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## Financial Results: Fiscal 2017 Fourth Quarter

	2017 FISCAL 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER			2016 FISCAL 4 <sup>TH</sup> QUARTER			CHANGE	
	As Reported	Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing <sup>1</sup>	As Reported	Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing <sup>1</sup>	As Reported	Ongoing
NET SALES	\$2,686M	-	\$2,686M	\$2,562M	-	\$2,562M	5%	5%
GROSS PROFIT	\$1,340M	\$4M	\$1,344M	\$1,138M	\$14M	\$1,152M	18%	17%
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$1,403M	\$(48)M	\$1,355M	\$1,403M	\$(253)M	\$1,150M	-%	18%
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MONSANTO COMPANY	\$20M	\$62M	\$82M	(\$191M)	\$221M	\$30M	110%	173%
DILUTED EPS	\$0.05	\$0.15	\$0.20	(\$0.44)	\$0.51	\$0.07	111%	186%

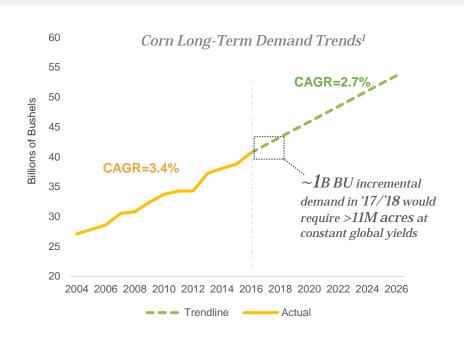
## Financial Results: Fiscal 2017 Full Year

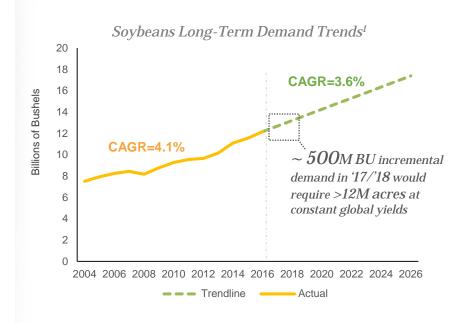
	2017 FISCAL FULL YEAR			2016 FISCAL FULL YEAR			CHANGE	
	As Reported	Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing <sup>1</sup>	As Reported	Adjustments <sup>1</sup>	Ongoing <sup>1</sup>	As Reported	Ongoing
NET SALES	\$14,640M	-	\$14,640M	\$13,502M	-	\$13,502M	8%	8%
GROSS PROFIT	\$7,937M	\$25M	\$7,962M	\$7,017M	\$67M	\$7,084M	13%	12%
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$4,725M	\$(182)M	\$4,543M	\$4,642M	\$(567)M	\$4,075M	2%	11%
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO MONSANTO COMPANY	\$2,260M	\$180M	\$2,440M	\$1,336M	\$665M	\$2,001M	69%	22%
DILUTED EPS	\$5.09	\$0.41	\$5.50	\$2.99	\$1.49	\$4.48	70%	23%
FREE CASH FLOW	\$1,986M			\$1,665M			19%	

- 1. Adjustments and ongoing metrics defined at the front of this presentation and reconciled at the end of this presentation.
- 2. Free cash flow is now defined as operating cash flows less capital expenditures.

# Global Population and Income Growth Fuel Long-Term Demand Trends in Corn and Soybeans

Meeting trendline demand requires >2-fold increase in corn yield rate of gain and >4-fold increase in soybean yield rate of gain by 2050





# Uniquely Positioned to Address Grower Requirements with Digitally Integrated Solutions

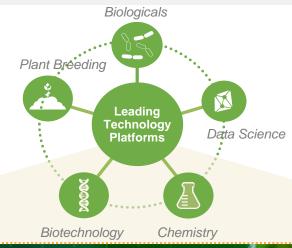
Industry's leading technology platforms and digital integration are addressing evolving grower needs

#### **BREEDING**

Leading germplasm positions in corn, soybeans, cotton and vegetables enhanced by cutting edge breeding technology expected to widen gap

#### **BIOTECH**

Industry leader with broadly licensed biotech traits reaching >350M acres globally in corn, soybeans, cotton and canola. Multi-generation of traits in pipeline to provide new modes of action.



