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## **VIACOMCBS REPORTS Q4 AND FULL YEAR 2019 RESULTS; PROVIDES STRATEGIC UPDATE**

- Full Year Revenue Increased 2%, Driven by Growth in Advertising, Affiliate and Content Licensing; Operating Income, Net Earnings and Diluted EPS Impacted by Q4
- Transitional Q4 Included Merger-Related Expenses, As Well As Operating Items Expected to be Mitigated Through Benefits of the Combined Company
- Moving Quickly on Integration: Consolidated Teams in Place; Increasing Annualized Run-Rate Cost Synergy Target to \$750M from \$500M
- Go-Forward Strategy Will Unlock Incremental Value from Content, Revenue Lines and Streaming
  - Expanded Portfolio of Platforms Increases Content ROI, Monetization Opportunities
  - Domestic Streaming and Digital Video Business Already Generating Approximately \$1.6B in Annual Revenue, with Significant Momentum Going Forward

#### **STATEMENT FROM BOB BAKISH, PRESIDENT & CEO**

"In less than three months since completing our merger, we have made significant progress integrating and transforming ViacomCBS. We see incredible opportunity to realize the full power of our position as one of the largest content producers and providers in the world. This is an exciting and valuable place to be at a time when demand for content has never been higher, and we will use our strength across genres, formats, demos and geographies to serve the largest addressable audience, on our own platforms and others.

In 2020, our priorities are maximizing the power of our content, unlocking more value from our biggest revenue lines and accelerating our momentum in streaming. With this as a backdrop, we've set clear targets for the year and are providing increased transparency around our business to demonstrate ViacomCBS' ability to create shareholder value today, as we continue evolving and growing our business for tomorrow."

2019 RESULTS	Quarter Ended December 31						-	Full Year Ended December 31			
\$ in millions, except per share amounts GAAP		2019		2018	B/(W) %	<u> </u>	2019		2018	B/(W) %	
Revenues	\$	6,871	\$	7,092	(3)%	\$	27,812	\$	27,250	2 %	
Operating income (loss)		(13)		1,259	NM		4,273		5,204	(18)	
Net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS		(273)		884	NM		3,270		3,423	(4)	
Diluted EPS from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS		(0.44)		1.43	NM		5.30		5.51	(4)	
Non-GAAP <sup>+</sup>											
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	1,164	\$	1,702	(32)%	\$	5,531	\$	6,289	(12)%	
Adjusted net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS		600		1,023	(41)		3,090		3,646	(15)	
Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS		0.97		1.66	(42)		5.01		5.87	(15)	

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\* Non-GAAP measures referenced in this release are detailed in the Supplemental Disclosures at the end of this release. NM = Not Meaningful

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# **OVERVIEW OF Q4 & FULL YEAR REVENUE RESULTS**

## **FULL YEAR**

- Advertising revenue increased 2%, driven by 5% growth in domestic advertising sales, reflecting CBS' broadcasts of *Super Bowl LIII* and the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Tournament's national semifinals and championship games, as well as higher revenues from Advanced Marketing Solutions ("AMS") which includes Pluto TV, partially offset by lower political ad spend.
- Affiliate revenue grew 3%, fueled by 20% growth in reverse compensation and retransmission, as well as strong subscription streaming revenue, which more than offset declines in pay TV subscribers.
- Content licensing revenue rose 5%, reflecting higher revenues from licensing library and original production to third parties.
- Domestic streaming and digital video business which includes subscription revenue and digital video advertising generated approximately \$1.6B in revenue.

## Q4

- Affiliate revenue increased 1%, as strong growth in reverse compensation, retransmission and subscription streaming revenue more than offset declines in the pay TV landscape.
- Domestic advertising revenue was affected by significant declines in political advertising compared with the prior-year quarter.
  - Domestic Cable Networks' advertising revenue grew 9%, benefiting from AMS.
- Content licensing revenue declined 11% due to the timing and mix of deliveries.

