



McCormick Reports Strong First Quarter Results And Updates 2018 Financial Outlook

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SPANCK, Mo., March 27, 2018 /PRNewswire - McCormick & Co. Incorporated (NYSE: MCC), a global leader in flavor, today reported financial results for the first quarter ended February 28, 2018 and updated its latest financial outlook for fiscal year 2018.

- Sales rose 18% in the first quarter from the year-ago period. In constant currency, the company grew sales 15%, with strong results in both the consumer and flavor solutions segments.
- Operating income was \$184 million in the first quarter compared to \$134 million in the year-ago period. Adjusted operating income was \$195 million, a 41% increase from \$138 million in the first quarter of 2017, and a 38% increase in constant currency.
- Earnings per share was \$3.16 in the first quarter, including the non-recurring favorable impact of the recent U.S. tax legislation, as compared to \$2.74 last year. Adjusted earnings per share rose 23% to \$3.00 from \$2.76 in the year ago period.
- For the 2018 fiscal year, McCormick expects to increase sales year-on-year by 12% to 15%, which includes two percentage points favorable currency impact. The company expects to achieve earnings per share of \$8.85 to \$8.95 in fiscal year 2018, compared to \$3.72 in 2017. Adjusted earnings per share is expected to be \$4.85 to \$4.95, which is an increase of 14% to 16% from \$4.26 in 2017. The earnings per share outlooks have been updated to reflect both a lower adjusted effective income tax rate and a lower net impact from the net favorable non-recurring impact of the recent U.S. tax legislation.

Chairman, President & CEO Remarks

Laura M. Curran, Chairman, President and CEO stated, "McCormick's first quarter results were a great start to fiscal year 2018 as we continue to build on the momentum of our midsize year in 2017, reflecting the successful execution of our strategies, our defined double-digit sales, adjusted operating income and adjusted earnings per share growth as well as significant operating margin expansion. Both our consumer and flavor solutions segments contributed to our constant currency sales growth of 15%. Our consumer segment grew across each region led by incremental sales from the acquisition of RB Foods in addition to strong growth in our Asia/Pacific region, led by China. Similarly, our flavor solutions business grew across each region through increased sales from acquisitions, increased sales of our flavors and branded trademarks in the Americas region as well as greater demand from quick service restaurants in the Europe, Middle East and Africa (EMEA) and Asia/Pacific regions. Across both of our segments, we are pleased with the Frank's Fresh and French's performance which is in line with our plan. "McCormick is a global leader in flavor with a broad and advantaged global portfolio which continues to grow and position us to fully meet the demand for flavor around the world. All over the world, people desire great tasting foods and drinks with rich, authentic flavor. And we deliver flavor across all markets and through all channels. We are focused on growth, delivering against our objectives, strengthening our organization and building the McCormick of the future. Through the execution of our strategies we are becoming even better positioned to drive future growth and are confident in our continued success. We are building our resources and efforts to drive sales with us with lower costs, and are excited to achieve at least \$100 million of cost savings in 2018 led by our Continuous Costdown (CCD) program. "I want to recognize McCormick employees around the world for their efforts and engagement. With our focus on being the joy of flavor to 98 and our steadfast focus on growth, performance, and people, we are confident in our combined momentum for growth in 2018 to deliver stronger financial results and build value for our shareholders."

