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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2013

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission File No. 001-35565

**ABBVIE INC.**

A Delaware Corporation

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 229.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

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

Large Accelerated Filer

Accelerated Filer

Non-Accelerated Filer

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of September 30, 2013, AbbVie Inc. had 1,590,861,812 shares of common stock at \$0.01 par value outstanding.

**AbbVie Inc. and Subsidiaries**

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(in millions, except per share data)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Net sales</b>	\$4,658	\$4,508	\$13,679	\$13,174
Cost of products sold	1,092	1,014	3,299	3,243
Selling, general and administrative	1,261	1,085	3,904	3,578
Research and development	714	813	2,057	2,097
Acquired in-process research and development	220	—	290	260
<b>Total operating costs and expenses</b>	<b>3,287</b>	<b>2,912</b>	<b>9,550</b>	<b>9,178</b>
Operating earnings	1,371	1,596	4,129	3,996
Interest expense (income), net	69	(1)	210	(4)
Net foreign exchange loss	11	6	40	27
Other expense (income), net	5	(13)	(14)	(39)
Earnings before income tax expense	1,286	1,604	3,893	4,012
Income tax expense	322	19	893	277
<b>Net earnings</b>	<b>\$964</b>	<b>\$1,585</b>	<b>\$3,000</b>	<b>\$3,735</b>
Basic earnings per share	\$0.60	\$1.01	\$1.88	\$2.37
Diluted earnings per share	\$0.60	\$1.01	\$1.86	\$2.37
Cash dividends declared per common share	\$0.40	n/a	\$1.60	n/a
Weighted-average basic shares outstanding (a)	1,590	1,577	1,588	1,577
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding (a)	1,605	1,577	1,602	1,577

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

(a) On January 1, 2013, Abbott Laboratories distributed 1,577 million shares of AbbVie common stock. The computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for all periods through December 31, 2012 is calculated using the shares distributed on January 1, 2013. Refer to Note 3 for information regarding the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

[Table of Contents](#)**AbbVie Inc. and Subsidiaries****Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)**

(in millions)	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
<b>Net earnings</b>	\$964	\$1,585	\$3,000	\$3,735
Foreign currency translation gain (loss) adjustments	205	305	23	(3)
Pension and post-employment benefits, net of tax expense of \$— and \$1 for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$18 and \$1 for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively	42	1	77	2
Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable equity securities, net of tax (benefits) of \$— and \$(13) for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$— and \$(9) for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively	1	(21)	—	(15)
Hedging activities, net of tax (benefits) of \$(2) and \$(3) for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$— and \$(2) for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively	(60)	(4)	(49)	(3)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	188	281	51	(19)
<b>Comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$1,152</b>	<b>\$1,866</b>	<b>\$3,051</b>	<b>\$3,716</b>

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**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)**

(in millions) (brackets denote cash outflows)	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Net earnings	\$3,000	\$3,735
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	289	352
Amortization of intangible assets	408	489
Stock-based compensation	175	156
Acquired in-process research and development	290	260
Other, net	28	38
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts and other receivables	654	713
Inventories	(86)	(99)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	37	(6)
Accounts payable and other liabilities	227	(234)
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	5,022	5,404
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>		
Acquisitions and investments, net of cash acquired	(358)	(780)
Acquisitions of property and equipment	(340)	(238)
Purchases of investment securities	(631)	(1,825)
Sales of investment securities	2,085	630
Other	—	1
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	756	(2,212)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>		
Net change in short-term borrowings	(603)	—
Dividends paid	(1,914)	—
Purchases of treasury stock	(119)	—
Proceeds from the exercise of stock options	244	—
Net transactions with Abbott Laboratories, excluding noncash items	(227)	(446)
Other, net	(76)	(12)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	(2,695)	(458)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents	(9)	—
Net increase in cash and equivalents	3,074	2,734
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period	5,901	27
<b>Cash and equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$8,975</b>	<b>\$2,761</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**

(in millions, except share data)	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
	(unaudited)	
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current assets</b>		
Cash and equivalents	\$8,975	\$5,901
Short-term investments	621	2,075
Accounts and other receivables, net	3,798	4,298
Inventories, net	1,172	1,091
Deferred income taxes	1,419	1,446
Prepaid expenses and other	558	543
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>16,543</b>	<b>15,354</b>
Investments	123	119
Property and equipment, net	2,244	2,247

Intangible assets, net of amortization	1,993	2,323
Goodwill	6,199	6,130
Other assets	1,150	835
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$28,252</b>	<b>\$27,008</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
<b>Current liabilities</b>		
Short-term borrowings	\$411	\$1,020
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease obligations	23	22
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	6,441	5,734
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>6,875</b>	<b>6,776</b>
Long-term liabilities	3,425	2,239
Long-term debt and lease obligations	14,375	14,630
Commitments and contingencies		
<b>Equity</b>		
Net parent company investment in AbbVie Inc., prior to separation	—	3,713
<b>Stockholders' equity</b>		
Common stock, issued 1,590,861,812 shares in 2013	16	—
Common stock held in treasury, 3,100,129 shares in 2013	(119)	—
Additional paid-in-capital	3,580	—
Retained earnings	1,081	—
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(981)	(350)
<b>Total stockholders' equity</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>(350)</b>
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>3,577</b>	<b>3,363</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$28,252</b>	<b>\$27,008</b>

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**AbbVie Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statement of Equity**

(in millions)	Common shares outstanding	Common stock	Treasury stock	Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	Retained earnings	Net parent company investment	Total
Balance at December 31, 2012	—	\$—	\$—	\$—	(\$350)	\$—	\$3,713	\$3,363
Separation-related adjustments	—	—	—	(1,258)	(682)	—	707	(\$1,233)
Reclassification of parent company net investment in connection with separation	—	—	—	4,420	—	—	(4,420)	\$—
Issuance of common stock at separation	1,577	16	—	(16)	—	—	—	\$—
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	3,000	—	\$3,000
Other comprehensive income, net of tax	—	—	—	—	51	—	—	\$51
Dividends declared	—	—	—	—	—	(1,919)	—	(\$1,919)
Stock issued (purchased) under incentive stock programs and other	11	—	(119)	434	—	—	—	\$315
<b>Balance at September 30, 2013 (unaudited)</b>	<b>1,588</b>	<b>\$16</b>	<b>(\$119)</b>	<b>\$3,580</b>	<b>(\$981)</b>	<b>\$1,081</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$3,577</b>

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**AbbVie Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (unaudited)**

**Note 1**

**Background and Basis of Presentation**

Background

The principal business of AbbVie Inc. (AbbVie or the company) is the discovery, development, manufacture and sale of a broad line of proprietary pharmaceutical products. Substantially all of AbbVie's sales in the United States (U.S.) are to three wholesalers. Outside the U.S., products are sold primarily to health care providers or through distributors, depending on the market served.

On January 1, 2013, AbbVie became an independent, publicly-traded company as a result of the distribution by Abbott Laboratories (Abbott) of 100 percent of the outstanding common stock of AbbVie to Abbott's shareholders (the separation). AbbVie was incorporated in Delaware on April 10, 2012. Abbott's Board of Directors approved the distribution of its shares of AbbVie on November 28, 2012. AbbVie's registration

statement on Form 10 was declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) on December 7, 2012. On January 1, 2013, Abbott's shareholders of record as of the close of business on December 12, 2012 received one share of AbbVie common stock for every one share of Abbott common stock held as of the record date. AbbVie's common stock began trading "regular-way" under the ticker symbol "ABBV" on the New York Stock Exchange on January 2, 2013.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, separation-related adjustments totaling \$1.2 billion were recorded in stockholders' equity. Separation-related adjustments to additional paid-in capital principally reflected dividends to AbbVie shareholders that were declared from pre-separation earnings during the first quarter, the transfer of certain pension plan liabilities and assets from Abbott to AbbVie upon the legal split of those plans in the first quarter, and the subsequent correction of an error in the third quarter related to long-term deferred tax assets transferred to the company in connection with the separation of the pension plans. The correction of this error, which did not impact the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 and prior years, resulted in a \$582 million reduction to stockholders' equity and long-term deferred tax assets, classified in other assets, in the company's condensed consolidated balance sheet in the third quarter. In addition, because the historical financial statements were derived from Abbott's records, separation-related adjustments also included an adjustment to accumulated other comprehensive loss to reflect the appropriate opening balances associated with currency translation adjustments related to AbbVie's legal entities at the separation date. Additional separation-related adjustments to stockholders' equity could be recorded in the future as the separation is finalized. Refer to Note 9 for further information regarding the separation of the pension plans.

In connection with the separation, AbbVie and Abbott entered into transition services agreements covering certain corporate support and back office services that AbbVie has historically received from Abbott. Such services include information technology, accounts payable, payroll, receivables collection, treasury and other financial functions, as well as order entry, warehousing, engineering support, quality assurance support and other administrative services. These agreements facilitate the separation by allowing AbbVie to operate independently prior to establishing stand-alone back office systems across its organization. Transition services may be provided for up to 24 months, with an option for a one-year extension.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, AbbVie incurred \$51 million and \$151 million of separation-related expenses, including legal, information technology and regulatory fees, which were principally classified in selling, general and administrative expenses (SG&A).