<b>REVENUE BY TYPE</b>			(	Quarter I Decemb			Full Year Ended December 31						
\$ in millions		2019		2018	\$ B/(	(W) %	,	2019		2018		\$ B/(	W) %
Advertising	4	5 3,030	\$	3,093	\$ (63)	(2)%	\$	11,074	\$	10,841	\$	233	2 %
Domestic		2,635		2,655	(20)	(1)		9,716		9,270		446	5
International		395		438	(43)	(10)		1,358		1,571		(213)	(14)
Affiliate		2,133		2,112	21	1		8,602		8,376		226	3
Domestic		1,975		1,941	34	2		7,937		7,667		270	4
International		158		171	(13)	(8)		665		709		(44)	(6)
Content Licensing		1,281		1,434	(153)	(11)		6,483		6,163		320	5
Publishing		215		218	(3)	(1)		814		825		(11)	(1)
Theatrical		129		149	(20)	(13)		547		744		(197)	(26)
Other		83		86	(3)	(3)		292		301		(9)	(3)
Total Revenues	\$	6,871	\$	7,092	\$ (221)	(3)%	\$	27,812	\$	27,250	\$	562	2 %



# STRATEGIC UPDATE

## ViacomCBS is one of the largest content producers and providers in the world.

The company has a powerful content engine – including global production capabilities, and a vast library of premium TV and film titles – that spans all genres, formats, demographics and geographies. And, ViacomCBS has the ability and flexibility to monetize this content in a variety of models – across both owned and third-party platforms – which the company believes is a distinct and important competitive advantage.

ViacomCBS will capitalize on these strengths to serve the largest addressable audience - and, in the process, expand the value of that content for more people, more partners and on more platforms.

<b>1.</b> Maximize the Power of Content	<ul> <li>Put the full power of the company behind its biggest priorities, while applying more rigor to managing content mix, investment and returns.</li> <li>Focus on global, cross-company franchise management to get the most out of powerful IP.</li> <li>Use ViacomCBS' leadership positions off- and on-screen – and the company's huge global footprint – to promote priorities.</li> <li>Prioritize content investment in streaming and studio production – two growth areas – while also optimizing programming mix to improve content ROI.</li> </ul>
<b>2.</b> Unlock Value from Biggest Revenue Lines	<ul> <li>Drive growth across distribution, ad sales, content licensing and third-party studio production, enabled by the strength of the unified company's asset base and its position as one of the most important partners in the media ecosystem.</li> <li><u>Distribution</u>: Combine must-have content across broadcast and cable with proven partnership model to drive growth and share.</li> <li><u>Advertising</u>: Benefit from leadership positions in linear and digital, and apply advanced advertising capabilities across expanded audience reach.</li> <li><u>Content Licensing</u>: Package TV and film to create new content licensing opportunities and better meet client needs; use low-risk, profitable studio production business to grow content and IP library for the long-term in an economically efficient way.</li> </ul>
<b>3</b> Accelerate Momentum in Streaming	<ul> <li>Take a differentiated approach that builds on ViacomCBS' unique foundation in streaming, plays to its strengths and fulfills unmet audience and partner needs.</li> <li>Complement the company's leading free Pluto TV and premium pay Showtime OTT offerings by adding a broad pay offering, built on the foundation of CBS All Access.</li> <li>Offerings in free, broad pay and premium pay provides opportunity to serve largest potential consumer market while providing benefits in subscriber acquisition, churn and lifetime value.</li> <li>New broad pay "House of Brands" product will expand CBS All Access by adding the company's scaled assets in film and TV, including world-renowned brands, and reaffirm and expand the value of entertainment, news and sports - through on-demand and live experiences - for audiences around the world.</li> </ul>

 Go-to-market strategy includes partnerships with both traditional and new distributors, domestically and internationally.





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## **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Full year revenue increased 8%, with growth across each of the segment's main revenue lines.
- Full year Adjusted OIBDA decreased 1%, as a result of increased content investment and higher costs associated with the growth and expansion of streaming services, partially offset by higher revenues.
- Fourth quarter revenue declined 1%, as higher affiliate revenue was more than offset by lower political advertising sales and content licensing, compared to the prior year quarter.
- Fourth quarter Adjusted OIBDA declined, reflecting lower political advertising, content licensing and higher expenses.

