

# 2015 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Associated Press and Subsidiaries Years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, with Report of Independent Auditors

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# **REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

#### Dear Ms. Junck:

Members of the Audit Committee of The Associated Press (the "Company") convened on March 30, 2016. The Committee members received consolidated financial statements reported upon by independent auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, and reviewed them in detail. The report covered The Associated Press and its domestic and foreign subsidiaries.

The scope of procedures used by Ernst & Young LLP in auditing the results of the Company's worldwide operations was discussed. All questions raised by Committee members in regard to the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses shown in the financial statements were addressed and answered satisfactorily by Company management or Ernst & Young LLP. Based on these discussions and the representations of management, the Audit Committee approved the 2015 audited consolidated financial statements.

The Committee thanks the representatives of The Associated Press and Ernst & Young LLP for their assistance and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

#### The Audit Committee

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### **REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS**

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE AND MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Audit Committee and Members of The Associated Press

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of The Associated Press and subsidiaries, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, changes in members' equity (deficit) and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of The Associated Press and subsidiaries at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Ernet + Young LLP

New York, New York March 30, 2016

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,648	\$ 61,595
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts (2015–\$10,193; 2014–\$10,423)	36,245	39,546
Due from sale of joint venture	_	6,654
Other current assets	12,342	12,692
Total current assets	99,235	 120,487
Fixed assets, net	75,921	85,678
Non-current assets:		
Goodwill	47,638	47,638
Deferred income taxes	169,558	4,127
Equity method investments	1,925	2,529
Investments at cost	3,028	3,561
Other non-current assets	7,187	6,110
Total other non-current assets	229,336	 63,965
Total assets	\$ 404,492	\$ 270,130
Accrued payroll expense Taxes payable Deferred revenue Pension liabilities Postretirement and other employee benefits	27,337 3,628 14,839 10,142 3,733	33,112 3,885 11,517 8,530 3,560
Other accrued liabilities	31,740	 31,240
Total current liabilities	102,423	 102,100
Non-current liabilities: Pension liabilities	107 405	220 570
	167,495 90,887	220,570 92,486
Postretirement and other employee benefits		2,860
Taxes payable Other non-current liabilities	2,571 20,061	2,860
Total non-current liabilities	 281,014	 336,496
Equity (deficit):		
Operating account	262,583	78,939
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	 (241,178)	 (247,067
Total Associated Press members' equity (deficit)	21,405	(168,128
Non-controlling interest	 (350)	 (338
Total equity (deficit)	 21,055	 (168,466
Total liabilities and equity (deficit)	\$ 404,492	\$ 270,130

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	20	014
Revenue	\$ 568,013	\$ 604,0	)13
Operating expenses:			
Compensation	325,792	344,6	28
Stringers	25,634	29,8	373
Travel and entertainment	20,955	24,5	574
Communications	25,475	28,1	171
Depreciation and amortization	26,788	31,7	'39
Property rent and utilities	41,048	43,49	.99
Supplies and maintenance	23,074	27,3	39
Other general and administrative	65,262	69,6	570
Total operating expenses	554,028	599,4	93
Operating income	13,985	4,53	20
Other income (expense):			
Earnings from equity method investees	7,027	7,5	537
Gain on sale of investments	786	128,3	06
Other income, net	2,425	3,7	731
Interest income	131	3	89
Interest expense	(427)	(93	38)
Total other income	9,942	139,0	25
Income before income taxes	23,927	143,5	45
Income tax benefit (expense)			
Current	(5,725)	(1,4	113)
Deferred	165,430	(1,30	00)
Total income tax benefit (expense)	159,705	(2,7	713)
Net income	183,632	140,8	32
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	12	1	110
Net income attributable to The Associated Press	\$ 183,644	\$ 140,9	42

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
Net income	\$ 183,632	\$ 140,832
Other comprehensive income (loss):		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(3,225)	(2,865)
Net change in unrecognized net actuarial gain (loss) and unamortized prior service credit related to defined benefit pension and other postretirement benefit plans	9,114	(132,612)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	5,889	(135,477)
Comprehensive income	189,521	5,355
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	12	110
Comprehensive income attributable to The Associated Press	\$ 189,533	\$ 5,465

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITY (DEFICIT)

(In Thousands)	Operating Account	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss																		Members' Equity (Deficit)						Total Equity (Deficit)
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (62,003)	\$	(111,590)	\$	(173,593)	\$	(228)	\$ (173,821)																		
Net income (loss)	140,942		-		140,942		(110)	140,832																		
Minimum pension liability adjustment	-		(132,612)		(132,612)		-	(132,612)																		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	-		(2,865)		(2,865)		-	(2,865)																		
Comprehensive income (loss)	140,942		(135,477)		5,465		(110)	5,355																		
Balance at December 31, 2014	78,939		(247,067)		(168,128)		(338)	(168,466)																		
Net income (loss)	183,644		-		183,644		(12)	183,632																		
Minimum pension liability adjustment	-		9,114		9,114		-	9,114																		
Foreign currency translation adjustment	_		(3,225)		(3,225)		_	(3,225)																		
Comprehensive income (loss)	183,644		5,889		189,533		(12)	189,521																		
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 262,583	\$	(241,178)	\$	21,405	\$	(350)	\$ 21,055																		

# THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 183,632	\$ 140,832
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	26,788	31,739
Gain on sale of investments	(786)	(128,306)
Defined benefit pension plans credit	(2,416)	(1,140)
Defined benefit pension plans cash contribution	(42,292)	(123,587)
Provision for bad debt	(230)	611
Earnings from equity method investments (net of distributions)	604	2,233
Deferred income taxes	(165,430)	1,300
Other, net	419	49
Decrease in current assets:		
Accounts receivable	3,531	4,538
Other current assets	350	2,874
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Deferred revenue and accounts payable	4,070	378
Accrued payroll related expenses	(5,775)	366
Taxes payable and other liabilities	(629)	2,002
Changes in non-current assets and liabilities:		
Other non-current assets	(1,077)	(105)
Other accrued postretirement benefits	(2,457)	(1,620)
Other non-current liabilities	(2,828)	(5,480)
Net cash used by operating activities	(4,526)	(73,316)
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Proceeds from sale of assets	74	73
Proceeds from sale of investments	7,940	130,513
Fixed asset additions	(14,204)	(9,139)
Investments at cost	(446)	(1,011)
Net cash (used) provided in investing activities	 (6,636)	 120,436
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Borrowings on credit facility	-	69,410
Repayments on credit facility	-	(69,410)
Net cash used in financing activities	 	 _
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	215	406
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(10,947)	47,526
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	61,595	14,069
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 50,648	\$ 61,595
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid during the year for:		
Interest	\$ 266	\$ 530
Income taxes	\$ 6,116	\$ 3,001

### THE ASSOCIATED PRESS AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **Organization and Nature of Operations**

The Associated Press ("AP" or the "Company") is a New York not-forprofit corporation with a regular membership of US daily newspapers and an associate membership of broadcasters and non-daily newspapers totaling approximately 1,300. Founded in 1846, AP is the oldest and one of the largest news agencies in the world, supplying text, photos, graphics, audio and video news content to its members, international subscribers and commercial customers.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (US GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported therein. Estimates made are based on management's best assessment of the current business environment. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Non-controlling interests represent the operating results and net assets of consolidated subsidiaries that are allocable to others. Investments resulting in ownership interests of 20%–50% are accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Investments in affiliates with ownership interests of less than 20% are accounted for using the cost method.

All intercompany transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

#### **Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2015, the FASB issued a standard that requires deferred tax assets and liabilities, along with any related valuation allowance, be classified as noncurrent on the balance sheet. This guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 with earlier application permitted. The Company elected to early adopt this guidance in its 2015 financial statements on a prospective basis and there is no impact to prior year financial statements.

The adoption of this pronouncement did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

#### **Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In January 2014, the FASB issued a standard that allows private companies to elect to amortize goodwill on a straight-line basis over 10 years and perform a simpler one-step impairment test at either the entity level or the reporting unit level. This guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2014. Management elected not to adopt this standard for 2015.

In May 2014, the FASB issued a standard that provides a single comprehensive model to be used in the accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers and supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The standard's stated core principle is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. For the Company, this standard is effective January 1, 2019. Management is assessing the potential impact this standard will have on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows upon adoption.

In April 2015, the FASB issued a standard on accounting for fees paid in a cloud computing arrangement. The standard provides guidance on determining whether a cloud computing arrangement contains a software license that should be accounted for as internal-use software. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Management is assessing the potential impact of this standard will have on the Company's consolidated financial position, result of operations and cash flows upon adoption.

In February 2016, the FASB issued an accounting standard update, which clarifies and improves existing authoritative guidance related to leasing transactions. This update requires the recognition of lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing information about material leasing arrangements. This update is effective for the annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. Management is assessing the potential impact of this standard will have on the Company's consolidated financial position, result of operations and cash flows upon adoption.

Management believes the impact of other recently issued standards, which are not yet effective, will not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations and cash flows upon adoption.

#### **Related Parties**

The Company is a membership cooperative whose members are not entitled to dividends or similar distributions. There were no individual members that could exercise significant influence on the Company to an extent that would warrant separate disclosure in these financial statements.

The Company has entered into certain transactions in the ordinary course of business with its members and unconsolidated investees. These transactions primarily include revenue arrangements with members, leasing of office space from members, and the sale of digital products to the Company's unconsolidated investees.

#### **Foreign Currency Translation**

The US dollar is the functional currency for the majority of the Company's international operations; however, for certain international subsidiaries the local currency is used as the functional currency.

For locations where the US dollar is the functional currency, foreign
currency assets and liabilities are remeasured into US dollars at end-of-
period exchange rates, except for nonmonetary balance sheet accounts,
which are recorded at historical exchange rates. Revenues and expenses
are recorded at average exchange rates in effect during each period.
Gains or losses from foreign currency remeasurement are included in net
earnings.

For locations where the local currency is the functional currency, assets and liabilities are translated at end-of-period rates, while revenues and expenses are translated at average rates in effect during the period. Equity is translated at historical rates and the resulting cumulative translation adjustments are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss.

The consolidated statements of operations reflect foreign exchange transaction gains of \$329,000 in 2015 and losses of \$2.1 million in 2014 from settling assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, including the effects of any hedging activities. Included in 2015 and 2014 are losses of \$325,000 and \$2.1 million resulting from the devaluation of the local currency in Venezuela.