#### Basis of Presentation

The unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements of AbbVie have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) in the United States have been omitted. These unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the company's audited combined financial statements and notes included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

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It is management's opinion that these financial statements include all normal and recurring adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the company's financial position and operating results. Net sales and net earnings for any interim period are not necessarily indicative of future or annual results.

For a certain portion of AbbVie's operations, the legal transfer of AbbVie's assets (net of liabilities) did not occur with the separation of AbbVie on January 1, 2013 due to the time required to transfer marketing authorizations and satisfy other regulatory requirements in certain countries. Under the terms of the separation agreement with Abbott, AbbVie is responsible for the business activities conducted by Abbott on its behalf, and is subject to the risks and entitled to the benefits generated by these operations and assets. As a result, the related assets and liabilities and results of operations have been reported in AbbVie's condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. Net sales related to these operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 totaled approximately \$192 million and \$635 million, respectively. At September 30, 2013, the assets and liabilities consisted primarily of inventories of \$84 million, trade accounts receivable of \$214 million, other assets of \$100 million, and accounts payable and other accrued liabilities of \$232 million. The majority of these operations are expected to be transferred to AbbVie by the end of 2014.

Prior to the separation on January 1, 2013, the historical financial statements of AbbVie were prepared on a stand-alone basis and were derived from Abbott's consolidated financial statements and accounting records as if the former research-based pharmaceutical business of Abbott had been part of AbbVie for all periods presented. Accordingly, AbbVie's financial statements for periods prior to January 1, 2013 are presented on a combined basis and reflect AbbVie's financial position, results of operations and cash flows as its business was operated as part of Abbott prior to the separation, in conformity with U.S. GAAP. The historical combined financial statements also reflect an allocation of expenses related to certain Abbott corporate functions, including senior management, legal, human resources, finance, information technology and quality assurance. These expenses were allocated to AbbVie based on direct usage or benefit where identifiable, with the remainder allocated on a pro rata basis of revenues, headcount, square footage, number of transactions or other measures. AbbVie considers the expense allocation methodology and results to be reasonable. However, the allocations may not be indicative of the actual expenses that would have been incurred had AbbVie operated as an independent, publicly-traded company for the periods presented. These allocations totaled \$197 million and \$599 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012.

#### **Note 2** **Supplemental Financial Information**

##### **Inventories**

(in millions)	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Finished goods	\$478	\$547
Work-in-process	439	286
Raw materials	255	258
Inventories, net	\$1,172	\$1,091

## Property and Equipment, Net

(in millions)	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Property and equipment, gross	\$6,790	\$6,542
Less accumulated depreciation	(4,546)	(4,295)
Property and equipment, net	\$2,244	\$2,247

Depreciation expense was \$97 million and \$93 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$289 million and \$352 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## Interest Expense (Income), Net

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Interest expense	\$75	\$10	\$225	\$10
Interest income	(6)	(11)	(15)	(14)
Interest expense (income), net	\$69	(\$1)	\$210	(\$4)

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### Note 3

#### Earnings Per Share

AbbVie calculates basic earnings per share (EPS) pursuant to the two-class method. The two-class method is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under this method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. AbbVie's restricted stock units (RSUs) and restricted stock awards (RSAs) participate in dividends on the same basis as common shares and such dividends are nonforfeitable to the holder once declared. As a result, these RSUs and RSAs meet the definition of a participating security.

The dilutive effect of participating securities is calculated using the more dilutive of the treasury stock or the two-class method. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, the two-class method was more dilutive. As such, the dilutive effect of outstanding RSUs and RSAs of approximately 5 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 was excluded from the denominator for the calculation of diluted EPS. Additionally, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) allocable to participating securities was excluded from the numerator for the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share. Earnings allocable to participating securities for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 were \$6 million and \$17 million, respectively.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, approximately 1 million of common shares issuable under stock-based compensation plans were excluded from the computation of earnings per common share assuming dilution because the effect would have been antidilutive.

### Note 4

#### Acquisitions, Collaborations and Other Arrangements

In the first nine months of 2013 and 2012, cash outflows related to collaborations, the acquisition of product rights and other arrangements totaled \$358 million and \$780 million, respectively. The company recorded acquired in-process research and development (IPR&D) charges of \$220 million and \$290 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively. IPR&D charges totaled \$260 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 and were recorded during the first half of 2012. Significant arrangements impacting the first nine months of 2013 and 2012 included the following.

##### Ablynx NV

In September 2013, AbbVie entered into a global collaboration agreement with Ablynx NV to develop and commercialize the anti-IL-6R Nanobody, ALX-0061, to treat inflammatory diseases including rheumatoid arthritis and systemic lupus erythematosus, resulting in a charge to IPR&D of \$175 million. Upon the achievement of certain development, regulatory and commercial milestones, AbbVie could make additional payments of up to \$665 million, as well as royalties on net sales.

##### Galapagos NV

In September 2013, AbbVie recorded a charge to IPR&D of \$45 million as a result of entering into a global collaboration with Galapagos NV (Galapagos) to discover, develop and commercialize cystic fibrosis therapies. Upon the achievement of certain development, regulatory and commercial milestones, AbbVie could make additional payments of up to \$360 million, as well as royalties on net sales.

In February 2012, AbbVie recorded a charge to IPR&D of \$150 million as a result of entering into a global collaboration with Galapagos to develop and commercialize a next-generation, oral Janus Kinase 1 (JAK1) inhibitor in Phase II development with the potential to treat multiple autoimmune diseases. Additional payments of approximately \$1.3 billion could be required for the achievement of certain development, regulatory and commercial milestones under this agreement.

##### Alvine Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

In May 2013, AbbVie entered into a global collaboration with Alvine Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (Alvine) to develop ALV003, a novel oral treatment for patients with celiac disease. As part of the agreement, AbbVie made an initial upfront payment of \$70 million, which

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was expensed to IPR&D in the second quarter of 2013. AbbVie could make additional payments totaling up to \$275 million pursuant to this arrangement.

**Action Pharma A/S**

In May 2012, AbbVie recorded a charge to IPR&D of \$110 million as a result of the acquisition of ABT-719 (previously referred to as AP214), a drug under development for the prevention of acute kidney injury associated with major cardiac surgery in patients at increased risk.

**Reata Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

In the fourth quarter of 2011, AbbVie entered into a collaboration with Reata Pharmaceuticals (Reata) for the joint development and commercialization of second-generation oral antioxidant inflammation modulators resulting in a charge to IPR&D of \$400 million, which was paid in the first quarter of 2012.

**Note 5****Goodwill and Intangible Assets****Goodwill**

The following table summarizes changes in the carrying amount of AbbVie's goodwill.

(in millions)	
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$6,130
Additions	25
Currency translation and other adjustments	44
Balance at September 30, 2013	\$6,199

Goodwill additions for the nine months ended September 30, 2013, related to product rights acquired during the second quarter. The latest impairment assessment of goodwill was completed in the third quarter of 2013. As of September 30, 2013, there were no accumulated goodwill impairment losses. Future impairment tests for goodwill will be performed annually in the third quarter, or earlier if indicators of impairment exist.

**Other Intangible Assets, Net**

The following table summarizes AbbVie's intangible assets.

(in millions)	September 30, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Net carrying amount
Definite-lived intangible assets						
Developed product rights	\$4,737	(\$3,416)	\$1,321	\$4,699	(\$3,031)	\$1,668
License agreements	997	(771)	226	969	(734)	235
Total definite-lived intangible assets	5,734	(4,187)	1,547	5,668	(3,765)	1,903
Indefinite-lived research and development	446	—	446	420	—	420
Total intangible assets	\$6,180	(\$4,187)	\$1,993	\$6,088	(\$3,765)	\$2,323

Intangible assets with finite useful lives are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives. Amortization expense was \$137 million and \$134 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$408 million and \$489 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Additions related to the acquisition of amortizable intangible assets in the second quarter of 2013 with an average amortization period of 5 years.

The indefinite-lived intangible assets as of December 31, 2012 relate to IPR&D acquired in a business combination. Additions related to the acquisition of IPR&D in the second quarter of 2013. The latest impairment assessment of intangible assets not subject to amortization was completed in the third quarter of 2013. There were no impairment charges recorded in the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012. Future impairment tests for indefinite-lived intangible assets will be performed annually in the third quarter, or earlier if indicators of impairment exist.

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In 2013 and prior years, AbbVie management approved plans to realign its worldwide manufacturing operations and selected domestic and international commercial and research and development operations in order to reduce costs. In the second quarter of 2013, the company approved plans to restructure certain commercial operations in conjunction with the loss and expected loss of exclusivity of certain products.

Restructuring charges were \$11 million and \$75 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, and were primarily recorded within SG&A in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings, with the remainder recorded within research and development and cost of products sold. Included in the charges were cash costs of \$8 million and \$68 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, which mainly related to employee severance and contractual obligations.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, AbbVie incurred restructuring charges of \$176 million and \$206 million, respectively. The charge recorded in the third quarter of 2012 included cash costs of approximately \$150 million for employee severance and

contractual obligations, primarily related to the exit from a research and development facility, of which approximately \$142 million was recorded within research and development and approximately \$8 million within SG&A in the condensed consolidated statements of earnings. The charge for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 also included \$56 million of additional charges, primarily for accelerated depreciation, asset impairments and product transfer costs, of which \$26 million was recorded in the third quarter of 2012.

