UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): November 7, 2016

Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 001-32601 (Commission File No.) 20-3247759 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9348 Civic Center Drive Beverly Hills, California (Address of principal executive offices)

90210 (Zip Code)

(310) 867-7000

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On November 7, 2016, Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2016. A copy of that press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in this Current Report shall not be deemed "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall such information be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

The information in the Exhibit Index of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated into this Item 9.01(d) by reference.

SIGNATURES

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 hereunto duly authorized.

Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.

By: /s/ Brian Capo

Brian Capo Chief Accounting Officer

November 7, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits

99.1 Press release issued by Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. on November 7, 2016.



Highlights (year-over-year):

Revenue Up 21% for the Quarter to \$3.2 Billion

- Operating Income Up 25% for the Quarter to \$191 Million
- □ AOI Up 14% for the Quarter to \$303 Million
- I Free Cash Flow for the Quarter Up 21% to \$251 Million
- Concert Ticket Sales for Shows in 2016 Up 14% through October
- Sponsorship & Advertising Contracted Net Revenue Up 12% through October
- I Ticketmaster Global GTV Up 14% through September at Constant Currency

LOS ANGELES – November 7, 2016 – Live Nation Entertainment (NYSE: LYV) today released financial results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016.

Live Nation had a record third quarter and 2016 is on track to deliver another year of record results across revenue, adjusted operating income, or AOI, and free cash flow. For the quarter, revenue was up 21%, operating income was up 25%, AOI was up 14%, and free cash flow was up 21%. Our core divisions - concerts, ticketing and advertising - each delivered their strongest quarterly operating income and AOI results ever.

Our concerts business is our flywheel, attracting 28 million fans to shows globally in the quarter, which then drove record results in our ticketing, advertising and on-site businesses. Our performance demonstrates how Live Nation has created an unparalleled live platform, bringing fans in 40 countries to those unrivaled two-hour events each year.

Our concert and ticketing sales continue to pace well ahead of last year, and this, combined with initiatives to drive increased profits from our flywheel business model, gives us confidence that 2016 will be another year of record results for Live Nation overall and for each of our core divisions.

Concerts Global Platform Growth

Our concerts flywheel starts with attracting more fans to more shows, and in the third quarter we had 16% more fans attend over 6,000 shows, growing revenue by 25%, operating income by 94%, and AOI by 39% year-on-year. Through September, we have grown our fan base by 16% to 56 million, on our way to what we expect to be a record-setting 70 million fans attending Live Nation concerts in 2016.

As we have discussed, increasing on-site monetization has been a major focus, and for the first nine months we have increased average fan spending at our festivals and amphitheaters by 10% at constant currency, while growing attendance 13% at these events, thereby increasing total on-site spending by \$70 million at constant currency. This high-margin spend has been a key driver of our growing concerts profitability thus far in 2016.

We are also benefiting from our ticket pricing initiatives, notably increasing the pricing on the most attractive tickets. As a result, our average ticket price grew by 7% through September, which enabled us to increase what we pay artists by \$450 million on shows this year. By paying artists more, while continuing to build our profitability as well, we further differentiate our concert business and are able to build global market share to drive our flywheel. At the same time, we continue to attract artists to our management business that provides a strong global pipeline of shows and supports our strategic growth initiatives.

Sponsorship & Advertising Delivered Continued Growth

In our high-margin sponsorship and advertising business, we have continued our growth this year, with revenue up 11%, operating income up 4%, and AOI up 7% for the first nine months. During the same period without the impact of foreign exchange movements, our operating growth has continued at double digits with revenue up 13%, operating income up 6%, and AOI up 10%. The core of our sponsorship and advertising business is the ability to reach those 70 million fans attending Live Nation shows this year, now at a scale greater than the NFL, NBA and NHL combined. With over 27 million of these fans in the hard to reach 18-34 year-old demographic, we provide a unique platform for brands looking to drive engagement and activation. From this base of live fans, we leverage our database of nearly 300 million fans to help brands more effectively target potential customers.