## **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Viewing Performance and Programming:**

- CBS will conclude the broadcast season as America's most-watched network for the 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, and season-to-date has the most top 30 regularly scheduled broadcast programs.
- CBS remained #1 in daytime and late night, and, among broadcast networks for viewers 2+, had 5 of the top 10 non-sports programs, and 5 of the top 6 freshman series.
- On CBS, the NFL finished the 2019-20 season as the most-watched season in three years.

#### Affiliate and Subscription Growth:

- In January, ViacomCBS announced a renewed carriage agreement with Comcast, including retransmission of 23 CBS-owned TV stations in 15 major markets across the US. As part of the agreement, CBS All Access will be available on Xfinity X1 and Flex platforms.
- In January, the premiere of *Star Trek: Picard* on CBS All Access broke internal records for total streams and subscriber signups.

#### **Studio Production:**

CBS Television Studios continued to grow, with 79 shows ordered to or in production – a 23% increase from the previous year.

		Quarter I Decemb				Full Year En December		
\$ in millions	2019	2018	\$ B/(	W) %	2019	2018	\$ B/(W	I) %
Revenues	\$ 3,126	\$ 3,149	\$ (23)	(1)%	\$ 11,924	\$ 11,061	\$ 863	8 %
Advertising	1,669	1,763	(94)	(5)	6,008	5,751	257	4
Affiliate	682	538	144	27	2,550	2,082	468	22
Content Licensing	715	786	(71)	(9)	3,157	3,006	151	5
Other	60	62	(2)	(3)	209	222	(13)	(6)
Expenses	2,501	2,433	(68)	(3)	9,481	8,595	(886)	(10)
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 625	\$716	\$ (91)	(13)%	\$ 2,443	\$ 2,466	\$ (23)	(1)%



## **CABLE NETWORKS**

## **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Full year revenue declined 2%, as higher streaming and studio production revenue was more than offset by a decrease in linear subscribers and an approximate 200 bps unfavorable F/X impact.
- Full year Adjusted OIBDA decreased 19%, driven by lower revenues and increased costs, including higher investment in content and advertising and promotional expenses.
- Fourth quarter revenue declined 2% as linear subscriber declines more than offset growth from OTT services.
- Fourth quarter Adjusted OIBDA reflects increased investment in programming and OTT.

## **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Viewing Performance and Programming:**

- Cable Networks' total portfolio grew share for the full year, and owned more top 30 cable series in the quarter than any other cable family among key demos.
  - Showtime was the #1 premium network on Sunday nights in the quarter.
  - Comedy Central had its 11<sup>th</sup> straight quarter of YOY share growth its best streak ever. In January, the launch of *Awkwafina is Nora From Queens* was the network's best series premiere in 3 years.
  - Paramount Network marked its 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive quarter of YOY share growth and finished the year with its largest YOY share gain in 14 years.
  - Internationally, Telefe remained #1 in ratings, while Channel 5, Network 10, MTV and Paramount Network grew YOY share in the quarter.

#### **Studio Production:**

- Awesomeness' production of To All the Boys: P.S. I Still Love You premiered on Netflix in February.
- New productions for Quibi include MTV's *Punk'd* and *Singled Out*, Comedy Central's *Reno 911* and Awesomeness' *One Night Forever*.

		Quarter E Decemb				Full Year Ended December 31					
<i>\$ in millions</i>	2019	2018	\$ B/(	(W) %	2019	2018	\$ B/(W	) %			
Revenues	\$ 3,088	\$ 3,166	\$ (78)	(2)%	\$ 12,449	\$ 12,683	\$ (234)	(2)%			
Advertising	1,387	1,342	45	3	5,129	5,130	(1)	-			
Affiliate	1,451	1,574	(123)	(8)	6,052	6,294	(242)	(4)			
Content Licensing	250	250	-	-	1,268	1,259	9	1			
Expenses	2,296	1,994	(302)	(15)	8,934	8,342	(592)	(7)			
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ 792	\$ 1,172	\$ (380)	(32)%	\$ 3,515	\$ 4,341	\$ (826)	(19)%			



## **FILMED ENTERTAINMENT**



### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Full year revenue grew 1%, principally driven by licensing, which was partially offset by lower theatrical revenues.
- Full year Adjusted OIBDA grew to \$80M, principally driven by profits from licensing of films.
- Fourth quarter revenue was impacted by current year slate performance and the number and mix of film titles compared to the prior year.
- Fourth quarter Adjusted OIBDA was an outlier when compared to the prior 8 quarters of YOY Adjusted OIBDA improvement.