The following summarizes the cash activity in the restructuring reserves for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

(in millions)	
Accrued balance at December 31, 2012	\$193
2013 restructuring charges	68
Payments and other adjustments	(83)
Accrued balance at September 30, 2013	\$178

Included in payments and other adjustments for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was a \$23 million reversal in the first quarter of a previously recorded restructuring reserve due to the company's re-evaluation of a prior year decision to exit a manufacturing facility.

## Note 7

### Financial Instruments and Fair Value Measures

#### Risk Management Policy

The company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate and interest rate risks related to its business operations. The company's hedging policy attempts to manage these risks to an acceptable level based on the company's judgment of the appropriate trade-off between risk, opportunity and costs. The company uses derivative instruments to reduce its exposure to foreign currency exchange rates. The company is also exposed to the risk that its earnings and cash flows could be adversely impacted by fluctuations in interest rates. The company periodically enters into interest rate swaps, based on judgment, to manage interest costs in which the company agrees to exchange, at specified intervals, the difference between fixed and floating interest amounts calculated by reference to an agreed-upon notional amount. Derivative instruments are not used for trading purposes or to manage exposure to changes in interest rates for investment securities, and none of the company's outstanding derivative instruments contain credit risk related contingent features; collateral is generally not required.

#### Financial Instruments

Various AbbVie foreign subsidiaries enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage exposures to changes in foreign exchange rates for anticipated intercompany transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the local entity. These contracts, with notional amounts totaling \$1.7 billion and \$1.0 billion at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, are designated as cash flow hedges and are recorded at fair value. Accumulated gains and losses

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as of September 30, 2013 will be included in cost of products sold at the time the products are sold, generally through the next twelve months.

The company enters into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage its exposure to foreign currency denominated trade payables and receivables and intercompany loans. The contracts are marked-to-market, and resulting gains or losses are reflected in income and are generally offset by losses or gains on the foreign currency exposure being managed. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, AbbVie held notional amounts of \$4.2 billion and \$4.3 billion, respectively, of such foreign currency forward exchange contracts.

AbbVie was a party to interest rate hedge contracts, designated as fair value hedges, totaling \$8.0 billion at both September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012. The effect of the hedge is to change a fixed-rate interest obligation to a floating rate for that portion of the debt. AbbVie recorded the contracts at fair value and adjusted the carrying amount of the fixed-rate debt by an offsetting amount.

The following table summarizes the amounts and location of AbbVie's derivative instruments as of September 30, 2013.

(in millions)	Derivatives in asset position		Derivatives in liability position	
	Fair value	Balance sheet caption	Fair value	Balance sheet caption
Interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges	\$—	n/a	\$349	Long-term liabilities
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts —				
Hedging instruments	—	Prepaid expenses and other	57	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
Others not designated as hedges	25	Prepaid expenses and other	26	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25</b>		<b>\$432</b>	

The following table summarizes the amounts and location of AbbVie's derivative instruments as of December 31, 2012.

(in millions)	Derivatives in asset position		Derivatives in liability position	
	Fair value	Balance sheet caption	Fair value	Balance sheet caption
Interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges	\$—	n/a	\$81	Long-term liabilities
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts —				
Hedging instruments	1	Prepaid expenses and other	10	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
Others not designated as hedges	14	Prepaid expenses and other	15	Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15</b>		<b>\$106</b>	

While certain derivatives are subject to netting arrangements with the company's counterparties, the company does not offset derivative assets and liabilities within the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

The following table summarizes the activity for derivative instruments and the amounts and location of income (expense) and gain (loss) reclassified into income and for certain other derivative instruments for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The amount of hedge ineffectiveness was not significant for the three months ended September 30, 2013 or 2012.



(in millions)	recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income		and gain (loss) reclassified into income		Income statement caption
	2013	2012	2013	2012	
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts —					
Designated as cash flow hedges	(\$62)	(\$1)	(\$2)	\$7	Cost of products sold
Not designated as hedges	n/a	n/a	9	4	Net foreign exchange loss
Interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges	n/a	n/a	47	n/a	Interest expense, net

The gain of \$47 million related to fair value hedges recognized in net interest expense for the three months ended September 30, 2013 was offset by \$47 million in losses on the underlying hedged item, the fixed-rate debt.

The following table summarizes the activity for derivative instruments and the amounts and location of income (expense) and gain (loss) reclassified into income and for certain other derivative instruments for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. The amount of hedge ineffectiveness was not significant for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 or 2012.

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(in millions)	(Loss) gain recognized in other comprehensive (loss) income		Income (expense) and gain (loss) reclassified into income		Income statement caption
	2013	2012	2013	2012	
Foreign currency forward exchange contracts —					
Designated as cash flow hedges	(\$53)	(\$3)	(\$4)	\$16	Cost of products sold
Not designated as hedges	n/a	n/a	49	(17)	Net foreign exchange loss
Interest rate swaps designated as fair value hedges	n/a	n/a	(268)	n/a	Interest expense, net

The loss of \$268 million related to fair value hedges recognized in net interest expense for the first nine months of 2013 was offset by \$268 million in gains on the underlying hedged item, the fixed-rate debt.

## Fair Value Measures

The fair value hierarchy under the accounting standard for fair value measurements consists of the following three levels.

- Level 1 – Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets that the company has the ability to access;
- Level 2 – Valuations based on quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active, and model-based valuations in which all significant inputs are observable in the market; and
- Level 3 – Valuations using significant inputs that are unobservable in the market and include the use of judgment by the company's management about the assumptions market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The following table summarizes the bases used to measure certain assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis in the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of September 30, 2013.

(in millions)	Balance at September 30, 2013	Basis of fair value measurement		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and equivalents	\$8,975	\$533	\$8,442	\$—
Certificates of deposit	621	—	621	—
Equity securities	9	9	—	—
Foreign currency contracts	25	—	25	—
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$9,630</b>	<b>\$542</b>	<b>\$9,088</b>	<b>\$—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interest rate hedges	\$349	\$—	\$349	\$—
Foreign currency contracts	83	—	83	—
Contingent consideration	160	—	—	160
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$592</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$432</b>	<b>\$160</b>

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The following table summarizes the bases used to measure certain assets and liabilities that are carried at fair value on a recurring basis in the combined balance sheet as of December 31, 2012.

Balance at	Basis of fair value measurement		
	Quoted prices in active markets for identical	Significant other observable inputs	Significant unobservable

(in millions)	December 31, 2012	assets (Level 1)	(Level 2)	inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets</b>				
Cash and equivalents	\$5,901	\$675	\$5,226	\$—
Certificates of deposit	1,775	—	1,775	—
U.S. Treasury securities	300	300	—	—
Equity securities	12	12	—	—
Foreign currency contracts	15	—	15	—
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$8,003</b>	<b>\$987</b>	<b>\$7,016</b>	<b>\$—</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Interest rate hedges	\$81	\$—	\$81	\$—
Foreign currency contracts	25	—	25	—
Contingent consideration	251	—	—	251
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$357</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$106</b>	<b>\$251</b>

Available-for-sale equity securities consist of investments for which the fair value is determined by using the published market price per unit multiplied by the number of units held, without consideration of transaction costs. The derivatives entered into by the company are valued using publicized spot and forward prices for foreign currency hedges and publicized swap curves for interest rate hedges. The contingent payments are valued using a discounted cash flow technique that reflects management's expectations about probability and timing of payment.

Gross unrealized holding gains on available-for-sale equity securities totaled \$2 million and \$1 million at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively.

There have been no transfers of assets or liabilities between the fair value measurement levels. The following table is a reconciliation of the fair value measurements that use significant unobservable inputs (Level 3), which consist of contingent payments related to acquisitions and investments.

(in millions)	
Fair value as of December 31, 2012	\$251
Payments	(131)
Additions	28
Other	—
Loss recognized in earnings	12
Fair value as of September 30, 2013	\$160

In connection with the acquisition of Solvay's U.S. pharmaceuticals business in 2010, the achievement of a certain sales milestone resulted in a payment of approximately \$131 million in the first quarter of 2013 for which a liability was previously established. Additions of \$28 million related to the acquisition of product rights during the second quarter.

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In addition to the financial instruments that the company is required to recognize at fair value on the condensed consolidated balance sheets, the company has certain financial instruments that are recognized at historical cost or some basis other than fair value. The carrying values and fair values of certain financial instruments as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 are shown in the table below.

(in millions)	Book values		Approximate fair values	
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments	\$114	\$107	\$125	\$104
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Short-term borrowings	411	1,020	411	1,020
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease obligations	23	22	23	22
Long-term debt	14,375	14,630	14,224	15,066

The following table summarizes the bases used to measure the approximate fair values of the financial instruments as of September 30, 2013.

(in millions)	Fair value at September 30, 2013	Basis of fair value measurement		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments	\$125	\$—	\$32	\$93
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>\$93</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Short-term borrowings	\$411	\$—	\$411	\$—
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease obligations	23	—	23	—
Long-term debt and lease obligations	14,224	—	14,224	—
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$14,658</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$14,658</b>	<b>\$—</b>

The following table summarizes the bases used to measure the approximate fair values of the financial instruments as of December 31, 2012.