We have then further built our ad platform by streaming live concerts and creating related content around our shows and festivals. So far this year, we have generated 3 billion views across Live Nation sites and platform partners including Snapchat, Facebook and YouTube, growing our ad units and providing brands with a complementary way to reach potential customers.

Our platform is proving particularly attractive to those global brands looking to engage potential customers at scale, and through the third quarter, the 50-plus brands that spend over \$1 million a year with us have increased their collective spend by 19% to over \$225 million, and now account for over 75% of our sponsorship revenue. As a result, our contracted net revenue for the year is up 12% through October, with over 95% of planned sponsorship now under contract for the year. Given this, we are confident we will again deliver double-digit AOI growth in our sponsorship and advertising business in 2016 at constant currency.

Ticketmaster Marketplace Continues to Grow

Ticketmaster continues building its position as the global ticket marketplace leader, with 14% growth through September in global gross transaction value, or GTV, to \$19 billion at constant currency, on our way to over \$27 billion anticipated for the year. Ticketmaster provides 480 million tickets to fans across 28 countries, making it by far the largest such marketplace. This has driven a 12% increase in ticketing revenue through the third quarter, a 13% increase in operating income, and a 9% increase in AOI.

Our success in ticketing comes from our ongoing investment in new products, which then supports increased conversion and continued client growth. This in turn reinforces Ticketmaster as the most effective partner for content to sell tickets to their events. Investments in delivering an efficient mobile purchase process continue to

improve the fan experience, and app installs for the first nine months are up 44% to nearly 30 million, while mobile ticket sales are up 38% to now account for 27% of all ticket purchases. Similarly, our integrated secondary and primary ticket offering continues to benefit fans, allowing them to see all their options in one location, driving secondary GTV up 33% at constant currency, to over \$1 billion through September 30. These product improvements have been key in delivering our 7% growth in global fee-bearing tickets through the first three quarters this year, which translates into over 8 million more fans attending sporting events, concerts and the theater.

With this success in selling tickets, Ticketmaster continues to attract new clients worldwide. In the third quarter, we added 170 clients to our base of over 12,000, setting us up for our seventh consecutive year of growth in ticket inventory.

Going forward, we see attractive growth potential in ticketing, as we continue creating targeted products to deliver on the needs of all fans, increasing conversion at our sites and expanding our reach with APIs into third-party distribution platforms.

Summary

We now have good visibility into our full year 2016 performance, and are confident we will deliver another year of record revenue, AOI and free cash flow. We continue to rapidly grow our concert fan base, which is demonstrating the effectiveness of our flywheel, driving anticipated double-digit growth in sponsorship AOI and ticketing GTV. As we look forward, we see tremendous opportunities to continue global consolidation of our concerts and ticketing businesses, with further growth in advertising and ticketing from the concerts flywheel.

Michael Rapino President and Chief Executive Officer Live Nation Entertainment, Inc.



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The company will webcast a teleconference today at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss its financial performance. Interested parties should visit the Events & Webcasts section of the company's website at *investors.livenationentertainment.com* to listen to the webcast. Supplemental statistical and financial information to be provided on the call, if any, will be available under the Reports section at the same link. A replay of the webcast will also be available on the Live Nation website.

About Live Nation Entertainment:

Live Nation Entertainment, Inc. (NYSE: LYV), or Live Nation, is the world's leading live entertainment company comprised of global market leaders: Ticketmaster, Live Nation Concerts, Live Nation Media & Sponsorship and Artist Nation Management. For additional information, visit <u>investors.livenationentertainment.com</u>.