#### **BIOLOGICALS**

BioAg Alliance with Novozymes; industry leader in fermentation technology

#### **DATA SCIENCE**

Climate *FieldView* platform is leading platform with 120M acres of penetration and leading connectivity, retail & equipment partnerships

#### **CHEMISTRY**

Herbicide leader with glyphosate; partner of choice for new molecule development; NemaStrike technology launch for FY18 underway



## Bayer and Monsanto to Create Global Leader in Agriculture<sup>1</sup>

Combination creates a leader in life science with a balanced portfolio

# Transaction Summary

- All-cash consideration of \$128 per Monsanto share
- Reverse break-up fee of \$2 billion
- Transaction approved by Monsanto's shareowners

### **Path to Completion**

Q1 '17 Sep-Nov	Q2'17 Dec-Feb	Q3 '17 Mar-May	Q4 '17 Jun-Aug	Q1 '18 Sep-Nov	Q2 '18 Dec-Feb
September 14, 2016 Signing of merger agreement between Bayer and Monsanto	December 13, 2016  Monsanto shareowners approve transaction; 99% of votes cast vote in favor of merger agreement	Regulatory ap received from one-third of th authorities EU initiated F the investigat	more than ne relevant Phase II of		
Filings wit	h regulatory age	encies			Early 2018 Expected transaction

# Bayer, Monsanto Combination<sup>1</sup> to Create Global Leader in Ag with Annual Combined Pro Forma R&D Budget of Approximately \$2.7B

Combination accelerates innovation and integrated solutions and expands benefits to new crops, geographies

#### **EXPECTED BENEFITS:**

- Increases Innovation
   Accelerates pace of innovation and efficiency of R & D
- Delivers the Future of Agriculture
   Drives emerging technologies reshaping agriculture throughout the industry
- Benefits Society and Consumers
   Supports the sustainable production of improved harvests on each acre
- Benefits Farmers

Enables farmers to be more productive, profitable and sustainable through broadly licensed tools expected to provide additional competitive offerings and choices

#### **Monsanto Chesterfield Research Facility**



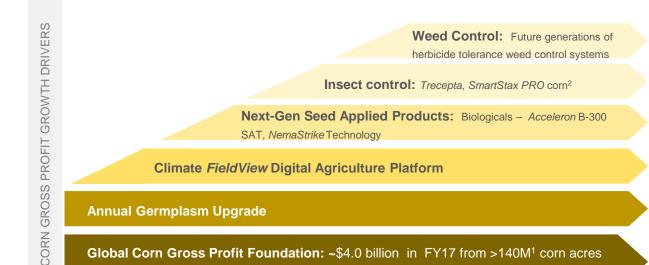
- Monsanto's newly expanded Chesterfield MO Research facility and largest yield testing location
- Bayer plans to locate the combined company's Global Seeds & Traits and North America commercial headquarters in St. Louis

### Corn Gross Profit Growth Drivers

Innovation across seeds, traits, crop protection, biologicals and digital ag expected to drive gross profit growth

#### **2018 Key Growth Drivers**

- Expect global germplasm price mix lift, in local currency, from the introduction of new hybrids globally
- Anticipate global genetic share gains from new and existing hybrids
- Launch of NemaStrike Technology in the U.S.



globally containing at least one Monsanto technology

**NEAR-TERM** 

LONGER-TERM 2021+

### Soybean Gross Profit Growth Drivers

PROFIT GROWTH DRIVERS

SOYBEAN GROSS

Innovation across seeds, traits, crop protection, biologicals and digital ag expected to drive gross profit growth

#### **2018 Key Growth Drivers**

- Intacta RR2 PRO soybeans expected to penetrate >60M acres in FY18, from >50M acre base in South America in FY17
- Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans expected to reach >40M acres in second year of full system launch, from a base of >20M acres in FY17
- Launch of NemaStrike Technology in the U.S.