## **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

#### **Paramount Pictures:**

- While the Q4 film slate performance was soft, highly anticipated releases in 2020's expanded slate:
  - Currently in theatres, *Sonic the Hedgehog* has grossed over \$116M in worldwide box office in its opening weekend, holding the record for the best debut of a film based on a video game.
  - The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge on the Run, A Quiet Place Part II, Top Gun: Maverick coming in Q2.

#### **Paramount Television Studios:**

- Paramount Television Studios also continued to expand, with 27 shows ordered to, in production or on air.
- New series premieres include:
  - On USA Network: Briarpatch in February
  - On BET: Season 2 of *Boomerang* on March 11th
  - On Spectrum's On Demand platform: Paradise Lost on April 13th
  - On Apple TV+: Home Before Dark and Defending Jacob in April

#### Strategic Investment:

- In December, ViacomCBS announced an agreement with beIN Media Group to acquire a 49% stake in MIRAMAX.
  - As part of the deal, Paramount entered into an exclusive, long-term distribution agreement for MIRAMAX's award-winning 700+ film library and a first-look agreement to develop, produce, finance and distribute new film and television projects based on its IP.

	Quarter Ended December 31						ll Year En December							
<i>\$ in millions</i>	2019		2018	\$ B/(	(W) %	 2019	2018		\$ B/(	(W) %				
Revenues	\$ 532	\$	621	\$ (89)	(14)%	\$ 2,990	\$ 2,956	\$	34	1 %				
Theatrical	129		149	(20)	(13)	547	744		(197)	(26)				
Home Entertainment	155		178	(23)	(13)	 623	617		6	1				
Licensing	219		267	(48)	(18)	 1,709	1,493		216	14				
Other	 29		27	2	7	 111	102		9	9				
Expenses	651		698	47	7	2,910	2,989		79	3				
Adjusted OIBDA	\$ (119)	\$	(77)	\$ (42)	(55)%	\$ 80	\$ (33)	\$	113	NM				



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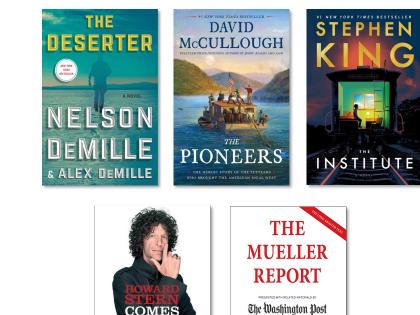
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### **FINANCIAL RESULTS**

- Full year revenue declined 1%, primarily reflecting lower print book sales, partially offset by 7% growth in digital.
- Full year Adjusted OIBDA decreased 7%, reflecting the decline in revenue and higher costs from the mix of titles.

### **OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Bestselling titles for the quarter included Stephen King's *The Institute*, Alex DeMille's *The Deserter*, and the relaunch of *Joy of Cooking*.
- For the year, bestselling titles included the "relaunch" as an author of Howard Stern with *Howard Stern Comes Again*, Stephen King's *The Institute* and David McCullough's *The Pioneers*.
- The Audio division also saw significant growth for the year from the world-class productions of titles, including *The Mueller Report.*



	~	Quarter Ended Full Year Ended December 31 December 31											
\$ in millions		2019		2018		\$B/	′(W) %		2019	2018		\$ B/(W	) %
Revenues	\$	215	\$	218	\$	(3)	(1)%	\$	814	\$ 825	\$	(11)	(1) %
Expenses		181		170		(11)	(6)		671	672		1	-
Adjusted OIBDA	\$	34	\$	48	\$	(14)	(29)%	\$	143	\$ 153	\$	(10)	(7)%



## **ABOUT VIACOMCBS**

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

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## **CAUTIONARY STATEMENT CONCERNING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

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#### VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS** (Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