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<u>FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – 3RD QUARTER</u> (unaudited; \$ in millions)

-		-	Growth as Reported	C	Constant	Growth at Constant Currency
\$ 2,497.1	\$	1,991.9	25%	\$	2,534.3	27%
136.1		126.6	8%		138.8	10%
456.4		426.2	7%		460.3	8%
150.8		136.7	10%		152.4	12%
 (70.0)		(58.5)	(20%)		(70.0)	(20%)
\$ 3,170.4	\$	2,622.9	21%	\$	3,215.8	23%
\$ 86.5	\$	44.6	94%	\$	84.7	90%
95.5		92.9	3%		98.7	6%
53.3		49.0	9%		51.7	6%
(8.4)		(2.0)	*		(8.7)	*
(3.2)		0.4	*		(3.2)	*
(32.4)		(31.4)	(3%)		(32.4)	(3%)
\$ 191.3	\$	153.5	25%	\$	190.8	24%
\$ 119.5	\$	85.8	39%	\$	118.6	38%
100.2		95.8	5%		103.3	8%
101.7		97.1	5%		100.9	4%
11.4		12.9	(11%)		11.5	(11%)
(2.8)		(0.2)	*		(2.8)	*
(27.2)		(25.8)	(5%)		(27.2)	(5%)
\$ 302.8	\$	265.6	14%	\$	304.3	15%
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FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS – 9 MONTHS

<u>(unaudited; \$ in millions)</u>

2016		2015		Growth as Reported	C	2016 Constant	Growth at Constant Currency
\$	4,776.0	\$	3,883.5	23%	\$	4,843.9	25%
	288.9		259.7	11%		294.1	13%
	1,305.6		1,162.0	12%		1,319.8	14%
	312.6		302.5	3%		316.1	5%
	(125.7)		(98.7)	(27%)		(125.7)	(27%)
\$	6,557.4	\$	5,509.0	19%	\$	6,648.2	21%
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\$	232.2	\$	171.8	35%	\$	232.4	35%
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	271.3		248.7			271.7	9%
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	(72.3)		(67.8)	(7%)		(72.3)	(7%)
\$	557.2	\$	477.0	17%	\$	561.7	18%
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As of September 30, 2016, total cash and cash equivalents were \$1.0 billion, which includes \$547 million in ticketing client cash and \$179 million in free cash. Event-related deferred revenue was \$417 million as of September 30, 2016, compared to \$441 million as of the same date in 2015. We currently expect capital expenditures for the year to be between approximately \$180 million and \$185 million, with approximately 50% to be revenue generating capital expenditures. In addition, we expect the amortization of nonrecoupable ticketing contract advances for 2016 full year to be in line with the total amount in 2015.

KEY OPERATING METRICS

	Three Month Septemb		Nine Months Septembe			
	2016	2015	2016	2015		
	(in	thousands except e	estimated events)			
Concerts ⁽¹⁾						
Estimated events:						
North America	4,955	4,438	12,848	12,257		
International	1,207	1,467	5,800	5,135		
Total estimated events	6,162	5,905	18,648	17,392		
Estimated fans (rounded):						
North America	22,161	18,674	39,296	34,896		
International	5,808	5,533	16,724	13,425		
Total estimated fans	27,969	24,207	56,020	48,321		
Ticketing ⁽²⁾						
Number of tickets sold	42,579	41,473	123,489	116,206		

⁽¹⁾ Events generally represent a single performance by an artist. Fans generally represent the number of people who attend an event. Festivals are counted as one event in the quarter in which the festival begins, but the number of fans is based on the days the fans were present at the festival and thus can be reported across multiple quarters. Events and fan attendance metrics are estimated each quarter.

⁽²⁾ The number of tickets sold includes primary tickets only. This metric includes tickets sold during the period regardless of event timing except for our own events where our concert promoters control ticketing which are reported as the events occur. The total number of tickets sold reported above for the three months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 excludes approximately 68 million and 69 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 excludes approximately 205 million and 202 million, respectively, of tickets sold using our Ticketmaster systems, through season seat packages and our venue clients' box offices, for which we do not receive a fee.

