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VIACOMCBS REPORTS Q2 2021 EARNINGS RESULTS

- Grew Global Streaming Revenue 92% Year-Over-Year, Driven by Robust Growth in Subscriptions and Advertising
 - Added 6.5M Global Streaming Subscribers to Reach Over 42M in the Quarter, and Realized 82% Year-Over-Year
 Growth in Streaming Subscription Revenue, Fueled by the Diverse Global Content Offering of Paramount+
 - Generated IO2% Year-Over-Year Growth in Streaming Advertising Revenue, Largely Driven by Pluto TV, Which More Than Doubled Revenue for the Fourth Consecutive Quarter
- Increased Total Company Revenue 8% Year-Over-Year, Including 24% Growth in Advertising Revenue and 9% Growth in Affiliate Revenue Year-Over-Year
- Recently Announced Comprehensive, Multi-Year Distribution Agreements with Charter Communications and Cox Communications for Continued Carriage of ViacomCBS Content and Streaming Services
- Expanding Paramount+ Footprint Internationally to Include the UK, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Switzerland & Austria, as Part of Innovative New Sky Partnership

STATEMENT FROM

BOB BAKISH
President & CEO

In a quarter of strong business performance, including growth in advertising and affiliate, streaming was a standout. We continued to accelerate our global streaming momentum and delivered phenomenal results across our flagship streaming services. For the second consecutive quarter, Paramount+ fueled more than 6 million additions to our global streaming subscription base, which now reaches over 42 million. This growth was driven by the power of the service's differentiated content strategy and expanding content slate. Looking ahead, we're excited about our opportunity to build on this momentum, as we scale Paramount+'s content offerings across genres and expand our reach with global audiences.

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Q2 202I RESULTS*

\$ IN MILLIONS, EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS

	Three Months Ended June 30						Six Mo	nths	Ended J	une 30
GAAP	-	2021		2020	B/(W)%		2021		2020	B/(W)%
Revenue	\$	6,564	\$	6,075	8 %	\$	13,976	\$	12,574	11 %
Operating income	\$	1,226	\$	1,251	(2)%	\$	2,754	\$	2,153	28 %
Net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	995	\$	453	120 %	\$	1,894	\$	954	99 %
Diluted EPS from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	1.50	\$.73	105 %	\$	2.93	\$	1.55	89 %
Non-GAAP ⁺										
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	1,240	\$	1,652	(25)%	\$	2,867	\$	2,897	(1)%
Adjusted net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	640	\$	744	(14)%	\$	1,601	\$	1,434	12 %
Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS	\$.97	\$	1.21	(20)%	\$	2.47	\$	2.32	6 %

[†] Non-GAAP measures are detailed in the Supplemental Disclosures at the end of this release.

^{*}During the fourth quarter of 2020, ViacomCBS entered into an agreement to sell Simon & Schuster, which was previously reported as the Publishing segment. Simon & Schuster has been presented as a discontinued operation in the company's consolidated financial statements for all periods.



























OVERVIEW OF Q2 REVENUE

REVENUE BY TYPE

- Advertising revenue grew 24% year-over-year, driven by CBS' broadcasts of 2021 sporting events for which there were no comparable broadcasts in the prior-year period as a result of COVID-19, and an improved advertising market.
- Affiliate revenue increased 9% year-over-year, reflecting expanded distribution and higher reverse compensation and retransmission fees.
- Streaming revenue rose 92% year-over-year:
 - Streaming advertising revenue more than doubled, growing 102% year-over-year, driven by growth in advertising on Pluto TV, Paramount+ and other digital video platforms.
 - Streaming subscription revenue grew 82% year-over-year, reflecting strong subscriber growth across the company's subscription services.
- Theatrical revenue reflects the release of *A Quiet Place Part II* in the second quarter of 2021, while there were no releases in the prior-year period as a result of COVID-19.
- Licensing and other revenue decreased 36% year-over-year, primarily reflecting the licensing of the domestic streaming rights to South Park in the prior year and the impact on film licensing from the absence of theatrical releases throughout most of 2020 and the first quarter of 2021 due to COVID-19.

