Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to the Comparable GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)
(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

A. Reconciliation of net income attributable to Equifax to diluted EPS attributable to Equifax, adjusted for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, an accrual for certain legal claims, realignment of internal resources, income from the settlement of escrow amounts, impairment of our BVS investment, state income tax benefit, income taxes, and acquisition-related amortization expense:

	Three Months Ended December 31,			
(in millions, except per share amounts)	**2016**	**2015**	**$ Change**	**% Change**
Net income attributable to Equifax	**$ 123.0**	$ 111.9	$ 11.1	10%
Acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles (1)	**46.1**	29.3	16.8	57%
Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization (2)	**5.0**	(0.5)	5.5	nm
Accrual for certain legal claims (3)	**6.5**	—	6.5	nm
Realignment of internal resources and other costs (4)	**5.7**	—	5.7	nm
Tax impact of adjustments (5)	**(13.9)**	(3.2)	(10.7)	nm
Net income attributable to Equifax, adjusted for items listed above	**$ 172.4**	$ 137.5	$ 34.9	25%
Diluted EPS attributable to Equifax, adjusted for the items listed above	**$ 1.42**	$ 1.14	$ 0.28	25%
Weighted-average shares used in computing diluted EPS	**121.4**	120.7		

	Twelve Months Ended December 31,			
(in millions, except per share amounts)	**2016**	**2015**	**$ Change**	**% Change**
Net income attributable to Equifax	**$ 488.8**	429.1	$ 59.7	14%
Acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles (1)	**176.5**	122.3	54.2	44%
Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization (2)	**40.2**	(0.5)	40.7	nm
Accrual for certain legal claims (3)	**6.5**	7.5	(1.0)	nm
Realignment of internal resources and other costs (4)	**5.7**	23.4	(17.7)	nm
Tax impact of adjustments (5)	**(48.7)**	(31.8)	(16.9)	nm
Income from the settlement of escrow amounts (6)	**—**	(12.3)	12.3	nm
Impairment of BVS investment (7)	**—**	14.8	(14.8)	nm
State income tax benefit (8)	**—**	(8.6)	8.6	nm
Net income attributable to Equifax, adjusted for items listed above	**$ 669.0**	$ 543.9	$ 125.1	23%
Diluted EPS attributable to Equifax, adjusted for items listed above	**$ 5.52**	$ 4.50	$ 1.02	23%
Weighted-average shares used in computing diluted EPS	**121.1**	120.9		

nm - not meaningful

(1) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $46.1 million ($37.2 million net of tax). We calculate this financial measure by excluding the impact of acquisition-related amortization expense and including a benefit to reflect the significant cash income tax savings resulting from the income tax deductibility of amortization for certain acquired intangibles. The $8.9 million of tax is comprised of $15.1 million of tax expense net of $6.2 million of a cash income tax benefit. During the fourth quarter of 2015, we recorded acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $29.3 million ($25.9 million net of tax). The $3.4 million of tax is comprised of $9.6 million of tax expense net of $6.2 million of a cash income tax benefit.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $176.5 million ($143.3 million net of tax). We calculate this financial measure by excluding the impact of acquisition-related amortization expense and including a benefit to reflect the significant cash income tax savings resulting from the income tax deductibility of amortization for certain acquired intangibles. The $33.2 million of tax is comprised of $58.0 million of tax expense net of $24.8 million of a cash income tax benefit. For the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $122.3 million ($105.4 million net of tax). The $16.9 million of tax is comprised of $41.7 million of tax expense net of $24.8 million of a cash income tax benefit.