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Measures to Their Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measures (Unaudited)

(\$ in millions)	Q	3 2016	Q3 2015
Adjusted operating income	\$	302.8	265.6
Less: Cash interest expense — net		(24.1)	(25.4)
Cash taxes		(7.1)	(11.7)
Maintenance capital expenditures		(20.8)	(14.2)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests — net		(3.1)	(4.4)
Distributions from (contributions to) investments in nonconsolidated affiliates		2.9	(2.6)
Free cash flow	\$	250.6	207.3
Revenue generating capital expenditures		(22.6)	(16.7)
Net	\$	228.0	\$ 190.6

(\$ in millions)	9 Mo	onths 2016	9 Months 2015
Adjusted operating income	\$	557.2	\$ 477.0
Less: Cash interest expense — net		(68.0)	(67.8)
Cash taxes		(27.3)	(29.5)
Maintenance capital expenditures		(58.4)	(44.4)
Distributions to noncontrolling interests — net		(25.3)	(13.8)
Distributions from (contributions to) investments in nonconsolidated affiliates		(5.0)	3.3
Free cash flow	\$	373.2	\$ 324.8
Revenue generating capital expenditures		(62.2)	(50.1)
Net	\$	311.0	\$ 274.7

Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to Free Cash

(\$ in millions)	Se	ptember 30, 2016
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,039.7
Client cash		(547.4)
Deferred revenue — event-related		(416.5)
Accrued artist fees		(100.7)
Collections on behalf of others		(29.3)
Prepaid expenses — event-related		233.4
Free cash	\$	179.2

Forward-Looking Statements, Non-GAAP Financial Measures and Reconciliations:

Certain statements in this press release constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding expected record results for the company in 2016 across revenue, adjusted operating income and free cash flow; anticipated record results in 2016 for each of the company's core businesses, including anticipated double-digit adjusted operating income growth in the company's sponsorship and advertising business at constant currency; expected growth in attendance at the company's concerts in 2016 to 70 million fans; expected growth potential in ticketing, including anticipated growth in Ticketmaster's global gross transaction value to an expected \$27 billion for the year and expected growth in Ticketmaster's ticket inventory for the seventh consecutive year; and anticipated opportunities to continue global consolidation of the company's concerts and ticketing businesses, with expected further growth in advertising and ticketing from the company's concerts flywheel. Live Nation wishes to caution you that there are some known and unknown factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including but not limited to operational challenges in achieving strategic objectives and executing on the company's markets do not evolve as anticipated, the potential impact of any economic slowdown and operational challenges associated with selling tickets and staging events.

Live Nation refers you to the documents it files from time to time with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, specifically the section titled "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of the company's most recent Annual Report filed on Form 10-K, and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and its Current Reports on Form 8-K, which contain and identify other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the company's projections or forward-looking statements. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements which speak only as of the date on which they are made. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements by or concerning Live Nation are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements above. Live Nation does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements because of new information, future events or otherwise.

This press release contains certain non-GAAP financial measures as defined by SEC Regulation G. A reconciliation of each such measure to its most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, together with an explanation of why management believes that these non-GAAP financial measures provide useful information to investors, is provided herein.

Adjusted Operating Income (Loss), or AOI, is a non-GAAP financial measure that we define as operating income (loss) before acquisition expenses (including transaction costs, changes in the fair value of acquisition-related contingent consideration obligations, acquisition-related severance and compensation), depreciation and amortization (including goodwill impairment), loss (gain) on disposal of operating assets and certain stock-based compensation expense. We use AOI to evaluate the performance of our operating segments. We believe that information about AOI assists investors by allowing them to evaluate changes in the operating results of our portfolio of businesses separate from non-operational factors that affect net income, thus providing insights into both operations and the other factors that affect reported results. AOI is not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. A limitation of the use of AOI as a performance measure is that it does not reflect the periodic costs of certain amortizing assets used in income (loss), and other measures of financial performance reported in addition to, and not as a substitute for, operating income (loss), net companies; thus, AOI as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

<u>Constant Currency</u> is a non-GAAP financial measure. We calculate currency impacts as the difference between current period activity translated using the current period's currency exchange rates and the comparable prior period's currency exchange rates. We present constant currency information to provide a framework for assessing how our underlying businesses performed excluding the effect of foreign currency rate fluctuation.