ADVERTISING REVENUE* +24%
AFFILIATE REVENUE* +9% YOY

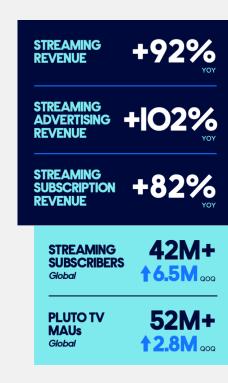
*Excludes streaming revenue

\$ IN MILLIONS	Three Months Ended June 30								Six Months Ended June 30						
***************************************	 2021		2020		\$ B/(V	V) %		2021		2020		\$ B/(V	/) %		
Advertising*	\$ 2,097	\$	1,686	\$	411	24 %	\$	4,778	\$	3,905	\$	873	22 %		
Affiliate*	2,107		1,929		178	9		4,182		3,897	:	285	7		
Streaming	983		513		470	92		1,799		1,007		792	79		
Advertising	502		248		254	102		930		513		417	81		
Subscription	481		265		216	82		869		494		375	76		
Theatrical	134		3		131	n/m		135		170		(35)	(21)		
Licensing and other	1,243		1,944		(701)	(36)		3,082		3,595	((513)	(14)		
Total Revenue	\$ 6,564	\$	6,075	\$	489	8 %	\$	13,976	\$	12,574	\$ 1,4	402	11 %		

*Excludes streaming revenue n/m = not meaningful

GLOBAL STREAMING HIGHLIGHTS

- Global streaming subscribers rose to more than 42M, adding 6.5M subscribers in the quarter.
 - Subscriber additions in the quarter were led by Paramount+.
 - Domestically, Paramount+ originals drove strong subscriber sign-ups and engagement.
 - The top drivers of sign-ups included the new iCarly series, Infinite, UEFA Champions League, The Challenge: All Stars and Why Women Kill.
 - Engagement reached an all-time high in the quarter, driven by Infinite, SpongeBob SquarePants, the new iCarly series, NCIS and The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run.
 - Total viewing hours and watch time per active subscriber grew quarter-over-quarter.
 - Internationally, Paramount+ launches to date have had strong momentum, led by its progress in Latin America.
 - Paramount+ to launch in Australia and New Zealand this August and in key European markets, including the UK, Ireland, Italy, Germany, Switzerland and Austria in 2022 as part of new Sky partnership.
 - SHOWTIME OTT delivered strong growth in sign-ups and engagement, driven by originals, including The Chi, Shameless and City on a Hill.
- Global expansion and domestic growth helped global Pluto TV MAUs exceed 52M in the quarter and revenue surge 169% year-over-year, more than doubling for the fourth quarter in a row.
 - Domestic watch-time per user grew 45% year-over-year.



REPORTING SEGMENTS

TV ENTERTAINMENT

CABLE NETWORKS

FILMED ENTERTAINMENT

TV ENTERTAINMENT

- In Q2, CBS was the most-watched network in Prime, Daytime and Late Night and claimed the quarter's top broadcast series, top 3 dramas, top 6 comedies and top news magazine.
- Revenue grew 23% year-over-year, reflecting growth across all revenue streams.
 - Advertising revenue increased 24% year-over-year, reflecting CBS' broadcast of the national semi-finals and championship games of the NCAA Tournament and professional golf tournaments, as well as an improved advertising market, partially offset by lower ratings.
 - Affiliate revenue grew 10% year-over-year, driven by growth in reverse compensation and retransmission fee revenue.
 - Streaming revenue rose 81% year-over-year, reflecting subscriber growth at Paramount+, as well as advertising growth from Paramount+ and other digital video platforms.
 - Licensing and other revenue increased 16% year-over-year, primarily driven by a higher volume of programming licensed internationally and produced for third-party broadcasters.
- Adjusted OIBDA decreased 45% year-over-year, reflecting the company's increased investment in Paramount+.





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THE #I BROADCAST NETWORK IN PRIME

Nielsen Media Research: Based on Live+7/MC P2+ impressions.