(2) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded $5.0 million ($3.5 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, of which $4.6 million related to integration costs is included in operating income, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.2 million related to foreign exchange loss is included in other income, net. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail. During the fourth quarter of 2015 and for the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded $0.5 million ($0.3 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $3.7 million relates to due diligence expenses and fees incurred as a direct result of the proposed acquisition, recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses on our consolidated statement of income. $4.2 million relates to a mark-to-market gain on foreign currency options and amortization of acquisition specific debt issuance costs, recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded $40.2 million ($28.2 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $30.1 million related to transaction and integration costs in operating income, $9.2 million is recorded in other income, net and is the impact of foreign currency changes on the transaction structure, including the economic hedges, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.7 million is recorded in interest expense. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(3) During the fourth quarter 2016, we recorded a $6.5 million ($5.0 million, net of tax) charge for a settlement with the CFPB consisting of consumer restitution of $3.8 million, a fine of $2.5 million and associated legal costs of $0.2 million. During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded a charge of $7.5 million ($4.7 million, net of tax) related to an accrual for certain legal claims. This charge is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(4) The realignment of internal resources and other costs for the fourth quarter of 2016 of $5.7 million ($3.7 million, net of tax) and for the year ended December 31, 2015 of $23.4 million ($14.9 million, net of tax) predominantly relates to the realignment of our internal resources to support the Company's strategic objectives and increase the integration of our global operations. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(5) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded the tax impact of adjustments of $13.9 million comprised of (i) acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $8.9 million ($15.1 million of tax expense net of $6.2 million of a cash income tax benefit), (ii) tax adjustment of $1.5 million for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, (iii) tax adjustment of $1.5 million related to a settlement with the CFPB, and (iv) tax adjustment of $2.0 million related to the realignment of internal resources. During the fourth quarter of 2015 we recorded the tax impact of adjustments of $3.2 million comprised of (i) acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $3.4 million ($9.6 million of tax expense net of $6.2 million of a cash income tax benefit), and (ii) tax adjustment of $0.2 million related to a gain on foreign currency hedges.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded the tax impact of adjustments of $48.7 million comprised of (i) acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $33.2 million ($58.0 million of tax expense net of $24.8 million of a cash income tax benefit), (ii) tax adjustment of $12.0 million for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, (iii) tax adjustment of $1.5 million related to a settlement with the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and (iv) tax adjustment of $2.0 million related to the realignment of internal resources. For the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded the tax impact of adjustments of $31.8 million comprised of (i) acquisition-related amortization expense of certain acquired intangibles of $16.9 million ($41.7 million of tax expense net of $24.8 million of a cash income tax benefit), (ii) tax adjustment of $8.5 million related to the realignment of internal resources, (iii) tax adjustment of $5.0 million related to the impairment of our BVS cost method investment, (iv) tax adjustment of $2.8 million related to an accrual for certain legal claims, (v) tax adjustment of $1.2 million from the settlement of escrow amounts, and (vi) tax adjustment of $0.2 million related to a gain on foreign currency hedges.

(6) During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded income of $12.3 million ($11.1 million, net of tax) from the settlement of escrow amounts related to an acquisition completed in January 2014. The income of $12.3 million is recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(7) Impairment of our BVS investment of $14.8 million ($9.8 million, net of tax) relates to the impairment of our cost method investment in Brazil in the second quarter of 2015. The impairment of $14.8 million is recorded in other (expense) income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(8) The state income tax benefit of $8.6 million was generated from a tax law change enacted in the second quarter of 2015.

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B. Reconciliation of net income attributable to Equifax to adjusted EBITDA, excluding Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, an accrual for certain legal claims, realignment of internal resources and other costs, income from the settlement of escrow amounts, impairment of BVS investment, income taxes, interest expense, net and depreciation and amortization expense, and presentation of adjusted EBITDA margin:

(in millions)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2016	2015	$ Change	% Change
Revenue	**$ 801.1**	$ 666.3	$ 134.8	20%
Net income attributable to Equifax	**$ 123.0**	$ 111.9	$ 11.1	10%
Income taxes	**57.8**	54.7	3.1	6%
Interest expense, net*	**23.4**	14.9	8.5	57%
Depreciation and amortization	**70.9**	48.9	22.0	45%
Veda acquisition related amounts (1)	**4.8**	(0.5)	5.3	nm
Accrual for certain legal claims (2)	**6.5**	—	6.5	nm
Realignment of internal resources and other costs (3)	**5.7**	—	5.7	nm
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding the items listed above	**$ 292.1**	**$ 229.9**	$ 62.2	27%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	**36.5%**	34.5%		

(in millions)	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016	2015	$ Change	% Change
Revenue	**$ 3,144.9**	$ 2,663.6	$ 481.3	18%
Net income attributable to Equifax	**$ 488.8**	$ 429.1	$ 59.7	14%
Income taxes	**233.1**	201.8	31.3	16%
Interest expense, net*	**88.6**	61.5	27.1	44%
Depreciation and amortization	**265.4**	198.0	67.4	34%
Veda acquisition related amounts (1)	**39.3**	(0.5)	39.8	nm
Accrual for certain legal claims (2)	**6.5**	7.5	(1.0)	nm
Realignment of internal resources and other costs (3)	**5.7**	23.4	(17.7)	nm
Impairment of BVS investment (4)	—	14.8	(14.8)	nm
Income from the settlement of escrow amounts (5)	—	(12.3)	12.3	nm
Adjusted EBITDA, excluding the items listed above	**$ 1,127.4**	$ 923.3	204.1	22%
Adjusted EBITDA margin	**35.8%**	34.7%		

nm - not meaningful
*Excludes interest income of $0.8 million for the fourth quarter of both 2016 and 2015, as well as interest income of and $3.5 million and $2.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