		Quarter				Year l		
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		2019		2018	<b>•</b>	2019	<b></b>	2018
Revenues	\$	6,871	\$	7,092	\$	27,812	\$	27,250
Costs and expenses:		1.000		4.050		17.000		15.017
Operating		4,806		4,259		17,223		15,917
Selling, general and administrative		1,490		1,293		5,647		5,206
Depreciation and amortization		120		105		443		433
Restructuring and other corporate matters		468		176		775		490
Total costs and expenses		6,884		5,833		24,088		22,046
Gain on sale of assets						549	_	
Operating income (loss)		(13)		1,259		4,273		5,204
Interest expense		(239)		(252)		(962)		(1,030)
Interest income		13		20		66		79
Gain (loss) on marketable securities		35		(46)		113		(23)
Gain on early extinguishment of debt				18				18
Other items, net		(65)		(25)		(145)		(124)
Earnings (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes and equity in loss of investee companies		(269)		974		3,345		4,124
(Provision) benefit for income taxes		—		(75)		9		(617)
Equity in loss of investee companies, net of tax				(2)		(53)		(47)
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations		(269)		897		3,301		3,460
Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax		15		3		38		32
Net earnings (loss) (ViacomCBS and noncontrolling interests)		(254)		900		3,339		3,492
Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests		(4)		(13)		(31)		(37)
Net earnings (loss) attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	(258)	\$	887	\$	3,308	\$	3,455
Amounts attributable to ViacomCBS:								
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(273)	\$	884	\$	3,270	\$	3,423
Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	Ψ	15	Ψ	3	Ψ	38	Ψ	32
Net earnings (loss) attributable to ViacomCBS	\$	(258)	\$	887	\$	3,308	\$	3,455
Basic net earnings (loss) per common share attributable to ViacomCBS:	<i>\</i>	(200)	Ŷ			2,200	Ŷ	0,100
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(.44)	\$	1.44	\$	5.32	\$	5.55
Net earnings from discontinued operations	\$	.02	\$		\$	.06	\$	.05
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(.42)	\$	1.44	\$	5.38	\$	5.60
Diluted net earnings (loss) per common share attributable to ViacomCBS:								
Net earnings (loss) from continuing operations	\$	(.44)	\$	1.43	\$	5.30	\$	5.51
Net earnings from discontinued operations	\$	.02	\$		\$	.06	\$	.05
Net earnings (loss)	\$	(.42)	\$	1.44	\$	5.36	\$	5.56
Weighted average number of common shares outstanding:		· · ·						~
Basic		615		614		615		617
Diluted		615		618		617		621

#### VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### **CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS** (Unaudited; in millions, except per share amounts)

		At Dece	mber 31	
		2019		2018
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	632	\$	856
Receivables, net		7,206		7,199
Programming and other inventory		2,876		2,785
Prepaid expenses		401		372
Other current assets		787		668
Total current assets		11,902		11,880
Property and equipment, net		2,085		2,079
Programming and other inventory		8,652		7,298
Goodwill		16,980		16,526
Intangible assets, net		2,993		2,943
Operating lease assets		1,939		
Deferred income tax assets, net		939		266
Other assets		4,006		3,449
Assets held for sale		23		56
Total Assets	\$	49,519	\$	44,497
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	667	\$	502
Accrued expenses		1,760		1,633
Participants' share and royalties payable		1,977		1,828
Accrued programming and production costs		1,500		1,453
Deferred revenues		739		643
Debt		717		1,013
Other current liabilities		1,688		1,249
Total current liabilities		9,048		8,321
Long-term debt		18,002		18,100
Participants' share and royalties payable		1,546		1,587
Pension and postretirement benefit obligations		2,121		1,908
Deferred income tax liabilities, net		500		656
Operating lease liabilities		1,909		
Program rights obligations		356		459
Other liabilities		2,494		2,724
Redeemable noncontrolling interest		254		239
Commitments and contingencies				
ViacomCBS stockholders' equity:				
Class A Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 375 shares authorized; 52 (2019) and 64 (2018) shares issued		_		
Class B Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share; 5,000 shares authorized; 1,064 (2019) and 1,283 (2018) shares issued		1		1
Additional paid-in capital		29,590		49,907
Treasury stock, at cost; 501 (2019) and 734 (2018) Class B Shares		(22,908)		(43,420)
Retained earnings		8,494		5,569
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,970)		(1,608)
Total ViacomCBS stockholders' equity		13,207		10,449
Noncontrolling interests		82		54
Total Equity		13,289		10,503
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	49,519	\$	44,497
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#### VIACOMCBS INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

#### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited; in millions)

	Year Ended I	December 31,
	2019	2018
Operating Activities:		
Net earnings (ViacomCBS and noncontrolling interests)	\$ 3,339	\$ 3,492
Less: Net earnings from discontinued operations, net of tax	38	32
Net earnings from continuing operations	3,301	3,460
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings from continuing operations to net cash flow provided by operating activities from continuing operations:		
Depreciation and amortization	443	433
Television programming and feature film cost amortization	12,554	11,595
Deferred tax (benefit) provision	(769)	58
Stock-based compensation	291	191
Net (gain) loss on dispositions and impairment of assets	(498)	38
(Gain) loss on marketable securities	(113)	23
Equity in loss of investee companies, net of tax and distributions	58	54
Change in assets and liabilities		
Increase in receivables	(256)	(368)
Increase in inventory and related program and participation liabilities, net	(14,215)	(12,185)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other liabilities	297	(158)
Increase (decrease) in pension and postretirement benefit obligations	16	(65)
Increase in income taxes	160	398
Other, net	(39)	(11)
Net cash flow provided by operating activities from continuing operations	1,230	3,463
Net cash flow provided by operating activities from discontinued operations		1
Net cash flow provided by operating activities	1,230	3,464
Investing Activities:		
Investments	(171)	(161)
Capital expenditures	(353)	(352)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(399)	(118)
Proceeds from dispositions	756	39
Other investing activities	14	4
Net cash flow used for investing activities from continuing operations	(153)	(588)
Net cash flow used for investing activities from discontinued operations	(2)	(23)
Net cash flow used for investing activities	(155)	(611)
Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from (repayments of) short-term debt borrowings, net	25	(5)
Proceeds from issuance of senior notes	492	—
Repayment of notes and debentures	(910)	(1,102)
Dividends	(595)	(599)
Purchase of Company common stock	(57)	(586)
Payment of payroll taxes in lieu of issuing shares for stock-based compensation	(56)	(67)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	15	29
Other financing activities	(130)	(201)
Net cash flow used for financing activities	(1,216)	(2,531)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(1)	(25)
Net (decrease) increase in cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash	(142)	297
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at beginning of year (includes \$120 (2019) of restricted cash)	976	679
Cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash at end of year (includes \$202 (2019) and \$120 (2018) of restricted cash)	\$ 834	\$ 976

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

Results for the quarters and years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 included certain items identified as affecting comparability. Adjusted operating income before depreciation and amortization ("Adjusted OIBDA"), adjusted earnings from continuing operations before income taxes, adjusted provision for income taxes, adjusted net earnings from continuing operations attributable to ViacomCBS and adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations (together, the "adjusted measures") exclude the impact of these items and are measures of performance not calculated in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). We use these measures to, among other things, evaluate our operating performance. These measures are among the primary measures used by management for planning and forecasting of future periods, and they are important indicators of our operational strength and business performance. In addition, we use Adjusted OIBDA to, among other things, value prospective acquisitions. We believe these measures are relevant and useful for investors because they allow investors to view performance in a manner similar to the method used by our management; provide a clearer perspective on our underlying performance; and make it easier for investors, analysts and peers to compare our operating performance to other companies in our industry and to compare our year-over-year results.

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

	Qua	rter Endec	mber 31,	Ye	Year Ended December 31,			
		2019	1	2018		2019		2018
Operating Income (Loss) (GAAP)	\$	(13)	\$	1,259	\$	4,273	\$	5,204
Depreciation and amortization <sup>(a)</sup>		120		105		443		433
Restructuring and other corporate matters <sup>(b)</sup>		468		176		775		490
Programming charges <sup>(b)</sup>		589		162		589		162
Gain on sale of assets <sup>(b)</sup>		_				(549)		
Adjusted OIBDA (Non-GAAP)	\$	1,164	\$	1,702	\$	5,531	\$	6,289

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

(a) The quarter and year ended December 31, 2019 include an impairment charge of \$20 million to reduce the carrying value of intangible assets.