(in millions)	Fair value at December 31, 2012	Basis of fair value measurement		
		Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments	\$104	\$—	\$32	\$72
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$104</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$32</b>	<b>\$72</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				

Short-term borrowings	\$1,020	\$—	\$1,020	\$—
Current maturities of long-term debt and lease obligations	22	—	22	—
Long-term debt and lease obligations	15,066	—	15,066	—
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$16,108</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$16,108</b>	<b>\$—</b>

Investments consist of cost method investments and held-to-maturity debt securities. In determining the fair value of cost method investments, the company takes into consideration recent transactions, as well as the financial information of the investee, which represents a Level 3 basis of fair value measurement. The fair value of held-to-maturity debt securities and long-term debt was estimated based upon the quoted market prices for the same or similar debt instruments. The fair values of short-term and current borrowings approximate the carrying values due to the short maturities of these instruments. The counterparties to financial instruments consist of select major international financial institutions.

### Concentrations of Risk

The company invests excess cash in time deposits, money market funds and U.S. Treasury securities and diversifies the concentration of cash among different financial institutions. The company monitors concentrations of credit risk associated with deposits with financial institutions. Credit exposure limits have been established to limit a concentration with any single issuer or institution.

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Three U.S. wholesalers accounted for 39 percent and 48 percent of total net accounts receivables as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively, and substantially all of AbbVie's U.S. sales are to these three wholesalers. In addition, net governmental receivables outstanding in Greece, Portugal, Italy and Spain totaled \$804 million at September 30, 2013 and \$725 million at December 31, 2012.

### Short-Term Borrowings

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the company issued and redeemed commercial paper, of which \$400 million was outstanding as of September 30, 2013, with a weighted-average interest rate of 0.3 percent for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. There were no borrowings outstanding under the company's credit facility as of September 30, 2013.

### Note 8

#### Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The following table summarizes the changes in balances of each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax as of September 30, 2013.

(in millions) (brackets denote losses)	Foreign currency translation adjustments	Pension and post- employment benefits	Unrealized gains (losses) on marketable equity securities	Gains (losses) on hedging activities	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2012	\$181	(\$511)	\$1	(\$21)	(\$350)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications	23	20	—	(53)	(\$10)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income	—	57	—	4	\$61
Net current-period other comprehensive income	23	77	—	(49)	\$51
Separation-related adjustments	241	(934)	—	11	(\$682)
<b>Balance as of September 30, 2013</b>	<b>\$445</b>	<b>(\$1,368)</b>	<b>\$1</b>	<b>(\$59)</b>	<b>(\$981)</b>

The table below presents the significant amounts reclassified out of each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013.

Type of reclassification (in millions)	Three months ended September 30, 2013	Nine months ended September 30, 2013
Pension and post-employee benefits		
Amortization of actuarial losses and other	\$30	\$83
Less tax expense	(8)	(26)
<b>Total reclassification, net of tax</b>	<b>\$22</b>	<b>\$57</b>

### Note 9

#### Post-Employment Benefits

Prior to separation, AbbVie employees participated in certain U.S. and international defined benefit pension and other post-employment (OPEB) plans sponsored by Abbott. These plans included participants of Abbott's other businesses and were accounted for as multi-employer plans in AbbVie's combined financial statements. As a result, no asset or liability was recorded by AbbVie in the historical balance sheets through December 31, 2012 to recognize the funded status of these plans. In connection with the separation of AbbVie from Abbott on January 1, 2013, these plans were separated. As a result, AbbVie assumed obligations previously provided by Abbott and a portion of certain plans owned by AbbVie at December 31, 2012 were transferred to Abbott.

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The amounts shown in the table below reflect the amount of AbbVie's assumption of the net obligations for pension and other post-employment benefits.

Other

(in millions)	Defined benefit plans	post-employment plans
Accumulated benefit obligation	\$2,423	\$192
Deferred losses	(1,434)	(2)
Projected benefit obligations	2,910	192
Fair value of assets	2,216	—
Net liability	\$694	\$192

The net liabilities assumed increased \$72 million for defined benefit plans and decreased \$78 million for OPEB plans during the third quarter of 2013 as a result of the finalization of the legal split of these plans.

#### Net Periodic Benefit Cost

The following is a summary of net periodic benefit cost relating to the company's pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plans.

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Defined benefit plans				
Service cost	\$39	\$5	\$133	\$13
Interest cost	46	8	142	25
Expected return on plan assets	(63)	(7)	(195)	(17)
Amortization of actuarial losses and prior service costs	30	2	83	3
Net periodic pension benefit cost	\$52	\$8	\$163	\$24

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
Other post-employment plans				
Service cost	\$5	\$—	\$17	\$—
Interest cost	2	—	14	—
Expected return on plan assets	—	—	—	—
Amortization of actuarial losses and prior service costs	—	—	—	—
Net periodic pension benefit cost	\$7	\$—	\$31	\$—

In the first quarter of 2013, AbbVie made a voluntary contribution of \$145 million to its main domestic defined benefit pension plan.

#### **Note 10** **Stock-Based Compensation**

Stock-based compensation expense was \$41 million and \$30 million for the three months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively, and \$175 million and \$156 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Stock-based compensation expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012 was allocated to AbbVie based on the portion of Abbott's incentive stock program in which AbbVie employees participated.

Prior to separation, AbbVie employees participated in Abbott's incentive stock program. Adopted after the separation, the AbbVie Incentive Stock Program provides for the assumption of certain awards granted under Abbott's incentive stock program and authorizes the grant of several different forms of benefits, including nonqualified stock options, RSAs, and RSUs.

In connection with the separation, employee stock options, RSAs and RSUs were adjusted and converted into new equity awards using a formula designed to preserve the intrinsic value and fair value of the awards immediately prior to the separation. Upon the separation on January 1, 2013, holders of Abbott stock options, RSAs and RSUs generally received one AbbVie stock-based award for each Abbott stock-based award outstanding. Converted awards retained the vesting schedule and expiration date of the original awards.

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#### Stock Options

The expense related to stock options granted during the nine months ended September 30, 2013 was primarily based on the assumptions shown in the table below. There were no significant stock options granted in the three months ended September 30, 2013.

Risk-free interest rate	1.1%
Average life of options (years)	6.0
Volatility	32.63%
Dividend yield	4.3%
Fair value per stock option	\$6.87

The following table summarizes AbbVie stock option activity for both AbbVie and Abbott employees for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

(options in thousands, aggregate intrinsic value in millions)	Options	Weighted- average exercise price	Weighted- average remaining life (in years)	Aggregate intrinsic value
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	—	\$—		

Options converted on January 1, 2013	47,718	27.00		
Granted	3,128	37.91		
Exercised	(11,041)	27.47		
Lapsed	(221)	27.71		
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	39,584	\$27.73	3.7	\$677
Exercisable at September 30, 2013	36,007	\$27.28	3.3	\$632

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table above represents the difference between the exercise price and the company's closing stock price on the last day of trading for the period ended September 30, 2013. The total intrinsic value of options exercised in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$41 million and \$157 million, respectively.

As of September 30, 2013, \$3 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to stock options is expected to be recognized as expense over approximately the next two years.

#### RSAs & RSUs

The following table summarizes AbbVie RSA and RSU balances for both AbbVie and Abbott employees for the nine months ended September 30, 2013.

(share units in thousands)	Share units	Weighted-average grant date fair value
Outstanding at December 31, 2012	—	\$—
Awards converted on January 1, 2013	15,394	27.55
Granted	7,387	36.18
Vested	(7,483)	27.30
Lapsed	(423)	30.39
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	14,875	\$31.89
Unvested shares at September 30, 2013	14,719	\$31.90

The fair value of restricted stock awards and units is determined based on the quoted price of the company's common stock on the date of the grant. The fair market value of restricted stock awards and units vested in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 was \$5 million and \$282 million, respectively. As of September 30, 2013, \$198 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to RSAs and RSUs is expected to be recognized as expense over approximately the next two years.

#### Note 11 Income Taxes

In AbbVie's historical financial statements prior to the separation, income tax expense and deferred tax balances were calculated on a separate tax return basis although AbbVie's operations had historically been included in the tax returns filed by the respective

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Abbott entities of which the AbbVie business was a part. Subsequent to the separation, AbbVie files tax returns on its own behalf and its income tax expense and deferred income tax balances have been recorded in accordance with AbbVie's stand-alone income tax positions. AbbVie and Abbott entered into a tax sharing agreement effective on the date of separation. For tax contingencies prior to the separation, Abbott will indemnify and hold AbbVie harmless if the tax positions are settled for amounts in excess of recorded liabilities, and AbbVie will not benefit if prior tax positions are resolved more favorably than recorded amounts.

The effective income tax rate was 25.0 percent and 22.9 percent for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 1.2 percent and 7.0 percent for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The effective tax rates in each period were less than the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent principally due to the benefit of lower statutory tax rates and tax exemptions in certain foreign jurisdictions. The increase in the effective tax rates for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2013 over the prior year periods was principally due to income tax expense relating to certain 2013 earnings outside the United States that are not deemed indefinitely reinvested, as well as the impact of \$190 million of tax benefits recognized in the third quarter of 2012 as a result of the favorable resolution of various tax positions pertaining to a prior year. AbbVie will continue to evaluate whether to indefinitely reinvest certain future earnings in foreign jurisdictions as it analyzes its future global liquidity and financial structure.

#### Note 12 Litigation

AbbVie is involved in various claims, legal proceedings and investigations. The recorded accrual balance for litigation at September 30, 2013 was not significant. Within the next year, other legal proceedings may occur that may result in a change in the estimated loss accrued by AbbVie. While it is not feasible to predict the outcome of all other proceedings and exposures with certainty, management believes that their ultimate disposition should not have a material adverse effect on AbbVie's consolidated financial position, cash flows, or results of operations.