First Quarter 2018 Results

McCormick reported a 15% sales increase in the first quarter from the year-ago period including a 4% favorable impact from currency. Sales from RB Foods and GSIH, acquired in August 2017 and December 2017, respectively, added 12% to the sales increase. Consumer segment sales grew by 15% including a 4% favorable impact from currency and 13% from the incremental impact of RB Foods. The remaining increase was primarily driven by the Americas and Asia/Pacific regions. Flavor solutions segment sales grew by 18%, including a 3% favorable impact from currency and 12% from the incremental impact of RB Foods and GSIH. Increased sales across all regions drove the remaining increase. In constant currency, the company grew sales 15%. Gross profit margin increased 200 basis points versus the year ago period. This expansion was driven by our 40% in the portfolio to more value added products, including the impact of RB Foods, and CCD net cost savings. Operating income was \$184 million in the first quarter compared to \$134 million in the year ago period. This increase was due to an increase in brand marketing and operational expenses from the RB Foods acquisition. The company recognized \$3 million of transaction and integration expenses in operating income related to the RB Foods acquisition in the first quarter of 2018. The company recorded \$2 million of special charges in the first quarter of 2018 related to operations and restructuring versus \$4 million in 2017. Excluding transaction and integration expenses as well as special charges, adjusted operating income was \$195 million compared to \$138 million in the year-ago period. In constant currency, the company grew adjusted operating income 38%. Earnings per share was \$3.16 in the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$2.74 in the year ago period. The net favorable non-recurring impact of the recent U.S. tax legislation (U.S. Tax Act), partially offset by the estimated effects of transaction and integration expenses as well as special charges, increased earnings per share by \$2.18 in 2018. Special charges lowered earnings per share by \$0.02 in 2017. Excluding these impacts, adjusted earnings per share was \$3.00 in the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$2.76 in the year-ago period. The increase in adjusted earnings per share was driven primarily by higher adjusted operating income and lower adjustments to net income as a result of the U.S. Tax Act. The net favorable non-recurring impact of the recent U.S. Tax Act, partially offset by the estimated effects of transaction and integration expenses related to RB Foods and of special charges, the company projects 2018 adjusted earnings per share to be in the range of \$4.85 to \$4.95. This is an increase from the previous guidance of \$4.80 to \$4.90 and reflects a reduction of the company's reported adjusted effective tax rate to approximately 20% in fiscal year 2018. The updated guidance projects 14% to 16% growth from adjusted operating income of \$8.85 to \$8.95 in 2018 and includes an estimated one percentage point favorable impact from currency. The impact of favorable currency is expected to be greater in the first half of the year than in the second half. For fiscal year 2018, the company projects another year of strong cash flow, with plans to return to significant positive McCormick's shareholder through dividends and buy-backs.

2018 Financial Outlook

For the 2018 fiscal year, McCormick updated its financial outlook as it now expects a more favorable impact from foreign currency exchange rates on sales, a lower adjusted income tax rate and a lower impact from the net favorable non-recurring impact of the recent U.S. Tax Act. The company reaffirmed the expected growth for adjusted operating income. In 2018, the company expects to grow sales 12% to 15% compared to 2017, including two percentage points favorable impact from currency sales. This is an increase from previous guidance of 10% to 14% which included only a one percentage point favorable impact from currency sales. The company expects to drive sales growth with the incremental impact of acquisitions completed in 2017, new products, brand marketing and expanded distribution. Sales growth is also expected to include the incremental impact of pricing from 2017 in addition to actions taken in 2018 to offset an anticipated low single digit increase in material costs. The company has plans to achieve at least \$100 million of cost savings and intends to use these savings to improve margins, fund an increase in brand marketing, and as a buffer to offset increased material costs. Operating income in 2018 is expected to grow 30% to 34% from \$170 million of operating income in 2017. Transaction and integration expenses from the RB Foods acquisition of approximately \$27 million are currently projected to impact operating income for 2018. Special charges of approximately \$1 million are currently projected for 2018 that relate to previously announced operations and restructuring activities. Excluding the impact of transaction and integration expenses as well as special charges in 2018 and 2017, the expected growth in adjusted operating income is 22% to 25% from adjusted operating income of \$195 million in 2017. The growth includes an estimated one percentage point favorable impact from currency. McCormick projects 2018 earnings per share to be in the range of \$8.85 to \$8.95 compared to \$3.72 of earnings per share in 2017. Including an anticipated favorable per share impact in 2018 of \$2.00, the company's updated net favorable non-recurring impact of the U.S. Tax Act, partially offset by the estimated effects of transaction and integration expenses related to RB Foods and of special charges, the company projects 2018 adjusted earnings per share to be in the range of \$4.85 to \$4.95. This is an increase from the previous guidance of \$4.80 to \$4.90 and reflects a reduction of the company's reported adjusted effective tax rate to approximately 20% in fiscal year 2018. The updated guidance projects 14% to 16% growth from adjusted operating income of \$8.85 to \$8.95 in 2018 and includes an estimated one percentage point favorable impact from currency. The impact of favorable currency is expected to be greater in the first half of the year than in the second half. For fiscal year 2018, the company projects another year of strong cash flow, with plans to return to significant positive McCormick's shareholder through dividends and buy-backs.

