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Enclosure: STMicroelectronics N.V.'s Third Quarter and Nine Months ended September 29, 2018:

· Operating and Financial Review and Prospects;

· Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, Statements of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flow, and Statements of Equity and related Notes for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2018; and

· Certifications pursuant to Sections 302 (Exhibits 12.1 and 12.2) and 906 (Exhibit 13.1) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, submitted to the Commission on a voluntary basis.

OPERATING AND FINANCIAL REVIEW AND PROSPECTS

Overview

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, Statements of Comprehensive Income, Balance Sheets, Statements of Cash Flows and Statements of Equity for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2018 and Notes thereto included elsewhere in this Form 6-K, and our annual report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017 as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission” or the “SEC”) on March 1, 2018 (the “Form 20-F”). The following discussion contains statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, or Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended, particularly in the sections “Business Overview” and “Liquidity and Capital Resources—Financial Outlook: Capital Investment”. Our actual results may differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements. For a discussion of factors that might cause future actual results to differ materially from our recent results or those projected in the forward-looking statements in addition to the factors set forth below, see “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” and “Item 3. Key Information—Risk Factors” included in the Form 20-F. We assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or such risk factors.

Our Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations (“MD&A”) is provided in addition to the accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements (“Consolidated Financial Statements”) and notes to assist readers in understanding our results of operations, financial condition and cash flows. Our MD&A is organized as follows:

- Critical Accounting Policies using Significant Estimates.

Business Overview, a discussion of our business and overall analysis of financial and other relevant highlights of the three and nine months ended September 29, 2018 designed to provide context for the other sections of the MD&A, including our expectations for selected financial items for the fourth quarter of 2018.

- Other Developments in the third quarter of 2018.

Results of Operations, containing a year-over-year and sequential analysis of our financial results for the three and nine months ended September 29, 2018, as well as segment information.

- Legal Proceedings.

Discussion of the impact of changes in exchange rates, interest rates and equity prices on our activity and financial results.

Liquidity and Capital Resources, presenting an analysis of changes in our balance sheets and cash flows, and discussing our financial condition and potential sources of liquidity.

- Impact of Recently Issued U.S. Accounting Standards.

- Backlog and Customers, discussing the level of backlog and sales to our key customers.

- Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

- Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements.

STMicroelectronics N.V. (“ST” or the “Company”) is a global semiconductor leader delivering intelligent and energy-efficient products and solutions that power the electronics at the heart of everyday life. ST’s products are found everywhere today and together with our customers, we are enabling smarter driving and smarter factories, cities and homes, along with the next generation of mobile and Internet of Things devices. By getting more from technology to get more from life, ST stands for life.augmented.

Critical Accounting Policies Using Significant Estimates

There were no material changes in the first nine months of 2018 to the information provided under the heading “Critical Accounting Policies Using Significant Estimates” included in our Form 20-F except the new guidance on revenue recognition, pension costs and cash flow detailed in Note 5 Recent Accounting Announcements. Prior periods have been restated following the implementation of the new guidance on pension costs and cash flow.

Fiscal Year

Under Article 35 of our Articles of Association, our fiscal year extends from January 1 to December 31. The first quarter of 2018 ended on March 31, 2018, the second quarter ended on June 30, 2018, the third quarter ended on September 29, 2018 and the fourth quarter will end on December 31, 2018. Based on our fiscal calendar, the distribution of our revenues and expenses by quarter may be unbalanced due to a different number of days in the various quarters of the fiscal year and can also differ from equivalent prior years’ periods, as illustrated in the below table for the years 2017 and 2018.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Days			
2017	91	91	91	92
2018	90	91	91	93

Business Overview

Our results of operations for each period were as follows:

	Three Months Ended			% Variation	
	September 29, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-Over-Year
	(In millions, except per share amounts)				
Net revenues	\$2,522	\$2,269	\$ 2,136	11.2%	18.1 %
Gross profit	1,003	911	846	10.1%	18.6 %
Gross margin as percentage of net revenues	39.8 %	40.2 %	39.6 %	-40bps	+20bps
Operating income	398	289	281	-	-
Net income attributable to parent company	369	261	236	-	-
Earnings per share (Diluted)	\$0.41	\$0.29	\$ 0.26	-	-

The total available market is defined as the “TAM”, while the serviceable available market, the “SAM”, is defined as the market for products sold by us (which consists of the TAM and excludes major devices such as Microprocessors (MPUs), Dynamic random-access memories (DRAMs), optoelectronics devices, Flash Memories and the Wireless

Application Specific market products such as Baseband and Application Processor).

Based on the data published by World Semiconductor Trade Statistics (WSTS), semiconductor industry revenues increased in the third quarter of 2018, on a sequential basis, by approximately 4% for the TAM and 3% for the SAM, to reach approximately \$123 billion and \$50 billion, respectively. On a year-over-year basis, both the TAM and the SAM increased by approximately 14% and 10%, respectively.

Third quarter 2018 net revenues amounted to \$2,522 million, increasing sequentially by 11.2%, 120 basis points better than the mid-point of our released guidance. On a sequential basis, Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG) revenues increased 3.6%, Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS) revenues increased 46.6% primarily due to higher Imaging revenues, while Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG) revenues decreased 8.1 %.

On a year-over-year basis, third quarter net revenues increased 18.1% mainly driven by double-digit growth in ADG and AMS. Specifically, AMS revenues were up 36.7%, driven by triple-digit growth in Imaging; ADG revenues were higher by 16.3% on double-digit growth for both Automotive and Power Discrete products; and MDG revenues increased 2.5%.

Our revenue performance was above the performance of the SAM on a sequential and year-over-year basis.

Our effective average exchange rate for the third quarter of 2018 was \$1.18 for €1.00 compared to \$1.19 for €1.00 in the second quarter of 2018 and \$1.13 for €1.00 in the third quarter of 2017. For a more detailed discussion of our hedging arrangements and the impact of fluctuations in exchange rates, see “Impact of Changes in Exchange Rates”.

Our third quarter of 2018 gross profit was \$1,003 million and gross margin was 39.8%, 20 basis points lower than the mid-point of our guidance mainly due to product group mix. On a sequential basis, gross margin decreased 40 basis points, negatively impacted by a less favorable product mix. Gross margin increased 20 basis points year-over-year, largely driven by a favorable mix shift toward higher value products and improved manufacturing efficiency.

Our aggregated selling, general and administrative (SG&A) and research and development (R&D) costs amounted to \$616 million, decreasing compared to \$633 million in the prior quarter but increasing compared to \$556 million in the year-ago quarter. On a sequential basis, operating expenses were positively impacted by favorable seasonality (higher vacation days) and, for a less extend, by favorable currency effects, net of hedging, partially offset by higher share based compensation costs and salary dynamic. On a year-over-year basis, operating expenses increased due to unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging, increased labor cost associated with higher costs of the share based compensation plans, increased R&D activities as well as some additional one-time impact of our management reorganization.

Other income and expenses, net, amounted to \$11 million, flat compared to the previous quarter and increasing compared to \$5 million in the year-ago quarter, mainly due to lower start-up costs.

In the last quarter and current quarter, there was no impact of impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, compared to \$14 million in the year-ago quarter, mainly related to the completed set-top-box restructuring plan announced in January 2016 and the restructuring plan in our Back-End manufacturing plant in Bouskoura, Morocco.

In the third quarter of 2018, our operating income was \$398 million, equivalent to 15.8% of net revenues, compared to \$289 million in the second quarter of 2018 (12.7% of net revenues), and to \$281 million (13.1% of net revenues) in the year-ago quarter. Sequentially, the increase of our operating results was mainly due to higher revenues associated with lower operating expenses. On a year-over-year basis, operating income improved by \$117 million reflecting higher revenues, improved manufacturing efficiencies and product mix, partially offset by normal price pressure, unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging, and higher operating expenses.

Our net cash from operating activities was \$373 million and net cash used in investing activities, excluding the net proceeds from marketable securities and short-term deposits of \$107 million, was \$259 million, generating a positive free cash flow (non U.S. GAAP measure) of \$114 million for the third quarter of 2018. In the period, our net cash variation, including the net cash used in financing activities (comprised mainly of the dividend payment of \$54 million), was positive \$152 million.

We expect fourth quarter 2018 revenues to grow about 5.7% sequentially, plus or minus 350 basis points, translating into year-over-year revenue growth above 8%. Gross margin is expected to be about 39.8%, plus or minus 200 basis points. Based on our fourth quarter guidance, we anticipate 2018 revenues to grow about 16% year-over-year at the mid-point of our fourth quarter revenue guidance, in line with our expectations shared in May at our Capital Markets Day. We expect that this level of revenue growth will also drive sequential improvements in operating margin and net

earnings.

This outlook is based on an assumed effective currency exchange rate of approximately \$1.18 = €1.00 for the 2018 fourth quarter and includes the impact of existing hedging contracts. The fourth quarter will close on December 31, 2018.

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These are forward-looking statements that are subject to known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially; in particular, refer to those known risks and uncertainties described in “Cautionary Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements” and Item 3. “Key Information — Risk Factors” in our Form 20-F as may be updated from time to time in our SEC filings.

Other Developments in the Third Quarter of 2018

On August 22, we published our IFRS 2018 Semi Annual Accounts for the six-month period ended June 30, 2018 on our website and filed them with the AFM (Autoriteit Financiële Markten), the Netherlands Authority for the Financial Markets.

On September 24, we announced that we entered the Dow Jones World and Europe Sustainability Indices.

Results of Operations

Segment Information

We design, develop, manufacture and market a broad range of products, including discrete and standard commodity components, application-specific integrated circuits, full-custom devices and semi-custom devices and application-specific standard products for analog, digital and mixed-signal applications. In addition, we further participate in the manufacturing value chain of Smartcard products, which includes the production and sale of both silicon chips and Smartcards.

Our reportable segments are as follows:

Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG), comprised of dedicated automotive ICs (both digital and analog), and discrete and power transistor products for all market segments.

Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS), comprised of low-power high-end analog ICs (both custom and general purpose) for all markets, smart power products for Industrial, Computer and Consumer markets, Touch Screen Controllers, Low Power Connectivity solutions (both wireline and wireless) for IoT, power conversion products, metering solutions for Smart Grid and all MEMS products for sensors or actuators, subsystems, as well as the Imaging Products division (including the sensors and modules utilizing our Time-of-Flight technology).

Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG), comprised of general purpose and secure microcontrollers, EEPROM memories, Digital ASICs, Aerospace & Defense products including components for microwave and millimeter wave.

Commencing in the fourth quarter of 2017, we transferred the Imaging Product Division, previously reported in Others, into the Analog and MEMS Group (AMG) to create the new organization Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS). Additionally, effective January 1, 2018, the Subsystems business unit was transferred from Others to AMS. Prior periods have been restated accordingly.

For the computation of the segments’ internal financial measurements, we use certain internal rules of allocation for the costs not directly chargeable to the segments, including cost of sales, selling, general and administrative expenses and a part of research and development expenses. In compliance with our internal policies, certain costs are not allocated to the segments, but reported in “Others”. Those include impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, management reorganization expenses, unused capacity charges, phase-out and start-up costs of certain manufacturing facilities, certain one-time corporate items, strategic and special research and development programs or other corporate-sponsored initiatives, including certain corporate-level operating expenses, patent claims and

litigations and certain other miscellaneous charges. In addition, depreciation and amortization expense is part of the manufacturing costs allocated to the segments and is neither identified as part of the inventory variation nor as part of the unused capacity charges; therefore, it cannot be isolated in the costs of goods sold. Finally, R&D grants are allocated to our segments proportionally to the incurred R&D expenses on the sponsored projects.

Wafer costs are allocated to the segments based on actual cost. From time to time, with respect to specific technologies, wafer costs are allocated to segments based on market price.

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Third Quarter 2018 vs. Second Quarter 2018 and Third Quarter 2017

The following table sets forth certain financial data from our Unaudited Interim Consolidated Statements of Income:

	Three Months Ended				September 30,			
	September 29, 2018		June 30, 2018		2017			
	\$	% of net	\$	% of net	\$	% of net		
	million	revenues	million	revenues	million	revenues		
Net sales	\$2,515	99.7 %	\$2,250	99.2 %	\$2,123	99.4 %		
Other revenues	7	0.3	19	0.8	13	0.6		
Net revenues	2,522	100.0	2,269	100.0	2,136	100.0		
Cost of sales	(1,519)	(60.2)	(1,358)	(59.8)	(1,290)	(60.4)		
Gross profit	1,003	39.8	911	40.2	846	39.6		
Selling, general and administrative	(268)	(10.6)	(277)	(12.2)	(244)	(11.4)		
Research and development	(348)	(13.8)	(356)	(15.7)	(312)	(14.6)		
Other income and expenses, net	11	0.4	11	0.4	5	0.2		
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	-	-	-	-	(14)	(0.7)		
Operating income	398	15.8	289	12.7	281	13.1		
Interest expense, net	(2)	(0.1)	(2)	(0.1)	(7)	(0.4)		
Other components of pension benefit costs	(3)	(0.1)	(3)	(0.1)	(3)	(0.1)		
Income (loss) on equity-method investments	2	0.1	-	-	-	-		
Loss on financial instruments, net	-	-	-	-	(5)	(0.2)		
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	395	15.7	284	12.5	266	12.4		
Income tax expense	(24)	(1.0)	(21)	(0.9)	(28)	(1.3)		
Net income	371	14.7	263	11.6	238	11.1		
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2)	(0.1)	(2)	(0.1)	(2)	(0.1)		
Net income attributable to parent company	\$369	14.6 %	\$261	11.5 %	\$236	11.0 %		

Net revenues

	Three Months Ended			% Variation		
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-Over-Year	
	(In millions)					
Net sales	\$2,515	\$2,250	\$ 2,123	11.8 %	18.5	%
Other revenues	7	19	13	(63.0)	(47.8)
Net revenues	\$2,522	\$2,269	\$ 2,136	11.2 %	18.1	%

Our third quarter 2018 net revenues increased sequentially by 11.2%, 120 basis points above the mid-point of our guidance. The sequential increase resulted from an increase of approximately 6% in average selling prices, which was driven by improved product mix, partially offset by pure pricing effect, and an increase of approximately 5% in volumes.

On a year-over-year basis, our net revenues increased by 18.1% as a result of an approximate 22% increase in average selling prices, entirely due to the product mix, while volumes decreased by approximately 4%.

Net revenues by product group

	Three Months Ended			% Variation		
	September			Sequential		
	29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-over-Year	
	(In millions)					
Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	\$901	\$870	\$ 775	3.6 %	16.3	%
Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS)	899	613	657	46.6	36.7	
Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	719	782	701	(8.1)	2.5	
Others	3	4	3	(2.8)	9.4	
Total consolidated net revenues	\$2,522	\$2,269	\$ 2,136	11.2%	18.1	%

On a sequential basis, ADG revenues increased 3.6%, with growth in both Power Discrete and Automotive. The increase in ADG revenues was driven by an approximate 2% increase in average selling prices, mainly due to a better product mix, and an approximate 2% increase in volumes. AMS revenues increased 46.6% sequentially due to higher sales in Imaging. The increase in AMS revenues was due to an approximate 35% increase in average selling prices, entirely due to a more favorable product mix, while volumes increased by approximately 12%. MDG revenues decreased 8.1%, with average selling prices decreasing by approximately 10%, mainly impacted by unfavorable product mix, partially offset by an approximate 2% increase in volumes.

On a year-over-year basis, third quarter net revenues increased by 18.1%, mainly driven by double-digit growth in ADG and AMS. ADG revenues increased 16.3% compared to the year-ago period, reflecting double-digit growth in both Automotive and Power Discrete products. The increase was entirely due to higher average selling prices of approximately 28%, driven by a more favorable product mix, while volumes decreased by approximately 12%. AMS revenues increased 36.7% compared to the year-ago period driven by higher sales in Imaging as well as growth in Analog and MEMS. The increase was due to improved product mix resulting in higher average selling prices of approximately 26% and higher volumes of approximately 11%. MDG revenues increased 2.5% mainly driven by Digital ICs. The increase in MDG revenues was driven by higher average selling prices of approximately 4%, entirely due to a better product mix, partially offset by lower volumes of approximately 2%.