#I BROADCAST SERIES

TOP 3 DRAMAS
#1 NCIS • #2 FBI • #3 Blue Bloods

TOP 6 COMEDIES

#1 Young Sheldon #4 The Neighborhood #2 Mom #5 United States of Al #3 Bob Hearts Abishola #6 B Positive

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\$ IN MILLIONS	Three Months Ended June 30									Six Months Ended June 30							
	 2021		2020		\$ B/(W	V) %		2021		2020	\$ B/(W	V) %					
Revenue	\$ 2,809	\$	2,287	\$	522	23 %	\$	6,320	\$	5,234	\$ 1,086	21 %					
 Advertising* 	1,088		880		208	24		2,895		2,168	727	34					
 Affiliate* 	691		629		62	10		1,384		1,252	132	11					
 Streaming 	350		193		157	81		672		397	275	69					
 Licensing and other 	680		585		95	16		1,369		1,417	(48)	(3)					
Expenses	2,593		1,895		(698)	(37)		5,655		4,269	(1,386)	(32)					
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 216	\$	392	\$	(176)	(45)%	\$	665	\$	965	\$ (300)	(31)%					

*Excludes streaming revenue

REPORTING SEGMENTS (CONT.)

CABLE NETWORKS

- In Q2, ViacomCBS had the most programs among the top 25 original cable series with P18-34 and P2-11 than any other cable family.
- Revenue increased 8% year-over-year, primarily driven by higher streaming, advertising and affiliate revenue, partially offset by lower licensing revenue.
 - Advertising revenue increased 24% year-over-year, largely driven by an improved advertising market and a 4-percentage point favorable impact of foreign exchange rate changes, partially offset by lower ratings.
 - Affiliate revenue grew 9% year-over-year, reflecting expanded vMVPD distribution and rate increases, partially offset by subscriber declines.
 - Streaming revenue increased 98% year-over-year, largely fueled by advertising revenue growth from Pluto TV, as well as growth in subscribers for subscription streaming services, including SHOWTIME OTT and BET+.
 - Licensing and other revenue decreased 48% year-over-year, primarily reflecting the licensing of the domestic streaming rights to South Park in the prior-year quarter, partially offset by revenue from the licensing of programming to Paramount+.
- Adjusted OIBDA declined 12% year-over-year, reflecting the benefit to 2020 from the domestic licensing of South Park and an increased investment in content, partially offset by the above-mentioned revenue increases.



Nielsen Media Research: P18-34 based on C3 impressions, P2-11 based on Live+7 impressions.

\$ IN MILLIONS	Three Months Ended June 30								Six Months Ended June 30							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	 2021		2020		\$ B/(V	V) %		2021		2020		\$ B/(W	/) %			
Revenue	\$ 3,475	\$	3,232	\$	243	8 %	\$	6,734	\$	6,090	\$	644	11 %			
Advertising*	1,011		815		196	24		1,889		1,760		129	7			
Affiliate*	1,416		1,300		116	9		2,798		2,645		153	6			
Streaming	633		320		313	98		1,127		610		517	85			
Licensing and other	415		797		(382)	(48)		920		1,075		(155)	(14)			
Expenses	2,350		1,947		(403)	(21)		4,425		4,011		(414)	(10)			
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 1.125	\$	1.285	\$	(160)	(12)%	\$	2.309	\$	2.079	\$	230	11 %			

^{*}Excludes streaming revenue









REPORTING SEGMENTS (CONT.)

FILMED ENTERTAINMENT

- Revenue grew 3% year-over-year, primarily driven by current quarter theatrical releases, partially offset by lower licensing revenue.
 - Theatrical revenue reflects the release of A Quiet Place Part II.
 - Licensing and other revenue decreased 17% year-over-year because of lower home entertainment revenue as a result of the absence of theatrical releases due to COVID-19.
- Adjusted OIBDA declined 38% year-over-year, reflecting distribution costs associated with current quarter theatrical releases and other anticipated releases later in 2021.