(1) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded $5.0 million ($3.5 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, of which $4.6 million related to integration costs is included in operating income, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.2 million related to foreign exchange loss is included in other income, net. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail. During the fourth quarter and for the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded $0.5 million ($0.3 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $3.7 million relates to due diligence expenses and fees incurred as a direct result of the proposed acquisition, recorded in selling, general, and administrative expenses on our consolidated statement of income. $4.2 million relates to a mark-to-market gain on foreign currency options and amortization of acquisition specific debt issuance costs, recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statement of income and does not impact our operating margin. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded $40.2 million ($28.2 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $30.1 million relates to transaction and integration costs in operating income, $9.2 million is recorded in other income, net and is the impact of foreign currency changes on the transaction structure, including the economic hedges, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.7 million is recorded in interest expense. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(2) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded a $6.5 million ($5.0 million, net of tax) charge for a settlement with the CFPB consisting of consumer restitution of $3.8 million, a fine of $2.5 million and associated legal costs of $0.2 million. During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded a charge of $7.5 million ($4.7 million, net of tax) related to an accrual for certain legal claims. This charge is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(3) The realignment of internal resources and other costs for during the fourth quarter 2016 of $5.7 million ($3.7 million, net of tax) and for the year ended December 31, 2015 of $23.4 million ($14.9 million, net of tax) predominantly relates to the realignment of our internal resources to support our strategic objectives and increase the integration of our global operations. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(4) Impairment of BVS investment of $14.8 million ($9.8 million, net of tax) relates to the impairment of our cost method investment in Brazil in the second quarter of 2015. The impairment of $14.8 million is recorded in other (expense) income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(5) During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded income of $12.3 million ($11.1 million, net of tax) from the settlement of escrow amounts related to an acquisition completed in January 2014. The income of $12.3 million is recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

C. Reconciliation of operating income to Adjusted EBITDA, excluding Veda acquisition related amounts, an accrual for certain legal claims, realignment of internal resources and other costs, income from the settlement of escrow amounts, impairment of BVS investment, income taxes, depreciation and amortization expense, other income, net, noncontrolling interest, and presentation of adjusted EBITDA margin for each of the segments:

(In millions)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2016					
	U.S. Information Solutions	**International**	**Workforce Solutions**	**Global Consumer Solutions**	**General Corporate Expense***	**Total**
Revenue	$ 316.2	$ 212.4	$ 173.6	$ 98.9	—	$ 801.1
Operating Income	140.6	32.1	68.6	31.7	(69.1)	203.9
Depreciation and Amortization	20.3	28.2	10.9	2.4	9.1	70.9
Other income/(expense), net**	0.4	1.7	—	—	—	2.1
Noncontrolling interest	—	(1.8)	—	—	—	(1.8)
Adjustments (1)(2)(3)	—	4.1	—	—	12.9	17.0
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 161.3	$ 64.3	$ 79.5	$ 34.1	$ (47.1)	$ 292.1
Operating Margin	44.5%	15.1%	39.5%	32.1%	nm	25.5%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	51.0%	30.3%	45.8%	34.5%	nm	36.5%

*General Corporate Expense includes non-recurring adjustments of $13.3 million.

(In millions)	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2016					
	U.S. Information Solutions	**International**	**Workforce Solutions**	**Global Consumer Solutions**	**General Corporate Expense***	**Total**
Revenue	$ 1,236.5	$ 803.6	$ 702.2	$ 402.6	—	$ 3,144.9
Operating Income	537.0	111.4	295.5	112.4	(238.4)	817.9
Depreciation and Amortization	82.1	101.6	42.7	9.6	29.4	265.4
Other income/(expense), net**	1.9	13.0	—	—	(16.0)	(1.1)
Noncontrolling interest	—	(6.3)	—	—	—	(6.3)
Adjustments (1)(2)(3)	—	7.8	—	—	43.7	51.5
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 621.0	$ 227.5	$ 338.2	$ 122.0	$ (181.3)	$ 1,127.4
Operating Margin	43.4%	13.9%	42.1%	27.9%	nm	26.0%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	50.2%	28.3%	48.2%	30.3%	nm	35.8%

nm - not meaningful
*General Corporate Expense includes non-recurring adjustments of $27.8 million.
**Excludes interest income of $0.8 million in the fourth quarter and $3.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