Business Segment Results

Consumer Segment

(in millions)	Three months ended	
	2018	2017
Sales	\$ 1,151.4	\$ 1,034.6
Operating income, excluding special charges, transaction and integration expenses	132.2	97.9

The company grew consumer segment sales 15% from the first quarter of 2017. In constant currency, sales rose nearly 15% with increases in most of the company's three regions.

- Consumer sales in the Americas rose 22% compared to the first quarter of 2017. In constant currency, the increase was 21%, with RB Foods contributing 20% to sales growth. The remaining increase was driven by the incremental impact of 2017 pricing actions as well as favorable volume and mix, partially offset by the impact of trade inventory reductions.
- Consumer sales in EMEA increased 14%. In constant currency, sales increased 1% from the year ago period driven by RB Foods. The base sales growth was relatively flat with volume growth by France offset by trade promotional activities.
- First quarter consumer sales in the Asia/Pacific region rose 12% and in constant currency, sales rose 4%. The sales growth was led by China and India.

Consumer segment operating income rose 32% to \$132 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$98 million in the year-ago period. In constant currency, adjusted operating income rose 32%. The favorable impact of higher sales, including favorable mix, and CCD-net cost savings more than offset the unfavorable impact of increases in brand marketing and freight costs.

Flavor Solutions Segment

(in millions)	Three months ended	
	2018	2017
Sales	\$ 478.7	\$ 402.1
Operating income, excluding special charges, transaction and integration expenses	62.4	39.3

Flavor solutions segment sales increased 18% from the first quarter of 2017. In constant currency, the flavor solutions segment grew 15% with increases in most of the company's three regions.

- Flavor solutions sales in the Americas grew 19% from the year ago period. In constant currency, the growth was 15% with sales from RB Foods contributing 11%. The remaining growth was led by the increased sales of flavors, snack seasonings in Mexico and branded trademarks. Sales in this region were negatively impacted by the exit of fewer margin business.
- First quarter flavor solutions sales in EMEA rose 22% and in constant currency, rose 12%. RB Foods and GSIH contributed 4% to sales growth. Increased sales to quick service restaurants and within our flavor category drove the remaining increase.
- First quarter flavor solutions sales in the Asia/Pacific region increased 11% in the first quarter of 2018 versus the same period in 2017 and in constant currency, the increase was 4%. The growth was driven by new product sales to quick service restaurants, primarily in China.

Flavor solutions segment operating income rose 55% to \$62 million for the first quarter of 2018 compared to \$40 million in the year-ago period. In constant currency, adjusted operating income rose 52%. The favorable impact of higher sales, product mix and CCD-net cost savings drove the increase.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