The U.S. Department of Justice, through the U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Virginia, and various state Attorneys General investigated AbbVie's sales and marketing activities for Depakote. The government sought to determine whether any of these activities violated civil and/or criminal laws, including the Federal False Claims Act, the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, and the Anti-Kickback Statute in connection with Medicare and/or Medicaid reimbursement to third parties. The state Attorneys General offices sought to determine whether any of these activities violated various state laws, including state consumer fraud/protection statutes. AbbVie recorded charges of \$1.5 billion in the third quarter of 2011 and \$100 million in the first quarter of 2012 related to civil and criminal claims arising from this matter. In May 2012, AbbVie reached resolution of all Depakote-related federal claims, Medicaid-related claims with 49 states and the District of Columbia, and consumer protection claims with 45 states and the District of Columbia. In 2012, AbbVie paid approximately \$1.6 billion for the settlement. The payments were material to AbbVie's cash flows in 2012.

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**Segment Information**

AbbVie operates in one business segment—pharmaceutical products. Substantially all of AbbVie's U.S. sales are to three wholesalers. Outside the United States, products are sold primarily to health care providers or through distributors, depending on the market served. Worldwide net sales of key products were as follows.

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012	2013	2012
HUMIRA	\$2,770	\$2,326	\$7,620	\$6,585
AndroGel	248	279	746	787
Kaletra	237	267	734	763
Niaspan	201	232	619	634
Lupron	196	189	576	589
Synthroid	161	131	433	383
Sevoflurane	138	135	412	444
Creon	101	92	297	248
Zemplar	100	91	288	276
Synagis	98	96	513	506
Duodopa	46	37	129	108
TriCor/TRILIPIX	39	332	274	897
All other	323	301	1,038	954
Net sales	\$4,658	\$4,508	\$13,679	\$13,174

[Table of Contents](#)**Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**

The following is a discussion and analysis of the financial condition of AbbVie Inc. (AbbVie or the company) and the results of operations as of and for the third quarter and first nine months ended September 30, 2013. This commentary should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes appearing under "Item 1. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

**EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW**

AbbVie is a global, research-based biopharmaceutical company. AbbVie develops and markets advanced therapies that address some of the world's most complex and serious diseases. AbbVie products are used to treat rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, Crohn's disease, HIV, cystic fibrosis complications, low testosterone, thyroid disease, Parkinson's disease, ulcerative colitis, and complications associated with chronic kidney disease, among other indications. AbbVie also has a pipeline of promising new medicines, including more than 20 compounds or indications in Phase II or Phase III development across such important medical specialties as immunology, renal care, hepatitis C virus (HCV), women's health, oncology, and neuroscience, including multiple sclerosis and Alzheimer's disease. AbbVie has approximately 21,500 employees and its products are sold in over 170 countries. AbbVie operates in one business segment – pharmaceutical products.

AbbVie's products include a broad line of adult and pediatric pharmaceuticals manufactured, marketed, and sold worldwide and are generally sold directly to wholesalers, distributors, government agencies, health care facilities, specialty pharmacies, and independent retailers from distribution centers and public warehouses. Outside the United States, sales are made either directly to customers or through distributors, depending on the market served. Certain products are co-marketed or co-promoted with other companies.

**Research and Development**

Research and development (R&D) innovation and scientific productivity continue to be key strategic priorities for AbbVie. AbbVie's long-term success depends to a great extent on its ability to continue to discover and develop innovative pharmaceutical products and acquire or collaborate on compounds currently in development at other biotechnology or pharmaceutical companies. R&D is focused on therapeutic areas that include virology, renal disease, neuroscience, oncology, immunology, and women's health, among others.

AbbVie continues to execute on its long-term strategy of advancing its new product pipeline and maximizing its existing portfolio through new indications and formulations. Significant developments in R&D during the first nine months of 2013 included the following:

- AbbVie continues to dedicate R&D efforts to expanding indications for HUMIRA, including in the fields of rheumatology, ophthalmology and dermatology. Additionally, during the second quarter of 2013, the company secured approval for two new gastroenterology indications in Japan – intestinal Behcet's and ulcerative colitis. As of September 30, 2013, HUMIRA's list of uses totals ten indications in major geographies, including nine approved in Europe and seven in the United States.
- The company released positive Phase IIb results from a study examining interferon-free therapies for the treatment of chronic HCV infection. The data showed patients achieved sustained virologic response rates regardless of baseline characteristics that have been associated with a lower response to interferon-based therapies. The company completed enrollment in a comprehensive Phase III program for genotype 1 HCV that involves combinations of ABT-450, a protease inhibitor for HCV infection; ABT-333, a polymerase inhibitor; and ABT-267, a NS5A inhibitor with and without ribavirin.

- AbbVie initiated a Phase III study to assess the effects of the investigational compound atrasentan, when added to standard of care, on progression of kidney disease in patients with stage 2 to 4 chronic kidney disease and type 2 diabetes.
- The company received U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval for Creon 36,000 lipase-unit capsules for patients with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency. Creon 36,000 is the highest dose of pancreatic therapy currently available for patients.

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- The company's registration submission for Duopa, our levodopa and carbidopa intestinal gel for the treatment of Parkinson's disease, was filed with the FDA.
- The company recently started a second Phase III pivotal trial to evaluate elagolix, an oral gonadotropin-releasing hormone antagonist for the treatment of endometriosis-related pain.

For a more comprehensive discussion of AbbVie's products and pipeline, refer to the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012.

## Separation from Abbott Laboratories

On January 1, 2013, AbbVie became an independent, publicly-traded company as a result of the distribution by Abbott Laboratories (Abbott) of 100 percent of the outstanding common stock of AbbVie to Abbott's shareholders (the separation). Each Abbott shareholder of record as of the close of business on December 12, 2012 received one share of AbbVie common stock for each Abbott common share held as of the record date. AbbVie was incorporated in Delaware on April 10, 2012 and is comprised of Abbott's former research-based proprietary pharmaceuticals business. AbbVie's registration statement on Form 10 was declared effective by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on December 7, 2012. AbbVie's common stock began trading "regular-way" under the ticker symbol "ABBV" on the New York Stock Exchange on January 2, 2013. Refer to the "Basis of Presentation" below for further information.

## Basis of Presentation

Prior to the separation, the historical financial statements were prepared on a stand-alone basis and were derived from Abbott's consolidated financial statements and accounting records as if the former research-based pharmaceutical business of Abbott had been part of AbbVie for all periods presented. Accordingly, AbbVie's financial statements for periods prior to January 1, 2013 are presented on a combined basis and reflect AbbVie's financial position, results of operations and cash flows as its business was operated as part of Abbott prior to the separation, in conformity with U.S. GAAP. The historical combined financial statements also reflect an allocation of expenses related to certain Abbott corporate functions, including senior management, legal, human resources, finance, information technology and quality assurance. These expenses were allocated to AbbVie based on direct usage or benefit where identifiable, with the remainder allocated on a pro rata basis of revenues, headcount, square footage, number of transactions or other measures. AbbVie considers the expense allocation methodology and results to be reasonable. However, the allocations may not be indicative of the actual expenses that would have been incurred had AbbVie operated as an independent, stand-alone, publicly-traded company for the periods presented.

The historical combined financial statements reflected the operating results and financial position of AbbVie as it was operated by Abbott, rather than as an independent company. AbbVie will incur additional ongoing operating expenses to operate as an independent company. These costs will include the cost of various corporate headquarters functions, incremental information technology-related costs, and incremental costs to operate a stand-alone back office infrastructure outside the United States. In order to establish these stand-alone functions, AbbVie will also incur non-recurring expenses and capital expenditures.

It is not practicable to estimate the costs that would have been incurred in each of the periods presented in the historical financial statements for the functions described above. Actual costs that would have been incurred if AbbVie operated as a stand-alone company during these periods would have depended on various factors, including organizational design, outsourcing and other strategic decisions related to corporate functions, information technology, and international back office infrastructure.

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## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### Net Sales

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Percent change		Nine months ended September 30,		Percent change	
			At actual currency rates	At constant currency rates			At actual currency rates	At constant currency rates
	2013	2012	2013	2013	2013	2012	2013	2013
United States	\$2,616	\$2,665	(2)%	(2)%	\$7,363	\$7,362	—%	—%
International	2,042	1,843	11%	12%	6,316	5,812	9%	10%
Net sales	\$4,658	\$4,508	3%	4%	\$13,679	\$13,174	4%	5%

Sales growth in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 was driven by the continued strength of HUMIRA, both in the United States and internationally. Total company sales growth was also driven by sales of key products including Synthroid, Creon, Zemplar and Duodopa. Sales increased in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 despite the loss of exclusivity for TriCor in November 2012, for TRILIPIX in July 2013, and Niaspan in mid-September 2013, as well as unfavorable foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

The following table details the sales of key products.