(In millions)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2015					
	U.S. Information Solutions	**International**	**Workforce Solutions**	**Global Consumer Solutions**	**General Corporate Expense***	**Total**
Revenue	$ 296.1	$ 142.6	$ 143.7	$ 83.9	—	$ 666.3
Operating Income	123.1	29.4	52.9	22.7	(51.2)	176.9
Depreciation and Amortization	20.6	9.4	10.8	2.2	5.9	48.9
Other income/(expense), net**	0.4	1.2	—	—	4.1	5.7
Noncontrolling interest	—	(1.1)	—	—	—	(1.1)
Adjustments (1)	—	—	—	—	(0.5)	(0.5)
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 144.1	$ 38.9	$ 63.7	$ 24.9	$ (41.7)	$ 229.9
Operating Margin	41.6%	20.6%	36.8%	27.1%	nm	26.5%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	48.7%	27.3%	44.3%	29.7%	nm	34.5%

*General Corporate Expense includes non-recurring adjustments of $3.7 million

(In millions)	Twelve Months Ended December 31, 2015					
	U.S. Information Solutions	International	Workforce Solutions	Global Consumer Solutions	General Corporate Expense*	Total
Revenue	$ 1,171.3	$ 568.5	$ 577.7	$ 346.1	—	$ 2,663.6
Operating Income	491.2	113.5	218.8	95.2	(224.8)	693.9
Depreciation and Amortization	83.3	40.1	42.0	9.4	23.2	198.0
Other income/(expense), net**	1.7	(13.5)	—	—	16.0	4.2
Noncontrolling interest	—	(5.7)	—	—	—	(5.7)
Adjustments (1)(2)(3)(4)(5)	7.5	14.8	—	—	10.6	32.9
Adjusted EBITDA	$ 583.7	$ 149.2	$ 260.8	$ 104.6	$ (175.0)	$ 923.3
Operating Margin	41.9%	20.0%	37.9%	27.5%	nm	26.1%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	49.8%	26.2%	45.1%	30.2%	nm	34.7%

nm - not meaningful
*General Corporate Expense includes non-recurring adjustments of $27.1 million
**Excludes interest income $0.8 million in the fourth quarter and $2.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

(1) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded $5.0 million ($3.5 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, of which $4.6 million related to integration costs is included in operating income, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.2 million related to foreign exchange loss is included in other income, net. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail. During the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded $0.5 million ($0.3 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $3.7 million relates to due diligence expenses and fees incurred as a direct result of the proposed acquisition, recorded in selling, general, and administrative expenses on our consolidated statement of income. $4.2 million relates to a mark-to-market gain on foreign currency options and amortization of acquisition specific debt issuance costs, recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statement of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we recorded $40.2 million ($28.2 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $30.1 million relates to transaction and integration costs in operating income, $9.2 million is recorded in other income and is the impact of foreign currency changes on the transaction structure, including the economic hedges, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.7 million is recorded in interest expense. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(2) During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded a $6.5 million ($5.0 million, net of tax) charge for a settlement with the CFPB consisting of consumer restitution of $3.8 million, a fine of $2.5 million and associated legal costs of $0.2 million. During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded a charge of $7.5 million ($4.7 million, net of tax) related to an accrual for certain legal claims. This charge is recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(3) The realignment of internal resources and other costs for during the fourth quarter of 2016 of $5.7 million ($3.7 million, net of tax) and for the year ended December 31, 2015 of $23.4 million ($14.9 million, net of tax) predominantly relates to the realignment of our internal resources to support our strategic objectives and increase the integration of our global operations. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(4) Impairment of BVS investment of $14.8 million ($9.8 million, net of tax) relates to the impairment of our cost method investment in Brazil in the second quarter of 2015. The impairment of $14.8 million is recorded in other (expense) income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

(5) During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded income of $12.3 million ($11.1 million, net of tax) from the settlement of escrow amounts related to an acquisition completed in January 2014. The income of $12.3 million is recorded in other income, net, on our consolidated statements of income. See the Notes to this reconciliation for additional detail.