The tables below include financial measures of adjusted operating income, adjusted operating income margin, adjusted income levels, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share, each excluding the impact of special charges for each of the periods presented. These financial measures also exclude the impact of items associated with our acquisition of RB Foods on August 17, 2017 as these items significantly impact comparability between years. These financial measures also exclude, for 2018, and the comparison of our results for 2018 to 2017, the net estimated impact of the effect of the one-time transition tax and re-measurement of our U.S. deferred tax assets and liabilities as a result of the U.S. Tax Act passed in December 2017 on those items not yet significantly impact comparability between years. Adjusted operating income, adjusted operating income margin, adjusted income levels, adjusted net income and adjusted diluted earnings per share represent non-GAAP financial measures which are prepared as a complement to our financial results prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles. Our consolidated income statement, we include separate line items, captioned "Special charges" and "Transaction and integration expenses" in arriving at our consolidated operating income. Special charges consist of expenses associated with certain actions undertaken by the company to reduce fixed costs, improve or improve processes, and improve our competitiveness and one of such significant items in terms of both up-front costs and organizational/structural impact to require advance approval by our Management Committee, comprised of our Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, President Frank's Fresh, President and McCormick International, President Global Customer Support and Americas, Senior Vice President, Finance, Operations and Supply, Vice President, Strategy and Global Expansion. Upon presentation of such proposed actions, which generally consist principally of employee severance and related benefits, together with incurrence costs associated with the action, the company incurs a non-cash component or a component which relates to inventory adjustments that are included with the cost of goods sold, transactional expenses or operations, expiring time and special benefits to the Management Committee and the Committee's advice approval, expense associated with the legal fees associated with our dismissal as defendant in shareholder litigation and recognition and amortization of an on-going basis through completion. Transaction and integration costs consist of acquisition-related costs, such as acquisition due diligence, acquisition of intangible assets, such as trademarks, and consulting costs, employee-related costs, and other costs related to the acquisition, including the costs related to the bridge financing commitment that was included in other debt costs in 2017. We incurred these costs in 2017 and will incur additional integration costs in 2018. Transaction and integration costs consist of acquisition-related costs, such as acquisition due diligence, acquisition of intangible assets, such as trademarks, and consulting costs, employee-related costs, and other costs related to the acquisition, including the costs related to the bridge financing commitment that was included in other debt costs in 2017. We incurred these costs in 2017 and will incur additional integration costs in 2018. These non-GAAP financial measures may be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. In addition, these non-GAAP financial measures may vary from comparable or similar financial measures of other companies because they are not calculated them in the same manner that we do. We intend to continue to provide these non-GAAP financial measures as part of our future earnings discussions and, therefore, the inclusion of these non-GAAP financial measures will not be considered a component of our financial reporting. A reconciliation of these non-GAAP financial measures to the related GAAP financial measures is provided below:

(in millions except per share data)	Three Months Ended	
	2/28/2018	2/28/2017
Operating income	\$ 184	\$ 134
Special charges	(11)	(4)
Transaction and integration expenses	(3)	(3)
Net favorable non-recurring impact of the recent U.S. Tax Act	218	(1)
Adjusted operating income	\$ 195	\$ 138

Operating income	\$ 183.7	\$ 134.2
Impact of transaction and integration expenses	0.7	—
Impact of special charges	—	—
Adjusted operating income	\$ 184.4	\$ 134.2
% increase versus prior period	—	—
Adjusted operating income margin (1)	15.7 %	13.2 %
Income taxes	—	—
Non-recurring benefit, net, of the U.S. Tax Act (2)	\$ (21.1)	\$ 33.3
Impact of transaction and integration expenses	1.6	—
Impact of special charges	—	—
Adjusted income taxes	\$ (19.5)	\$ (33.3)
Adjusted income	\$ 164.9	\$ 100.9
% increase versus prior period	—	—
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.18	\$ 0.74
Impact of special charges	—	—
Non-recurring benefit, net, of the U.S. Tax Act (2)	0.34	0.53
Adjusted earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.27
% increase versus prior period	21.6 %	—

(1) Adjusted operating income margin is calculated as adjusted operating income as a percentage of net sales for each period presented.

(2) The non-recurring income tax benefit, net, associated with the U.S. Tax Act of 2018 is based upon estimates and judgments we believe to be reasonable. This benefit is provisional and may change during the measurement period as a result of among other things, changes in interpretations and assumptions we have made, guidance that may be issued and other actions we may take as a result of the U.S. Tax Act different from that presently assumed.

Results are in a multinational company, we are subject to volatility of our reported U.S. dollar results due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates. These changes have been stable over the past several years. The inclusion of the effects of foreign currency exchange, or what we refer to as currency translation ("or a constant currency basis"), is a non-GAAP measure. The table below the non-GAAP measure provides additional information for the stable without comparison to prior periods including the translation effects of changes in rates of foreign currency exchange and provides additional insight into the underlying performance of our operations located outside of the U.S. It should be noted that our presentation herein of amounts and percentage change on a constant currency basis does not include the impact of foreign currency transaction gains and losses (that, in the impact of transactions determined in other than the local currency of any of our subsidiaries in their local currency reported results).