During 2015, the Company entered into short-term currency forward contracts as a hedge against sterling denominated payroll and rent costs, and realized gains of \$398,000 on these forward contracts. No contracts were entered into in 2014 and no forward contracts were open as of December 31, 2015 or 2014.

#### **Revenue and Expense Recognition**

The Company's primary source of revenue is from subscription contracts with newspapers, radio and television stations and internet news site providers. The Company also recognizes revenue from the licensing of photos, video and graphics from its historical archives, provision of broadcast services and facilities, and from licensing ENPS, a newsroom production system for broadcasters.

Revenue is recognized when all of the following criteria are satisfied: (i) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (ii) the price is fixed and determinable; (iii) collectibility is reasonably assured; and (iv) services have been performed. For ENPS sales, the Company also follows accounting guidance issued for software revenue recognition. For multiple element arrangements, revenue is allocated to the different elements based on vendor-specific objective evidence (VSOE) and recognized when earned. If VSOE is unavailable, revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the agreement. Revenue collected in advance is deferred, and recognized when earned.

Taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities are presented on a net basis in the consolidated financial statements.

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis.

#### **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

AP invests surplus cash in money market funds and other interest bearing accounts. AP considers investments with maturities of three months or less, when acquired, to be cash equivalents. The carrying amount reported in the consolidated balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents approximates fair value.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon factors surrounding the credit risk of customers, historical experience, receivables aging and current economic trends.

#### **Fixed Assets**

Fixed assets are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed on the straightline method based on the following estimated useful lives:

Furniture and fixtures	10 years
Leasehold improvements	Life of lease
Software	3–7 years
Computers	4 years
Equipment	3–7 years

The Company capitalizes qualifying software costs and amortizes these costs using the straight-line method. Costs incurred in the preliminary project stages, such as research and feasibility studies, as well as costs incurred post-implementation such as maintenance and training, are expensed as incurred. During 2015 and 2014, the Company capitalized internally developed software costs of \$6.1 million and \$3.2 million, respectively, primarily related to system replacements and upgrades.

AP records fixed asset impairment losses, if any, on assets used in operations when indicators of impairment are present and the fair values based upon undiscounted cash flows estimated to be generated from those assets are less than the assets' carrying amounts.

#### **Goodwill and Long-lived Assets**

Goodwill represents the excess of acquisition costs over the fair value of the net assets acquired. The purchase price of acquisitions is allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on the fair value as of the acquisition date. Goodwill is subject to an annual impairment test or more frequent testing if circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the operating unit to which the goodwill pertains is greater than its fair value. AP assesses long-lived assets, including intangible assets subject to amortization, for impairment when an impairment indicator exists, or when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of those assets may not be recoverable. Impairments of intangible assets are recognized when the carrying value of the assets is less than the expected cash flows of the assets on an undiscounted basis and the related impairment is measured as the difference between the expected cash flows of the assets on a discounted basis and the carrying value of the assets.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, AP completed its annual assessment for goodwill impairment, using a discounted cash flow approach consisting of a study of variables, such as revenue and expense projections, projected capital spending, and discount rates, to determine the fair value of the Company's reporting unit. No impairments were identified in 2015 or 2014.

As a creator and distributor of copyrighted news content, the Company has a significant number of intangible assets that are not recognized for financial reporting purposes in accordance with current accounting principles. Costs incurred to create and produce copyrighted products, such as news, photos, graphics, audio and video content, are expensed as incurred.

#### **Gramling Awards Fund**

Oliver Gramling, a former AP newsman who launched the AP broadcast news wire in 1941, bequeathed his estate to the AP to create an annual awards program for AP staffers. The Gramling Awards began in 1994 and recognizes outstanding AP staffers each year. Awards are financed by a portion of the investment income earned on the fund's principal. The carrying value of the fund was \$1.0 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and is included in the other non-current assets and other noncurrent liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets.

#### **Income Taxes**

AP is considered a C corporation for federal tax purposes. Income taxes are provided under the liability method, whereby deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial statement and income tax purposes, as determined under enacted tax laws and rates. The financial effect of changes in tax laws or rates is accounted for in the period of enactment.

If the Company considers that a tax position is more likely-than-not of being sustained upon audit, based solely on the technical merits of the position, it recognizes the tax benefit. The Company measures the tax benefit by determining the largest amount that is greater than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement, presuming that the tax position is examined by the appropriate taxing authority having full knowledge of all relevant information. These assessments can be complex and the Company often obtains assistance from external advisors. To the extent that the Company's estimates change or the final tax outcome of these matters is different than the amounts recorded, such differences will impact the income tax provision in the period in which such determinations are made.

If the initial assessment fails to result in the recognition of a tax benefit, the Company regularly monitors its position and subsequently recognizes the tax benefit if (i) there are changes in tax law or analogous case law that sufficiently raise the likelihood of prevailing on the technical merits of the position to more likely-than-not, (ii) the statute of limitations expires, or (iii) there is a completion of an audit resulting in a settlement of that tax year with the appropriate agency. Uncertain tax positions are classified as current only when the Company expects to make payment within the next twelve months. Interest and penalties, if any, are recorded within the provision for income taxes in the Company's consolidated statements of operations and are classified on the consolidated balance sheets with the related liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

Taxes receivable, which are included in other current assets, are recorded gross of any related tax liabilities, which are included in taxes payable.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The Company recognizes certain assets and liabilities disclosed in the financial statements at fair value as required by US GAAP. Fair value is an exit price, representing the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants based on the highest and best use of the asset or liability. The Company has adopted a fair value hierarchy that categorizes investments (as Level 1, 2 or 3) based on the valuation techniques and inputs used to measure fair value. Level 1 investments are those with unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities; Level 2 investments have inputs (other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities) that are directly or indirectly observable for the full term of the asset or liability; and Level 3 investments have unobservable inputs, with valuation based on other factors, including management's own estimates and assumptions about the market.