**Next -Gen Seed Applied Products:** Biologicals, *Acceleron* Seed Applied Solution Upgrades, *NemaStrike* Technology

Climate FieldView Digital Agriculture Platform

**Weed Control:** Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans, Future generations of herbicide tolerance weed control systems

**Insect Control:** Current and next generations of *Intacta RR2 PRO* soybeans

**Annual Germplasm Upgrade** 

**Global Soybean Gross Profit Foundation:** \$1.9 billion FY17 from >200M<sup>1</sup> soybean acres globally containing at least one Monsanto technology

NEAR-TERM LONGER-TERM 2021+

1. Monsanto internal estimate

# Roundup Ready Xtend Crop System: Upgrade of Industry's Largest Seed Technology Platform

Roundup Ready Xtend crop system poised to rapidly accelerate penetration in global 200-250M acre multi-crop opportunity

#### Roundup Ready Xtend Crop System

Sources of Value in Roundup Ready Xtend Crop System



#### Roundup Ready 2 Xtend Soybeans: U.S. Acreage Penetration Targets



#### **Key Metrics and Platform Drivers**

- EPA approval for in-crop use of XtendiMax herbicide with VaporGrip technology and for numerous tank mix partners, including glyphosate
- FY18 plans for >300 Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybean varieties across Monsanto brands and all relative maturity groups, as compared to >120 varieties in FY17
- \$5-10/acre premium vs. Roundup Ready 2 Yield varieties
- Licenses in place with seed companies with > 90% U.S. soybean seed share
- Both DuPont and Syngenta have agreements to sell formulations containing VaporGrip technology

# Roundup Ready 2 Xtend Soybeans: Outstanding Weed Control System Reaches > 20M Acres in 2017

Record U.S. ramp of Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans on path to doubling in 2018 with expected supply

#### 2017: Record Ramp to >20M U.S. Acres



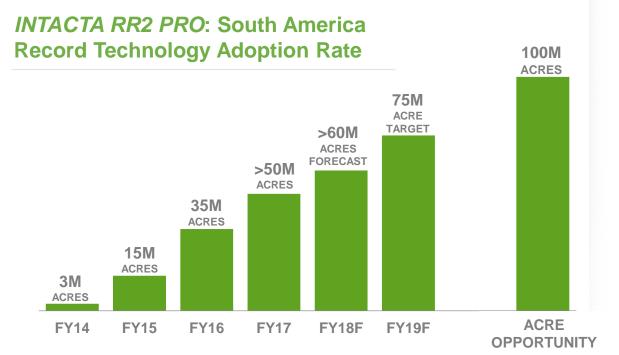
- The vast majority of U.S. growers reporting tremendous success controlling weeds and making on-target applications
- Early anecdotal yield results indicate excellent performance and weed control with Roundup Ready 2 Xtend varieties

## **2018: Expanded Training to Support Expected Doubling of U.S. Acres**

- With our partners, expect to have supply available to plant twice as many acres of Roundup Ready 2 Xtend soybeans in 2018
- Plans to improve customer success with the system in 2018 include:
  - Enhanced training
  - Distributing compliant spray nozzles at no cost
  - Establishing hotline for easy access on best practices
  - Offering additional incentive of up to \$6 per acre through our Roundup Ready PLUS program when using XtendiMax Herbicide with VaporGrip Technology

# Intacta RR2 PRO Soybeans: Consistent Trait Performance Provides Strong Foundation for Growth

First generation expected to rapidly penetrate 100M acre opportunity; Second generation already in Phase 4



#### **Key Metrics**

- Penetrated more than 50M acres in FY17; expect adoption on more than 60M acres in FY18
- 2017 was fourth year of an average of >4 BU/AC yield advantage in South America
- Argentina interim policy supports mandatory testing and approves testing protocol; extended to cover FY17
- Licensed technology to DuPont; technology licensed to germplasm providers with >90% share in South America

## Complementary Crops Gross Profit Growth Drivers

Innovation across seeds, traits, crop protection and digital ag further strengthens leading share position

#### COTTON TRIALS LUBBOCK, TX 2017

Bollgard II XtendFlex Cotton System



Dow's Enlist Cotton System



- Excellent performance on yield and fiber quality for Bollgard II Xtend Flex
- High grower demand; expect ~6M acres in FY18 in the U.S.; >6M acres penetrated in FY17
- Grew nearly 13 share points across our U.S. cotton brands and licensees in FY17