\$ IN MILLIONS	Three Months Ended June 30								Six Months Ended June 30							
	 2021		2020		\$ B/(W	/) %		2021		2020		\$ B/(W	/) %			
Revenue	\$ 667	\$	647	\$	20	3 %	\$	1,664	\$	1,458	\$	206	14 %			
Theatrical	134		3		131	n/m		135		170		(35)	(21)			
Licensing and other	533		644		(111)	(17)		1,529		1,288		241	19			
Expenses	595		531		(64)	(12)		1,388		1,315		(73)	(6)			
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 72	\$	116	\$	(44)	(38)%	\$	276	\$	143	\$	133	93 %			

n/m = not meaningful

BALANCE SHEET & LIQUIDITY

 As of June 30, 2021, the company had \$5.4B of cash on its balance sheet and a committed \$3.5B revolving credit facility that remains undrawn. \$5.4B

CASH ON BALANCE SHEET

\$3.5B

UNDRAWN REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY

ABOUT VIACOMCBS

ViacomCBS (NASDAQ: VIAC; VIACA) is a leading global media and entertainment company that creates premium content and experiences for audiences worldwide. Driven by iconic consumer brands, its portfolio includes CBS, Showtime Networks, Paramount Pictures, Nickelodeon, MTV, Comedy Central, BET, Paramount+, Pluto TV and Simon & Schuster, among others. The company delivers the largest share of the U.S. television audience and boasts one of the industry's most important and extensive libraries of TV and film titles. In addition to offering innovative streaming services and digital video products, ViacomCBS provides powerful capabilities in production, distribution and advertising solutions for partners on five continents.

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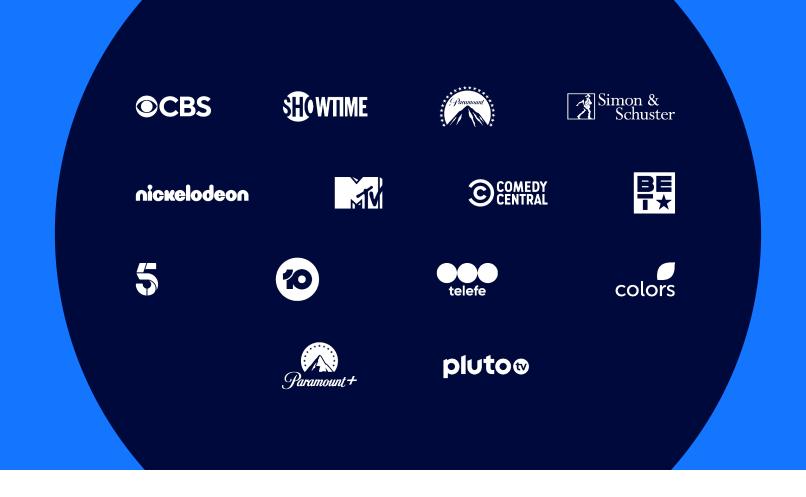
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VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months E June 30,			
		2021		2020		2021		2020	
Revenues	\$	6,564	\$	6,075	\$	13,976	\$	12,574	
Costs and expenses:									
Operating		3,865		3,361		8,228		7,317	
Selling, general and administrative		1,459		1,183		2,881		2,481	
Depreciation and amortization		95		122		194		234	
Restructuring and other corporate matters		35		158		35		389	
Total costs and expenses		5,454		4,824		11,338		10,421	
Net gain on sales		116				116			
Operating income		1,226		1,251		2,754		2,153	
Interest expense		(243)		(263)		(502)		(504)	
Interest income		13		11		26		25	
Net gains from investments		32		32		52		32	
Loss on extinguishment of debt				(103)		(128)		(103)	
Other items, net		(10)		(26)		(29)		(54)	
Earnings from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in loss of investee companies	/	1,018		902		2,173		1,549	
(Provision) benefit for income taxes		34		(192)		(192)		(326)	
Equity in loss of investee companies, net of tax		(44)		(192) (12)		(62)		(21)	
Net earnings from continuing operations		1,008		698		1,919		1,202	
Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax		41		28		53		43	
Net earnings (ViacomCBS and noncontrolling interests)		1,049		726		1,972		1,245	
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests		(13)		(245)		(25)		(248)	
Net earnings attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	1,036	\$	481	\$	1,947	\$	997	
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Amounts attributable to ViacomCBS:									
Net earnings from continuing operations	\$	995	\$	453	\$	1,894	\$	954	
Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax		41		28		53		43	
Net earnings attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	1,036	\$	481	\$	1,947	\$	997	
Basic net earnings per common share attributable to ViacomCBS:									
Net earnings from continuing operations	\$	1.52	\$.74	\$	2.96	\$	1.55	
Net earnings from discontinued operations	\$.06	\$.05	\$.08	\$.07	
Net earnings	\$	1.58	\$.78	\$	3.05	\$	1.62	
Diluted net earnings per common share attributable to ViacomCBS:									
Net earnings from continuing operations	\$	1.50	\$.73	\$	2.93	\$	1.55	
Net earnings from discontinued operations	\$.06	\$.05	\$.08	\$.07	
Net earnings	\$	1.56	\$.78	\$	3.01	\$	1.62	
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:									
Basic		646		615		634		615	
Diluted		662		617		647		617	

VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

	At June 30, 2021	At December 31, 2020		
ASSETS	June 30, 2021	December 31, 2020		
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,375	\$ 2,984		
Receivables, net	6,824	7,017		
Programming and other inventory	1,419	1,757		
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,089	1,391		
Current assets of discontinued operations	547	630		
Total current assets	15,254	13,779		
	1,979	1,994		
Property and equipment, net		10,363		
Programming and other inventory Goodwill	11,421 16,601	16,612		
	·	2,826		
Intangible assets, net	2,805			
Operating lease assets	1,440	1,602		
Deferred income tax assets, net	1,235	993		
Other assets	3,658	3,657		
Assets held for sale	011	28		
Assets of discontinued operations	811	809		
Total Assets	\$ 55,204	\$ 52,663		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current Liabilities:	.			
Accounts payable	\$ 602	\$ 571		
Accrued expenses	1,828	1,714		
Participants' share and royalties payable	2,176	2,005		
Accrued programming and production costs	1,168	1,141		
Deferred revenues	1,104	978		
Debt	17	16		
Other current liabilities	1,230	1,391		
Current liabilities of discontinued operations	461	480		
Total current liabilities	8,586	8,296		
Long-term debt	17,703	19,717		
Participants' share and royalties payable	1,326	1,317		
Pension and postretirement benefit obligations	2,025	2,098		
Deferred income tax liabilities, net	888	778		
Operating lease liabilities	1,472	1,583		
Program rights obligations	188	243		
Other liabilities	1,960	2,158		
Liabilities of discontinued operations	210	220		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	190	197		
Commitments and contingencies				
ViacomCBS stockholders' equity:				
5.75% Series A Mandatory Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 25 shares authorized and 10 shares issued (2021)	_			
Class A Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 55 shares authorized; 41 (2021) and 52 (2020) shares issued	_	_		
Class B Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 5,000 shares authorized;	1	1		
1,108 (2021) and 1,068 (2020) shares issued Additional paid-in capital	32,901	29,785		
Treasury stock, at cost; 503 (2021 and 2020) Class B shares	(22,958)	(22,958)		
Retained earnings				
	12,007	10,375		
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(1,853)	(1,832)		
Total ViacomCBS stockholders' equity	20,098	15,371		
Noncontrolling interests	558	685		
Total Equity	20,656	16,056		
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 55,204	\$ 52,663		

VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited; in millions)