(in millions)	Three months ended		At actual		At constant		At actual		At constant	
	September 30,		currency		currency		currency		currency	
	2013	2012	2013	2013	2013	2012	2013	2013	2013	2013
<b>HUMIRA</b>										
United States	\$1,389	\$1,136	22%	22%	\$3,569	\$2,964	20%	20%		
International	1,381	1,190	16%	16%	4,051	3,621	12%	13%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,770</b>	<b>\$2,326</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>\$7,620</b>	<b>\$6,585</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>16%</b>		
<b>AndroGel</b>										
United States	\$248	\$279	(11)%	(11)%	\$746	\$787	(5)%	(5)%		
<b>Kaletra</b>										
United States	\$63	\$71	(11)%	(11)%	\$181	\$196	(8)%	(8)%		
International	174	196	(11)%	(11)%	553	567	(3)%	(1)%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$237</b>	<b>\$267</b>	<b>(11)%</b>	<b>(11)%</b>	<b>\$734</b>	<b>\$763</b>	<b>(4)%</b>	<b>(3)%</b>		
<b>Niaspan</b>										
United States	\$201	\$232	(13)%	(13)%	\$619	\$634	(2)%	(2)%		
<b>Lupron</b>										
United States	\$141	\$132	7%	7%	\$410	\$414	(1)%	(1)%		
International	55	57	(4)%	(2)%	166	175	(5)%	(4)%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196</b>	<b>\$189</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$576</b>	<b>\$589</b>	<b>(2)%</b>	<b>(2)%</b>		
<b>Synthroid</b>										
United States	\$161	\$131	23%	23%	\$433	\$383	13%	13%		
<b>Sevoflurane</b>										
United States	\$19	\$20	(5)%	(5)%	\$54	\$53	2%	2%		
International	119	115	4%	6%	358	391	(8)%	(6)%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$138</b>	<b>\$135</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$412</b>	<b>\$444</b>	<b>(7)%</b>	<b>(5)%</b>		
<b>Creon</b>										
United States	\$101	\$92	10%	10%	\$297	\$248	20%	20%		
<b>Zemplar</b>										
United States	\$57	\$52	10%	10%	\$161	\$161	—%	—%		
International	43	39	10%	8%	127	115	10%	10%		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$100</b>	<b>\$91</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>\$288</b>	<b>\$276</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>4%</b>		
<b>Synagis</b>										
International	\$98	\$96	2%	16%	\$513	\$506	1%	10%		
<b>Duodopa</b>										
International	\$46	\$37	24%	19%	\$129	\$108	19%	17%		
<b>TriCor/TRILIPIX</b>										
United States	\$39	\$332	(88)%	(88)%	\$274	\$897	(70)%	(70)%		
<b>Other</b>	<b>\$323</b>	<b>\$301</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>\$1,038</b>	<b>\$954</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>3%</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,658</b>	<b>\$4,508</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>\$13,679</b>	<b>\$13,174</b>	<b>4%</b>	<b>5%</b>		

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The comparisons presented at constant currency rates reflect comparative local currency sales at the prior year's foreign exchange rates. This measure provides information on the change in net sales assuming that foreign currency exchange rates had not changed between the prior and the current period. AbbVie believes that the non-GAAP measure of change in net sales at constant currency rates, when used in conjunction with the GAAP measure of change in net sales at actual currency rates, may provide a more complete understanding of the company's operations and can facilitate analysis of the company's results of operations, particularly in evaluating performance from one period to another.

On a constant currency basis, global HUMIRA sales increased 19 percent and 16 percent during the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively, as a result of continued market expansion and higher market share across various countries, higher pricing in certain geographies and the global launch of the ulcerative colitis indication in 2012. HUMIRA continues to have strong growth in the dermatology and gastroenterology categories. In 2012, HUMIRA received approvals from the European Commission for the treatment of moderately to severely active ulcerative colitis in adult patients who have had an inadequate response to conventional therapy, the treatment of severe axial spondyloarthritis in adult patients who have no X-ray evidence of structural damage, and the treatment of pediatric patients aged 6 to 17 years with severe active Crohn's disease who failed, are intolerant to, or have contraindications to conventional therapy. During the third quarter of 2013, the company made a registration submission in the U.S. for pediatric Crohn's disease. In 2013, the company received approval for two new gastroenterology indications in Japan — intestinal Behcet's and ulcerative colitis. AbbVie is pursuing several new indications to help further differentiate from competitive products and add to the sustainability and future growth of HUMIRA.

AndroGel sales for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 were impacted by rebates implemented during the second half of 2012 and certain account losses in early 2013. AndroGel continues to hold the number one market share position in the U.S. testosterone replacement market, with approximately 60 percent of the market share. AndroGel 1% sales are expected to be impacted by generic competition in 2015.

Sales for AbbVie's consolidated lipid franchise, which includes TriCor, TRILIPIX and Niaspan, declined 55 percent and 40 percent for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively. The decline in TriCor, TRILIPIX and Niaspan sales for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 reflects the introduction of generic versions in the U.S. market for TriCor in November 2012, for TRILIPIX in July 2013, and Niaspan in mid-September 2013. The impact of generic competition in the U.S. market on sales is expected to be the more pronounced in the fourth quarter of 2013.

U.S. sales of Kaletra declined in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 primarily due to lower market share resulting from the impact of competition. On a constant currency basis, Sevoflurane sales increased 4 percent for the third quarter of 2013 due to a partial recovery in international demand. For the first nine months ended September 30, 2013, Sevoflurane sales declined 5 percent due to decreased international demand.

Synthroid sales increased 23 percent and 13 percent in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively. Synthroid maintains strong brand loyalty and market leadership.

Sales of Creon continued to grow during the third quarter and first nine months of 2013. Creon maintains market leadership in the pancreatic enzyme market and continues to capture the vast majority of new prescription starts. In the first quarter of 2013, the FDA approved a new dosage strength of Creon 36,000 lipase-unit capsules for patients with exocrine pancreatic insufficiency. Creon 36,000 is the highest dose of



pancreatic therapy currently available, which may help to reduce pill burden for some patients. With this approval, Creon is able to offer patients the broadest range of dosage strengths.

## Gross Margin

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Percent change	Nine months ended September 30,		Percent change
	2013	2012	2013	2013	2012	2013
Gross margin	\$3,566	\$3,494	2%	\$10,380	\$9,931	5%
as a % of net sales	77%	78%		76%	75%	

Gross profit margin in the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 reflects lower amortization expense for intangible assets and the favorable impact of product mix and operational efficiencies. The favorable impact of these items was more than offset and partially offset by the effect of unfavorable foreign exchange rates in the third quarter and the first nine months of 2013, respectively.

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### Selling, General and Administrative

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Percent change	Nine months ended September 30,		Percent change
	2013	2012	2013	2013	2012	2013
Selling, general and administrative	\$1,261	\$1,085	16%	\$3,904	\$3,578	9%
as a % of net sales	27%	24%		29%	27%	

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for the third quarter and first nine months ended September 30, 2013 increased due primarily to increased selling and marketing support for AbbVie's growth brands, including HUMIRA, and the incremental costs of becoming an independent company.

### Research and Development and Acquired In-Process Research and Development

(in millions)	Three months ended September 30,		Percent change	Nine months ended September 30,		Percent change
	2013	2012	2013	2013	2012	2013
Research and development	\$714	\$813	(12)%	\$2,057	\$2,097	(2)%
as a % of net sales	15%	18%		15%	16%	
Acquired in-process research and development	\$220	\$—	100%	\$290	\$260	12%

R&D expense declined in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 as a result of a restructuring charge of approximately \$150 million recorded in the third quarter of 2012 and a \$50 million R&D milestone payment recorded in the first quarter of 2012 related to a product in development for the treatment of chronic kidney disease. Excluding these items, R&D expense increased 8 percent in both the third quarter and first nine months of 2013 due to added funding to support the company's emerging mid- and late-stage pipeline assets and the continued pursuit of additional HUMIRA indications.

Acquired in-process research and development (IPR&D) expense for the three months ended September 30, 2013 included a charge of \$45 million as a result of entering into a global collaboration with Galapagos NV for cystic fibrosis therapies and a charge of \$175 million as a result of entering into a global license agreement with Ablynx NV to develop and commercialize ALX-0061. IPR&D expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2013 also included the second quarter charge of \$70 million as a result of entering into a global collaboration with Alvine Pharmaceuticals.

IPR&D expense for the nine months ended September 30, 2012 included a charge of \$110 million as a result of the acquisition of ABT-719 and a charge of \$150 million as a result of entering into a global collaboration to develop and commercialize an oral, next-generation JAK1 inhibitor.

### Interest Expense (Income), Net

Interest expense (income), net was \$69 million and \$210 million for the third quarter and first nine months ended September 30, 2013, respectively, and was comprised primarily of interest expense on outstanding debt, partially offset by interest income. In November 2012, AbbVie issued \$14.7 billion of long-term debt and entered into interest rate swaps with various financial institutions, which converted \$8.0 billion of its fixed rate interest rate debt to floating interest rate debt. The balance of commercial paper outstanding at September 30, 2013 was \$400 million. AbbVie expects to incur approximately \$300 million of net interest expense in 2013.

### Income Tax Expense

The effective income tax rate was 25.0 percent and 22.9 percent for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2013 and 1.2 percent and 7.0 percent for the third quarter and nine months ended September 30, 2012, respectively. The effective tax rates in each period were less than the statutory federal income tax rate of 35 percent principally due to the benefit of lower statutory tax rates and tax exemptions in certain foreign jurisdictions. In the third quarter of 2012, taxes on earnings reflected the recognition of \$190 million of tax benefits as a result of the favorable resolution of various tax positions pertaining to a prior year. The increase in the effective tax rate in 2013 over the prior year is principally due to income tax expense relating to certain 2013 earnings outside the United States that are not deemed indefinitely reinvested and the absence of the \$190 million of tax benefits recorded in the third quarter of 2012 as a result of the favorable resolution of various tax positions pertaining to a

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prior year. AbbVie will continue to evaluate whether to indefinitely reinvest certain future earnings in foreign jurisdictions as it analyzes its future global liquidity and financial structure.