GROS

CROPS

**ALL OTHER** 

Canola, Wheat, Sorghum

Annual Germplasm Upgrades, TruFlex Canola with  $Roundup\ Ready$  technology

**Vegetables**: Annual Germplasm Upgrades; Disease Resistance Packages

**Cotton:** New Trait Introductions – *Bollgard II XtendFlex, Bollgard III XtendFlex, NemaStrike* Technology, Cotton Lygus

Cotton: Annual Germplasm Upgrades

Cotton, Vegetable and Other Crops Gross Profit Foundation: ~\$1.1 billion FY17

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## Broad Spectrum Nematode Control with NemaStrike Technology Helps Protect Yield Potential Across Crops

Launching in FY18 in the U.S. across corn, soybeans and cotton; targeting 125M acres by 2025



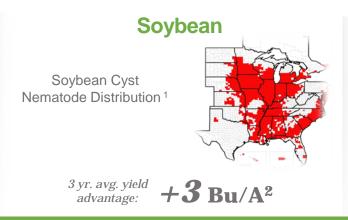
- Novel nematicide providing broad spectrum control of plant parasitic nematodes
- Approved by EPA in May 2017; 46 state approvals received
- >400 Ground Breaker trials across corn, soybeans and cotton in the U.S. in FY17 complete
- Licensing interest from multiple seed companies initiated

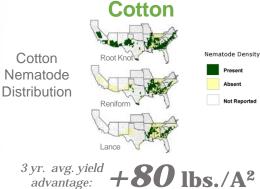


>80% of all corn acres contain plant parasitic nematodes 1



 $3 \text{ yr. avg. yield} + 7 \text{ Bu/A}^2$ advantage:





#### **6-8***M* ACRES FY18 Planned Multi-Crop Launch Acres:

- Soybean Source: R.D. Riggs and G.L Tylka | Clemson University USDA Cooperative Extension Slide Series, Bugwood.org | AgriThority; Corn Map: 2016 nematode sampling study conducted in the U.S. Corn Belt
  - Per Monsanto field trial data vs. a competitive standard in 2014, 2015 and 2016; results associated with a 73% win rate in corn, 68% win rate in soybeans and 86% win rate in cotton. Results will vary based upon nematode pressure in each field.

# First Mover Advantage: Climate *FieldView* Platform Established as the Leading Global Digital Ag Platform

First mover advantage and open infrastructure enables platform expansion opportunities

#### CLIMATE FIELDVIEW PLATFORM

#### **CLIMATE FIELDVIEW SERVICES**

- Penetrated  $>\!35M$  paid acres in the U.S. in FY17; expect 50M acres globally in FY18
- Selling through 6 strategic retail partnerships enabling 3.000+ trusted advisors
- Expanding in Canada, Europe and Brazil and planning expansions in Argentina, Australia and South Africa

#### PLATFORM ADOPTION

- Penetrated 120M acres with Climate FieldView Platform in FY17
- 14 Platform Partners:
  - Imagery, Soil Testing, Financial Decision-Making: Veris Technology, Ceres Imaging, TerrAvion, Agribotix and Conservis
  - Connectivity: John Deere, Agrian, SSI–Agvance Mapping, Echelon, FieldAlytics, FS Advanced Information Services, MapShots-Ag Studio, SST Summit, AGCO
  - Discussions continue with  $>\!25$  additional potential technology providers

# Geographic and Acre Expansion Driving Climate FieldView Platform Growth in the Americas and Europe

Climate builds upon industry leading U.S. footprint by expanding into meaningful geographies

# Europe 195M acres opportunity

- Acquired VitalFields platform and HydroBio
- VitalFields is Climate's first step into Europe operates in 7 countries within Europe

#### Product features:

 Simplified tracking and reporting of all crop inputs to ensure compliance with European Union environmental standards

# Brazil 120M acres opportunity

- Commercial launch May 2017
- Nearly 1M acres in large grower trials complete

#### Product features:

 Data connectivity, data visualization and ability to analyze effectiveness of planting decisions and remote monitoring