		Six Mont				
		Jun 2021	e 30,	2020		
Operating Activities:		2021		2020		
Net earnings (ViacomCBS and noncontrolling interests)	\$	1,972	\$	1,245		
Less: Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	Φ	53	Ψ	43		
Net earnings from continuing operations		1,919		1,202		
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings from continuing operations to net cash flow provided		1,919		1,202		
by operating activities:						
Depreciation and amortization		194		234		
Deferred tax (benefit) provision		(110)		227		
Stock-based compensation		101		143		
Net gain on sales		(116)				
Gains from investments		(52)		(32)		
Loss on extinguishment of debt		128		103		
Equity in loss of investee companies, net of tax and distributions		62		22		
Change in assets and liabilities		(424)		(741)		
Net cash flow provided by operating activities from continuing operations		1,702		1,158		
Net cash flow provided by (used for) operating activities from discontinued operations		89		(7)		
Net cash flow provided by operating activities		1,791		1,151		
Investing Activities:		,		, -		
Investments		(114)		(60)		
Capital expenditures		(138)		(131)		
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired		(150) —		(141)		
Proceeds from dispositions		408		146		
Other investing activities		(25)		_		
Net cash flow provided by (used for) investing activities from continuing operations		131		(186)		
Net cash flow used for investing activities from discontinued operations		(2)		(1)		
Net cash flow provided by (used for) investing activities		129		(187)		
Financing Activities:		12)		(107)		
Repayments of short-term debt borrowings, net				(698)		
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt				4,370		
Repayment of long-term debt		(2,200)		(2,535)		
Dividends paid on common stock		(2,200) (302)		(2,333)		
Proceeds from issuance of preferred stock		983		(301)		
Proceeds from issuance of common stock		1,672				
		1,072		(58)		
Purchase of Company common stock Payment of payroll taxes in lieu of issuing shares for stock-based compensation		(40)		1 .1		
		(49)		(59)		
Proceeds from exercise of stock options		408		(70)		
Other financing activities		(161)		(70)		
Net cash flow provided by financing activities		351		649		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		(8)		(17)		
Net increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash		2,263		1,596		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of period (includes \$135 (2021) and \$202 (2020) of restricted cash)		3,119		834		
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of period (includes \$7 (2021) and \$142 (2020) of restricted cash)	\$	5,382	\$	2,430		

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

Results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2021 and 2020 included certain items identified as affecting comparability. Adjusted operating income before depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted OIBDA"), adjusted earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, adjusted provision for income taxes, adjusted net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS, and adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations (together, the "adjusted measures") exclude the impact of these items and are measures of performance not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). We use these measures to, among other things, evaluate our operating performance. These measures are among the primary measures used by management for planning and forecasting of future periods, and they are important indicators of our operational strength and business performance. In addition, we use Adjusted OIBDA to, among other things, value prospective acquisitions. We believe these measures are relevant and useful for investors because they allow investors to view performance in a manner similar to the method used by our management; provide a clearer perspective on our underlying performance; and make it easier for investors, analysts and peers to compare our operating performance to other companies in our industry and to compare our year-over-year results.

Because the adjusted measures are measures of performance not calculated in accordance with GAAP, they should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, operating income, earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, provision/benefit for income taxes, net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS or diluted EPS from continuing operations, as applicable, as indicators of operating performance. These measures, as we calculate them, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies.

The following tables reconcile the adjusted measures to their most directly comparable financial measures in accordance with GAAP.

	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Endo June 30,			
	2	021		2020		2021		2020	
Operating income (GAAP)	\$	1,226	\$	1,251	\$	2,754	\$	2,153	
Depreciation and amortization (a)		95		122		194		234	
Restructuring and other corporate matters (b)		35		158		35		389	
Programming charges (b)				121				121	
Net gain on sales (b)		(116)				(116)			
Adjusted OIBDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	1,240	\$	1,652	\$	2,867	\$	2,897	

⁽a) The three and six months ended June 30, 2020 include an impairment charge for FCC licenses of \$25 million and the six months ended June 30, 2020 also includes accelerated depreciation of \$12 million for technology that was abandoned in connection with synergy plans related to the merger of Viacom Inc. with and into CBS Corporation (the "Merger").

⁽b) See notes on the following tables for additional information on items affecting comparability.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Continued) (Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2021											
	Cor Op Befor	ings from ntinuing erations re Income Taxes	Ben	ovision) nefit for ne Taxes	f Con Ope Attrik	Earnings From atinuing erations outable to comCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations					
Reported (GAAP)	\$	1,018	\$	34	\$	995	\$	1.50				
Items affecting comparability:												
Restructuring and other corporate matters (a)		35		(8)		27		.04				
Net gain on sales (b)		(116)		27		(89)		(.13)				
Net gains from investments (c)		(32)		7		(25)		(.04)				
Discrete tax items (d)				(268)		(268)		(.40)				
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$	905	\$	(208)	\$	640	\$.97				