Percentage change in sales on adjusted operating income represents "Constant currency" as presented including the impact of foreign currency exchange. To present this information for historical periods, current period results are being reported in transaction gains and losses (that, in the impact of transactions determined in other than the local currency of any of our subsidiaries in their local currency reported results) multiplied by the change in the average foreign currency exchange rate between the current fiscal period and the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year, rather than the actual average exchange rate in effect during the corresponding period of the prior fiscal year. As a result, the foreign currency impact is equal to the current year results to constant currency results for each period presented.

Net sales	Three Months Ended February 28, 2018		Three Months Ended February 28, 2017	
	Constant Currency	% Change	Constant Currency	% Change
Consumer segment	22.2%	0.2%	21.7%	—
ES&A	14.0%	12.9%	1.1%	—
Animalistic	12.2%	6.2%	6.0%	—
Total consumer segment	18.0%	4.2%	12.4%	—
Food solutions segment	18.0%	1.2%	17.6%	—
ES&A	12.2%	11.8%	0.4%	—
Animalistic	12.2%	3.2%	9.0%	—
Total food solutions segment	12.2%	2.2%	9.2%	—
Total net sales	18.0%	2.2%	12.4%	—
Adjusted operating income	35.0%	3.0%	32.0%	—
Food solutions segment	34.0%	3.0%	32.0%	—
Total adjusted operating income	47.2%	2.2%	42.0%	—

To present the percentage change in 2018 net sales, adjusted operating income and adjusted earnings per share on a constant currency basis, projected sales and adjusted operating income for entire reporting period other than the U.S. dollar we translated into U.S. dollars at the company's budgeted exchange rate for 2018 and we compared to the 2017 results, translated into U.S. dollars using the same 2018 budgeted exchange rate, rather than the actual average exchange rate in effect during fiscal year 2017. This calculation is performed to show an adjusted net income

The following provides a reconciliation of our reported earnings per share to adjusted earnings per share for 2018 and actual results for 2017.

Earnings per share - diluted	Three Months Ended	
	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2017
Adjusted earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.27
Impact of special charges	—	—
Integration expenses, and other debt costs	0.24	0.54
Estimated non-recurring benefit, net, of the U.S. Tax Act	—	—
Adjusted earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.52	\$ 1.27
Percentage change in sales	13% to 15%	—
Impact of foreign currency exchange rates	—	—
Percentage change in sales on constant currency basis	13% to 15%	—
Percentage change in adjusted operating income	23% to 25%	—
Impact of foreign currency exchange rates	—	—
Percentage change in adjusted operating income on constant currency basis	23% to 25%	—
Percentage change in adjusted earnings per share	14% to 16%	—
Impact of foreign currency exchange rates	—	—
Percentage change in adjusted earnings per share on constant currency basis	14% to 16%	—

As previously announced, McCormick will hold a conference call with analysts today at 9:00 a.m. ET. The conference call will be webcast live via the McCormick website. Go to www.mccormick.com and follow directions to listen to the call and access the accompanying presentation materials. At this same location, a replay of the call will be available following the call. Post press releases and additional information can be found at this address.

Forward-Looking Information

Certain information contained in this release, including statements concerning expected performance such as those relating to net sales, earnings, cost savings, acquisitions, brand marketing support and income tax expenses, are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These statements may be identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "believe" and "seek." These statements may relate to the expected results of operations of businesses acquired by the company, including the acquisition of BIF Foods, the expected impact of the acquisition of BIF Foods on the company's results of operations and gross margin, the expected impact of product line improvements, including those associated with our C21 program and global emblemation initiative, acquisition synergies, growth potential in various geographic markets, including the impact from customer, channel, changes and a customer experience, expected trends in net sales and earnings performance and other financial measures, the expected impact of the U.S. Tax Act on the corporation's financial results and other matters. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions and projections that could be affected by factors such as: damage to the company's reputation or current sales; loss of brand relevance; increased price; loss of quality; quality; safety; concerns; negative publicity about our products; business interruptions due to natural disasters or unexpected events; actions by, and the financial condition of, competitors and customers; the company's inability to successfully integrate the acquired business; the loss of key personnel; changes in the market; changes in the regulatory environment; government actions; changes in legal and regulatory requirements and enforcement practices; global economic and financial conditions generally; the availability of financing; and interest and inflation rates. The above information is not intended to be a forecast of future performance, and should not be relied upon as a guarantee of future performance. Actual results could differ materially from those projected in the forward-looking statements. The company undertakes no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as may be required by law.