#### **Pensions and Postretirement Benefits**

The Company sponsors several defined benefit and defined contribution pension plans and has several plans which provide for postretirement health care and life insurance benefits to eligible employees.

The Company recognizes the overfunded or underfunded status of the defined benefit and other postretirement plans as an asset or liability and recognizes changes in the funded status as a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss within the members' equity section of the balance sheet in the year in which the changes occur.

Plan assets are valued in accordance with current guidelines for fair value measurements and classified in accordance with the fair value hierarchy. Level 1 investments include equity securities traded on major financial markets and pooled equity or short-term investment funds held with registered investment companies (all valued at the reported closing price), as well as those government and corporate bonds for which quoted prices are available in an active market. Level 2 investments include pooled equity or short-term investment funds held with common collective trusts, government and corporate bonds for which quoted prices are not available, and investments in certain derivative instruments and limited partnerships. Level 3 investments consist principally of real estate investments, pooled investment funds and other fixed income funds.

#### Foreign Severance Indemnities

AP provides for foreign severance indemnities as required by the statutes of, or the customary practice in, the respective jurisdictions. Net accrued foreign severance liabilities included in postretirement and other employee benefits were \$17.2 million and \$14.2 million at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

#### 2. FIXED ASSETS

The components of the Company's fixed assets are as follows:

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 23,952	\$ 25,950
Leasehold improvements	135,989	136,630
Software	151,020	145,329
Computers	68,042	78,233
Equipment	78,830	101,707
Work in progress	2,132	1,206
Total fixed assets, at cost	459,965	489,055
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(384,044)	(403,377)
Fixed assets, net	\$ 75,921	\$ 85,678

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, work in progress consisted primarily of software development costs.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the net book value of capitalized computer software was \$13.2 million and \$13.7 million, respectively. The amount charged to depreciation and amortization expense within the consolidated statements of operations relating to amortization of capitalized computer software was \$8.1 million in 2015 and \$11.3 million in 2014.

#### 3. INVESTMENTS

#### **Equity Method Investments**

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, AP had a 50% interest in Sports News Television, which provides global sports news video services to international broadcasters.

On June 6, 2014, AP sold its 50% equity interest in STATS LLC, a joint venture that provides sports information and statistical sports data to global media and online customers, and recognized a gain of \$128.3 million. As of December 31, 2014, \$6.7 million of the sale proceeds was held in escrow to satisfy certain indemnification provisions. These provisions were fully satisfied and the Company received the \$6.7 million in June 2015.

Summary financial information for Sports News Television is as follows:

Net assets	\$ 3,721	\$ 5,127
Current liabilities	(4,569)	(4,428)
Total assets	8,290	9,555
Long-term assets	172	206
Current assets	\$ 8,118	\$ 9,349
DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014*

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)

	\$ 55,258
(13,797)	(39,610)
\$ 14,087	\$ 15,648
\$	 

\*Includes STATS' operating results up to June 5, 2014.

#### 4. INCOME TAXES

The provision (benefit) for income taxes consists of:

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)		2015	2014
Current:			
State and local	\$	182	\$ 496
Foreign		5,543	917
Total current		5,725	1,413
Deferred:			
Federal	(1	40,548)	_
State and local		(25,658)	_
Foreign		776	1,300
Total deferred	(	165,430)	1,300
Total	\$ (	159,705)	\$ 2,713

The differences between income tax expense at the US federal statutory rate of 35.0% and actual income taxes provided for at the Company's effective tax rate are as follows:

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
Income tax expense at federal statutory rate	\$ 8,375	\$ 50,241
State and local income tax expense, net of federal effect	966	6,196
Tax expense of foreign operations	1,613	1,520
Change in valuation allowance	(171,112)	(51,128)
Uncertain tax benefit	(289)	(4,915)
Permanent differences and other	742	799
Income tax (benefit) expense at effective rate	\$ (159,705)	\$ 2,713

Under the liability method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. A deferred tax asset reflects the anticipated tax benefit associated with future tax deductions previously recognized for financial reporting purposes. A deferred tax liability reflects the anticipated tax cost associated with future taxable income previously recognized for financial reporting purposes. The realization of a deferred tax asset is dependent upon having sufficient future taxable income of the appropriate character to absorb the deductions as the asset reverses.