- (a) Reflects the impairment of lease assets in connection with cost transformation initiatives related to the Merger.
- (b) Primarily reflects a gain on the sale of a noncore trademark licensing operation.
- (c) Reflects a gain of \$37 million on the sale of an investment, partially offset by a decrease in the fair value of a marketable security of \$5 million.
- (d) Primarily reflects a benefit of \$260 million to remeasure our UK net deferred income tax asset as a result of the enactment during the quarter of an increase in the UK corporate income tax rate from 19% to 25% beginning April 1, 2023, as well as a net tax benefit in connection with the settlement of income tax audits.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2020											
	Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	Provision for Income Taxes	Net Earnings from Continuing Operations Attributable to ViacomCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations								
Reported (GAAP)	\$ 902	\$ (192)	\$ 453	\$.73								
Items affecting comparability:												
Restructuring and other corporate matters (a)	158	(34)	124	.20								
Impairment charge (b)	25	(6)	19	.03								
Programming charges (c)	121	(29)	92	.15								
Gains from investments (d)	(32)	8	(24)	(.03)								
Loss on extinguishment of debt	103	(24)	79	.13								
Discrete tax items		1	1									
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$ 1,277	\$ (276)	\$ 744	\$ 1.21								

⁽a) Reflects severance, exit costs and other costs related to the Merger and a charge to write down property and equipment to its fair value less costs to sell.

⁽b) Reflects a charge to reduce the carrying values of FCC licenses in two markets to their fair values.

⁽c) Primarily related to the abandonment of certain incomplete programs resulting from production shutdowns related to COVID-19.

⁽d) Reflects an increase to the carrying value of an investment based on the market price of a similar investment.

SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES REGARDING NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES (Continued) (Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2021				
	Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	Provision for Income Taxes	Net Earnings from Continuing Operations Attributable to ViacomCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations	
Reported (GAAP)	\$ 2,173	\$ (192)	\$ 1,894	\$ 2.93	
Items affecting comparability:					
Restructuring and other corporate matters (a)	35	(8)	27	.04	
Net gain on sales (b)	(116)	27	(89)	(.14)	
Gains from investments (c)	(52)	12	(40)	(.06)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	128	(30)	98	.15	
Discrete tax items (d)		(289)	(289)	(.45)	
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$ 2,168	\$ (480)	\$ 1,601	\$ 2.47	

⁽a) Reflects the impairment of lease assets in connection with cost transformation initiatives related to the Merger.

⁽d) Primarily reflects a benefit of \$260 million to remeasure our UK net deferred income tax asset as a result of the enactment during the quarter of an increase in the UK corporate income tax rate from 19% to 25% beginning April 1, 2023, as well as a net tax benefit in connection with the settlement of income tax audits.

	Six Months Ended June 30, 2020				
	Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	Provision for Income Taxes	Net Earnings from Continuing Operations Attributable to ViacomCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations	
Reported (GAAP)	\$ 1,549	\$ (326)	\$ 954	\$ 1.55	
Items affecting comparability:					
Restructuring and other corporate matters (a)	389	(81)	308	.49	
Impairment charge (b)	25	(6)	19	.03	
Depreciation of abandoned technology (c)	12	(3)	9	.01	
Programming charges (d)	121	(29)	92	.15	
Gains from investments (e)	(32)	8	(24)	(.04)	
Loss on extinguishment of debt	103	(24)	79	.13	
Discrete tax items	_	(3)	(3)		
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$ 2,167	\$ (464)	\$ 1,434	\$ 2.32	

⁽a) Reflects severance, exit and other costs related to the Merger and a charge to write down property and equipment to its fair value less costs to sell.

⁽b) Primarily reflects a gain on the sale of a noncore trademark licensing operation.

⁽c) Reflects a gain of \$37 million on the sale of an investment and an increase in the fair value of marketable securities of \$15 million.

⁽b) Reflects a charge to reduce the carrying values of FCC licenses in two markets to their fair values.

⁽c) Reflects accelerated depreciation for technology that was abandoned in connection with synergy plans related to the Merger.

⁽d) Primarily related to the abandonment of certain incomplete programs resulting from production shutdowns related to COVID-19.

⁽e) Reflects an increase to the carrying value of an investment based on the market price of a similar investment.