<u>Free Cash Flow</u> is a non-GAAP financial measure that the company defines as AOI less maintenance capital expenditures, less net cash interest expense, less cash taxes, less net distributions to noncontrolling interest partners, plus distributions from investments in nonconsolidated affiliates net of contributions. The company uses free cash flow, among other measures, to evaluate the ability of its operations to generate cash that is available for purposes other than maintenance capital expenditures. The company believes that information about free cash flow provides investors with an important perspective on the cash available to service debt and make acquisitions. Free cash flow is not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. A limitation of the use of free cash flow as a performance measure is that it does not necessarily represent funds available for operations and is not necessarily a measure of the company's ability to fund its cash needs. Accordingly, free cash flow should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, operating income (loss) and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. Furthermore, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, free cash flow as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

<u>Free Cash</u> is a non-GAAP financial measure that the company defines as cash and cash equivalents less ticketing-related client funds, less eventrelated deferred revenue, less accrued expenses due to artists and cash collected on behalf of others, plus event-related prepaids. The company uses free cash as a proxy for how much cash it has available to, among other things, optionally repay debt balances, make acquisitions and fund revenue generating capital expenditures. Free cash is not calculated or presented in accordance with GAAP. A limitation of the use of free cash as a performance measure is that it does not necessarily represent funds available from operations and it is not necessarily a measure of our ability to fund our cash needs. Accordingly, free cash should be considered in addition to, and not as a substitute for, cash and cash equivalents and other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP. Furthermore, this measure may vary among other companies; thus, free cash as presented herein may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies.

Reconciliation of Adjusted Operating Income (Loss) to Operating Income (Loss)

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						Thr	ree	Months Endeo	s l	eptember 30), 20 1	6					
Concerts	\$	118.6	\$	(0.9)	\$	119.5	\$	1.8	\$	0.2	\$	33.9	\$	(2.9)	\$	86.5	
Sponsorship & Advertising		103.3		3.1		100.2		0.3		_		4.4		_		95.5	
Ticketing		100.9		(0.8)		101.7		0.7		_		47.2		0.5		53.3	
Artist Nation		11.5		0.1		11.4		0.9		0.1		18.1		0.7		(8.4)	
Other and Eliminations		(2.8)		_		(2.8)		_		_		0.4		_		(3.2)	
Corporate		(27.2)		_		(27.2)		4.4				0.8		_		(32.4)	
Total Live Nation	\$	304.3	\$	1.5	\$	302.8	\$	8.1	\$	0.3	\$	104.8	\$	(1.7)	\$	191.3	
						Thr	ree	Months Ended	a s	eptember 30	, 201	5					
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Concerts	\$	85.8	\$	—	\$	85.8	\$	1.6	\$	0.3	\$	36.1	\$	3.2	\$	44.6	
Sponsorship & Advertising		95.8		_		95.8		0.4		_		2.5		_		92.9	
Ticketing		97.1		_		97.1		0.7		0.2		46.5		0.7		49.0	
Artist Nation		12.9		_		12.9		1.2		0.1		13.3		0.3		(2.0)	
Other and Eliminations		(0.2)		_		(0.2)		_		_		(0.6)		_		0.4	
Corporate		(25.8)		_		(25.8)		4.1		_		1.3		0.2		(31.4)	
Total Live Nation	\$	265.6	\$	_	\$	265.6	\$	8.0	\$	0.6	\$	99.1	\$	4.4	\$	153.5	
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						NII	ne	Months Ended	Se	eptember 30,	201	6					
Concerts	\$	165.8	\$	(0.6)	\$	166.4	\$	5.5	\$	(0.1)	\$	101.1	\$	3.8	\$	56.1	
Sponsorship &		100.1				104 7		1.0				10.0				170.0	
Advertising		199.1		4.4		194.7		1.0		_		13.8				179.9	
Ticketing		271.7		0.4		271.3		2.3		_		132.8		0.8		135.4	
Artist Nation Other and Eliminations		6.3 (8.9)		0.3		6.0 (8.9)		3.1		_		44.9		(0.2) 0.1		(41.8) (9.1)	
Corporate		· · /				. ,		12.2		0.1		0.1 2.5		0.1			
•	\$	(72.3) 561.7	¢	4.5	\$	(72.3) 557.2		13.3 25.2	¢		\$	2.5	¢	4.6	\$	(88.3) 232.2	
Total Live Nation	φ	501.7	φ	4.5	φ	557.2	φ	23.2	φ		φ	295.2	φ	4.0	φ	232.2	
						Nir	ne	Months Ended	Se	ontember 30	201	5					
									00		201						
Concerts	\$	111.5	\$	_	\$	111.5	\$	5.5	\$	0.4	\$	105.3	\$	4.0	\$	(3.7)	
Sponsorship & Advertising		181.5		_		181.5		1.2		_		6.8		_		173.5	
Ticketing		248.7		_		248.7		2.2		_		125.4		1.3		119.8	
Artist Nation		4.9		_		4.9		3.8		0.2		33.9		1.4		(34.4)	
Other and Eliminations		(1.8)		_		(1.8)		_		_		(1.4)		_		(0.4)	
Corporate		(67.8)		_		(67.8)		12.9		_		2.2		0.1		(83.0)	
Total Live Nation	\$	477.0	\$		\$	477.0	\$	25.6	\$	0.6	\$	272.2	\$	6.8	\$	171.8	
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LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (unaudited)