# Canada 55M acres opportunity

 Platform availability in Eastern Canada beginning in winter 2016 and in FY18 for Western Canada

#### Product features:

 Data connectivity, data visualization and ability to analyze effectiveness of planting decisions and remote monitoring

# FY18 Outlook for New Technologies Strong; Q1 EPS Expected to Grow vs. Prior Year

Penetration of soybean trait technologies expected to continue to grow; NemaStrike Technology launching in FY18

#### FY18 Q1 Outlook

#### **Seeds & Genomics:**

- <u>Soybeans:</u> gross profit expected to grow vs. the prior year from *Intacta RR2 PRO* penetration and pricing improvement in South America
- <u>Corn:</u> Expect lower planted acres in Brazil; balanced with expected gain on sale of Precision Planting assets to AGCO

#### **Ag Productivity:**

 Improved pricing in glyphosate-based herbicides expected in Q1, along with additional volumes of *XtendiMax* Herbicide with *VaporGrip* Technology, driving anticipated growth in gross profit for the quarter

#### **FY18 Full Year Outlook**

#### **Seeds & Genomics:**

- <u>Corn:</u> Expect germplasm price mix lift in local currency and global genetic share gains from the introduction of new hybrids globally
- <u>Cotton:</u> Expect brand share gains in the U.S. and ~6M acres of *Bollgard II XtendFlex* cotton
- <u>Soybeans:</u> Trait revenue growth and genetic share gains expected from >40M acres of *Roundup Ready 2 Xtend* soybeans and >60M acres of *Intacta RR2 PRO* soybeans
- NemaStrike Technology: Expect incremental gross profit from premium pricing from the launch of NemaStrike nematicide across 6-to-8M acres of corn, soybeans and cotton

# Driving Value through Greater Efficiency: Expected to Yield Annual Savings of \$500 Million in 2018

Using business analytics aligned with strategic objectives to enhance commercial success & optimize cost structure

### Restructuring and cost savings initiatives:

- 1 Four strategic commercial hubs
- 2 Modernize and optimize IT and supply chain networks
- 3 Accelerate use of data and analytics to speed up R&D cycle
- 4 Global R&D centers of excellence





#### RECONCILIATION OF FREE CASH FLOW<sup>1</sup>

-	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
\$ Millions	2017	2016
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$3,226	\$2,588
Net Cash Required by Investing Activities	\$(1,107)	\$(864)
Net Cash Required by Financing Activities	\$(1,966)	\$(3,742)
Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$27	\$(7)
Net Increase/(Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$180	\$(2,025)

_	Fiscal Year	Fiscal Year
\$ Millions	2017	2016
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$3,226	\$2,588
Capital Expenditures	\$(1,240)	\$(923)
Free Cash Flow	\$1,986	\$1,665

#### **RECONCILIATION OF ONGOING EPS**

_	Fisca	Fiscal Year		th Quarter
\$ Per share	2017	2016	2017	2016
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$5.09	\$2.99	\$0.05	(\$.044)
Restructuring Charges (a)	(\$0.03)	\$0.59		\$0.09
Environmental and Litigation Matters (b)	\$0.05	\$0.38	\$0.03	\$0.34
Pending Bayer Transaction Related Costs(c)	\$0.32		\$0.05	
Argentine-Related Tax Matters (e)	\$0.10	\$0.56	\$0.07	\$0.08
Income from Discontinued Operations (d)	\$(0.03)	\$(0.04)		
Diluted EPS from Ongoing Business	\$5.50	\$4.48	\$0.20	\$0.07

### RECONCILIATION OF ONGOING GROSS PROFIT

#### **RECONCILIATION OF ONGOING OPERATING EXPENSES**

Fiscal 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter		Fiscal Year		
2017	2016	2017	2016	
\$1,340	\$1,138	\$7,937	\$7,017	
\$4	\$14	\$25	\$67	
\$1,344	\$1,152	\$7,962	\$7,084	
	<b>2017</b> \$1,340 \$4	<b>2017 2016</b> \$1,340 \$1,138 \$4 \$14	2017         2016         2017           \$1,340         \$1,138         \$7,937           \$4         \$14         \$25	