Net Revenues by Market Channel ⁽¹⁾

	Three Months Ended			% Variation		
	September			Sequential		
	29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-over-Year	
OEM	68 %	61 %	66			%
Distribution	32	39	34			
Total	100%	100 %	100			%

Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEM”) are the end-customers to which we provide direct marketing (1) application engineering support, while Distribution customers refers to the distributors and representatives that we engage to distribute our products around the world.

By market channel, our third quarter net revenues in Distribution amounted to 32% of our total revenues, decreasing from 39% in the prior quarter and from 34% in the prior-year quarter.

Net Revenues by Location of Shipment ⁽¹⁾

	Three Months Ended	% Variation
	Sequential	Year-Over-Year

	September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017			
	2018	2018				
	(In millions)					
EMEA	\$613	\$635	\$ 553	(3.4)%	10.8	%
Americas	315	314	287	0.2	9.9	
Asia Pacific	1,594	1,320	1,296	20.8	23.0	
Total	\$2,522	\$2,269	\$ 2,136	11.2%	18.1	%

(1) Net revenues by location of shipment are classified by location of customer invoiced or reclassified by shipment destination in line with customer demand. For example, products ordered by U.S.-based companies to be invoiced to Asia Pacific affiliates are classified as Asia Pacific revenues. Furthermore, the comparison among the different periods may be affected by shifts in shipment from one location to another, as requested by our customers.

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On a sequential basis, Asia Pacific revenues grew 20.8% with Imaging being the main contributor to the increase. Americas revenues remained substantially flat and EMEA revenues decreased 3.4%, mainly impacted by unfavorable quarter seasonality. On a year-over-year basis, all regions experienced a revenue increase mainly driven by Imaging in Asia Pacific and by ADG in the three regions.

Gross profit

	Three Months Ended			Variation		
	September 29, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-Over-Year	
	(In millions)					
Gross profit	\$1,003	\$911	\$ 846	10.1%	18.6	%
Gross margin (as percentage of net revenues)	39.8 %	40.2%	39.6 %	-40bps	+20bps	

In the third quarter of 2018, gross margin was 39.8%, 20 basis points below the mid-point of our guidance, primarily as a result of a less favorable product group mix. Sequentially, gross margin decreased by 40 basis points, negatively impacted by a less favorable product mix, sale price pressure and lower licensing revenues, partially offset by overall improved efficiency.

On a year-over-year basis, gross margin increased by 20 basis points, due to a better product mix and improved manufacturing efficiency.

Operating expenses

	Three Months Ended			Variation		
	September 29, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	Sequential	Year-Over-Year	
	(In millions)					
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$(268)	\$(277)	\$ (244)	3.3%	(10.1)%
Research and development expenses	(348)	(356)	(312)	2.1	(11.7)
Total operating expenses	\$(616)	\$(633)	\$ (556)	2.6%	(11.0)%
As percentage of net revenues	(24.4)%	(27.9)%	(26.0)%	+350bps	+160bps	

The third quarter 2018 operating expenses decreased sequentially, mainly due to favorable seasonality (higher vacation days) and, for a lesser extent, by favorable currency effects, net of hedging, partially offset by higher share based compensation costs and salary dynamic. On a year-over-year basis, operating expenses increased due to unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging, increased labor cost associated with higher costs of the share based compensation plans, increased R&D activities as well as some additional one-time impact of our management reorganization.

As a percentage of revenues, our operating expenses amounted to 24.4%, decreasing sequentially and on a year-over-year basis, due to higher revenues.

R&D expenses were net of research tax credits in France and Italy, which amounted to \$36 million in the third quarter of 2018, compared to \$30 million in both prior and year-ago quarters.

Other income and expenses, net

Three Months Ended

	September 29, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2017	
	(In millions)			
Research and development funding	\$13	\$10	\$ 13	
Exchange gain, net	1	1	1	
Phase-out and start-up costs	-	-	(7)	
Patent costs	(2)	(2)	(3)	
Gain on sale of businesses and non-current assets	-	1	1	
Other, net	(1)	1	-	
Other income and expenses, net	\$11	\$11	\$ 5	
As percentage of net revenues	0.4%	0.4 %	0.2	%

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In the third quarter of 2018, we recognized net other income of \$11 million, flat sequentially and increasing on a year-over-year basis mainly due to lower start-up costs.

Further, R&D funding received in the year ended December 31, 2017 and in the first half of 2018 from the Nano2017 program with the French government is subject to a financial return in the year 2024 and depends on the future cumulative sales of a certain product technology from 2018 to 2023. As such, the criteria for grant income recognition were not met and an accrual amounting to \$43 million was posted as of September 29, 2018, remaining at the same level compared to June 30, 2018.

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs

	Three Months Ended		
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	\$-	\$ -	\$ (14)

In the second and third quarters of 2018, we did not record any impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs.

In the third quarter of 2017, we recorded \$14 million of impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, consisting of: (i) \$8 million of restructuring charges related to the set-top box plan; and (ii) \$6 million of restructuring charges related to the restructuring plan in our Back-End manufacturing plant in Bouskoura, Morocco.

Operating income

	Three Months Ended		
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Operating income	\$398	\$289	\$ 281
As percentage of net revenues	15.8%	12.7%	13.1 %

The third quarter of 2018 operating income was \$398 million, compared to an operating income of \$289 million and \$281 million in the prior and year-ago quarters, respectively. Sequentially, the increase of our operating result was mainly due to higher revenues associated with lower operating expenses. Compared to the year-ago period, operating income improved by \$117 million reflecting higher revenues, improved manufacturing efficiencies and product mix, partially offset by normal price pressure, unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging, and higher operating expenses.

Operating income by product group ⁽¹⁾

	Three Months Ended					
	September 29, 2018		June 30, 2018		September 30, 2017	
	\$	% of net million revenues	\$	% of net million revenues	\$	% of net million revenues
Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	\$116	12.8 %	\$84	9.7 %	\$85	10.9 %
Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS)	157	17.5	64	10.5	86	13.1
Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	119	16.6	159	20.3	126	18.0

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Total operating income of product segments	392	15.6		307	13.5		297	13.9
Others ⁽²⁾	6	-		(18)	-		(16)	-
Total operating income	\$398	15.8	%	\$289	12.7	%	\$281	13.1

(1) Certain amounts in the prior periods have been adjusted to reflect the January 1, 2018 adoption of ASU 2017-07 related to the reclassification of certain pension costs.

Operating results of “Others” include items such as unused capacity charges, impairment & restructuring charges and other related closure costs, management reorganization expenses, phase out and start-up costs, and other (2) unallocated expenses such as strategic or special research and development programs, certain corporate-level operating expenses, patent claims and litigations, and other costs that are not allocated to product groups, as well as assembly services and other revenue.

In the third quarter of 2018, ADG's operating income increased by \$32 million sequentially, mainly driven by increased level of revenues, both in Automotive and Power Discrete, and lower level of operating expenses. Sequentially, AMS more than doubled its operating income to reach \$157 million, driven by increased revenues from Imaging. MDG's operating income decreased sequentially to \$119 million from \$159 million, due to lower level of revenues and a less favorable product mix in the period.

Compared to a year ago, ADG's operating profit improved by \$31 million, increasing its operating margin from 10.9% to 12.8%. Both Automotive and Power Discrete contributed to the progression. AMS's operating income improved to \$157 million compared to \$86 million in the prior-year quarter, mainly driven by Imaging. MDG's operating income decreased by \$7 million.

Reconciliation to consolidated operating income

	Three Months Ended		
	September		
	29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Total operating income of product segments	\$392	\$307	\$ 297
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	-	-	(14)
Unallocated manufacturing results	3	(7)	1
Strategic and other research and development programs and other non-allocated provisions ⁽¹⁾	3	(11)	(3)
Total operating loss Others	6	(18)	(16)
Total consolidated operating income	\$398	\$289	\$ 281

⁽¹⁾ Includes unallocated income and expenses such as certain corporate-level operating expenses and other costs/income that are not allocated to the product segments.

Operating income before impairment and restructuring charges (non-U.S. GAAP measure)

Operating income before impairment and restructuring charges, which is a non-U.S. GAAP measure, is defined as (i) operating income plus (ii) impairment and restructuring charges. We believe operating income before impairment and restructuring charges, a non-U.S. GAAP measure, provides useful information for investors and management because it presents our capacity to generate profits from our business operations, excluding the expenses related to the rationalizing of our activities and sites that we do not consider to be part of our on-going operating results, thereby offering, when read in conjunction with our U.S. GAAP financials, (i) the ability to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of our on-going operating results, (ii) the ability to better identify trends in our business and perform related trend analysis, and (iii) an easier way to compare our results of operations against investor and analyst financial models and valuations, which usually exclude these items. Our definition of operating income before impairment and restructuring charges may differ from definitions used by other companies. Operating income before impairment and restructuring charges is determined from our Consolidated Statements of Income as follows:

	Three Months Ended		
	September		
	29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Operating income	\$398	\$289	\$ 281
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	-	-	\$ 14
	\$398	\$289	\$ 295

Operating income before impairment and restructuring charges (non-U.S. GAAP measure)

As percentage of net revenues 15.8% 12.7% 13.8 %

Interest expense, net

Three Months Ended
~~September~~
 29, 30, September
 2018 2018 30, 2017
 (In millions)

Interest expense, net \$(2) \$ (2) \$ (7)

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In the third quarter of 2018, we recorded a net interest expense of \$2 million, flat sequentially and decreasing on a year-over-year basis, composed of interest expense on our borrowings and banking fees of \$14 million, partially offset by \$12 million of interest income.

Interest expense recorded in the third and second quarters of 2018 included a \$10 million charge, mainly non-cash, entirely related to the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2017. Interest expense recorded in the third quarter of 2017 included a \$13 million charge on the senior unsecured convertible bonds, mainly non-cash, of which \$4 million was related to the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2014 and \$9 million was related to the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2017.

Income tax expense

	Three Months Ended		
	September 29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Income tax expense	\$(24)	\$(21)	\$ (28)

During the third quarter of 2018, we registered an income tax expense of \$24 million, reflecting the estimated annual effective tax rate in each of our jurisdictions, applied to the third quarter of 2018 consolidated result before taxes. In addition, our income tax included a tax benefit from provisions on the estimated impact of potential tax positions in light of favorable conclusion of certain positions that have been considered uncertain.

Net income attributable to parent company

	Three Months Ended			
	September 29, 2018	30, 2018	September 30, 2017	
	(In millions)			
Net income attributable to parent company	\$369	\$261	\$ 236	
As percentage of net revenues	14.6%	11.5%	11.0	%

For the third quarter of 2018, we reported a net income attributable to parent company of \$369 million. The third quarter 2018 net income represented diluted earnings per share of \$0.41 compared to \$0.29 in the prior quarter and \$0.26 in the prior-year quarter.

We also present Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share, which is a non U.S. GAAP measure. Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share is used to help management and investors understand our operations and to highlight the impact of excluded items like impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs and other one-time items, net of the estimated relevant tax impact. We believe Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share provides useful information for management and investors because they measure our capacity to generate profits from our business operations, excluding the expenses related to the rationalizing of our activities and sites that we do not consider to be part of our on-going operating results, thereby offering, when read in conjunction with our U.S. GAAP financials, (i) the ability to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of our on-going operating results, (ii) the ability to better identify trends in our business and perform related trend analysis, and (iii) an easier way to compare our results of operations against investor and analyst financial models and valuations, which usually exclude these items. In addition, our definition of Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share may differ from definitions used by other companies

and therefore comparability may be limited. Therefore, when assessing the Company's operating performance, investors should not consider this data in isolation, or as a substitute for the Company's net income, operating income, earnings per share or any other operating performance measure that is calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share (non U.S. GAAP measure) are determined as follows:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 29, 2018	June 30, 2018	September 30, 2017
	(In million, except U.S. dollars per share and shares outstanding)		
Net income attributable to parent company	\$ 369	\$ 261	\$ 236
Impairment, restructuring and other related closure costs and one-time charges effect, net of tax	-	-	13
Adjusted net income attributable to parent company	\$ 369	\$ 261	\$ 249
Weighted average shares outstanding	908,020,701	915,560,723	901,027,570
Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share (non U.S. GAAP measure)	\$0.41	\$0.29	\$0.28

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First Nine Months of 2018 vs. First Nine Months of 2017

The following table sets forth consolidated statements of operations data for the periods indicated:

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2017		
	\$ million	% of net revenues	\$ million	% of net revenues	
Net sales	\$6,978	99.5 %	\$5,851	99.5 %	
Other revenues	38	0.5	29	0.5	
Net revenues	7,016	100.0	5,880	100.0	
Cost of sales	(4,214)	(60.1)	(3,611)	(61.4)	
Gross profit	2,802	39.9	2,269	38.6	
Selling, general and administrative	(810)	(11.5)	(717)	(12.2)	
Research and development	(1,054)	(15.0)	(970)	(16.5)	
Other income and expenses, net	38	0.5	37	0.6	
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(20)	(0.3)	(25)	(0.4)	
Operating income	956	13.6	594	10.1	
Interest expense, net	(8)	(0.1)	(16)	(0.2)	
Other components of pension benefit costs	(9)	(0.1)	(9)	(0.2)	
Income (loss) on equity-method investments	3	-	(2)	-	
Loss on financial instruments, net	-	-	(5)	(0.1)	
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	942	13.4	562	9.6	
Income tax expense	(68)	(0.9)	(63)	(1.1)	
Net income	874	12.5	499	8.5	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(5)	(0.1)	(5)	(0.1)	
Net income attributable to parent company	\$869	12.4 %	\$494	8.4 %	

Net revenues

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018			September 30, 2017	% Variation
	\$	\$	%		
Net sales	\$6,978	\$ 5,851	19.3	%	
Other revenues	38	29	30.7		
Net revenues	\$7,016	\$ 5,880	19.3	%	

(In millions)

Our first nine months 2018 net revenues increased compared to the year-ago period by 19.3% as a result of an approximate 18% increase in average selling prices, entirely due to a more favorable product mix and to an approximate 1% increase in volumes.

Net revenues by product group

Nine Months
Ended

	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	% Variation	
	(In millions)			
Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	\$2,588	\$ 2,238	15.7	%
Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS)	2,167	1,728	25.4	
Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	2,251	1,905	18.1	
Others	10	9	19.5	
Total consolidated net revenues	\$7,016	\$ 5,880	19.3	%

By product group, the first nine months of 2018 ADG revenues were up 15.7% mainly driven by average selling prices increase of about 21%, entirely due to product mix improvements, partially offset by an approximate 5% decrease in volumes. AMS revenues increased 25.4%, mainly supported by Imaging. AMS experienced an approximate 10% increase in volumes and an approximate 15% increase in average selling prices, the latter entirely driven by improved product mix, partially offset by pure pricing effect. MDG revenues increased 18.1% compared to the prior period supported by an approximate increase of 14% in average selling prices and an approximate increase of 4% in volumes.

Net Revenues by Market Channel ⁽¹⁾

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018			
	September 30, 2017			
OEM	64 %	66 %		
Distribution	36	34		
Total	100%	100		%

Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEM”) are the end-customers to which we provide direct marketing (1) application engineering support, while Distribution customers refers to the distributors and representatives that we engage to distribute our products around the world.

By market channel, Distribution reached 36% share of total revenues in the first nine months of 2018, compared to approximately 34% in the first nine months of 2017.

Net Revenues by Location of Shipment ⁽¹⁾

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018			
	September 30, 2017		% Variation	
	(In millions)			
EMEA	\$ 1,861	\$ 1,576	18.1	%
Americas	922	797	15.7	
Asia Pacific	4,233	3,507	20.7	
Total	\$7,016	\$ 5,880	19.3	%

Net revenues by location of shipment are classified by location of customer invoiced or reclassified by shipment destination in line with customer demand. For example, products ordered by U.S. based companies to be invoiced (1) to Asia Pacific affiliates are classified as Asia Pacific revenues. Furthermore, the comparison among the different periods may be affected by shifts in shipment from one location to another, as requested by our customers.

By location of shipment, all three regions registered double-digit revenue growth.