Significant components of deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015		2014
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	\$ 29,063	\$	30,808
Pension accruals	65,002		77,480
Deferred rent and tenant incentive liabilities	4,550		5,133
Compensation related accruals	16,416		15,856
Foreign tax credits	33,442		19,877
Bad debt reserve	3,745		3,751
Depreciation and amortization	24,135		21,312
Net operating losses	9,647		23,051
Other	3,576		25
Gross deferred tax assets	189,576		197,293
Valuation allowance	(17,874)	(	191,233)
Deferred tax assets	171,702		6,060
Deferred tax liabilities	(2,144)		(1,933)
Net deferred tax assets	\$ 169,558	\$	4,127

In accordance with applicable accounting guidance, valuation allowances are established to reduce deferred tax assets to an amount that is more likely-than-not to be realized. The establishment of valuation allowances requires significant judgment and is impacted by various estimates in determining future taxable income. Both positive and negative evidence, as well as the objectivity and verifiability of that evidence, is considered in determining the appropriateness of recording a valuation allowance. As of December 31, 2015, the Company no longer has a three-year cumulative pre-tax operating loss position. Consequently the Company evaluated the available evidence with regard to the realizability of its deferred tax assets and concluded that a reduction in the valuation allowance against most of its deferred tax assets is appropriate while continuing to recognize a valuation allowance for the portion of the deferred tax assets that may not be realizable in the future.

As of December 31, 2015, the total federal net operating loss carryforward is \$5.1 million, and the combined and separate states' net operating loss carryforward is \$23.4 million and \$50.0 million, respectively. The federal net operating losses will expire in 2033, while the state net operating losses will expire between 2018 and 2035. The Company has a foreign tax credit carryforward of \$32.7 million at December 31, 2015, which will expire between 2017 and 2025.

The Company accrues for interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of current income tax expense. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had accrued \$1.4 million and \$1.5 million, respectively, in interest and penalties related to unrecognized benefits. The Company recognized benefits of \$128,000 in 2015 and \$707,000 in 2014 through current income tax expense.

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits relating to the Company's tax positions is subject to change based on future events including, but not limited to, the settlements of ongoing audits and/or the expiration of applicable statutes of limitations. During 2015, the Company completed its federal tax audit for years 2011-2012. The audit resulted in no change in tax, and since there were no federal or state uncertain tax positions for these years, there was no effect on federal or state uncertain tax positions. During 2014, the Company completed a foreign tax audit for years 2005-2011. As a result, the Company released \$4.0 million of liabilities related to foreign uncertain tax positions, and recognized a current tax benefit of the same amount. The Company is no longer subject to examination by federal tax authorities for years prior to 2013, state tax authorities for years prior to 2011 and foreign tax authorities for years prior to 2011.

#### 5. LONG-TERM DEBT

On October 23, 2014, the Company amended and extended its existing \$75 million syndicated revolving credit agreement to a \$50 million syndicated revolving credit agreement with a number of banks (the "Credit Facility") that extends to October 23, 2018. The Credit Facility is secured by substantially all assets of the Company. The terms of the Credit Facility include certain covenants and limitations on indebtedness and require commitment fees to be paid on the unused portion of the credit facility. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, AP was in compliance with all debt covenants related to the Credit Facility.

No long-term debt was outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014.

AP amortizes capitalized costs related to financing activities using the straight-line method over the term of the agreement and includes such amortization within interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. In 2015 and 2014, amortized fees and issuance costs of \$160,000 and \$439,000, respectively, were included in interest expense.

#### 6. RETIREMENT PLANS

#### **Defined Benefit Plans**

AP sponsors several noncontributory defined benefit pension plans that cover substantially all US employees hired before certain dates as well as two nonqualified defined benefit pension plans (an executive retirement plan that primarily provides targeted benefits to designated employees and a retirement plan providing benefits to select non-US citizens working outside of the United States). Effective July 1, 2011, all US qualified and nonqualified plans were frozen; accordingly, no additional benefits will accrue after that date. AP also sponsors two defined benefit pension plans for employees in the UK, as well as a Retirement Allowance Plan provided in Japan. Effective July 1, 2012, the two UK plans were frozen and accordingly no additional benefits for service will accrue for plan members after that date.

The projected benefit obligation, value of plan assets and funded status for the defined benefit plans are as follows:

	US Qualified Defined US Nonqualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans Benefit Pension Plans							Non-US Defined Benefit Pension Plans			
DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)		2015		2014		2015		2014	2015		2014
CHANGE IN PROJECTED BENEFIT OBLIGATION ("PBO")											
PBO at beginning of year	\$	626,256	\$	521,691	\$	41,715	\$	37,355	\$ 184,048	\$	165,499
Service cost		· _		, 		-		, _	695		688
Interest cost		24,037		24,209		1,587		1,722	6,451		7,387
Actuarial (gain) loss		(34,128)		100,060		(1,210)		5,016	(15,965)		24,999
Benefits paid		(20,568)		(19,704)		(2,448)		(2,378)	(5,118)		(3,445)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		-		_		-		-	(8,522)		(11,080)
PBO at end of year	\$	595,597	\$	626,256	\$	39,644	\$	41,715	\$ 161,589	\$	184,048
CHANGE IN PLAN ASSETS											
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	\$	464,755	\$	359,735	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 163,990	\$	150,521
Actual return on plan assets		(8,268)		14,080		-		-	(101)		16,035
Employer contribution		30,000		110,644		2,448		2,378	9,867		10,565
Benefits paid		(20,568)		(19,704)		(2,448)		(2,378)	(5,118)		(3,445)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		-		-		-		-	(8,276)		(9,686)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	\$	465,919	\$	464,755	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 160,362	\$	163,990
FUNDED STATUS											
Fair value of plan assets	\$	465,919	\$	464,755	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 160,362	\$	163,990
Less: PBO		595,597		626,256		39,644		41,715	 161,589		184,048
Funded status	\$	(129,678)	\$	(161,501)	\$	(39,644)	\$	(41,715)	\$ (1,227)	\$	(20,058)

The accumulated benefit obligation ("ABO") for all defined benefit plans is as follows:

ABO	\$ 595,597	\$ 626,256	\$ 39,644	\$ 41,715	\$ 157,222	\$ 178,486
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The accumulated benefit obligation is in excess of plan assets on the US plans in 2015 and all plans in 2014.