AbbVie expects that its effective income tax rate in 2013 will be approximately 22 percent, excluding any discrete items.

## FINANCIAL POSITION, LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

(in millions)	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2013	2012
Cash flows provided by/(used in):		
Operating activities	\$5,022	\$5,404
Investing activities	756	(2,212)
Financing activities	(2,695)	(458)

Strong cash flows from operating activities were driven by net earnings and focused working capital management. The company made a voluntary contribution to its main domestic defined benefit pension plan of \$145 million in the first nine months of 2013.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, AbbVie paid \$70 million to Alvine related to a global collaboration to develop ALV003, \$45 million to Galapagos NV related to a global collaboration to discover, develop and commercialize cystic fibrosis therapies, and \$175 million to Ablynx NV related to a global license agreement to treat inflammatory diseases.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2012, AbbVie paid \$110 million to Action Pharma A/S for the acquisition of ABT-719, \$150 million to Galapagos NV as a result of entering into a global collaboration to develop and commercialize an oral, next-generation JAK1 inhibitor, and \$400 million to Reata Pharmaceuticals related to a collaboration agreement for the joint development and commercialization of second-generation oral antioxidant inflammation modulators.

The company's cash and equivalents and short-term investments increased from \$7.98 billion at December 31, 2012 to \$9.60 billion at September 30, 2013. AbbVie did not report cash and equivalents or short-term investments on its condensed consolidated balance sheet at September 30, 2012 except for cash and equivalents and short-term investments that were held by entities that transferred to AbbVie. The company's cash and equivalents and short-term investments at December 31, 2012 consisted of contributions from Abbott and the proceeds from the issuance of debt. Refer to the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for further discussion of the issuance of debt by AbbVie in November 2012.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2013, the company issued and redeemed commercial paper, of which \$400 million was outstanding as of September 30, 2013. The balance of commercial paper outstanding as of December 31, 2012 was \$1.0 billion. Historically, cash flows from financing activities represented cash transactions with Abbott.

Dividend payments totaled \$1.91 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2013. On September 19, 2013, the board of directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.40 per share for stockholders of record on October 15, 2013, payable on November 15, 2013. In 2013, AbbVie expects to pay regular cash dividends at an annual rate of \$1.60 per share; however, the timing, declaration, amount and payment of any dividends is within the discretion of its board of directors and will depend upon many factors, including AbbVie's financial condition, earnings, capital requirements of its operating subsidiaries, covenants associated with certain of AbbVie's debt service obligations, legal requirements, regulatory constraints, industry practice, ability to access capital markets, and other factors deemed relevant by its board of directors.

On February 15, 2013, the company announced a \$1.5 billion common stock repurchase program, which was effective immediately. Purchases of AbbVie shares may be made from time to time at management's discretion. The plan has no time limit and can be discontinued at any time.

Substantially all of AbbVie's trade receivables in Greece, Portugal, Italy and Spain are with governmental health systems. Global economic conditions and liquidity issues in these countries have resulted, and may continue to result, in delays in the collection of receivables and credit losses. While the company continues to receive payments on these receivables, these conditions have resulted in an increase in the average length of time it takes to collect accounts receivable outstanding.

Outstanding net governmental receivables in these countries at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012 were as follows.

(in millions)	Net receivables		Net receivables over one year past due	
	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012	September 30, 2013	December 31, 2012
Greece	\$39	\$52	\$4	\$13
Portugal	93	80	32	23
Italy	263	308	26	40
Spain	409	285	80	2
Total	\$804	\$725	\$142	\$78

AbbVie continues to monitor the creditworthiness of customers located in these and other geographic areas and establishes an allowance against an accounts receivable when it is probable they will not be collected. In addition to closely monitoring economic conditions and budgetary and other fiscal developments in these countries, AbbVie regularly communicates with its customers regarding the status of receivable balances, including their payment plans and obtains positive confirmation of the validity of the receivables. AbbVie also monitors the potential for and periodically has utilized factoring arrangements to mitigate credit risk although the receivables included in such arrangements

have historically not been a material amount of total outstanding receivables. If government funding were to become unavailable in these countries or if significant adverse changes in their reimbursement practices were to occur, AbbVie may not be able to collect the entire balance.

## **Credit Facility, Access to Capital and Credit Ratings**

### Credit Facility

AbbVie currently has a \$2.0 billion unsecured five-year revolving credit facility from a syndicate of lenders, entered into in July 2012, which also supports commercial paper borrowings. As of the date of separation, January 1, 2013, Abbott's obligations under this facility were relieved and AbbVie became the sole obligor. The credit facility enables the company to borrow funds at floating interest rates. At September 30, 2013, the company was in compliance with all its credit facility covenants. Commitment fees under the new credit facility are not material. There were no amounts outstanding on the credit facility as of September 30, 2013.

### Access to Capital

The company intends to fund short-term and long-term financial obligations as they mature through cash on hand, future cash flows from operations or by issuing additional debt. The company's ability to generate cash flows from operations, issue debt or enter into financing arrangements on acceptable terms could be adversely affected if there is a material decline in the demand for the company's products or in the solvency of its customers or suppliers, deterioration in the company's key financial ratios or credit ratings or other material unfavorable changes in business conditions. At the current time, the company believes it has sufficient financial flexibility to issue debt, enter into other financing arrangements and attract long-term capital on acceptable terms to support the company's growth objectives.

### Credit Ratings

There were no changes in the company's credit ratings in the first nine months of 2013. Refer to the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 for further discussion of the company's credit ratings.

## **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. Certain of these policies are considered critical as these most significantly impact the company's financial condition and results of operations and require the most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain. Actual results may vary from these estimates. A summary of the company's significant accounting policies is included in Note 2 to the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012. There have been no significant changes in the company's application of its critical accounting policies during the first nine months of 2013.

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## **CERTAIN REGULATORY MATTERS**

AbbVie's markets are highly competitive and subject to substantial government regulation. For example, the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act (collectively, health care reform legislation) included an increase in the basic Medicaid rebate and extended the rebate to drugs provided through Medicaid managed care organizations. These Medicare and Medicaid rebate changes, the Medicare Part D coverage gap discount provision, and the annual fee imposed by health care reform legislation on companies that sell branded prescription drugs to specified government programs will continue to have a negative effect on AbbVie's gross profit margin in future years.

AbbVie expects debate to continue over the availability, method of delivery, and payment for health care products and services. It is not possible to predict the extent to which AbbVie or the health care industry in general might be adversely affected by these factors in the future. A more complete discussion of these factors is contained in the "Business" section in Item 1 and "Risk Factors" section in Item 1A of the company's Form 10-K.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

Some statements in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q may be forward-looking statements for purposes of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. The words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "project" and similar expressions, among others, generally identify forward-looking statements. AbbVie cautions that these forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in the forward-looking statements. Such risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, challenges to intellectual property, competition from other products, difficulties inherent in the research and development process, adverse litigation or government action, and changes to laws and regulations applicable to our industry. Additional information about the economic, competitive, governmental, technological and other factors that may affect AbbVie's operations is set forth in Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in AbbVie's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. AbbVie notes these factors for investors as permitted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. AbbVie undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to forward-looking statements as a result of subsequent events or developments, except as required by law.

## **Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures on Market Risk**

The company is exposed to risk that its earnings, cash flows and equity could be adversely impacted by changes in foreign exchange rates and interest rates. Certain derivative instruments are used when available on a cost-effective basis to hedge the company's underlying economic exposures. Refer to Note 7 for further information regarding the company's financial instruments and hedging strategies.

### **Foreign Currency Risk**

AbbVie's primary net foreign currency translation exposures are the euro, British pound, Japanese yen and Canadian dollar. Various AbbVie foreign subsidiaries enter into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage exposures to changes in foreign exchange rates for anticipated intercompany transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the local entity. These contracts are designated as cash flow hedges of the variability of the cash flows due to changes in foreign currency exchange rates and are marked-to-market with the resulting gains or losses reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss. Deferred gains or losses on these contracts are included in cost of products sold at the time the products are sold to a third party, generally within twelve months. At September 30, 2013 and

December 31, 2012, AbbVie held \$1.7 billion and \$1.0 billion, respectively, in notional amounts of such contracts, which generally mature in the next twelve months.

AbbVie enters into foreign currency forward exchange contracts to manage its exposure to foreign currency denominated trade payables and receivables. The contracts, which are not designated as hedges, are marked-to-market, and resulting gains or losses are reflected in net foreign exchange loss (income) and are generally offset by losses or gains on the foreign currency exposure being managed. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, AbbVie held notional amounts of \$4.2 billion and \$4.3 billion, respectively, of such foreign currency forward exchange contracts.

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The following table reflects the total foreign currency forward contracts outstanding at September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012.