Gross profit

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018			
	September 30, 2017		% Variation	
	(In millions)			
Gross profit	\$2,802	\$ 2,269	23.5	%
Gross margin (as percentage of net revenues)	39.9 %	38.6 %	+130bps	

Gross margin was 39.9% for the first nine months of 2018, increasing by approximately 130 basis points compared to the year ago period mainly due to improved manufacturing efficiencies and a more favorable product mix, partially offset by normal price pressure and unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging.

Operating expenses

	Nine Months Ended		
	September		
	29, 2018	September 30, 2017	% Variation
	(In millions)		
Selling, general and administrative expenses	\$(810)	\$ (717)	(13.1)%
Research and development expenses	(1,054)	(970)	(8.6)
Total operating expenses	\$(1,864)	\$ (1,687)	(10.5)%
As percentage of net revenues	(26.6)%	(28.7)%	+210bps

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Our operating expenses increased compared to the year-ago period, negatively impacted by unfavorable currency effects, net of hedging, salary dynamic, higher costs of the share based compensation plans, one-time costs related to a loss in one jurisdiction and post-employment benefits associated with several of our former executives.

Total R&D expenses were net of research tax credits, which amounted to \$100 million in the first nine months of 2018 and \$83 million in the first nine months of 2017.

Other income and expenses, net

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017	
	(In millions)			
Research and development funding	\$34	\$	45	
Phase-out and start-up costs	-		(7)
Exchange gain, net	4		3	
Patent costs	(7)	(6)
Gain on sale of businesses and non current assets	7		3	
Other, net	-		(1)
Other income and expenses, net	\$38	\$	37	
As percentage of net revenues	0.5%		0.6	%

In the first nine months of 2018, we recognized net other income of \$38 million, substantially flat compared to the first nine months of 2017.

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017	
	(In millions)			
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	\$(20)	\$	(25)

In the first nine months of 2018, we recorded \$20 million of impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, entirely related to the completed set-top box plan.

In the first nine months of 2017, we recorded \$25 million of impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, consisting of: (i) \$19 million of net restructuring charges related to the set-top box plan; (ii) \$11 million of restructuring charges related to the restructuring plan in Bouskoura, Morocco; and (iii) \$5 million reversal on provisions related to previously announced restructuring plans, mainly the EPS restructuring plan, for which accrued provisions were not fully used at completion of the plan.

Operating income

Nine Months
Ended

	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	
	(In millions)		
Operating income	\$956	\$ 594	
As percentage of net revenues	13.6%	10.1 %	

Operating income in the first nine months of 2018 improved significantly compared to the prior period by \$362 million to \$956 million driven by higher revenues, a more favorable product mix and improved manufacturing efficiencies.

Operating income by product group⁽¹⁾

	Nine Months Ended			
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017		
	\$	% of net	\$	% of net
	million	revenues	million	revenues
Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	\$289	11.2 %	\$189	8.4 %
Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS)	286	13.2	177	10.2
Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	425	18.9	259	13.6
Total operating income of product segments	1,000	14.3	625	10.6
Others ⁽²⁾	(44)	-	(31)	-
Total consolidated operating income	\$956	13.6 %	\$594	10.1 %

(1) Certain amounts in the prior periods have been adjusted to reflect the January 1, 2018 adoption of ASU 2017-07 related to the reclassification of certain pension costs.

Operating results of "Others" include items such as unused capacity charges, impairment & restructuring charges and other related closure costs, management reorganization expenses, phase out and start-up costs, and other unallocated expenses such as strategic or special research and development programs, certain corporate-level operating expenses, patent claims and litigations, and other costs that are not allocated to product groups, as well as assembly services and other revenue.

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ADG's operating income increased by \$100 million, resulting in an operating margin of 11.2% compared to 8.4% in the year-ago period, with both Automotive and Power Discrete contributing. AMS's operating margin increased from 10.2% to 13.2% with all subgroups contributing to the increase. MDG's operating income increased by \$166 million, mainly driven by Microcontrollers.

Reconciliation to consolidated operating income (loss)

	Nine Months Ended September 29, September 2018 30, 2017 (In millions)	
Total operating income of product segments	\$1,000	\$ 625
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(20)	(25)
Unallocated manufacturing results	(2)	4
Strategic and other research and development programs and other non-allocated provisions ⁽¹⁾	(22)	(10)
Total operating loss Others	(44)	(31)
Total consolidated operating income	\$956	\$ 594

(1) Includes unallocated income and expenses such as certain corporate-level operating expenses and other costs/income that are not allocated to the product segments.

Interest expense, net

	Nine Months Ended September 29, September 2018 30, 2017 (In millions)	
Interest expense, net	\$(8)	\$ (16)

In the first nine months of 2018, net interest expense was \$8 million, composed of \$40 million interest expense on our borrowings and banking fees, mainly non-cash and related to the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2017, partially offset by \$32 million of interest income.

In the first nine months of 2017, net interest expense was \$16 million, composed of \$37 million interest expense on our borrowings and banking fees, mainly non-cash and related to the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2014 and on July 3, 2017, partially offset by \$21 million of interest income.

Income tax expense

	Nine Months Ended September 29, September 30, 2017	

2018

(In millions)

Income tax expense \$(68) \$ (63)

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During the first nine months of 2018, we registered an income tax expense of \$68 million, reflecting an estimated annual tax rate. Our income tax also included the estimated impact of provisions related to potential tax positions which have been considered uncertain.

In the first nine months of 2017, we registered an income tax expense of \$63 million.

Our tax rate is variable and depends on changes in the level of operating results within various local jurisdictions and on changes in the applicable taxation rates of these jurisdictions, as well as changes in estimations of our tax provisions. Our income tax amounts and rates also depend on our loss carry-forwards and their relevant valuation allowances, which are based on estimated projected plans and available tax planning strategies. In the case of material changes in these plans, the valuation allowances could be adjusted accordingly with an impact on our tax charges. We currently enjoy certain tax benefits in certain countries. Such benefits may not be available in the future due to changes in the local jurisdictions; our estimated tax rate could be different in future quarters and may increase in the coming years. In addition, our yearly income tax charges include the estimated impact of provisions related to potential tax positions which have been considered uncertain.

Net income attributable to parent company

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017	
Net income attributable to parent company	\$869	\$	494	
As percentage of net revenues	12.4%	8.4	%	

For the first nine months of 2018, we reported net income of \$869 million, representing diluted earnings per share of \$0.95, compared to a net income of \$494 million, representing diluted earnings per share of \$0.55.

We also present Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share, which is a non U.S. GAAP measure. Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share is used to help management and investors understand our operations and to highlight the impact of excluded items like impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs and other one-time items, net of the estimated relevant tax impact. We believe Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share provides useful information for management and investors because they measure our capacity to generate profits from our business operations, excluding the expenses related to the rationalizing of our activities and sites that we do not consider to be part of our on-going operating results, thereby offering, when read in conjunction with our U.S. GAAP financials, (i) the ability to make more meaningful period-to-period comparisons of our on-going operating results, (ii) the ability to better identify trends in our business and perform related trend analysis, and (iii) an easier way to compare our results of operations against investor and analyst financial models and valuations, which usually exclude these items. In addition, our definition of Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share may differ from definitions used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited. Therefore, when assessing the Company's operating performance, investors should not consider this data in isolation, or as a substitute for the Company's net income, operating income, earnings per share or any other operating performance measure that is calculated in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share (non U.S. GAAP measure) are determined as follows:

Nine Months Ended
September 29, 2018 September 30, 2017
(In million, except U.S.
dollars per share and shares)

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	outstanding)	
Net income attributable to parent company	\$869	\$494
Impairment, restructuring and other related closure costs and one-time charges effect, net of tax	18	23
Adjusted net income attributable to parent company	\$887	\$517
Weighted average shares outstanding	912,775,430	904,707,065
Adjusted Diluted Earnings per Share (non U.S. GAAP measure)	\$0.97	\$0.57

Legal Proceedings

For a discussion of legal proceedings, see Note 25 Contingencies, Claims and Legal Proceedings to our Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

Impact of Changes in Exchange Rates

Our results of operations and financial condition can be significantly affected by material changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar and other currencies, particularly the Euro.

As a market practice, the reference currency for the semiconductor industry is the U.S. dollar and the market prices of semiconductor products are mainly denominated in U.S. dollars. However, revenues for some of our products (primarily certain of our products sold in Europe) are quoted in currencies other than the U.S. dollar and as such are directly affected by fluctuations in the value of the U.S. dollar. As a result of currency variations, the appreciation of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar could increase our level of revenues when reported in U.S. dollars or the depreciation of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar could decrease our level of revenues when reported in U.S. dollars. Over time and depending on market conditions, the prices in the industry could align to the equivalent amount in U.S. dollars, except that there is a lag between the changes in the currency rate and the adjustment in the price paid in local currency, which is proportional to the amplitude of the currency swing, and such adjustment could be only partial and/or delayed, depending on market demand. Furthermore, certain significant costs incurred by us, such as manufacturing costs, SG&A expenses, and R&D expenses, are largely incurred in the currency of the jurisdictions in which our operations are located. Given that most of our operations are located in the Euro zone and other non-U.S. dollar currency areas, including Singapore, our costs tend to increase when translated into U.S. dollars when the U.S. dollar weakens or to decrease when the U.S. dollar strengthens.

Our principal strategy to reduce the risks associated with exchange rate fluctuations has been to balance as much as possible the proportion of sales to our customers denominated in U.S. dollars with the amount of materials, purchases and services from our suppliers denominated in U.S. dollars, thereby reducing the potential exchange rate impact of certain variable costs relative to revenues. Moreover, in order to further reduce the exposure to U.S. dollar exchange fluctuations, we have hedged certain line items on our Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, in particular with respect to a portion of the costs of sales, most of the R&D expenses and certain SG&A expenses, located in the Euro zone, which we account for as cash flow hedging contracts. We use two different types of hedging contracts: forward and options (including collars).

Our Interim Consolidated Statements of Income for the nine months ended September 29, 2018 included income and expense items translated at the average U.S. dollar exchange rate for the period, plus the impact of the hedging contracts expiring during the period. Our effective exchange rate was \$1.18 for €1.00 in the third quarter of 2018 compared to \$1.19 for €1.00 in the second quarter of 2018 and \$1.13 for €1.00 in the third quarter of 2017. These effective exchange rates reflect the actual exchange rates combined with the impact of cash flow hedging contracts that matured in the period.

The time horizon of our cash flow hedging for manufacturing costs and operating expenses may run up to 24 months, for a limited percentage of our exposure to the Euro, depending on currency market circumstances. As of September 29, 2018, the outstanding hedged amounts were €845 million to cover manufacturing costs and €499 million to cover operating expenses, both at an average exchange rate of about \$1.23 for €1.00 (considering the collars at upper strike), maturing over the period from October 3, 2018 to January 3, 2020. As of September 29, 2018, measured with respect to the exchange rate at period closing of about \$1.16 to €1.00, these outstanding hedging contracts and certain expiring contracts covering manufacturing expenses capitalized in inventory resulted in a deferred loss before tax of approximately \$42 million, recorded in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" in the Consolidated Statements of Equity, compared to a deferred profit before tax of approximately \$43 million at December 31, 2017.

We also hedge certain manufacturing costs denominated in Singapore dollars (SGD); as of September 29, 2018, the outstanding hedged amounts were SGD 144 million at an average exchange rate of about SGD 1.34 to \$1.00 maturing over the period from October 4, 2018 to August 29, 2019. As of September 29, 2018, these outstanding hedging contracts and certain expiring contracts covering manufacturing expenses capitalized in inventory resulted in a deferred loss before tax of approximately \$1 million, recorded in “Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)” in the Consolidated Statements of Equity, compared to a deferred profit before tax of approximately \$2 million at December 31, 2017.

Our cash flow hedging policy is not intended to cover our full exposure and is based on hedging a declining portion of our exposure in the next four quarters. In the third quarter of 2018, as a result of our cash flow hedging, we recorded a net loss of \$20 million consisting of a loss of about \$14 million to costs of goods sold, \$5 million to research and development and \$1 million in selling, general and administrative expenses, while in the comparable quarter in 2017, we recorded a net gain of \$26 million.

In addition to our cash flow hedging, in order to mitigate potential exchange rate risks on our commercial transactions, we purchase and enter into forward foreign currency exchange contracts and currency options to cover foreign currency exposure in payables or receivables at our affiliates, which we account for as fair value instruments. We may in the future purchase or sell similar types of instruments. See “Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk” in our Form 20-F. Furthermore, we may not predict in a timely fashion the amount of future transactions in the volatile industry environment. No assurance may be given that our hedging activities will sufficiently protect us against declines in the value of the U.S. dollar. Consequently, our results of operations have been and may continue to be impacted by fluctuations in exchange rates. The net effect of our consolidated foreign exchange exposure resulted in a net gain of \$1 million recorded in “Other income and expenses, net” in our Interim Consolidated Statements of Income for the third quarter of 2018.

The assets and liabilities of subsidiaries are, for consolidation purposes, translated into U.S. dollars at the period-end exchange rate. Income and expenses, as well as cash flows, are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. The balance sheet impact, as well as the income statement and cash flow impact, of such translations have been, and may be expected to be, significant from period to period since a large part of our assets and liabilities and activities are accounted for in Euros as they are located in jurisdictions where the Euro is the functional currency. Adjustments resulting from the translation are recorded directly in equity, and are shown as “Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)” in the Consolidated Statements of Equity. At September 29, 2018, our outstanding indebtedness was denominated mainly in U.S. dollars and in Euros.

For a more detailed discussion, see Item 3. “Key Information — Risk Factors — Risks Related to Our Operations” in our Form 20 F, which may be updated from time to time in our public filings.

Impact of Changes in Interest Rates

Interest rates may fluctuate upon changes in financial market conditions and material changes can affect our results of operations and financial condition, since these changes can impact the total interest income received on our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities, as well as the total interest expense paid on our financial debt.

Our interest income (expense), net, as reported in our Interim Consolidated Statements of Income, is the balance between interest income received from our cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities investments and interest expense paid on our financial liabilities, non-cash interest expense on the senior unsecured convertible bonds and bank fees (including fees on committed credit lines). Our interest income is dependent upon fluctuations in interest rates, mainly in U.S. dollars and Euros, since we invest primarily on a short-term basis; any increase or decrease in the market interest rates would mean a proportional increase or decrease in our interest income. Our interest expenses are also dependent upon fluctuations in interest rates, since our financial liabilities include European Investment Bank Floating Rate Loans at Libor and Euribor plus variable spreads.

At September 29, 2018, our total financial resources, including cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities generated an average interest income annual rate of 2.27%. At the same date, the average interest annual rate on our outstanding debt was 2.93% including the non-cash effective interest of the convertible bonds, while the average cash interest annual rate was only 0.61%.

Impact of Changes in Equity Prices

As of September 29, 2018, we did not hold any significant equity participations, which could be subject to a material impact in changes in equity prices. However, we hold equity participations whose carrying value could be reduced due to further losses or impairment charges of our equity-method investments. See Note 19 to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Liquidity and Capital Resources

Treasury activities are regulated by our policies, which define procedures, objectives and controls. Our policies focus on the management of our financial risk in terms of exposure to currency rates and interest rates. Most treasury activities are centralized, with any local treasury activities subject to oversight from our head treasury office. The majority of our cash and cash equivalents are held in U.S. dollars and Euros and are placed with financial institutions rated at least a single A long-term rating, meaning at least A3 from Moody's Investors Service ("Moody's") and A- from Standard & Poor's ("S&P") or Fitch Ratings ("Fitch"). Marginal amounts are held in other currencies. See "Item 11. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in our Form 20-F, which may be updated from time to time in our public filings.

Cash flow

We maintain a significant cash position and a low debt-to-equity ratio, which provide us with adequate financial flexibility. As in the past, our cash management policy is to finance our investment needs mainly with net cash generated from operating activities.

During the first nine months of 2018, our net cash increased by \$76 million, due to the net cash from operating activities exceeding the net cash used in investing and financing activities.

The components of our cash flow for the comparable periods are set forth below:

	Nine Months Ended September 29, 2018		September 30, 2017 (1)
	(In millions)		
Net cash from operating activities	\$1,189	\$ 1,091	
Net cash used in investing activities	(928)	(1,026)	
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(182)	470	
Effect of changes in exchange rates	(3)	24	
Net cash increase	\$76	\$ 559	

(1) Following new 2018 accounting guidance, \$30 million implied interest paid in the settlement of our 2014 convertible bonds have been reclassified from financing activities to operating activities.