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

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

			Quarte	r Ended D	ecembe	r 31, 2019		
		rnings ss) from atinuing erations re Income Caxes		ision for e Taxes <sup>(a)</sup>	(Los Con Ope Attr	Earnings ss) from stinuing erations ibutable acomCBS	fi Con	ted EPS rom tinuing ations <sup>(b)</sup>
Reported (GAAP)	\$	(269)	\$		\$	(273)	\$	(.44)
Items affecting comparability:								
Restructuring and other corporate matters <sup>(c)</sup>		468		(88)		380		.61
Impairment charge <sup>(d)</sup>		20		(6)		14		.02
Programming charges <sup>(e)</sup>		589		(142)		447		.73
Net loss from investments <sup>(f)</sup>		4		(3)		1		
Discrete tax items				31		31		.05
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$	812	\$	(208)	\$	600	\$	.97

	Year Ended December 31, 2019									
	Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes		Benefit (Provision) for Income Taxes <sup>(a)</sup>		Cor Op Attr	Earnings from ntinuing erations 'ibutable acomCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations			
Reported (GAAP)	\$	3,345	\$	9	\$	3,270	\$	5.30		
Items affecting comparability:										
Restructuring and other corporate matters <sup>(c)</sup>		775		(134)		641		1.04		
Impairment charge <sup>(d)</sup>		20		(6)		14		.02		
Programming charges <sup>(e)</sup>		589		(142)		447		.73		
Gain on sale of assets <sup>(g)</sup>		(549)		163		(386)		(.63)		
Net gain from investments <sup>(f)</sup>		(85)		16		(69)		(.11)		
Discrete tax items <sup>(h)</sup>				(827)		(827)		(1.34)		
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$	4,095	\$	(921)	\$	3,090	\$	5.01		

(a) The tax impact has been calculated by applying the tax rates applicable to the adjustments presented.

(b) Reported EPS for the quarter ended December 31, 2019 excludes the dilutive impact to shares since we reported a net loss. Adjusted EPS is calculated based on diluted weighted average shares outstanding of 618 million.

(c) The quarter and year ended December 31, 2019 include severance and exit costs relating to restructuring activities and costs incurred in connection with the merger of Viacom Inc. with and into CBS Corporation (the "Merger"). The year also includes costs relating to legal proceedings involving the Company and other corporate matters.

(d) Reflects a charge to reduce the carrying value of our international broadcast licenses in Australia to their fair value.

(e) Programming charges principally reflected accelerated amortization associated with changes in the expected monetization of certain programs, and decisions to cease airing, alter future airing patterns or not renew certain programs, in connection with management changes implemented as a result of the Merger.

- (f) Includes an impairment charge of \$50 million for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2019 to write-down an investment to its fair value; a gain on marketable securities of \$35 million for the quarter and \$113 million for the year; and gains on the sale and acquisition of joint ventures of \$11 million for the quarter and \$22 million for the year.
- (g) Reflects a gain on the sale of the CBS Television City property and sound stage operation ("CBS Television City").
- (h) Primarily reflects a deferred tax benefit of \$768 million resulting from the transfer of intangible assets between our subsidiaries in connection with a reorganization of our international operations; tax benefits of \$44 million realized in connection with the preparation of the 2018 federal tax return, based on further clarity provided by the United States government on tax positions relating to federal tax legislation enacted in December 2017 (the "Tax Reform Act"); and a tax benefit of \$39 million triggered by the bankruptcy of an investee.