Accrued pension cost recognized in the consolidated balance sheets is as follows:

				US Nonqualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans				Non-US Defined Benefit Pension Plans			
DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015		2014		2015		2014		2015		2014
Included in pension liabilities: Accrued pension cost, net Included in accumulated other comprehensive gain (loss) on a pretax basis:	\$ (129,678)	\$	(161,501)	\$	(39,644)	\$	(41,715)	\$	(1,227)	\$	(20,058)
Unrecognized net actuarial loss	237,073		238,194		13,096		14,755		60,569		68,903
Net amount recognized in the balance sheets	\$ 107,395	\$	76,693	\$	(26,548)	\$	(26,960)	\$	59,342	\$	48,845

#### The components of net pension cost are as follows:

	US Qualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans				US Nonqualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans				Non-US Defined Bene Pension Pla			
DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)		2015		2014		2015		2014		2015		2014
Service cost	\$	-	\$	_	\$	-	\$	_	\$	695	\$	688
Interest cost		24,037		24,209		1,587		1,722		6,451		7,387
Expected return on plan assets		(30,989)		(27,907)		-		-		(12,157)		(11,127)
Recognized net actuarial loss		6,250		2,698		448		269		1,408		1,089
Settlement loss		-		-		-		-		-		41
Net pension (benefit) cost	\$	(702)	\$	(1,000)	\$	2,035	\$	1,991	\$	(3,603)	\$	(1,922)

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic pension cost are as follows:

	•	ied Defined nsion Plans	US Nonqualif Benefit Pe	ed Defined	Non-US [	Defined Benefit Pension Plans
DECEMBER 31	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Discount rate	3.91%	4.75%	3.91%	4.75%	0.25-3.70%	0.75-4.60%
Expected long-term rate of return on plan assets	6.50%	7.00%	NA	NA	7.25%	7.25%
Rate of compensation increase	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.00-4.00%	2.00-4.40%

Weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations are as follows:

	US Qualified Defi Pe	ned Benefit nsion Plans	US Nonqualif Benefit Per	ied Defined nsion Plans	Non-US [	Defined Benefit Pension Plans
DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Discount rate Rate of compensation increase	4.32% NA	3.91% NA	4.32% NA	3.91% NA	0.25-4.0% 2.00-4.00%	0.25-3.70% 2.00-4.00%

To develop the expected long-term rate of return on assets assumption, where applicable, AP considered the historical returns and the future expectations for returns for each asset class and the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio, as well as local economic indicators.

As of December 31, 2014, the Company updated mortality tables for use in valuing its US pension liabilities, which increased the Company's projected benefit obligation by \$33.5 million.

In 2016, the expected amortization of the net periodic benefit cost for the defined benefit pension plans is as follows:

(In Thousands)	Net Ac	tuarial Loss
US Qualified Plans	\$	6,315
US Nonqualified Plans		378
Non-US Plans		1,279
Total amortization	\$	7,972

The primary investment objectives for the funded pension plans' assets are to achieve maximum rates of return commensurate with safety of principal, credit quality, diversification and adequate liquidity. The asset allocation policy links the investment program with the financial goals and objectives of the pension plans and their underlying liability structures. The asset allocations are reviewed at least quarterly to determine whether allocations are within acceptable ranges. The asset allocation guidelines represent long-term perspective and goals. As of December 2014, the Company revised its US Qualified Defined Benefit Pension Plans' Investment Policy Statement to include the target asset allocation guidelines, noted below:

	US Qualified Defined Benefi	t Pension Plans	Non-US Defined Benefit	Pension Plans
DECEMBER 31	2015	2014	2015	2014
Equity securities	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Debt securities	35.0%	35.0%	40.0%	40.0%
Other investments	5.0%	5.0%	-	-

The pension plans' weighted average asset allocations by asset category are as follows:

	US Qualified Defined Benefit P	ension Plans	Non-US Defined Bene	efit Pension Plans
DECEMBER 31	2015	2014	2015	2014
Equity securities	57.1%	61.2%	27.3-50.2%	28.2-49.2%
Debt securities	39.7%	32.5%	46.4-53.7%	48.5-49.4%
Other investments	3.2%	6.3%	3.3-19.1%	2.3-22.4%

The fair value of pension plan assets as defined within the fair value hierarchy is as follows:

		Decembe	r 31, 2	2015			December 31, 2014						
(In Thousands)	Level 1	Level 2		Level 3	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total				
Equity securities													
US	\$ 6,586	\$ 144,893	\$	-	\$ 151,479	\$ 11,509	\$ 152,649	\$ –	\$ 164,158				
Global	22,494	150,527		-	173,021	20,062	160,141	-	180,203				
Debt securities													
Government	7,090	11,378		-	18,468	7,369	12,407	-	19,776				
Corporate	17,158	223,818		-	240,976	16,334	190,576	-	206,910				
Other	6,923	-		-	6,923	5,026	-	-	5,026				
Other investments													
Alternative investments	15,578	5,211		6,215	27,004	15,985	5,239	21,512	42,736				
Cash and cash investments	4,972	3,438		-	8,410	7,268	2,668	-	9,936				
Total	\$ 80,801	\$539,265	\$	6,215	\$ 626,281	\$ 83,553	\$523,680	\$ 21,512	\$ 628,745				

