4, 2016

**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO 18 U.S.C. SECTION 1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 26, 2016 of Charles River Laboratories International, Inc. (the "Company") as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, James C. Foster, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company, and David R. Smith, Corporate Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each hereby certifies, to the best of his knowledge and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:

- (1) the Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"); and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ James C. Foster

James C. Foster
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

May 4, 2016

/s/ David R. Smith

David R. Smith
*Corporate Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer*
Charles River Laboratories International, Inc.

May 4, 2016

This certification shall not be deemed "filed" for any purpose, nor shall it be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act.