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

	Quarter Ended December 31, 2018										
	Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes		Provision for Income Taxes <sup>(a)</sup>		Net Earnings from Continuing Operations Attributable to ViacomCBS		Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations				
Reported (GAAP)	\$	974	\$	(75)	\$	884	\$	1.43			
Items affecting comparability:											
Restructuring and other corporate matters <sup>(b)</sup>		176		(41)		135		.22			
Programming charges <sup>(c)</sup>		162		(39)		123		.20			
Gain on early extinguishment of debt		(18)		4		(14)		(.02)			
Loss on marketable securities		46		(11)		35		.06			
Discrete tax items <sup>(d)</sup>		_		(140)		(140)		(.23)			
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$	1,340	\$	(302)	\$	1,023	\$	1.66			

	Year Ended December 31, 2018									
		Earnings from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes		vision for ne Taxes <sup>(a)</sup>	Cor Op Attr	Earnings from ntinuing erations 'ibutable acomCBS	Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations			
Reported (GAAP)	\$	4,124	\$	(617)	\$	3,423	\$	5.51		
Items affecting comparability:										
Restructuring and other corporate matters <sup>(b)</sup>		490		(116)		374		.60		
Programming charges <sup>(c)</sup>		162		(39)		123		.20		
Gain on early extinguishment of debt		(18)		4		(14)		(.02)		
Net loss from investments <sup>(e)</sup>		53		(16)		37		.06		
Discrete tax items <sup>(d)</sup>				(297)		(297)		(.48)		
Adjusted (Non-GAAP)	\$	4,811	\$	(1,081)	\$	3,646	\$	5.87		

(a) The tax impact has been calculated by applying the tax rates applicable to the adjustments presented.

(b) Primarily reflects severance and exit costs relating to restructuring activities as well as professional fees related to other corporate matters.

(c) Reflects programming charges resulting from changes to our programming strategy, including at CBS Films and our Cable Networks segment, in connection with management changes.

(d) The quarter and year ended December 31, 2018 include the reversal of a valuation allowance of \$140 million relating to capital loss carryforwards that were utilized in connection with the sale of CBS Television City in 2019. The year also includes a net discrete tax benefit of \$80 million related to the Tax Reform Act and other tax law changes, as well as a net tax benefit of \$71million relating to a tax accounting method change granted by the Internal Revenue Service.

(e) Reflects a loss on marketable securities of \$23 million; an impairment charge of \$46 million to write-down an investment to its fair value; and a gain of \$16 million on the sale of a 1% equity interest in Viacom18 to our joint venture partner.

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

#### Free Cash Flow

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure. Free cash flow reflects our net cash flow provided by operating activities before operating cash flow from discontinued operations, and less capital expenditures. Our calculation of free cash flow includes capital expenditures because investment in capital expenditures is a use of cash that is directly related to our operations. Our net cash flow provided by operating activities is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure.

Management believes free cash flow provides investors with an important perspective on the cash available to us to service debt, make strategic acquisitions and investments, maintain our capital assets, satisfy our tax obligations, and fund ongoing operations and working capital needs. As a result, free cash flow is a significant measure of our ability to generate long-term value. It is useful for investors to know whether this ability is being enhanced or degraded as a result of our operating performance. We believe the presentation of free cash flow is relevant and useful for investors because it allows investors to evaluate the cash generated from our underlying operations in a manner similar to the method used by management. Free cash flow is among several components of incentive compensation targets for certain management personnel. In addition, free cash flow is a primary measure used externally by our investors, analysts and industry peers for purposes of valuation and comparison of our operating performance to other companies in our industry.

As free cash flow is not a measure calculated in accordance with GAAP, free cash flow should not be considered in isolation of, or as a substitute for, either net cash flow provided by (used for) operating activities as a measure of liquidity or net earnings (loss) as a measure of operating performance. Free cash flow, as we calculate it, may not be comparable to similarly titled measures employed by other companies. In addition, free cash flow as a measure of liquidity has certain limitations, does not necessarily represent funds available for discretionary use and is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs.

The following table presents a reconciliation of our net cash flow provided by (used for) operating activities to free cash flow:

	Quarter Ended			Year Ended December 31,					
		December 31, 2019 2018			2019			$\frac{\text{ber 31}}{2018}$	
Net cash flow provided by (used for) operating activities (GAAP)	\$	(459)	\$	474	\$	1,230	\$	3,464	
Capital expenditures		(102)		(103)		(353)		(352)	
Less: Operating cash flow from discontinued operations								1	
Free cash flow (Non-GAAP)	\$	(561)	\$	371	\$	877	\$	3,111	