Equity securities consist of common and preferred stock of registered investment companies as well as certain common collective trusts and 103-12 entities. Debt securities consist of government and corporate bonds as well as certain other limited partnerships. Alternative investments consist of registered investment companies, common collective trusts and limited partnerships that invest primarily in real estate or real estate related investments. Cash investments consist of money market funds. Each of the investment categories is valued as follows:

**Registered Investment Companies** – A registered investment company's net asset value ("NAV") is based on the fair value of the underlying assets owned by the fund, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of shares outstanding calculated as of the close of business. Since the NAV is a quoted price in a market that is active, registered investment companies are classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy.

**Common Collective Trusts and 103-12 Entities** – 103-12 entities and certain common collective trusts are public investment vehicles open to employee benefit plans that are valued using the NAV provided by the administrator of the fund. The NAV is based on the fair value of the underlying assets owned by the investment vehicle, minus its liabilities, and then divided by the number of units outstanding. The NAV is a quoted price in a market that is not active, so these investments are classified within Level 2 of the hierarchy.

Common collective trusts invest in other investments including real estate and real estate related investments and are valued based on the fund's administrator using estimated prices and various valuation techniques and then dividing the value by the number of units/shares outstanding. Since these investments have significant unobservable inputs, they are classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy.

**Government Bonds, Corporate Bonds and Other Debt Securities** – A number of these investments are valued at the closing price reported on the major market on which the individual securities are traded. Where quoted prices are available in an active market, the investments are classified within Level 1 of the hierarchy. If quoted prices are not available for the specific security, then fair market values are estimated by using pricing models, quoted prices of securities with similar characteristics or discounted cash flows. When quoted market prices for the specific security are not available in an active market, they are classified within Level 2 of the hierarchy.

**Other and Limited Partnerships** – Limited partnerships are valued by the fund's administrator at fair value. A substantial portion of these partnerships invest in private equity and real estate. When the underlying investments of the limited partnership or other investments are publicly traded securities on a major market and the investment itself is traded at least monthly, the investment is classified within Level 2 of the hierarchy; otherwise, the investment is classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy since there is no active market. Other also includes diversified multi-asset class funds.

Derivatives are valued at fair value by the trustee using quoted prices in markets that are not active and are classified within Level 2 of the hierarchy.

Cash investments that are allocated to collective trusts are priced daily in an inactive market and are included in Level 2 of the hierarchy.

The changes in the fair value of the plans' Level 3 assets are as follows:

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Realized gains	3.386
Adjustments	540
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ 21,512
Purchases, sales, issuances and settlements (net)	 (85,206)
Unrealized losses relating to instruments held at the reporting date	(14,651)
Realized gains	17,978
Adjustments	114
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ 103,277

Administrative expenses, including investment fees, are reflected in the actual return on the plans' assets. Administrative expenses paid by the US qualified defined benefit plans were approximately \$3.4 million in 2015 and \$1.9 million in 2014, while administrative expenses paid by the non-US defined benefit plans were approximately \$613,000 in 2015 and \$475,000 in 2014. The US nonqualified defined benefit plans are unfunded plans and therefore no administrative expenses are paid through the plan.

In accordance with regulations governing contributions to the US defined benefit pension plans, AP's policy is to fund at least the minimum amount required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and to meet the funding requirements defined in the Internal Revenue Code. In 2016, AP expects to make no contribution to its US Qualified Defined Benefit Plans, while contributing \$3.0 million to its US nonqualified defined benefit plans and \$8.8 million to its non-US defined benefit plans. The Company has unfunded commitments to private equity style funds of approximately \$5.9 million as of December 31, 2015.

Estimated future benefit payments are as follows:

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	Defi	JS Qualified ned Benefit ension Plan	US Nonqualified Defined Benefit Pension Plan	 e-US Defined nefit Pension Plan
2016	\$	24,919	\$ 3,039	\$ 4,789
2017		26,354	2,963	3,940
2018		27,771	3,384	4,660
2019		28,972	3,036	4,147
2020		30,061	2,923	4,434
2021-2025		166,817	14,372	29,485

#### **Defined Contribution Plans**

AP has a defined contribution plan in the US that includes two components: a company funded portion covering substantially all domestic employees and a voluntary 401(k) plan. The Company funded defined contribution plan was established when the US defined benefits plans were closed to new hires (January 15, 2005, for administrative employees and March 1, 2006, for union employees). Effective July 1, 2011, (when the defined benefits plans were frozen) AP contributes to the plan an amount equal to 3% of each administrative employee's qualified earnings and 6% of each union employee's qualified earnings. In addition, employees previously eligible for the defined benefits plans receive a 1 to 2% supplemental contribution (based on years of service) as a transition benefit from July 1, 2011, until June 30, 2019. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the employer funded plan amounted to \$10.4 million in 2015 and \$10.7 million in 2014. The Company also matches a portion of eligible employees' contributions to the 401(k) plan. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the 401(k) plan. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the 401(k) plan. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the 401(k) plan. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the 401(k) plan. Charges to operations for AP's contributions to the 401(k) plan.