Notes to Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures to the Comparable GAAP Financial Measures

Acquisition-related amortization expense, net of tax - We calculate this financial measure by excluding the impact of acquisition-related amortization expense and including a benefit to reflect the significant cash income tax savings resulting from the income tax deductibility of amortization for certain acquired intangibles. These financial measures are not prepared in conformity with GAAP. Management believes excluding the impact of amortization expense is useful because excluding acquisition-related amortization, and other items that are not comparable, allows investors to evaluate our performance for different periods on a more comparable basis. Certain acquired intangibles result in significant cash income tax savings which are not reflected in earnings. Management believes that including a benefit to reflect the cash income tax savings is useful as it allows investors to better value Equifax. Management makes these adjustments to earnings when measuring profitability, evaluating performance trends, setting performance objectives and calculating our return on invested capital.

Veda acquisition related amounts for transaction expenses incurred as a direct result of the acquisition, as well as integration expense in the first year following the closure of the acquisition - During the fourth quarter of 2016, we recorded a charge of $5.0 million ($3.5 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, of which $4.6 million related to integration costs is included in operating income, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.2 million related to foreign exchange loss is included in other income, net. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2016, we recorded a charge of $40.2 million ($28.2 million, net of tax) for Veda acquisition related amounts. $30.1 million relates to transaction and integration costs in operating income, $9.2 million is recorded in other income and is the impact of foreign currency changes on the transaction structure, including the economic hedges, $0.2 million is recorded in depreciation and amortization, and $0.7 million is recorded in interest expense. Comparable charges for the three and twelve months ended December 31, 2015 were $0.5 million ($0.3 million, net of tax) for acquisition specific transaction and due diligence expense. Management believes excluding this charge is useful as it allows investors to evaluate our performance for different periods on a more comparable basis. Management makes these adjustments to net income when measuring profitability, evaluating performance trends, setting performance objectives and calculating our return on invested capital. This is consistent with how management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

Accrual for certain legal claims - We recorded a charge of $6.5 million ($5.0 million, net of tax) and $7.5 million ($4.7 million, net of tax) related to an accrual for certain legal claims in the fourth quarter of 2016 and third quarter of 2015, respectively. Management believes excluding these charge from certain financial results provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2016, as compared to the corresponding period in 2015, since a charge of such an amount is not comparable among the periods. This is consistent with how our management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

Charge related to the realignment of internal resources and other - We recorded a charge of $5.7 million ($3.7 million, net of tax) and $23.4 million ($14.9 million, net of tax) in the fourth quarter of 2016 and the first quarter of 2015, respectively. These charges were predominantly related to the realignment of our internal resources to support our strategic objectives and increase the integration of our global operations. Management believes excluding these charges from certain financial results provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2016, since a charge of such an amount for 2015 is not comparable among the periods. This is consistent with how our management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

Income from the settlement of escrow amounts related to a past acquisition - During the third quarter of 2015, we recorded income of $12.3 million ($11.1 million, net of tax) from the settlement of escrow amounts related to an acquisition completed in January 2014. Management believes excluding this income from certain financial results provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to the corresponding period in 2016, since an income of such an amount is not comparable among the periods. This is consistent with how our management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

Impairment of our cost method investment in BVS - During the second quarter of 2015, we recorded a charge of $14.8 million ($9.8 million, net of tax) related to the impairment of our cost method investment in BVS. Management believes excluding this charge from certain financial results provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to the corresponding period in 2016, since a charge of such an amount is not comparable among the periods. This is consistent with how our management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

State income tax benefit - During the second quarter of 2015, we recorded an unanticipated state income tax benefit of $8.6 million, due to a change in tax law. Management believes excluding this benefit from certain financial results provides meaningful supplemental information regarding our financial results for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to the corresponding period in 2016, because a benefit of such an amount is not comparable among the periods. This is consistent with how our management reviews and assesses Equifax's historical performance and is useful when planning, forecasting and analyzing future periods.

Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA margin, excluding Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, an accrual for certain legal claims, realignment of internal resources and other costs, income from the settlement of escrow amounts, and impairment of our BVS investment - Management believes excluding the impact of Veda acquisition related amounts other than acquisition-related amortization, an accrual for certain legal claims, realignment of internal resources and other costs, income from the settlement of escrow amounts, and impairment of BVS investment from the calculation of operating income and operating margin, on a non-GAAP basis, allows investors to evaluate our performance for different periods on a more comparable basis. Management defines adjusted EBITDA as consolidated net income attributable to Equifax plus net interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and also excludes certain one-time items. Management believes the use of adjusted EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA margin allows investors to evaluate our performance for different periods on a more comparable basis.