About McCormick

McCormick is a multinational leader in flavor. With \$4 billion in annual sales, the company manufactures, markets and distributes spices, seasoning mixes, condiments and other flavorful products to the entire food industry - retail outlets, food manufacturers and foodservice businesses. Every day, no matter where or when you eat, you can enjoy food flavored by McCormick. McCormick Brings the Joy of Flavor to Life.™

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(Financial tables follow)

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Consolidated Income Statement (Unaudited)

(in millions except per share data)	Three months ended	
	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2017
Net sales	\$ 721.1	\$ 622.7
Cost of goods sold	488.4	410.0
Gross profit margin	33.2 %	33.6 %
Selling, general and administrative expenses	108.4	275.2
Transaction and integration expenses	8.7	—
Special charges	—	—
Operating income	115.7	137.5
Income taxes	41.4	14.5
Other income, net	1.6	13.1
Income from consolidated operations before income taxes	175.9	136.1
Income tax (benefit) expense	(21.1)	33.3
Net income from consolidated operations	\$ 154.8	\$ 169.4
Net income	\$ 152.2	\$ 165.1
Earnings per share - basic	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.35
Earnings per share - diluted	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.27
Average shares outstanding - basic	125.2	125.1
Average shares outstanding - diluted	128.8	128.9

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Consolidated Balance Sheet (Unaudited)

(in millions)	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2017
Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 178.6	\$ 125.7
Trade accounts receivable, net	268.8	248.4
Inventory	827.7	767.2
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	60.4	87.4
Total current assets	1,335.5	1,138.7
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,025.9	1,035.1
Goodwill	4,024.9	4,037.0
Intangible assets, net	3,862.4	4,715.4
Other assets	308.6	420.7
Total assets	\$ 10,557.1	\$ 11,346.9
Liabilities		
Short-term debt and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 750.3	\$ 881.4
Trade accounts payable	584.4	484.4
Other current liabilities	288.8	252.4
Total current liabilities	1,623.5	1,618.2
Long-term debt	1,311.4	1,271.1
Deferred taxes	862.3	121.2
Other long-term liabilities	2,322.4	2,464.6
Total liabilities	5,923.6	5,475.1
Shareholders' equity		
Common stock	1,633.0	1,381.1
Retained earnings	1,963.3	1,671.1
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(248.3)	(1,452.0)
Non-controlling interests	13.2	13.2
Total shareholders' equity	\$ 4,631.2	\$ 5,873.3
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 10,554.8	\$ 11,348.4

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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement (Unaudited)

(in millions)	Three months ended	
	February 28, 2018	February 28, 2017
Operating activities		
Net income	\$ 152.2	\$ 165.1
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	36.6	34.3
Stock-based compensation	4.3	4.1
Non-cash income tax benefit (related to U.S. Tax Act)	(21.1)	—
Income from consolidated operations	(2.1)	(7.0)
Change in working assets (liabilities)	(185.8)	(18.0)
Dividends from unconsolidated affiliates	2.8	4.0
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	\$ (23.2)	\$ (19.5)
Investing activities		
Acquisition of businesses (net of cash acquired)	(4.2)	(124.0)
Capital expenditures	(17.3)	(18.8)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	42.5	112.7
Net cash flow used in investing activities	\$ (29.0)	\$ (30.1)
Financing activities		
Stock repurchases	(25.6)	(47.8)
Long-term debt borrowings	4.4	(2.0)
Proceeds from dividend stock option	(14.8)	(2.0)
Taxes withheld and paid on employee stock awards	(5.8)	(1.7)
Common stock issued by purchase	(6.9)	(8.7)
Dividend paid	(85.2)	(85.2)
Net cash flow provided by financing activities	\$ (131.2)	\$ (157.2)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	9.3	5.5
Decrease (increase) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (179.2)	\$ (73.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$ 188.4	\$ 115.2
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 9.2	\$ 42.0

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