Net cash from operating activities. Net cash from operating activities is the sum of (i) net income (loss) adjusted for non-cash items and (ii) changes in net working capital. The net cash from operating activities for the first nine months of 2018 was \$1,189 million, increasing compared to \$1,091 million in the prior-year period mainly due to higher net income, partially offset by negative change in the net working capital.

Net cash used in investing activities. Investing activities used \$928 million of cash in the first nine months of 2018, decreasing compared to \$1,026 million in the prior-year period. Payments for purchase of tangible assets, net of proceeds, totaled \$983 million, compared to \$891 million registered in the prior-year period.

Net cash used in financing activities. Net cash used in financing activities was \$182 million for the first nine months of 2018 and consisted mainly of dividends paid to stockholders. Net cash from financing activities was \$470 million for the first nine months of 2017 and consisted mainly of \$1,502 million from the net proceeds from issuance of senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2017, partially offset by the early repayment of issued debt (Tranche A

of the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2014 and due 2019) for \$570 million, the repurchase of 18.6 million shares of ST common stock for \$297 million and \$160 million of cash dividends paid to shareholders.

Free Cash Flow (non U.S. GAAP measure)

We also present Free Cash Flow, which is a non U.S. GAAP measure, defined as (i) net cash from operating activities plus (ii) net cash used in investing activities, excluding payment for purchase (and proceeds from sale) of marketable securities, investment in short-term deposits and restricted cash. The result of this definition is ultimately net cash from operating activities plus payment for purchase (and proceeds from sale) of tangible, intangible and financial assets, proceeds received in the sale of businesses and cash paid for business acquisitions. We believe Free Cash Flow, a non U.S. GAAP measure, provides useful information for investors and management because it measures our capacity to generate cash from our operating and investing activities to sustain our operations. Free Cash Flow is not a U.S. GAAP measure and does not represent total cash flow since it does not include the cash flows generated by or used in financing activities. Free Cash Flow reconciles with the net cash increase (decrease) by including the payment for purchase (and proceeds from the sale) of marketable securities, the change in short-term deposits and restricted cash, the net cash from (used in) financing activities and the effect of changes in exchange rates. In addition, our definition of Free Cash Flow may differ from definitions used by other companies. Free Cash Flow is determined as follows from our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows:

	Three Months Ended		
	September 29, 2018	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017 (²)
	(In millions)		
Net cash from operating activities	\$373	\$1,189	\$1,091
Net cash used in investing activities	(152)	(928)	(1,026)
Excluding:			
Payment for purchase and proceeds from sale of marketable securities, change in short term deposits and restricted cash	(107)	(91)	99
Payment for purchase and proceeds from sale of tangible and intangible assets (¹)	(259)	(1,019)	(927)
Free Cash Flow (non U.S. GAAP measure)	\$114	\$170	\$164

Reflects the total of the following line items reconciled with our Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows relating to the investing activities: Payment for purchase of tangible assets, Proceeds from sale of tangible assets, Payment for (1) purchase of intangible assets, Payment for purchase of financial assets, Proceeds from sale of financial assets, Proceeds received in sale of businesses, payment for business acquisition, net of cash and cash equivalents acquired.

(2) Following new 2018 accounting guidance, \$30 million implied interest paid in the settlement of our convertible bonds have been reclassified from financing activities to operating activities.

Free Cash Flow increased in the first nine months of 2018 compared to the year-ago period, mainly due to higher cash from operating activities, partially offset by higher cash used in purchase of tangible assets.

Net Financial Position (non U.S. GAAP measure)

Our Net Financial Position represents the difference between our total financial resources and our total financial debt. Our total financial resources include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities and short-term deposits, and our total financial debt includes short-term debt, including bank overdrafts, and long-term debt, as represented in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Net Financial Position is not a U.S. GAAP measure but we believe it provides useful information for investors and management because it gives evidence of our global position either in terms of net indebtedness or net cash by measuring our capital resources based on cash and cash equivalents and marketable securities and the total level of our financial indebtedness. In addition, our definition of Net Financial Position may differ from definitions used by other companies and therefore comparability may be limited. Our Net Financial Position for each period has been determined as follows from our Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	As at		
	September 29, 2018	December 31, 2017	September 30, 2017
	(In millions)		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,835	\$1,759	\$2,188
Short-term deposits	8	-	-
Marketable securities	328	431	433
Total financial resources	2,171	2,190	2,621
Short-term debt	(117)	(118)	(486)
Long term debt	(1,607)	(1,583)	(1,689)

Total financial debt	(1,724)	(1,701)	(2,175)
Net Financial Position	\$447	\$ 489	\$ 446

Our Net Financial Position as of September 29, 2018 was \$447 million, decreasing compared to \$489 million at December 31, 2017.

Cash and cash equivalents amounted to \$1,835 million as at September 29, 2018.

Marketable securities amounted to \$328 million as at September 29, 2018, and consisted of U.S. Treasury Bonds available for sale.

Financial debt was \$1,724 million as at September 29, 2018, composed of (i) \$117 million of current portion of long-term debt and (ii) \$1,607 million long term debt. The breakdown of our total financial debt included (i) \$399 million in European Investment Bank (“EIB”) loans, (ii) \$1,306 million in the senior unsecured convertible bonds, and (iii) \$19 million in other long-term loans and loans from other funding programs.

The EIB Loans are comprised of two long-term amortizing credit facilities as part of our R&D funding programs. The first, signed in 2010, is a €350 million multi-currency loan to support our industrial and R&D programs. It was drawn mainly in U.S. dollars for an amount of \$321 million and only partially in Euros for an amount of €100 million. The residual aggregate outstanding amount is \$164 million as of September 29, 2018. The second, signed in 2013, is a €350 million multi-currency loan which also supports our R&D programs. It was drawn in U.S. dollars for an amount of \$471 million, of which \$235 million is outstanding as of September 29, 2018.

In August 2017, we signed a new medium term credit facility with the EIB for a total aggregate amount of €500 million in relation to R&D and capital expenditure investments in the European Union for the years 2017 and 2018. The medium term line is available for drawings in Euro and in U.S. dollars until the first quarter of 2019 and has terms and conditions determined at drawdown. As of September 29, 2018, no amount was drawn as part of this new credit facility.

On July 3, 2017, we issued a \$1.5 billion offering of senior unsecured bonds convertible into new or existing ordinary shares of ST, for net proceeds of \$1,502 million. The bonds were issued in two \$750 million principal amount tranches, one with a maturity of 5 years (37.5% conversion premium, negative 0.25% yield to maturity, 0% coupon) and the other 7 years (37.5% conversion premium, 0.25% yield to maturity, 0.25% coupon). The conversion price at issuance was \$20.54 on each tranche. The senior unsecured convertible bonds are convertible by the bondholders or callable by us, following a given time schedule, if certain conditions are satisfied. Under the terms of the bonds, we can satisfy the conversion rights either in cash or shares, or a combination of the two, at our selection. Assuming the exercise of the Issuer Soft Call at 130% of the Conversion Price after the initial lock-up period, the underlying shares under net shares settlement will be 16.9 million. Net proceeds from the issuance of the bonds of \$1,502 million were used for general corporate purposes, including the early redemption of the outstanding \$1 billion convertible bonds due 2019 and 2021, completed in the second half of 2017. Upon initial recognition, the proceeds were allocated between debt and equity by determining the fair value of the liability component using an income approach.

Our long-term debt contains standard conditions, but does not impose minimum financial ratios.

Our current ratings with the three major rating agencies that report on us on a solicited basis, are as follows: S&P: “BBB-” with positive outlook; Fitch: “BBB” with stable outlook and Moody’s: “Baa3” with stable outlook. On October 9, 2018, Fitch upgraded ST’s Long-Term Issuer Default Rating and senior unsecured rating to “BBB” from “BBB-”, reflecting the Company’s stronger financial and operating performance.

As of September 29, 2018, debt payments at redemption value by period were as follows:

	Payments Due by Period						
	Total	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	Thereafter
	(In millions)						
Long-term debt (including current portion)	\$1,918	\$116	\$117	\$117	\$62	\$753	\$753

Financial Outlook: Capital Investment

Our policy is to modulate our capital spending according to the evolution of the semiconductor market. Based on demand evolution and the healthy backlog for the remainder of the year supporting our expectations of net revenues growth of about 16% in 2018 compared to 2017, we anticipate our capital spending to be in the range of approximately \$1.2 - \$1.3 billion for 2018. Specifically, the Company is investing in 300mm front-end manufacturing and in back-end assembly and test to support technology and product mix flexibility and new products ramp up. The most important of our 2018 capital expenditure projects are expected to be for our front-end facilities: (i) in our 300 mm fab in Crolles (France), to support mix flexibility on our main high runner technologies; (ii) mix evolution, and a few selected programs of capacity growth and infrastructure preparation, mainly in the area of mixed signal and discrete processes; (iii) qualification and ramp-up of technologies in 200 mm in Singapore, Agrate (Italy), as well as the expansion of facilities and the increase of capacity in our 200 mm fabs in Catania (Italy) and Singapore; and (iv) in Agrate (Italy) ground breaking of a 300 mm pilot line supporting the next generation of mixed signal products. The most important 2018 capital investments for our back-end facilities are expected to be: (i) capacity growth on certain package families, including the silicon carbide (SiC) technology, to sustain market demand; (ii) modernization and rationalization of package lines targeting cost savings benefits; and (iii) specific investments in the areas of factory automation, quality, environment and energy savings. In addition, we will invest in overall capacity adjustment in final testing and wafers probing (EWS) to meet increased demand and a changed product mix as well as invest in quality, safety, maintenance, productivity and cost savings in both 150 mm and 200 mm front-end fabs, and back-end plants. To accelerate increased capacity in 200 mm in Singapore, we are pursuing the progressive integration of the former Numonyx fab for which we signed a deferred acquisition from Micron in 2017.

We will continue to invest to support revenues growth and new products introduction, taking into consideration factors such as trends in the semiconductor industry and capacity utilization. We expect to need significant financial resources in the coming years for capital expenditures and for our investments in manufacturing and R&D. We plan to fund our capital requirements from cash provided by operating activities, available funds and support from third parties, and may have recourse to borrowings under available credit lines and, to the extent necessary or attractive based on market conditions prevailing at the time, the issuance of debt, convertible bonds or additional equity securities. A substantial deterioration of our economic results, and consequently of our profitability, could generate a deterioration of the cash generated by our operating activities. Therefore, there can be no assurance that, in future periods, we will generate the same level of cash as in prior years to fund our capital expenditure plans for expanding/upgrading our production facilities, our working capital requirements, our R&D and manufacturing costs.

In support of our R&D activities, we signed the Nano2017 program with the French government, which was approved by the European Union in the second quarter of 2014 and, in our role as Coordinator and Project Leader of Nano2017, we were allocated an overall funding budget of about €400 million for the period 2013-2017, subject to the conclusion of agreements every year with the public authorities and linked to the achievement of technical parameters and objectives. Additionally, a portion of Nano2017 program is subject to a payback clause (“financial return”), depending on the future cumulative sales for certain products within the scope of the funded program on the period from 2018 to 2023. The financial return corresponds to the payment in 2024 of the original funded amount (€37 million) multiplied by a rate from 0% to 250%, depending on the cumulative amount of future sales. Based on current visibility, we estimate the return rate to reach 108% resulting in a contingent liability of \$43 million as of September 29, 2018.

As a result of our exit from the ST-Ericsson joint venture, our exposure is limited to covering 50% of ST-Ericsson’s needs to complete the wind-down, which are estimated to be negligible, based on our current visibility of the ST-Ericsson liquidation balance.

We believe that we have the financial resources needed to meet our currently projected business requirements for the next twelve months, including capital expenditures for our manufacturing activities, working capital requirements, approved dividend payments and the repayment of our debts in line with their maturity dates.

Contractual Obligations, Commercial Commitments and Contingencies

Our contractual obligations, commercial commitments and contingencies are mainly comprised of: operating leases for land, buildings, plants and equipment, long term purchase commitments for material, equipment and software license, agreement to purchase the Singapore fab from Micron technologies, take or pay type of agreements to outsource wafers from foundries, commercial agreements with customers, long term debt obligations, pension obligations and other long term liabilities.

Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

We had no material off balance sheet arrangements at September 29, 2018.

Impact of Recently Issued U.S. Accounting Standards

See Note 5 Recent Accounting Announcements to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

Backlog and Customers

During the third quarter of 2018, our booking plus net frames orders decreased compared to the second quarter of 2018. We entered the fourth quarter 2018 with a backlog for the quarter higher than the level we had when entering in the third quarter 2018. Backlog (including frame orders) is subject to possible cancellation, push back and lower ratio of frame orders being translated into firm orders and, thus, it is not necessarily indicative of the amount of billings or growth to be registered in subsequent periods.

There is no guarantee that any customer will continue to generate revenues for us at the same levels as in prior periods. If we were to lose one or more of our key customers, or if they were to significantly reduce their bookings, not confirm planned delivery dates on frame orders in a significant manner or fail to meet their payment obligations, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Evaluation

Our management, including the CEO and CFO, performed an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (“Disclosure Controls”) as of the end of the period covered by this report. Disclosure Controls are controls and procedures designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, such as this periodic report, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure Controls are also designed to reasonably assure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Our quarterly evaluation of Disclosure Controls includes an evaluation of certain components of our internal control over financial reporting, and internal control over financial reporting is also separately evaluated on an annual basis.

The evaluation of our Disclosure Controls included a review of the controls’ objectives and design, our implementation of the controls and their effect on the information generated for use in this periodic report. In the course of the controls evaluation, we reviewed identified data errors, errors in process flow or delay in communication, control problems or acts of fraud and sought to confirm that appropriate corrective actions, including process improvements, were being undertaken. This type of evaluation is performed at least on a quarterly basis so that the conclusions of management, including the CEO and CFO, concerning the effectiveness of the Disclosure Controls can be reported in our periodic reports on Form 6 K and Form 20 F. The components of our Disclosure Controls are also evaluated on an ongoing basis by our Internal Audit Department, which reports directly to our Audit Committee. The overall goals of these various evaluation activities are to monitor our Disclosure Controls, and to modify them as necessary. Our intent is to maintain the Disclosure Controls as dynamic systems that change as conditions warrant.

Based upon the controls evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this periodic report, our Disclosure Controls were effective.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes to our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this report that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

No system of internal control over financial reporting, including one determined to be effective, may prevent or detect all misstatements. It can provide only reasonable assurance regarding financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of the results of any evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting into future periods are subject to inherent risk that the relevant controls may become inadequate due to changes in circumstances or that the degree of compliance with the underlying policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Other Reviews

We have sent this report to our Audit Committee, which had an opportunity to raise questions with our management and independent auditors before we submitted it to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Cautionary Note Regarding Forward Looking Statements

Some of the statements contained in this Form 6-K that are not historical facts, particularly in “Business Overview” and in “Liquidity and Capital Resources—Financial Outlook: Capital Investment”, are statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements (within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, each as amended) that are based on management’s current views and assumptions, and are conditioned upon and also involve known and unknown risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results, performance or events to differ materially from those anticipated by such statements due to, among other factors:

- Uncertain macro-economic and industry trends, which may impact end-market demand for our products;
- Customer demand that differs from projections;
- The ability to design, manufacture and sell innovative products in a rapidly changing technological environment;
- Changes in economic, social, labor, political, or infrastructure conditions in the locations where we, our customers, or our suppliers operate, including as a result of macro-economic or regional events, military conflicts, social unrest, labor actions, or terrorist activities;
- Changes in global trade policies, including the adoption and expansion of tariffs and trade barriers, that could affect the macro-economic environment and adversely impact the demand for our products;
- The Brexit vote and the perceptions as to the impact of the withdrawal of the U.K. may adversely affect business activity, political stability and economic conditions in the U.K., the Eurozone, the EU and elsewhere. While we do not have material operations in the U.K. and have not experienced any material impact from Brexit on our underlying business to date, we cannot predict its future implications;
- Financial difficulties with any of our major distributors or significant curtailment of purchases by key customers;
- The loading, product mix, and manufacturing performance of our production facilities;
- The functionalities and performance of our IT systems, which support our critical operational activities including manufacturing, finance and sales, and any breaches of our IT systems or those of our customers or suppliers;
- Variations in the foreign exchange markets and, more particularly, the U.S. dollar exchange rate as compared to the Euro and the other major currencies we use for our operations;
- The impact of intellectual property (“IP”) claims by our competitors or other third parties, and our ability to obtain required licenses on reasonable terms and conditions;
- Changes in our overall tax position as a result of changes in tax rules, new or revised legislation, the outcome of tax audits or changes in international tax treaties which may impact our results of operations as well as our ability to accurately estimate tax credits, benefits, deductions and provisions and to realize deferred tax assets;
- The outcome of ongoing litigation as well as the impact of any new litigation to which we may become a defendant;

Product liability or warranty claims, claims based on epidemic or delivery failure, or other claims relating to our products, or recalls by our customers for products containing our parts;

Natural events such as severe weather, earthquakes, tsunamis, volcano eruptions or other acts of nature, health risks and epidemics in locations where we, our customers or our suppliers operate;

Availability and costs of raw materials, utilities, third-party manufacturing services and technology, or other supplies required by our operations;

Industry changes resulting from vertical and horizontal consolidation among our suppliers, competitors, and customers;

The ability to successfully ramp up new programs that could be impacted by factors beyond our control, including the availability of critical third party components and performance of subcontractors in line with our expectations; and

Theft, loss, or misuse of personal data about our employees, customers, or other third parties, and breaches of global privacy legislation, including the EU's General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR").