(in millions)	September 30, 2013			December 31, 2012		
	Contract amount	Weighted average exchange rate	Fair and carrying value receivable / (payable)	Contract amount	Weighted average exchange rate	Fair and carrying value receivable / (payable)
Receive primarily U.S. dollars in exchange for the following currencies:						
Euro	\$4,438	1.3281	(\$46)	\$3,649	1.315	(\$10)
British pound	79	1.5945	—	91	1.612	—
Japanese yen	311	98.8	(2)	323	84.4	5
Canadian dollar	125	1.0371	(1)	154	0.992	—
All other currencies	927	n/a	(9)	1,045	n/a	(5)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,880</b>		<b>(\$58)</b>	<b>\$5,262</b>		<b>(\$10)</b>

The company estimates that a 10 percent appreciation in the underlying currencies being hedged from their levels against the U.S. dollar, with all other variables held constant, would decrease the fair value of foreign exchange forward contracts by \$599 million at September 30, 2013. If realized, this appreciation would negatively affect earnings over the remaining life of the contracts. A 10 percent appreciation is believed to be a reasonably possible near-term change in foreign currencies. Gains and losses on the hedging instruments offset losses and gains on the hedged transactions and reduce the earnings and stockholders' equity volatility relating to foreign exchange.

Currency restrictions enacted in Venezuela require AbbVie to obtain approval from the Venezuelan government to exchange Venezuelan bolivars for U.S. dollars and require such exchange to be made at the official exchange rate established by the government. Effective February 8, 2013, the Venezuelan government devalued the official exchange rate from 4.3 to 6.3, which resulted in a loss of \$11 million in the first quarter of 2013 recorded in net foreign exchange loss on the condensed consolidated statements of earnings.

**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate swaps are used to manage the company's exposure of changes in interest rates on the fair value of fixed-rate debt. The effect of these hedges is to change the fixed interest rate to a variable rate. AbbVie does not use derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps, to manage its exposure to changes in interest rates for investment securities. At September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, AbbVie had interest rate hedge contracts totaling \$8.0 billion. The company estimates that an increase in interest rates of 100-basis points would have decreased the fair value of our interest rate swap contracts by approximately \$435 million at September 30, 2013. If realized, the fair value reduction would affect earnings over the remaining life of the contracts. The company estimates that an increase of 100-basis points in long-term interest rates would have decreased the fair value of long-term debt by \$871 million at September 30, 2013. A 100-basis point change is believed to be a reasonably possible near-term change in interest rates.

**Market Price Sensitive Investments**

AbbVie holds available-for-sale equity securities from strategic technology acquisitions. The market value of these investments was approximately \$9 million and \$12 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012, respectively. AbbVie monitors these investments for other than temporary declines in market value, and charges impairment losses to income when an other than temporary decline in value occurs. A hypothetical 20 percent decrease in the share prices of these investments would have had an immaterial decrease to their fair value at September 30, 2013. A 20 percent decrease is believed to be a reasonably possible near-term change in share prices.

**Non-Publicly Traded Equity Securities**

AbbVie holds equity securities from strategic technology acquisitions that are not traded on public stock exchanges. The carrying value of these investments was approximately \$79 million and \$72 million as of September 30, 2013 and December 31, 2012,

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respectively. AbbVie monitors these investments for other than temporary declines in market value, and charges impairment losses to income when an other than temporary decline in estimated value occurs.

**Item 4. Controls and Procedures**

**Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

**Evaluation of disclosure controls and procedures.** The Chief Executive Officer, Richard A. Gonzalez, and the Chief Financial Officer, William J. Chase, evaluated the effectiveness of AbbVie's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report,

and concluded that AbbVie's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information AbbVie is required to disclose in the reports that it files or submits with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by AbbVie in the reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to AbbVie's management, including its principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

**Changes in internal control over financial reporting.** During the quarter ended September 30, 2013, there were no changes in AbbVie's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, AbbVie's internal control over financial reporting.

## Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

AbbVie's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and its Chief Financial Officer, do not expect that AbbVie's disclosure controls or internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all error and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls.

The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

AbbVie is involved in various claims, legal proceedings, and investigations, including those described below. While it is not feasible to predict the outcome of such pending claims, proceedings and investigations with certainty, management believes that their ultimate disposition should not have a material adverse effect on AbbVie's financial position, cash flows, or results of operations.

Lawsuits have been filed against AbbVie and others generally alleging that the 2005 patent litigation settlement involving Niaspan<sup>®</sup> entered into between Kos Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (a company acquired by Abbott Laboratories in 2006 and presently a subsidiary of AbbVie) and a generic company violates federal and state antitrust laws and state unfair and deceptive trade practices and unjust enrichment laws. Plaintiffs generally seek monetary damages and/or injunctive relief and attorneys' fees. In September 2013, all of these pending putative class action lawsuits were centralized for consolidated or coordinated pre-trial proceedings in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania under the Multi-District Litigation Rules as *In re Niaspan Antitrust Litigation*, MDL No. 2460.

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In August 2013, a putative class action lawsuit, *Sidney Hillman Health Center of Rochester, et al. v. AbbVie Inc., et al.*, was filed against AbbVie in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois by three health-care benefit providers alleging violations of federal RICO statutes and state deceptive business practice and unjust enrichment laws in connection with reimbursements for certain uses of Depakote from 1998 to 2012. Plaintiffs seek monetary damages and/or equitable relief and attorneys' fees.

In its 2012 Form 10-K and 2013 Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2013, AbbVie reported that it is seeking to enforce its patent rights relating to ritonavir tablets (a drug AbbVie sells under the trademark Norvir<sup>®</sup>). In July 2013, AbbVie filed another case in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Ohio against Roxane Laboratories, Inc. (Roxane) alleging that Roxane's proposed generic ritonavir product infringes additional AbbVie patents and seeking declaratory and injunctive relief on these additional patents.

In its 2012 Form 10-K and 2013 Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2013, AbbVie reported that it is seeking to enforce its patent rights related to niacin extended release tablets (a drug AbbVie sells in the U.S. under the trademark Niaspan<sup>®</sup>). In the third quarter of 2013, the following previously-reported cases filed in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware were settled and dismissed without prejudice: a case filed in January 2012 in which AbbVie alleged that Zydus Pharmaceuticals (USA), Inc.'s generic product infringed AbbVie's patents; a case filed in March 2012 in which AbbVie alleged that Watson Laboratories Inc.'s generic product infringed AbbVie's patents; and a case filed in June 2012 in which AbbVie alleged that Kremers Urban Pharmaceuticals Inc.'s generic product infringed AbbVie's patents. The remaining litigation related to Niaspan<sup>®</sup> is no longer material to AbbVie and AbbVie will no longer report on such cases.

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

#### (c) Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Period	(a) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased	(b) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit)	(c) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs
July 1, 2013 – July 31, 2013	42,524 (1)	\$44.55	0	\$1,478,178,553 (2)
August 1, 2013 – August 31, 2013	126,054 (1)	\$44.53	0	\$1,478,178,553 (2)
September 1, 2013 – September 30, 2013	41,390 (1)	\$46.41	0	\$1,478,178,553 (2)

Total	209,968 (1)	\$44.90	0	\$1,478,178,553 (2)
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1. These shares include:
  - (i) the shares deemed surrendered to AbbVie to pay the exercise price in connection with the exercise of employee stock options – 42,524 in July, 114,754 in August, and 30,090 in September; and
  - (ii) the shares purchased on the open market for the benefit of participants in the AbbVie Savings Plan – 0 in July, 11,300 in August, and 11,300 in September.

These shares do not include the shares surrendered to AbbVie to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the vesting of restricted stock or restricted stock units.

2. On February 15, 2013, AbbVie announced that its board of directors approved the purchase of up to \$1.5 billion of its common stock, from time to time.

## Item 6. Exhibits

Incorporated by reference to the Exhibit Index included herewith.

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### SIGNATURE

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

**ABBVIE INC.**

By: /s/ William J. Chase  
 William J. Chase  
 Executive Vice President,  
 Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 12, 2013

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### EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Exhibit</u>
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a) (17 FR 240.13a-14(a)).
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a) (17 CFR 240.13a-14(a)).
Exhibits 32.1 and 32.2 are furnished herewith and should not be deemed to be "filed" under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.	
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101	The following financial statements and notes from the AbbVie Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2013, filed on November 12, 2013, formatted in XBRL: (i) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Earnings; (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows; (iii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet; and (iv) the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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**Certification of Chief Executive Officer**  
**Required by Rule 13a-14(a) (17 CFR 240.13a-14(a))**

I, Richard A. Gonzalez, certify that:

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

Date: November 12, 2013

/s/ Richard A. Gonzalez

Richard A. Gonzalez, Chairman of the Board  
and Chief Executive Officer

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**Certification of Chief Financial Officer**  
**Required by Rule 13a-14(a) (17 CFR 240.13a-14(a))**

I, William J. Chase, certify that:

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

Date: November 12, 2013

/s/ William J. Chase

William J. Chase, Executive Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer

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**Certification Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350  
As Adopted Pursuant To  
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AbbVie Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, Richard A. Gonzalez, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ Richard A. Gonzalez

Richard A. Gonzalez  
Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
November 12, 2013

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AbbVie Inc. and will be retained by AbbVie Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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**Certification Pursuant To  
18 U.S.C. Section 1350  
As Adopted Pursuant To  
Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of AbbVie Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2013 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Report"), I, William J. Chase, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

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

/s/ William J. Chase

William J. Chase  
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer  
November 12, 2013

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to AbbVie Inc. and will be retained by AbbVie Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

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