September 30, December 31, 2016 2015 (in thousands) ASSETS Current assets \$ 1,039,706 \$ 1,303,125 Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$26,620 and \$17,168, respectively 785,418 452,600 Prepaid expenses 533,283 496,226 Other current assets 48,798 36,364 **Total current assets** 2,407,205 2,288,315 Property, plant and equipment Land, buildings and improvements 827,960 840,032 Computer equipment and capitalized software 520,100 505,233 Furniture and other equipment 251,419 233,271 Construction in progress 95,398 47,684 1,694,877 1,626,220 Less accumulated depreciation 974,287 894,938 720.590 731,282 Intangible assets Definite-lived intangible assets, net 759,210 777,763 Indefinite-lived intangible assets 368,906 369,317 Goodwill 1,671,629 1,604,315 Other long-term assets 489,489 385,249 **Total assets** \$ 6,417,029 \$ 6,156,241 LIABILITIES AND EQUITY **Current liabilities** Accounts payable, client accounts 709,236 \$ 662,941 \$ 58,607 Accounts payable 66,347 Accrued expenses 686,664 905,729 Deferred revenue 518,678 618,640 Current portion of long-term debt, net 46,693 42,352 Other current liabilities 34,314 32,002 **Total current liabilities** 2,280,997 2,101,206 Long-term debt, net 1,984,511 2,002,662 Deferred income taxes 198,660 199,472 Other long-term liabilities 125,040 142,267 Commitments and contingent liabilities Redeemable noncontrolling interests 308,773 263,715 Stockholders' equity Common stock 2,027 2,020 Additional paid-in capital 2,401,969 2,428,566 Accumulated deficit (972,100) (1,075,111)Cost of shares held in treasury (6, 865)(6, 865)Accumulated other comprehensive loss (144, 273)(111,657) **Total Live Nation stockholders' equity** 1,280,758 1,236,953 Noncontrolling interests 209,966 238,290 **Total equity** 1,446,919 1,519,048 Total liabilities and equity 6,417,029 \$ 6,156,241 \$

LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(unaudited)