Such forward-looking statements are subject to various risks and uncertainties, which may cause actual results and performance of our business to differ materially and adversely from the forward-looking statements. Certain forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, such as "believes", "expects", "may", "are expected to", "should", "would be", "seeks" or "anticipates" or similar expressions or the negative thereof or other variations thereof or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. Some of these risk factors are set forth and are discussed in more detail in "Item 3. Key Information — Risk Factors" in our Form 20-F. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those described in our Form 20-F as anticipated, believed or expected. We do not intend, and do not assume any obligation, to update any industry information or forward-looking statements set forth in this Form 6-K to reflect subsequent events or circumstances.

Unfavorable changes in the above or other factors listed under "Item 3. Key Information — Risk Factors" from time to time in our SEC filings, could have a material adverse effect on our business and/or financial condition.

STMICROELECTRONICS N.V.

UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STMicroelectronics N.V.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	Nine months ended (Unaudited)	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
In million of U.S. dollars except per share amounts		
Net sales	6,978	5,851
Other revenues	38	29
Net revenues	7,016	5,880
Cost of sales	(4,214)	(3,611)
Gross profit	2,802	2,269
Selling, general and administrative	(810)	(717)
Research and development	(1,054)	(970)
Other income and expenses, net	38	37
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	(20)	(25)
Operating income	956	594
Interest expense, net	(8)	(16)
Other components of pension benefit costs	(9)	(9)
Income (loss) on equity-method investments	3	(2)
Loss on financial instruments, net	-	(5)
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	942	562
Income tax expense	(68)	(63)
Net income	874	499
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(5)	(5)
Net income attributable to parent company	869	494
Earnings per share (Basic) attributable to parent company stockholders	0.97	0.56
Earnings per share (Diluted) attributable to parent company stockholders	0.95	0.55

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements

STMicroelectronics N.V.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

In million of U.S. dollars except per share amounts	Three months ended (Unaudited)	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Net sales	2,515	2,123
Other revenues	7	13
Net revenues	2,522	2,136
Cost of sales	(1,519)	(1,290)
Gross profit	1,003	846
Selling, general and administrative	(268)	(244)
Research and development	(348)	(312)
Other income and expenses, net	11	5
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs	-	(14)
Operating income	398	281
Interest expense, net	(2)	(7)
Other components of pension benefit costs	(3)	(3)
Income (loss) on equity-method investments	2	-
Loss on financial instruments, net	-	(5)
Income before income taxes and noncontrolling interest	395	266
Income tax expense	(24)	(28)
Net income	371	238
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(2)	(2)
Net income attributable to parent company	369	236
Earnings per share (Basic) attributable to parent company stockholders	0.41	0.27
Earnings per share (Diluted) attributable to parent company stockholders	0.41	0.26

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

In million of U.S. dollars	Nine months ended (Unaudited) September 29, 30, 2018 2017	
Net income	874	499
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax :		
Currency translation adjustments arising during the period	(68)	196
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(68)	196
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period	(4)	-
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	(4)	-
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period	(62)	111
Less : reclassification adjustment for (income) losses included in net income	(26)	(6)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	(88)	105
Net gains (losses) arising during the period	6	6
Defined benefit pension plans	6	6
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(154)	307
Comprehensive income (loss)	720	806
Less : comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	5	6
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the company's stockholders	715	800

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

In million of U.S. dollars	Three months ended (Unaudited)	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Net income	371	238
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax :		
Currency translation adjustments arising during the period	(13)	60
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(13)	60
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period	-	-
Net unrealized gains (losses) on securities	-	-
Net unrealized gains (losses) arising during the period	(13)	33
Less : reclassification adjustment for (income) losses included in net income	20	(26)
Net unrealized gains (losses) on derivatives	7	7
Net gains (losses) arising during the period	2	2
Defined benefit pension plans	2	2
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(4)	69
Comprehensive income (loss)	367	307
Less : comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	2	2
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to the company's stockholders	365	305

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STMicroelectronics N.V.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As at	
	September	December
	29,	31,
In million of U.S. dollars	2018	2017
	(Unaudited)	(Audited)
Assets		
Current assets :		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,835	1,759
Short-term deposits	8	-
Marketable securities	328	431
Trade accounts receivable, net	1,309	1,149
Inventories	1,586	1,335
Other current assets	442	425
Total current assets	5,508	5,099
Goodwill	121	123
Other intangible assets, net	198	209
Property, plant and equipment, net	3,414	3,094
Non-current deferred tax assets	691	624
Long-term investments	60	57
Other non-current assets	421	475
	4,905	4,582
Total assets	10,413	9,681
Liabilities and equity		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term debt	117	118
Trade accounts payable	976	893
Other payables and accrued liabilities	909	897
Dividends payable to stockholders	114	60
Accrued income tax	53	52
Total current liabilities	2,169	2,020
Long-term debt	1,607	1,583
Post-employment benefit obligations	375	385
Long-term deferred tax liabilities	13	11
Other long-term liabilities	197	215
	2,192	2,194
Total liabilities	4,361	4,214
Equity		
Parent company stockholders' equity		
Common stock (preferred stock: 540,000,000 shares authorized, not issued; common stock: Euro 1.04 par value, 1,200,000,000 shares authorized, 911,151,920 shares issued, 902,581,049 shares outstanding)	1,157	1,157
Capital surplus	2,798	2,718
Retained earnings	1,574	973

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Accumulated other comprehensive income	534	688
Treasury stock	(79)	(132)
Total parent company stockholders' equity	5,984	5,404
Noncontrolling interest	68	63
Total equity	6,052	5,467
Total liabilities and equity	10,413	9,681

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STMicroelectronics N.V.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

In million of U.S. dollars	Nine Months Ended (Unaudited)	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	874	499
Items to reconcile net income and cash flows from operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	579	471
Interests and amortization of issuance costs on convertible bonds	28	23
Interest paid on settled convertible debt	-	(30)
Loss on financial instruments, net	-	5
Non-cash stock-based compensation	80	38
Other non-cash items	(85)	(84)
Deferred income tax	21	17
Loss (income) on equity-method investments	(3)	2
Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs, net of cash payments	(8)	(12)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables, net	(180)	(114)
Inventories	(272)	(89)
Trade payables	68	56
Other assets and liabilities, net	87	309
Net cash from operating activities	1,189	1,091
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payment for purchase of tangible assets	(984)	(893)
Proceeds from sale of tangible assets	1	2
Payment for purchase of marketable securities	-	(99)
Proceeds from matured marketable securities	100	-
Investment in short-term deposits	(26)	-
Proceeds from matured short-term deposits	17	-
Payment for purchase of intangible assets	(36)	(36)
Net cash used in investing activities	(928)	(1,026)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	7
Net proceeds from issuance of senior unsecured convertible bonds	-	1,502
Repayment of issued debt	-	(570)
Repayment of long-term debt	(2)	(3)
Repurchase of common stock	-	(297)
Dividends paid to stockholders	(162)	(160)
Payment of withholding tax on vested shares	(18)	(9)
Net cash from (used in) financing activities	(182)	470
Effect of changes in exchange rates	(3)	24
Net cash increase	76	559
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of the period	1,759	1,629

Cash and cash equivalents at end of the period	1,835	2,188
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited interim consolidated financial statements

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

In million of U.S. dollars, except per share amounts

	Common Stock	Capital Surplus	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Equity
Balance as of December 31, 2016 (Audited)	1,157	2,818	(242)	431	371	61	4,596
Repurchase of common stock			(297)				(297)
Issuance of senior unsecured convertible bonds		242					242
Settlement of senior unsecured convertible bonds		(403)	361				(42)
Stock-based compensation expense		61	46	(46)			61
Comprehensive income (loss):							
Net income				802		8	810
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax					317		317
Comprehensive income (loss)							1,127
Dividends to noncontrolling interest						(6)	(6)
Dividends, \$0.24 per share				(214)			(214)
Balance as of December 31, 2017 (Audited)	1,157	2,718	(132)	973	688	63	5,467
Stock-based compensation expense		80	53	(53)			80
Comprehensive income (loss):							
Net income				869		5	874
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax					(154)		(154)
Comprehensive income (loss)							720
Dividends, \$0.24 per share				(215)			(215)
Balance as of September 29, 2018 (Unaudited)	1,157	2,798	(79)	1,574	534	68	6,052

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STMicroelectronics N.V.

Notes to Interim Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. The Company

STMicroelectronics N.V. (the “Company”) is registered in The Netherlands with its corporate legal seat in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, and its corporate headquarters located in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Company is a global independent semiconductor company that designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of products, including discrete and standard commodity components, application-specific integrated circuits (“ASICs”), full custom devices and semi-custom devices and application-specific standard products (“ASSPs”) for analog, digital and mixed-signal applications. In addition, the Company participates in the manufacturing value chain of smartcard products, which includes the production and sale of both silicon chips and smartcards.

2. Fiscal Year

The Company’s fiscal year ends on December 31. Interim periods are established for accounting purposes on a thirteen-week basis.

The Company’s third quarter ended on September 29, 2018 and its fourth quarter will end on December 31.

3. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (“U.S. GAAP”), consistent in all material respects with those applied for the year ended December 31, 2017, except for the effects of adopting new accounting guidance effective on January 1, 2018, as described in Note 5. The interim financial information is unaudited but reflects all normal adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to provide a fair statement of results for the periods presented. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the entire year.

All balances and values in the current and prior periods are in millions of U.S. dollars, except shares and per-share amounts.

The accompanying Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements do not include certain footnotes and financial presentation normally required on an annual basis under U.S. GAAP. Therefore, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017, as filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on March 1, 2018. However, they include mandatory disclosures required by accounting pronouncements effective on January 1, 2018, as further described in Note 5.

4. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions. The primary areas that require significant estimates and judgments by management include, but are not limited to:

- sales returns and allowances,

- inventory obsolescence reserves and normal manufacturing capacity thresholds to determine costs capitalized in inventory,

- recognition and measurement of loss contingencies,

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- valuation at fair value of assets acquired or sold, including intangibles, goodwill, investments and tangible assets,
- annual and trigger-based impairment review of goodwill and intangible assets, as well as the assessment, in each reporting period, of events, which could trigger impairment testing on long-lived assets,
- assessment of other-than-temporary impairment charges on financial assets, including equity-method investments,
- recognition and measurement of restructuring charges and other related exit costs,
- assumptions used in assessing the number of awards expected to vest on stock-based compensation plans,
- assumptions used in calculating pension obligations and other long-term employee benefits, and
- determination of the income tax expense estimated on the basis of the projected tax amount for the full year, including deferred income tax assets, valuation allowance and provisions for uncertain tax positions and claims.

The Company bases the estimates and assumptions on historical experience and on various other factors such as market trends, market information used by market participants and the latest available business plans that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. While the Company regularly evaluates its estimates and assumptions, the actual results experienced by the Company could differ materially and adversely from those estimates.

5. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Accounting pronouncements effective in 2018

Pension costs

The Company adopted on January 1, 2018 the new guidance on the presentation of net periodic benefit cost in the consolidated statement of income. The guidance requires the service cost component of net periodic benefit cost to be presented in the same income statement line items as other employee compensation costs arising from services rendered during the period, and the other components of the net periodic benefit cost to be presented separately from the line items that include the service cost and outside of any subtotal of operating income. Only the service cost component is eligible for capitalization in assets. The other components of the net periodic benefit cost are presented separately from the line items that include the service cost and outside of any subtotal of operation income. The Company has elected to report those elements below operating income on the line “Other components of pension benefit costs” of the consolidated statement of income. The new guidance was applied retrospectively, except for the limitation on the capitalization in assets, which was applied prospectively. While the adoption of this standard did not impact Revenue, Net income, Earnings per share or Cash flows from operating activities, the following components on the Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2017 were impacted:

	Three months ended September 30, 2017		Nine months ended September 30, 2017	
	Reported	Restated	Reported	Restated
Cost of sales	(1,291)	(1,290)	(3,614)	(3,611)

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Gross profit	845	846	2,266	2,269
Selling, general and administrative	(244)	(244)	(718)	(717)
Research and development	(314)	(312)	(975)	(970)
Operating income	278	281	585	594
Other components of pension benefit costs	-	(3)	-	(9)

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Revenue recognition

The Company adopted on January 1, 2018 the converged guidance on revenue from contracts with customers. The new guidance sets forth a single revenue accounting model, which calls for more professional judgment and includes expanded disclosures. Revenue recognition depicts the transfer of promised goods and services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled for these goods and services. Revenue is recognized when (or as) control of the goods and services is transferred to the customer. Even if the revenue recognition guidance is not a five-step model, the following steps can be identified in order to apply the new revenue accounting model: (i) identification of the contracts with customers; (ii) identification of the performance obligations in the contract; (iii) determination of the transaction price; (iv) allocation of the transaction price to performance obligations; and (v) revenue recognition for each performance obligation. Following adoption there was no material impact on the Company's revenue recognition practices as substantially similar performance conditions exist under the new guidance and past practice.

Prior to adoption of the new guidance, revenue from products sold to customers was recognized when all the following conditions had been met: (a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement existed; (b) delivery had occurred; (c) the selling price was fixed or determinable; and (d) collection was reasonably assured. Revenue recognition usually occurred at the time of shipment. Upon adoption of the new guidance on January 1, 2018, arrangements with customers are considered contracts if all the following criteria are met: (a) parties have approved the contract and are committed to perform their respective obligations; (b) each party's rights regarding the goods or services to be transferred can be identified; (c) payment terms for the goods or services to be transferred can be identified; (d) the contract has commercial substance and (e) collectability of substantially all of the consideration is probable. The Company recognizes revenue from products sold to a customer, including distributors, when it satisfies a performance obligation by transferring control over a product to the customer. As for previous guidance, this usually occurs at the time of shipment. In certain circumstances, the Company may render services to the customer. These services usually correspond to a single performance obligation which is satisfied over a short period of time. The payment terms range between 30 and 90 days.

Consistent with standard business practice in the semiconductor industry, price protection is granted to distribution customers on their existing inventory of the Company's products to compensate them for declines in market prices. Based on previous guidance, the Company accrued a provision for price protection based on a rolling historical price trend computed on a monthly basis as a percentage of gross distributor sales. This historical price trend represented differences in recent months between the invoiced price and the final price to the distributor, adjusted if required, to accommodate a significant change in the current market price. The short outstanding inventory time period, visibility into the inventory product pricing and long distributor pricing history have enabled the Company to reliably estimate price protection provisions at period-end. The Company recorded the accrued amounts as a deduction of "Net sales" in the consolidated statements of income at the time of the sale. The new accounting guidance has had no impact on this accounting practice.