At the time the UK defined benefits plans were closed to new hires, AP also established a defined contribution plan in the UK; effective July 1, 2012, (when the UK defined benefits plans were frozen) all UK employees are covered by the defined contribution plan. Once an employee completes six months of service, AP contributes into the plan an amount equal to 3% of the employee's qualified earnings. In addition, from July 1, 2012, to June 30, 2015, employees previously eligible for the defined benefits plans receive a 4% supplemental contribution (based on years of service) as a transition benefit. Charges to operations for AP's contributions amounted to \$1.9 million in 2015 and \$2.2 million in 2014.

#### 7. POSTRETIREMENT BENEFITS (OTHER THAN PENSIONS)

In the US, AP has plans that provide postretirement health care and limited life insurance benefits for individuals hired before specified dates (January 1994 for administrative employees and February 1995 and March 2006 for editorial and technology employees covered under the collective bargaining agreements, respectively) and generally retiring from AP at or after the age of 50 or 55.

Health care benefits include hospitalization and major medical coverage with deductible and coinsurance provisions that integrate with Medicare on a coordination of benefit basis after age 65. Employees retiring after a specific date are required to make contributions, which are used to pay a portion of current premiums.

Periodic postretirement benefit cost includes the following components:

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
Service cost benefits earned during the year	\$ 622	\$ 691
Interest cost on benefit obligation	3,134	3,669
Net amortization	(8,247)	(7,013)
Actuarial gain	(146)	(417)
Periodic postretirement benefit cost	\$ (4,637)	\$ (3,070)

The following table sets forth the status of the plans and amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets:

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)	2015	2014
Change in benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 81,567	\$ 84,280
Service cost	622	691
Interest cost	3,134	3,669
Plan amendments	-	(14,976)
Actuarial (gain) loss	(6,392)	9,336
Benefits paid	(1,811)	(1,433)
Benefit obligation at end of year	77,120	81,567
Unrecognized net actuarial gain (loss)	5,772	(473)
Unamortized prior service credit	26,635	34,882
Accrued benefit cost	109,527	115,976
Total accumulated comprehensive income	(32,407)	(34,409)
Net amount recognized in the balance sheets	\$ 77,120	\$ 81,567

As the result of an amendment to the postretirement benefit plan, the Company recognized a reduction of the accumulated benefit obligation of \$15.0 million in 2014. No amendment was made in 2015.

The discount rate used in determining the net periodic postretirement benefit cost was 3.91% at December 31, 2015 and 4.75% at December 31, 2014. The discount rate used in determining the postretirement benefit obligation was 4.32% at December 31, 2015 and 3.91% at December 31, 2014.

AP expects to pay benefits of \$3.4 million in 2016.

The rates of increase in medical costs are assumed to be 7.2% in 2016, declining to 4.5% by 2039.

The health care cost trend rate assumption has a significant effect on the amounts reported. A one percent increase (decrease) in the assumed trend rate would change the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation at December 31, 2015 by \$10.3 million and \$(8.4) million, respectively, and would change the 2015 total service and interest cost by \$559,000 and \$(452,000), respectively.

In 2016, the expected amortization of the net periodic postretirement benefit cost is \$8.3 million. As of December 31, 2015, the estimated future payments for the US postretirement medical plans are as follows:

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)

2016	\$ 3,439
2017	3,637
2018	3,851
2019	3,983
2020	4,106
2021-2025	22,960

#### 8. COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

Accumulated balances related to each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, are as follows:

DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)		2015	2014
Foreign currency translation adjustment Unrealized losses and costs of benefit plans	•	(12,980) (228,198)	\$ (9,755) (237,312)
Accumulated balance	\$	(241,178)	\$ (247,067)

There were no significant reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive loss in either 2015 or 2014.

# 9. CONTINGENCIES, COMMITMENTS AND OTHER MATTERS

Various legal actions, which have arisen in the ordinary course of business, remain pending against AP. Management, with advice of counsel, believes that these actions will not have a material adverse effect on AP's financial position or results of operations.

AP has commitments under noncancelable operating leases covering office space, equipment, automobiles and certain satellite contracts. Where leases contain material escalation clauses or other concessions, the impact of such adjustments is recognized on a straight-line basis over the minimum lease period. Minimum rentals under operating leases are as follows:

#### YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)

2016	\$ 37,721
2017	31,557
2018	30,273
2019	27,082
2020	19,961
Thereafter	200,041
Total	\$ 346,635

Rent expense related to facilities and office space was \$27.8 million in 2015 and \$30.3 million in 2014. Satellite, equipment and vehicle costs under operating leases were \$11.6 million and \$11.5 million in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

As of December 31, 2015, included in fixed assets on the consolidated balance sheet is \$3.4 million of equipment held under long-term capital leases. Accumulated amortization of these leases was \$286,000. The depreciation expense related to the capital lease is included in Depreciation and Amortization of the Consolidated Statement of Operations. Future payments, including interest of \$442,000, under such leases are as follows:

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31 (In Thousands)

2016	\$ 1,072
2017	1,072
2018	762
Total	\$ 2,906

In December 2015, AP signed a lease to move its global headquarters in New York City. The new lease extends to March 2037 with an anticipated move date of March 2017.

#### **10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 30, 2016 (the date the consolidated financial statements were authorized to be issued) and determined that no events had a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

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