		Three Mon Septen			Nine Months Septemb				
	_	2016		2015		2016	2015		
		(in t	ho	usands except sh	are	and per share data	a)		
Revenue	\$	3,170,416	\$	2,622,917	\$	6,557,390 \$	5,509,0	006	
Operating expenses:									
Direct operating expenses		2,428,003		1,974,322		4,817,894	3,974,7	710	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		414,412		365,220		1,126,452	1,008,9	922	
Depreciation and amortization		104,862		99,054		295,241	272,	166	
Loss (gain) on disposal of operating assets		253		625		(1)	Ę	588	
Corporate expenses		31,600		30,186		85,649	80,8	300	
Operating income		191,286		153,510		232,155	171,8	820	
Interest expense		25,249		25,844		75,965	76,8	357	
Interest income		(625)		(460)		(1,831)	(2,4	419)	
Equity in losses (earnings) of nonconsolidated affiliates		17,471		2,040		17,184	·	, 573)	
Other expense, net		2,606		8,127		1,412	20,6		
Income before income taxes		146,585		117,959		139,425	77,3		
Income tax expense		13,824		13,577		26,157	19,2		
Net income		132,761	_	104,382	_	113,268	58,0		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		21,682		15,333		8,966	12,2		
Net income attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation	\$		\$	· · ·	\$	104,302 \$			
Basic net income per common share available to common stockholders of Live Nation Diluted net income per common share available to	\$	0.51	\$	0.39	\$	0.35 \$	6 0).14	
common stockholders of Live Nation	\$	0.49	\$	0.38	\$	0.34 \$	6 0	.14	
Weighted average common shares outstanding:		000 440 440		004 000 504		004 004 005	000 770	477	
Basic		202,118,412		201,392,591		201,904,305	200,776,4		
Diluted		217,690,217		208,738,780		208,855,401	208,493,6	551	
Reconciliation to net income available to common									
stockholders of Live Nation:									
Net income attributable to common stockholders of Live Nation	\$	111,079	\$	89,049	\$	104,302 \$	6 45,8	326	
Accretion of redeemable noncontrolling interests		(8,576)		(10,118)		(33,204)	(17,1	111)	
Net income available to common stockholders of Live Nation—basic		102,503		78,931		71,098	28,7		
Convertible debt interest, net of tax		3,274							
Net income available to common stockholders of Live Nation—diluted	\$		\$	78,931	\$	71,098 \$	5 28,7	715	
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LIVE NATION ENTERTAINMENT, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (unaudited)

Nine Months Ended September 30. 2015 2016 (in thousands) CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES 113,268 \$ 58,068 Net income \$ Reconciling items: Depreciation 104,100 97,845 Amortization 191,141 174,321 Deferred income tax benefit (14,096)(7, 181)Amortization of debt issuance costs, discounts and premium, net 7,823 7,974 Non-cash compensation expense 25,237 25,594 Equity in losses (earnings) of nonconsolidated affiliates, net of distributions 25,742 6,040 Provision for uncollectible receivables and advances 12,743 7,339 Other, net (12,091) (6,094) Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and dispositions: Increase in accounts receivable (345, 343)(232, 106)Increase in prepaid expenses and other assets (173,683)(215,009)120,812 Increase in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities 295,025 Decrease in deferred revenue (116, 347)(46.530)Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities 119,516 (14, 924)**CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES** Advances and collections of notes receivable, net (7,971)(22,827) Investments made in nonconsolidated affiliates (18, 628)(17,130) Purchases of property, plant and equipment (119,740)(97,506) Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired (113,065)(87, 371)Other, net (2,290)(770)Net cash used in investing activities (260, 174)(227, 124)CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Payments on long-term debt (28,795)(22,910)Distributions to noncontrolling interests (25, 279)(13,834) Purchases and sales of noncontrolling interests, net (32, 266)(9, 491)Proceeds from exercise of stock options 14,685 5,676 Payments for deferred and contingent consideration (21,809) (4,450) Other, net (7, 227)2,552 Net cash used in financing activities (109,700)(33,448) Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents (13,061)(45, 150)Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents (320, 646)(263, 419)Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period 1,303,125 1,382,029 Cash and cash equivalents at end of period 1,039,706 \$ 1,061,383 \$