The Company's customers occasionally return the Company's products for technical reasons. The Company's standard terms and conditions of sale provide that if the Company determines that products do not conform, the Company will repair or replace the non-conforming products, or issue a credit note or rebate of the purchase price. Quality returns are identified shortly after sale in customer quality control testing. Quality returns are usually associated with end-user customers, not with distribution channels. In application of previous revenue recognition guidance, the Company recorded the accrued amounts as a deduction of "Net sales" in the consolidated statements of income, using past history and current conditions to form a reasonable estimate of future returns. The new accounting guidance has had no impact on this accounting practice.

The Company's insurance policy relating to product liability covers third party physical damages and bodily injury, indirect financial damages as well as immaterial non-consequential damages caused by defective products. Prior to the

new revenue recognition guidance, the Company recorded a provision for warranty costs as a charge against “Cost of sales” in the consolidated statements of income, based on historical trends of warranty costs incurred as a percentage of sales, which management had determined to be a reasonable estimate of the probable losses to be incurred for warranty claims in a period. The new accounting guidance has had no impact on this accounting practice. Any potential warranty claims are subject to the Company’s determination that the Company is at fault for damages, and such claims usually must be submitted within a short period of time following the date of sale. This warranty is given in lieu of all other warranties, conditions or terms expressed or implied by statute or common law. The Company’s contractual terms and conditions typically limit its liability to the sales value of the products which gave rise to the claims.

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Financial instruments

The Company adopted on January 1, 2018 the new guidance on the recognition and measurement of financial instruments. Changes to current practice primarily affect the accounting for investments in equity securities, financial liabilities under the fair value option, and the presentation and disclosure requirements for financial instruments. All equity investments in unconsolidated entities other than those accounted for using the equity method of accounting are measured at fair value through earnings (the available-for-sale classification disappears for these financial assets). For equity investments without readily determinable fair values, the cost method is also eliminated even if the new guidance permits a measurement alternative. Additionally, when the fair value option has been elected for financial liabilities, changes in fair value due to instrument-specific credit risk will be recognized separately in other comprehensive income. The new guidance on financial liabilities has had no impact for the Company as the fair value option has not been elected on any existing debt. On the \$11 million traded equity securities held as available-for-sale financial assets as at December 31, 2017, the Company applied the modified retrospective transition method and reclassified an immaterial amount to Retained Earnings corresponding to the cumulative effect upon adoption of the new guidance as the total amount of changes in fair value previously reported in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income for these instruments. Concerning equity investments without readily determinable fair values, the Company has elected to apply the measurement alternative permitted by the new guidance consisting of reporting these investments at cost, less impairment, adjusted for subsequent observable price changes, on its cost-method investment portfolio, which amounted to \$12 million as at September 29, 2018.

Cash flow

The Company adopted on January 1, 2018 amended guidance on clarifying the cash flow classification of certain topics. The issues addressed are debt prepayment or debt extinguishment costs (Issue 1); settlement of zero-coupon and other deeply discounted debt instruments (Issue 2); contingent consideration payments made after a business combination (Issue 3); proceeds from the settlement of insurance claims (Issue 4); proceeds from settlement of corporate-owned life insurance (COLI) policies, including bank-owned life insurance (BOLI) policies (Issue 5); distributions received from equity method investments (Issue 6); beneficial interests in securitization transactions (Issue 7) and separately identifiable cash flows and application of the predominance principle (Issue 8). The Company also adopted the new guidance addressing the presentation of restricted cash in the cash flow statement, by requiring that the financial statement explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amounts generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents, with a mandatory reconciliation of this total to amounts on the balance sheet and disclosure about the nature of the restrictions. The guidance was applied retrospectively and the impact on the Company's statements of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017 is described below.

In the third quarter of 2017, the Company settled \$600 million in cash and approximately 13.0 million shares from treasury stock upon the exercise by bondholders of their conversion option on Tranche A net-share settled convertible debt issued on July 3, 2014. The consideration transferred in shares was a non-cash item and, as such, was not reported in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017. The \$600 million amount paid to settle the bonds was reported as cash outflows used in financing activities. As a zero-coupon net-share settled financial instrument, Tranche A generated a debt discount on the liability component measured at fair value at initial recognition, which corresponded to a 2.40% effective interest rate. According to the new accounting guidance, upon settlement, a portion of the total amount paid is to be considered as accreted interest paid and be reported as cash outflows used in operating activities. Consequently, the Company reclassified on the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017 a total amount of \$30 million as interest paid from the line Repayment of issued debt of Net cash from (used in) financing activities to the line Interest paid on settled convertible debt of Net cash from operating activities. Total cash from operating activities decreased from \$1,121 to \$1,091 following this retrospective adjustment, while total cash from financing activities increased by \$30 million, from \$440 million to

\$470 on the consolidated statement of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2017.

Accounting pronouncements that are not yet effective and have not been adopted by the Company

In February 2016, the FASB issued new guidance on lease accounting. As a lessee, an entity will need to recognize almost all leases on the balance sheet as a right-of-use asset and a lease liability. Additionally, when applying the new guidance, lessees will have to identify leases embedded in a contract. For income statement purposes, the new guidance is still based on a dual model, requiring leases to be classified as either operating or finance leases.

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Classification criteria are largely similar to current lease accounting guidance, except that the new guidance does not contain explicit bright lines. Lessor accounting is similar to the current model, but updated to align with certain changes to the lessee model and the new revenue recognition guidance. Existing sale-leaseback guidance has been replaced with a new model applicable to both lessees and lessors. The new guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those years. The guidance was originally required to be applied with a modified retrospective approach. In the third quarter of 2018, it was amended to enable lessees to apply an optional simplified transition method with cumulative impact recorded on retained earnings as at January 1, 2019 and no restatement of previous periods. The Company will adopt the new guidance when effective. The Company has completed the inventory of existing leasing contracts and is implementing a software package to be used for managing the accounting of the leases.

In June 2016, the FASB issued new guidance on measuring credit losses for financial instruments. The objective of the new guidance is to provide financial statement users with more decision-useful information about the expected credit losses on financial instruments, primarily financial assets measured at amortized cost and available-for-sale debt securities, and other commitments to extend credit held by a reporting entity at each reporting date. The amended guidance replaces the incurred loss impairment methodology applied in current practice with an approach that reflects expected credit losses and requires consideration of a broader range of reasonable and supportable information to inform credit losses estimates. The new guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those years. The Company will adopt the new guidance when effective and is currently assessing its impact on its consolidated financial statements.

In January 2017, the FASB simplified the accounting for goodwill impairment by removing step 2 of the goodwill impairment test, which requires a hypothetical purchase price allocation. A goodwill impairment will now be the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value. The amended guidance is effective for public companies for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019, with early application permitted for goodwill impairment tests with measurement dates after January 1, 2017. The Company will adopt the new guidance when effective.

In August 2017, the FASB issued its expected improvements to hedge accounting. The changes to existing guidance are intended to align hedge accounting with companies' risk management strategies by simplifying the application of hedge accounting and enlarging the scope and results of hedging programs. The amendments to the existing guidance include designation of hedged items, effectiveness measurement, presentation and disclosure. The amended guidance is effective for public companies for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, with early application permitted in any interim period after issuance of the amended guidance. The Company is currently assessing the impact the improvements to hedge accounting may have on its consolidated financial statements.

6. Revenues

6.1 Nature of goods and services

The Company designs, develops, manufactures and markets a broad range of products, including discrete and standard commodity components, application-specific integrated circuits ("ASICs"), full-custom devices and semi-custom devices and application specific standard products ("ASSPs") for analog, digital and mixed-signal applications. In addition, the Company participates in the manufacturing value chain of Smartcard products, which includes the production and sale of both silicon chips and Smartcards.

The following is a description of principal activities – separated by reportable segments – from which the Company generates its revenue. For more detailed information about reportable segments, see Note 28.

Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG) is comprised of dedicated automotive ICs (both digital and analog), and discrete and power transistor products for all market segments.

Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS) is comprised of low-power high-end analog ICs (both custom and general purpose) for all markets, smart power products for Industrial, Computer and Consumer markets, Touch Screen Controllers, Low Power Connectivity solutions (both wireline and wireless) for IoT, power conversion products, metering solutions for Smart Grid and all MEMS products for sensors or actuators, subsystems, as well as the Imaging Products division (including the sensors and modules utilizing the Company's Time-of-Flight technology).

Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG) is comprised of general purpose and secure microcontrollers, EEPROM memories, Digital ASICs, Aerospace & Defense products including components for microwave and millimeter wave.

Commencing in the fourth quarter of 2017, the Company transferred the Imaging Product Division, previously reported in Others, into the Analog and MEMS Group (AMG) to create the new organization Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS). Additionally, effective January 1, 2018, the Subsystems business unit was transferred from Others to AMS. Prior periods have been restated accordingly.

Other revenues consist of license revenue, service revenue related to transferring licenses, patent royalty income, sale of scrap materials and manufacturing by-products.

While the majority of the Company's sales agreements contain standard terms and conditions, the Company may, from time to time, enter into agreements that contain multiple performance obligations or terms and conditions, which require judgment. Those agreements concern principally the revenues from services, where the performance obligation is satisfied over time. The objective when allocating the transaction price is to allocate the transaction price to each performance obligation (or distinct good or service) in an amount that depicts the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring the promised goods or services to the customer.

6.2 Revenue recognition and disaggregation

The Company recognizes revenue from products sold to a customer, including distributors, when it satisfies a performance obligation at a point in time by transferring control over a product to the customer. This usually occurs at the time of shipment. The performance obligations linked to the sale of goods contracts have the original expected lengths of less than one year. The transaction price is determined based on the contract terms, adjusted for price protection if applicable. The revenues from services are usually linked to performance obligations transferred over time and are recognized in line with the contract terms.

The payment terms range between 30 and 90 days.

The following tables present the Company's consolidated net revenues disaggregated by product group, geographical region of shipment and nature.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Net revenues by product group				
Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	901	775	2,588	2,238
Analog, MEMS and Sensors Group (AMS)	899	657	2,167	1,728
Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	719	701	2,251	1,905
Others	3	3	10	9
Total revenues	2,522	2,136	7,016	5,880

Net revenues by geographical region of shipment⁽¹⁾

EMEA	613	553	1,861	1,576
Americas	315	287	922	797
Asia Pacific	1,594	1,296	4,233	3,507
Total revenues	2,522	2,136	7,016	5,880

Net revenues by nature

Revenues from sale of products	2,491	2,096	6,885	5,756
Revenues from sale of services	24	27	93	95
Other revenues	7	13	38	29
Total revenues	2,522	2,136	7,016	5,880

Net revenues by market channel⁽²⁾

Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEM”)	1,716	1,404	4,498	3,870
Distribution	806	732	2,518	2,010
Total revenues	2,522	2,136	7,016	5,880

Net revenues by geographical region of shipment are classified by location of customer invoiced or reclassified by (1) shipment destination in line with customer demand. For example, products ordered by U.S.-based companies to be invoiced to Asia Pacific affiliates are classified as Asia Pacific revenues.

Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEM”) are the end-customers to which the Company provides direct marketing (2) application engineering support, while Distribution customers refers to the distributors and representatives that the Company engages to distribute its products around the world.

6.3 Practical Expedients and Exemptions

The Company does not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and (ii) contracts for which the Company recognizes revenue at the amount to which the Company has the right to invoice for services performed.

7. Other Income and Expenses, Net

Other income and expenses, net consisted of the following:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Research and development funding	13	13	34	45
Phase-out and start-up costs	-	(7)	-	(7)
Exchange gain, net	1	1	4	3
Patent costs	(2)	(3)	(7)	(6)
Gain on sale of businesses and non-current assets	-	1	7	3
Other, net	(1)	-	-	(1)
Total	11	5	38	37

The Company receives significant public funding from governmental agencies in several jurisdictions. Public funding for research and development is recognized ratably as the related costs are incurred once the agreement with the respective governmental agency has been signed and all applicable conditions have been met.

Phase-out costs are costs incurred during the closing stage of a Company’s manufacturing facility. They are treated in the same manner as start-up costs. Start-up costs represent costs incurred in the start-up and testing of the Company’s new manufacturing facilities, before reaching the earlier of a minimum level of production or six months after the fabrication line’s quality certification.

Exchange gains and losses, net represent the portion of exchange rate changes on transactions denominated in currencies other than an entity’s functional currency and the changes in fair value of trading derivative instruments which are not designated as hedge and which have a cash flow effect related to operating transactions, as described in Note 26.

Patent costs include legal and attorney fees and payment for claims, patent pre-litigation consultancy and legal fees. They are reported net of settlements, if any, which primarily include reimbursements of prior patent litigation costs.

Gain on sale of businesses and non-current assets for the first nine months of 2018 was related to the sale of one of the Company's non-strategic cost-method investments.

8. Impairment, Restructuring Charges and Other Related Closure Costs

The Company did not incur any impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs in the third quarter of 2018.

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs incurred in the first nine months of 2018 are summarized as follows:

	Nine months ended on September 29, 2018			
	Impairment	Restructuring charges	Other related closure costs	Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs
Set-top Box restructuring plan	-	(20)	-	(20)
Total	-	(20)	-	(20)

Impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs incurred in the third quarter and first nine months of 2017 are summarized as follows:

	Three months ended on September 30, 2017			
	Impairment	Restructuring charges	Other related closure costs	Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs
Set-top Box restructuring plan	-	(8)	-	(8)
Other restructuring initiatives	-	(6)	-	(6)
Total	-	(14)	-	(14)

	Nine months ended on September 30, 2017			
	Impairment	Restructuring charges	Other related closure costs	Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs
Set-top Box restructuring plan	-	(19)	-	(19)
EPS restructuring plan	-	5	-	5
Long-lived asset impairment charge	-	(11)	-	(11)
Total	-	(25)	-	(25)

Impairment charges

During the third quarter of 2018 and 2017, the Company conducted its annual impairment test, which did not result in an impairment loss.

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Restructuring charges and other related closure costs

Provisions for restructuring charges and other related closure costs as at September 29, 2018 are summarized as follows:

	Set-top Box restructuring plan	\$600-650 million net opex plan	EPS restructuring plan	Other restructuring initiatives	Total
Provision as at December 31, 2017	39	7	3	3	52
Charges incurred in 2018	20	-	-	-	20
Amounts paid	(18)	(6)	(1)	(3)	(28)
Currency translation effect	(2)	-	(1)	-	(3)
Provision as at September 29, 2018	39	1	1	-	41

·\$600-650 million net opex plan

In 2013, the Company committed to restructuring actions to reduce operating expenses, net of R&D grants to the level of \$600 to \$650 million on a quarterly basis. In the first nine months of 2018, the Company paid \$6 million for the settlement of an existing unused lease arrangement in one of its locations in Europe.

·EPS restructuring plan

In 2014, the Company committed to a plan affecting around 450 employees worldwide and targeting savings in the former Embedded Processing Solutions business.

·Set-top Box restructuring plan

In 2016, the Company announced its decision to cease the development of new platforms and standard products for set-top-box and home gateway products. This decision implied a global workforce review of approximately 1,400 employees worldwide, which included about 430 in France through a voluntary departure plan, about 670 in Asia and about 120 in the United States of America. The Company recorded in the first nine months of 2018, \$20 million of restructuring charges for this plan relating to employee termination benefits, primarily for voluntary terminations in France where the voluntary leave plan was completed.

·Other restructuring initiatives

In 2017, the Company announced a restructuring plan affecting approximately 300 employees through voluntary leaves in one of its back-end operations. The \$3 million employee termination benefits payable as at December 31, 2017 were fully paid during the first nine months of 2018. The plan is fully completed.

Total impairment, restructuring charges and other related closure costs

The Set-top Box restructuring plan was expected to result in pre-tax charges of approximately \$170 million. Restructuring charges, totaling \$137 million, were incurred as of September 29, 2018. The plan was substantially

completed in 2018.

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The total actual costs that the Company will incur may differ from these estimates based on the timing required to complete the restructuring plan, the number of employees involved, the final agreed termination benefits and the costs associated with the transfer of equipment, products and processes.

9. Interest expense, Net

Interest expense, net consisted of the following:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Income	12	10	32	21
Expense	(14)	(17)	(40)	(37)
Total	(2)	(7)	(8)	(16)

Interest income is related to the cash and cash equivalents, short-term deposits and marketable securities held by the Company. Interest expense recorded in the first nine months of 2018 included a \$28 million charge on the senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2017, that was, mainly, a non-cash interest expense resulting from the accretion of the discount on the liability component. Net interest includes also charges related to the banking fees and the sale of trade and other receivables.

10. Income Taxes

Income tax expense is as follows:

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Income tax benefit (expense)	(24)	(28)	(68)	(63)

The annual estimated effective tax rate method was applied, as management believes it provides a reliable estimate of the expected 2017 and 2018 income tax expense on an interim basis. During the third quarter and first nine months of 2018, the Company registered an income tax expense of \$24 million and \$68 million, respectively, reflecting the estimated annual effective tax rate in each of its jurisdictions, applied to the third quarter of 2018 consolidated result before taxes. In addition, the Company's income tax included the estimated impact of provisions related to potential tax positions which have been considered uncertain.

At each reporting date, the Company assesses all material open income tax positions in all tax jurisdictions to determine any uncertain tax position. The Company uses a two-step process for the evaluation of uncertain tax positions. The first step consists in determining whether a benefit may be recognized; the assessment is based on a sustainability threshold. If the sustainability is lower than 50%, a full provision should be accounted for. In case of a sustainability threshold in step one higher than 50%, the Company must perform a second step in order to measure the amount of recognizable tax benefit, net of any liability for tax uncertainties. The measurement methodology in step two is based on a "cumulative probability" approach, resulting in the recognition of the largest amount that is greater

than 50% likely of being realized upon settlement with the taxing authority. All unrecognized tax benefits affect the effective tax rate, if recognized.

The U.S. Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act) enacted on December 22, 2017, introduced significant changes to U.S. income tax law. Effective 2018, the Tax Act reduced the U.S. statutory tax rate from 35% to 21% and created new taxes on certain foreign-sourced earnings and certain intercompany payments. Due to the timing of the enactment and the complexity involved in applying the provisions of the Tax Act, the Company made reasonable estimates of the effects and recorded provisional amounts in its financial statements as of December 31, 2017. This resulted in an additional tax expense in 2017 of \$46 million. As the Company collects and prepares necessary data, and interpret the Tax Act and any additional guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department, the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and other standard-setting bodies, the Company may adjust the provisional amounts. Those adjustments may materially affect the Company's provision for income taxes and effective tax rate in the period in which the adjustments are made. The adjustments made in the third quarter of 2018 were not significant. The accounting for the tax effects of the Tax Act will be completed later in 2018.

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11. Earnings per share

Basic net earnings per share (“EPS”) is computed based on net income attributable to parent company stockholders using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the reported period; the number of outstanding shares does not include treasury shares. Diluted EPS is computed using the weighted-average number of common shares and dilutive potential common shares outstanding during the period, such as stock issuable pursuant to the exercise of stock options outstanding, unvested shares granted and the conversion of convertible debt.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Basic EPS				
Net income attributable to parent company	369	236	869	494
Weighted average shares outstanding	902,224,054	880,563,271	898,916,238	882,964,870
Basic EPS	0.41	0.27	0.97	0.56
Diluted EPS				
Net income attributable to parent company	369	236	869	494
Weighted average shares outstanding	902,224,054	880,563,271	898,916,238	882,964,870
Dilutive effect of stock awards	5,334,417	5,563,085	8,070,747	7,173,482
Dilutive effect of convertible bonds	462,230	14,901,214	5,788,445	14,568,713
Number of shares used in calculating diluted EPS	908,020,701	901,027,570	912,775,430	904,707,065
Diluted EPS	0.41	0.26	0.95	0.55

12. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (“AOCI”)

The table below details the changes in AOCI attributable to the company’s stockholders by component, net of tax, for the nine months ended September 29, 2018:

	Gains (Losses) on Cash Flow Hedges	Gains (Losses) on Available-For-Sale Securities	Defined Benefit Pension Plan Items	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments (“CTA”)	Total
December 31, 2017	45	-	(166)	768	647

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Cumulative tax impact	-	-	41	-	41
December 31, 2017, net of tax	45	-	(125)	768	688
OCI before reclassifications	(62)	(4)	-	(68)	(134)
Amounts reclassified from AOCI	(26)	-	7	-	(19)
OCI for the nine months ended September 29, 2018	(88)	(4)	7	(68)	(153)
Cumulative tax impact	-	-	(1)	-	(1)
OCI for the nine months ended September 29, 2018, net of tax	(88)	(4)	6	(68)	(154)
September 29, 2018	(43)	(4)	(159)	700	494
Cumulative tax impact	-	-	40	-	40
September 29, 2018, net of tax	(43)	(4)	(119)	700	534

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Items reclassified out of Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income for period ended September 29, 2018 are listed in the table below:

Details about AOCI components	Amounts reclassified from AOCI	Affected line item in the statement where net income (loss) is presented
Gains (losses) on cash flow hedges		
Foreign exchange derivative contracts	19	Cost of sales
Foreign exchange derivative contracts	1	Selling, general and administrative
Foreign exchange derivative contracts	6	Research and development
	-	Income tax benefit (expense)
	26	Net of tax
Defined benefit pension plan items		
Amortization of actuarial gains (losses)	(1)	Cost of sales (1)
Amortization of actuarial gains (losses)	(3)	Research and development (1)
Amortization of actuarial gains (losses)	(3)	Selling, general and administrative (1)
	1	Income tax benefit (expense)
	(6)	Net of tax
Total reclassifications for the period attributable to the Company's stockholders	20	Net of tax

(1) These items are included in the computation of -net periodic pension cost, as described in Note 22.

13. Marketable Securities

Changes in the value of marketable securities, as reported in current assets on the consolidated balance sheets as at September 29, 2018 and December 31, 2017 are detailed in the table below:

	December 31, 2017	Purchase	Sale / Redemption	Change in fair value included in OCI* for available-for-sale marketable securities	Change in fair value recognized in earnings	Foreign exchange result through OCI*	September 29, 2018
U.S. Treasury debt securities	431	-	(100)	(3)	-	-	328
Total	431	-	(100)	(3)	-	-	328

*Other Comprehensive Income

As at September 29, 2018, the Company held \$328 million of U.S. Treasury debt securities. An amount of \$100 million corresponding to U.S. Treasury Bills, which were acquired in 2017 and transferred to a financial institution with high credit quality as part of a short-term securities lending transaction, matured in July 2018. The Company transferred at that date to the financial institution an equivalent amount of U.S. Treasury Bonds from its existing portfolio. In the second quarter of 2018, the Company transferred \$150 million U.S. Treasury Bonds as part of additional short-term securities lending transactions. These transactions were concluded in compliance with the Company's policy to optimize the return on its short-term interest rate investments, always placed with institutions with high credit rating. The Company, acting as the securities lender, does not hold any collateral on the unsecured securities lending transactions. The Company retains effective control on the transferred securities.

The debt securities had an average rating of Aaa/AA+/AAA from Moody's, S&P and Fitch, respectively, with a weighted average maturity of 1.55 years. The debt securities were reported as current assets on the line "Marketable Securities" on the consolidated balance sheet as at September 29, 2018, since they represented investments of funds available for current operations. The bonds were classified as available-for-sale and recorded at fair value as at September 29, 2018. This fair value measurement corresponds to a Level 1 fair value hierarchy measurement. The aggregated amortized cost basis of these securities totaled \$332 million as at September 29, 2018.

14. Trade Accounts Receivable, Net

Trade accounts receivable, net consisted of the following:

	As at September 29, 2018	As at December 31, 2017
Trade accounts receivable	1,325	1,164
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(16)	(15)
Total	1,309	1,149

The Company enters from time to time into factoring transactions to accelerate the realization in cash of some trade accounts receivable. As at September 29, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no trade accounts receivable sold without recourse.

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15. Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Cost is based on the weighted average cost by adjusting standard cost to approximate actual manufacturing costs on a quarterly basis; the cost is therefore dependent on the Company's manufacturing performance. In the case of underutilization of manufacturing facilities, the costs associated with the unused capacity are not included in the valuation of inventories but charged directly to cost of sales. Net realizable value is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation.

Reserve for obsolescence is estimated for excess uncommitted inventories based on the previous quarter's sales, backlog of orders and production plans.

Inventories, net of reserve, consisted of the following:

	As at September 29, 2018	As at December 31, 2017
Raw materials	143	125
Work-in-process	998	787
Finished products	445	423
Total	1,586	1,335

16. Goodwill

Goodwill allocated to reportable segments and changes in the carrying amount of goodwill were as follows:

	Automotive and Discrete Group (ADG)	Microcontrollers and Digital ICs Group (MDG)	Analog, MEMS & Sensors Group (AMS)	Others	Total
December 31, 2017	-	121	2	-	123
Foreign currency translation	-	(2)	-	-	(2)
September 29, 2018	-	119	2	-	121

17. Other intangible assets

Other intangible assets consisted of the following:

September 29, 2018	Gross Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Cost
Technologies & licences	691	(592)	99
Contractual customer relationships	4	(4)	-
Purchased & internally developed software	453	(399)	54
Construction in progress	45	-	45
Other intangible assets	65	(65)	-
Total	1,258	(1,060)	198

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December 31, 2017	Gross Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net Cost
Technologies & licences	668	(566)	102
Contractual customer relationships	5	(5)	-
Purchased & internally developed software	440	(383)	57
Construction in progress	50	-	50
Other intangible assets	65	(65)	-
Total	1,228	(1,019)	209

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The line “Construction in progress” in the table above includes internally developed software under construction and software not ready for use.

Amortization expense was \$46 million and \$44 million for the first nine months of 2018 and 2017, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense of the existing intangible assets for each period is expected to be as follows:

Year	
Remainder of 2018	21
2019	70
2020	53
2021	32
2022	17
Thereafter	5
Total	198

18. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment consisted of the following:

September 29, 2018	Gross Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Cost
Land	79	-	79
Buildings	901	(484)	417
Facilities & leasehold improvements	3,168	(2,753)	415
Machinery and equipment	14,859	(12,569)	2,290
Computer and R&D equipment	388	(342)	46
Other tangible assets	114	(93)	21
Construction in progress	146	-	146
Total	19,655	(16,241)	3,414

December 31, 2017	Gross Cost	Accumulated Depreciation	Net Cost
Land	81	-	81
Buildings	891	(479)	412

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Facilities & leasehold improvements	3,074	(2,782)	292
Machinery and equipment	14,529	(12,569)	1,960
Computer and R&D equipment	397	(351)	46
Other tangible assets	118	(99)	19
Construction in progress	284	-	284
Total	19,374	(16,280)	3,094

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The line “Construction in progress” in the table above includes property, plant and equipment under construction and equipment under qualification before operating.

Facilities & leasehold improvements, machinery and equipment and other tangible assets include assets acquired under capital lease. The net cost of assets under capital lease was less than \$1 million both at September 29, 2018 and December 31, 2017.

The depreciation charge, which includes amortization for capital leases, was \$533 million and \$427 million for the first nine months of 2018 and 2017, respectively.

19. Long-Term Investments

Long-Term Investments consisted of the following:

	September 29, 2018	December 31, 2017
Equity-method investments	48	45
Cost-method investments	12	12
Total	60	57

Equity-method investments

Equity-method investments as at September 29, 2018 and December 31, 2017 were as follows:

	September 29, 2018		December 31, 2017	
	Carrying value	Ownership percentage	Carrying value	Ownership percentage
ST-Ericsson SA, in liquidation	48	50.0%	45	50.0%
Total	48		45	

ST-Ericsson SA, in liquidation

On February 3, 2009, the Company announced the closing of a transaction to combine the businesses of Ericsson Mobile Platforms and ST-NXP Wireless into a new venture, named ST-Ericsson. As part of the transaction, the Company received an interest in ST-Ericsson Holding AG in which the Company owned 50% plus a controlling share. In 2010, ST-Ericsson Holding AG was merged in ST-Ericsson SA.

The Company evaluated that ST-Ericsson SA was a variable interest entity (VIE). The Company determined that it controlled ST-Ericsson SA and therefore consolidated ST-Ericsson SA.

On September 9, 2013, the Company sold 1 ST-Ericsson SA share to Ericsson for its nominal value changing the ownership structure of ST-Ericsson SA to bring both partners to an equal ownership proportion. As a result and in combination with the new shareholder agreement, the Company lost the control of ST-Ericsson SA and as such ST-Ericsson SA was deconsolidated from the Company’s financial statements. The deconsolidation of ST-Ericsson SA did not result in a gain or loss for the Company. The fair value of the Company’s retained noncontrolling interest was evaluated at \$55 million. In addition, the Company and its partner signed funding commitment letters, capped at \$149 million for each partner, to the residual joint wind-down operations to ensure solvency. These were not drawn as of

September 29, 2018.

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Before the deconsolidation of ST-Ericsson SA, certain assets and companies of the ST-Ericsson SA group of companies were transferred to both partners for their net book value which was representative of their fair value. The transactions did not result in cash exchange between the partners. ST-Ericsson SA entered into liquidation on April 15, 2014.

Cost-method investments

Cost-method investments as at September 29, 2018 are equity securities with no readily determinable fair value. As described in Note 9, the Company sold in the first half of 2018 its stake in one of its non-strategic investments measured at cost, which was fully impaired at the time of the sale. Upon the adoption on January 1, 2018 of the new guidance on the recognition and measurement of investments in equity securities, the Company elected the measurement alternative permitted by the new guidance on investments with no readily determinable fair value. No adjustments or impairment losses due to observable price changes were reported on these investments during the first nine months of 2018.

Cost-method investments mainly include the Company's investment in DNP Photomask Europe S.p.A ("DNP"). The Company has identified the joint venture as a VIE, but has determined that it is not the primary beneficiary. The significant activities of DNP revolve around the creation of masks and development of high level mask technology. The Company does not have the power to direct such activities. The Company's current maximum exposure to loss as a result of its involvement with the joint venture is limited to its investment. The Company has not provided additional financial support in the first nine months of 2018 and currently has no requirement or intent to provide further financial support to the joint venture.

20. Other Non-current Assets

Other non-current assets consisted of the following:

	As at September 29, 2018	As at December 31, 2017
Equity securities	20	20
Long-term State receivables	367	417
Long-term receivables from third parties	1	1
Deposits and other non-current assets	33	37
Total	421	475

Following the adoption on January 1, 2018 of the new guidance on the recognition and measurement of financial investments, equity securities previously held as available-for-sale instruments, which totaled \$11 million as at December 31, 2017, are measured at fair value through earnings. The Company applied upon adoption the modified retrospective transition method and reclassified an immaterial amount to Retained Earnings corresponding to the cumulative effect upon adoption of the new guidance as the total amount of changes in fair value previously reported in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income for these instruments. No significant amount of unrealized gains and losses was reported on these instruments during the first nine months of 2018.

Long-term State receivables include receivables related to funding and receivables related to tax refunds. Funding are mainly public grants to be received from governmental agencies in Italy and France as part of long-term research and development, industrialization and capital investment projects. Long-term receivables related to tax refunds correspond to tax benefits claimed by the Company in certain of its local tax jurisdictions, for which collection is

expected beyond one year.

During the first nine months of 2018, the Company entered into a factoring transaction to accelerate the realization in cash of some non-current assets. As at September 29, 2018, \$122 million of the non-current assets were sold without recourse, with a financial cost of less than \$1 million.

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21. Long-term debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

	September 29, 2018	December 31, 2017
Funding program loans from European Investment Bank:		
3.55% due 2020, floating interest rate at Libor + 1.199%	38	38
3.38% due 2020, floating interest rate at Libor + 1.056%	83	83
0.60% due 2020, floating interest rate at Euribor + 0.917%	43	45
3.05% due 2021, floating interest rate at Libor + 0.525%	120	120
3.06% due 2021, floating interest rate at Libor + 0.572%	115	115
Dual tranche senior unsecured convertible bonds		
Zero-coupon due 2022 (Tranche A)	676	662
0.25% due 2024 (Tranche B)	630	616
Other funding program loans:		
0.31% (weighted average), due 2018-2023, fixed interest rate	18	20
Other long-term loans:		
0.71% (weighted average), due 2018, fixed interest rate	-	1
0.87% (weighted average), due 2020, fixed interest rate	1	1
Total long-term debt	1,724	1,701
Less current portion	(117)	(118)
Total long-term debt, less current portion	1,607	1,583

In the third quarter of 2017, bondholders exercised their conversion rights for \$598 million nominal value on the \$600 million zero-coupon Tranche A of the dual tranche senior unsecured convertible bonds issued on July 3, 2014. The remainder amount of \$2 million was early redeemed in cash by the Company. Each conversion exercised by the bondholders was net-share settled, upon the Company's election. As a result, the Company settled \$600 million in cash and approximately 13.0 million shares from treasury shares. The consideration transferred in shares was a non-cash item and, as such, was not reported in the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017. The Company allocated the total consideration transferred between debt and equity by measuring at fair value the liability component of Tranche A prior to settlement then determining the equity component as a residual amount. The liability component was measured at fair value based on a discount rate adjustment technique (income approach), which corresponded to a Level 3 fair value hierarchy measurement and consisted in calculating the present value of cash flows using an average estimated discount rate of 2.09%, which corresponds to current market rates for similar bonds that have no conversion rights. The fair value of the liability component, as measured prior to extinguishment was \$574 million for Tranche A bonds, which generated a loss amounting to \$5 million, reported on the line "Loss on financial instruments, net" in the consolidated statement of income.

At initial recognition, Tranche A generated a debt discount on the liability component, which corresponded to a 2.40% effective interest rate. Following the adoption in 2018 of the new accounting guidance relating to the cash flow

classification of zero-coupon and deeply discounted debt, which requires retroactive application to present the portion of the total amount paid corresponding to accreted interest as operating cash outflows, the Company reclassified on the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017 a total amount of \$30 million as interest paid from the line Repayment of issued debt of Net cash from (used in) financing activities to the line Interest paid on settled convertible debt of Net cash from operating activities. Total cash from operating activities decreased from \$1,121 to \$1,091 following this restrospective adjustment, while total cash from financing activities increased by \$30 million, from \$440 million to \$470 on the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period ended September 30, 2017.

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On July 3, 2017, the Company issued a \$1.5 billion principal amount of dual tranche senior unsecured convertible bonds (Tranche A and Tranche B for \$750 million each tranche), due 2022 and 2024, respectively. Tranche A bonds were issued at 101.265% as zero-coupon bonds while Tranche B bonds were issued at par and bear a 0.25% per annum nominal interest, payable semi-annually. The conversion price at issuance was \$20.54 dollar, equivalent to a 37.5% premium on both tranches, which corresponds to 9,737 equivalent shares per each \$200,000 bond par value. The bonds are convertible by the bondholders or are callable by the issuer upon certain conditions, on a net-share settlement basis, except if the issuer elects a full-cash or full-share conversion as an alternative settlement. The net proceeds from the bond offering were \$1,502 million, after deducting issuance costs payable by the Company. Proceeds were allocated between debt and equity by measuring first the liability component and then determining the equity component as a residual amount. The liability component was measured at fair value based on a discount rate adjustment technique (income approach), which corresponded to a Level 3 fair value hierarchy measurement. The fair value of the liability component at initial recognition totaled \$1,266 million before allocation of issuance costs, and was estimated by calculating the present value of cash flows using a discount rate of 2.70% and 3.28% (including 0.25% per annum nominal interest), respectively, on each tranche, which were determined to be consistent with the market rates at the time for similar instruments with no conversion rights. An amount of \$242 million, net of allocated issuance costs of \$1 million, was recorded in shareholders' equity as the value of the conversion features of the instruments. Unamortized debt discount and issuance costs on the newly issued convertible debt totaled \$194 million as at September 29, 2018. As at September 29, 2018, the Company stock price did not exceed the conversion price of the new convertible bonds.

In August 2017, the Company signed a new medium term credit facility with the the European Investment Bank ("EIB") for a total of €500 million in relation to R&D and capital expenditure investments in the European Union for the years 2017 and 2018. The medium term line is available for drawings in Euro and in U.S. dollars until the first quarter of 2019 and has terms and conditions determined at drawdown. As of September 29, 2018, no amount was drawn as part of this new credit facility.

22. Post Employment and Other Long-term Employee Benefits

The Company and its subsidiaries have a number of defined benefit pension plans, mainly unfunded, and other long-term employees' benefits covering employees in various countries. The defined benefit plans provide pension benefits based on years of service and employee compensation levels. The other long-term employees' plans provide benefits due during the employees' period of service after certain seniority levels. The Company uses a December 31 measurement date for its plans. Eligibility is generally determined in accordance with local statutory requirements. For the Italian termination indemnity plan ("TFR") generated before July 1, 2007, the Company continues to measure the vested benefits to which Italian employees are entitled as if they left the company immediately as of September 29, 2018, in compliance with U.S. GAAP guidance on determining vested benefit obligations for defined benefit pension plans.

The components of the net periodic benefit cost included the following:

	Pension Benefits		Pension Benefits	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Service cost	(7)	(7)	(21)	(20)
Interest cost	(7)	(6)	(19)	(18)
Expected return on plan assets	6	6	17	15
	(2)	(2)	(6)	(7)

Amortization of actuarial net (loss)
gain

Net periodic benefit cost	(10)	(9)	(29)	(30)
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With the Company's adoption of the new guidance on the presentation of net periodic benefit cost in the Consolidated Statement of Income, all defined benefit plan expense components other than service cost were recognized outside of Operating income in "Other components of pension benefit costs" in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income. Service cost was recognized within Operating income. Defined benefit plan expense components other than service cost, recognized outside of Operating income in "Other components of pension benefit costs" in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Income, were \$3 million in the third quarter of 2018 and 2017, respectively, and \$9 million in the first nine months of 2018 and 2017, respectively. Comparative numbers were restated accordingly. As a practical expedient, the Company used the amounts disclosed in its pension and other postretirement benefit plan note for the prior comparative periods as the estimation basis for applying the retrospective presentation requirements. See Note 5 for additional information.

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	Other long-term benefits		Other long-term benefits	
	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017	September 29, 2018	September 30, 2017
Service cost	(1)	(1)	(3)	(3)
Interest cost	-	(1)	(1)	(2)
Net periodic benefit cost	(1)	(2)	(4)	(5)

Employer contributions paid and expected to be paid in 2018 are consistent with the amounts disclosed in the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

23. Dividends

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 31, 2018 authorized the distribution of a cash dividend of \$0.24 per outstanding share of the Company's common stock, to be distributed in quarterly installments of \$0.06 in each of the second, third and fourth quarters of 2018 and first quarter of 2019. The first installment was paid partially in the second quarter of 2018 for \$48 million, while the remaining portion of \$6 million was paid during the third quarter of 2018. The second installment was paid partially in the third quarter for an amount of \$48 million. The remaining portion of \$6 million related to the second installment and the \$0.12 per share cash dividend corresponding to the last two installments totaled \$114 million and is presented in the line "Dividends payable to stockholders" in the consolidated balance sheet as of September 29, 2018.

In the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on June 20, 2017, the distribution of a cash dividend of \$0.24 per outstanding share of the Company's common stock was authorized, to be distributed in quarterly installments of \$0.06 in each of the second, third and fourth quarters of 2017 and first quarter of 2018. The amount of \$53 million corresponding to the first installment, \$53 million corresponding to the second installment and \$47 million corresponding to the third installment were paid as of December 31, 2017. The remaining portion of the third installment amounting to \$7 million and the fourth installment of \$53 million were paid in the first half of 2018.

The Annual General Meeting of Shareholders held on May 25, 2016 authorized the distribution of a cash dividend of \$0.24 per outstanding share of the Company's common stock, to be distributed in quarterly installments of \$0.06 in each of the second, third and fourth quarters of 2016 and first quarter of 2017. The amount of \$53 million corresponding to the first installment, \$53 million corresponding to the second installment and \$47 million corresponding to the third installment were paid as of December 31, 2016. The remaining portion of the third installment amounting to \$6 million and the fourth installment of \$53 million were paid in the first half of 2017.

24. Treasury Stock

The treasury shares have been designated for allocation under the Company's share based remuneration programs of unvested shares. Through September 29, 2018, 46,147,534 of these treasury shares were transferred to employees under the Company's share based remuneration programs, of which 5,949,263 were transferred in the first nine months of 2018.

As of September 29, 2018, the Company held 8,570,871 treasury shares.

25. Contingencies, Claims and Legal proceedings

The Company is subject to possible loss contingencies arising in the ordinary course of business. These include but are not limited to: warranty cost on the products of the Company, breach of contract claims, claims for unauthorized use of third-party intellectual property, tax claims beyond assessed uncertain tax positions as well as claims for environmental damages. In determining loss contingencies, the Company considers the likelihood of impairing an asset or the incurrence of a liability at the date of the financial statements as well as the ability to reasonably estimate the amount of such loss. The Company records a provision for a loss contingency when information available before the financial statements are issued or are available to be issued indicates that it is probable that an asset has been impaired or a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and when the amount of loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company regularly reevaluates claims to determine whether provisions need to be readjusted based on the most current information available to the Company. Changes in these evaluations could result in an adverse material impact on the Company's results of operations, cash flows or its financial position for the period in which they occur.

The Company has received and may in the future receive communications alleging possible infringements of third party patents or other third party intellectual property rights. Furthermore, the Company from time to time enters into discussions regarding a broad patent cross license arrangement with other industry participants. There is no assurance that such discussions may be brought to a successful conclusion and result in the intended agreement. The Company may become involved in costly litigation brought against the Company regarding patents, mask works, copyrights, trademarks or trade secrets. In the event that the outcome of any litigation would be unfavorable to the Company, the Company may be required to take a license to third party patents and/or other intellectual property rights at economically unfavorable terms and conditions, and possibly pay damages for prior use and/or face an injunction, all of which individually or in the aggregate could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations, cash flows, financial position and/or ability to compete.

The Company is otherwise also involved in various lawsuits, claims, investigations and proceedings incidental to its business and operations.

The Company regularly evaluates claims and legal proceedings together with their related probable losses to determine whether they need to be adjusted based on the current information available to the Company. There can be no assurance that its recorded provisions will be sufficient to cover the extent of its potential liabilities. Legal costs associated with claims are expensed as incurred. In the event of litigation which is adversely determined with respect to the Company's interests, or in the event the Company needs to change its evaluation of a potential third-party claim, based on new evidence or communications, a material adverse effect could impact its operations or financial condition at the time it were to materialize.

As of September 29, 2018, provisions for estimated probable losses with respect to claims and legal proceedings were not considered material.

26. Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company is exposed to changes in financial market conditions in the normal course of business due to its operations in different foreign currencies and its ongoing investing and financing activities. The Company's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, such as market risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Company uses derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures. The primary risk managed by using derivative instruments is foreign currency exchange risk.

Foreign currency exchange risk

Currency forward contracts and currency options are entered into to reduce exposure to changes in exchange rates on the denomination of certain assets and liabilities in foreign currencies at the Company's subsidiaries and to manage the foreign exchange risk associated with certain forecasted transactions.

Derivative Instruments Not Designated as a Hedge

The Company conducts its business on a global basis in various major international currencies. As a result, the Company is exposed to adverse movements in foreign currency exchange rates, primarily with respect to the Euro. Foreign exchange risk mainly arises from future commercial transactions and recognized assets and liabilities in the Company's subsidiaries. Management has set up a policy to require the Company's subsidiaries to hedge their entire foreign exchange risk exposure with the Company through financial instruments transacted or overseen by Corporate Treasury.

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To manage their foreign exchange risk arising from foreign-currency-denominated assets and liabilities, the Company and its subsidiaries use forward contracts and purchased currency options. Foreign exchange risk arises from exchange rate fluctuations on assets and liabilities denominated in a currency that is not the entity's functional currency. These instruments do not qualify as hedging instruments for accounting purposes and are marked-to-market at each period-end with the associated changes in fair value recognized in "Other income and expenses, net" in the consolidated statements of income.

Cash Flow Hedge

To further reduce its exposure to U.S. dollar exchange rate fluctuations, the Company hedges through the use of currency forward contracts and currency options, including collars, certain Euro-denominated forecasted intercompany transactions that cover at reporting date a large part of its research and development, selling, general and administrative expenses as well as a portion of its front-end manufacturing costs of semi-finished goods. The Company also hedges through the use of currency forward contracts certain forecasted manufacturing transactions denominated in Singapore dollars.

These derivative instruments are designated as and qualify for cash flow hedge. They are reflected at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets. The criteria for designating a derivative as a hedge include the instrument's effectiveness in risk reduction and, in most cases, a one-to-one matching of the derivative instrument to its underlying transaction, which enables the Company to conclude, based on the fact that the critical terms of the hedging instruments match the terms of the hedged transactions, that changes in cash flows attributable to the risk being hedged are expected to be completely offset by the hedging derivatives. Currency forward contracts and currency options, including collars, used as hedges are effective at reducing the Euro/U.S. dollar and the Singapore dollar/U.S. dollar currency fluctuation risk and are designated as a hedge at the inception of the contract and on an ongoing basis over the duration of the hedge relationship. Effectiveness on transactions hedged through purchased currency options and collars is measured on the full fair value of the instrument, including the time value of the options. Ineffectiveness appears if the hedge relationship is not perfectly effective or if the cumulative gain or loss on the derivative hedging instrument exceeds the cumulative change on the expected cash flows on the hedged transactions. The gain or loss from the effective portion of the hedge is reported as a component of "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" in the consolidated statements of equity and is reclassified into earnings in the same period in which the hedged transaction affects earnings, and within the same consolidated statement of income line item as the impact of the hedged transaction. When a designated hedging instrument is either terminated early or an improbable or ineffective portion of the hedge is identified, or when it is probable that the forecasted transaction will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period, the cumulative gain or loss that was reported in "Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)" is recognized immediately in earnings.

The principles regulating the hedging strategy for derivatives designated as cash flow hedge are established as follows: (i) for R&D and Corporate costs, up to 80% of the total forecasted transactions; (ii) for manufacturing costs, up to 70% of the total forecasted transactions. The maximum length of time over which the Company could hedge its exposure to the variability of cash flows for forecasted transactions is 24 months.

As at September 29, 2018, the Company had the following outstanding derivative instruments that were entered into to hedge Euro-denominated and Singapore dollar-denominated forecasted transactions:

In millions of Euros	Notional amount for hedge on forecasted R&D and other operating expenses	Notional amount for hedge on forecasted manufacturing costs
Forward contracts	243	418
Currency collars	256	427

In millions of Singapore dollars	Notional amount for hedge on forecasted R&D and other operating expenses	Notional amount for hedge on forecasted manufacturing costs
Forward contracts	-	144

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Cash flow and fair value interest rate risk

The Company's interest rate risk arises from long-term borrowings. Borrowings issued at variable rates expose the Company to cash flow interest rate risk. Borrowings issued at fixed rates expose the Company to fair value interest rate risk. The Company analyzes its interest rate exposure on a dynamic basis. Various scenarios are simulated taking into consideration refinancing, renewal of existing positions, alternative financing and hedging. The Company invests primarily on a short-term basis and the majority of the Company's liquidity is invested in floating interest rate instruments. As a consequence the Company is exposed to interest rate risk due to potential mismatch between the return on its short term floating interest rate investments and the portion of its long term debt issued at fixed rate.

Other market risk

As part of its ongoing investing activities, the Company might be exposed to equity security price risk. Therefore our procedures allow the Company to enter into certain hedging transactions.

For a complete description of exposure to market risks, including credit risk, these interim financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 20-F for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Information on fair value of derivative instruments and their location in the consolidated balance sheets as at September 29, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is presented in the table below:

	As at September 29, 2018		As at December 31, 2017	
	Balance sheet location	Fair value	Balance sheet location	Fair value
Asset Derivatives				
Derivatives designated as a hedge:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other current assets	-	Other current assets	24
Currency collars	Other non-current assets	1	Other current assets	13
Total derivatives designated as a hedge:		1		37
Derivatives not designated as a hedge:				
Foreign exchange forward contracts	Other current assets	3		