	Fiscal 4 <sup>t</sup>	Fiscal 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Fiscal Y		l Year	_
\$ Millions	2017	2016	2017	2016	
Operating Expenses (GAAP)	\$1,403	\$1,403	\$4,725	\$4,642	
Restructuring Charges	\$6	\$(7)	\$36	\$(297)	(a)
Environmental and Litigation Matters	\$(22)	\$(245)	\$(33)	\$(273)	(b)
SEC Settlement Matters		(1)		\$3	(f)
Pending Bayer Transaction Related Costs	\$(32)		\$(185)		(c)
Ongoing Operating Expenses	\$1,355	\$1,150	\$4,543	\$4,075	-

#### RECONCILIATION OF ONGOING NET INCOME Attributable to Monsanto Company

	Fiscal 4th	al 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter		Fiscal Year	
\$ Millions	2017	2016	2017	2016	_
Net Income Attributable to Monsanto Co. (GAAP)	\$20	\$(191)	\$2,260	\$1,336	-
Pretax Restructuring Charges	\$(2)	\$21	\$(11)	\$364	(a)
Pretax Environmental and Litigation Matters	\$22	\$245	\$33	\$273	(b)
Pretax SEC Settlement Matters		\$1		\$(3)	(f)
Pretax Pending Bayer Transaction Related Costs	\$32		\$223		(c)
Income Tax Benefit (1)	\$(20)	\$(77)	\$(97)	\$(204)	
Argentine-Related Tax Matters (2)	\$30	\$33	\$45	\$252	(e)
Income from Discontinued Operations <sup>(3)</sup>		\$(2)	\$(13)	\$(17)	(d)
Ingoing Net Income Attributable to Monsanto Co.	\$82	\$30	\$2,440	\$2,001	-

See slide 25-26 at the end of the presentation for discussion of reconciling items. 1. Income tax impact of non-GAAP adjustments is the summation of the calculation of income tax (benefit) charge related to each non-GAAP non-income tax adjustment. Income tax charge is calculated using the actual tax rate in effect during the period for the locality of the related non-GAAP adjustment. 2. Item includes a translation gain recorded in other (income) expense, net of \$43 million and a net charge against tax expense of \$84 million for the twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017, included pretax income from discontinued operations of \$21 million. The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016, included pretax income from discontinued operations of \$21 million. The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016, included pretax income from discontinued operations of \$30 million, respectively.

#### **DEFINITION OF ONGOING ADJUSTMENTS**

- (a) Restructuring Charges: Fiscal fourth quarter 2017 and 2016 included a pretax net reversal of previously recognized restructuring charge totaling \$2 million (\$0.01 a share), or after-tax less than \$1 million (less than \$0.01 a share), and a pretax charge of \$21 million (\$0.05 a share), or after-tax \$38 million (\$0.09 a share), respectively. The twelve months ended Aug 31, 2017 and 2016, included a pretax net reversal of previously recognized restructuring charge totaling \$11 million (\$0.03 a share), or after-tax \$12 million (\$0.03 a share), and a pretax charge of \$364 million (\$0.81 a share), or after-tax \$263 million (\$0.59 a share).
- (b) Environmental and Litigation Matters: Fiscal fourth quarter 2017 and 2016 included a pretax charges of \$22 million (\$0.05 a share), or after-tax \$13 million (\$0.03 a share), and a pretax charge of \$245 million (\$0.55 a share), or after-tax \$151 million (\$0.34 a share), respectively, for legacy litigation matters. The twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017 and 2016, included pretax charges of \$33 million (\$0.08 a share), or after-tax \$20 million (\$0.05 a share), and \$273 million (\$0.61 a share), or after-tax \$168 million (\$0.38 a share), respectively. The pretax charges in both periods were recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses.
- (c) Pending Bayer Transaction Related Costs: The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017 included pretax charges of \$32 million (\$0.07 a share), or after-tax \$20 million (\$0.05 a share) and \$223 million (\$0.50 a share), or after-tax \$140 million (\$0.32 a share), respectively. Item represents expenses incurred in connection with the pending merger agreement with Bayer. The pretax charges in the three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017, were recorded in operating expenses of \$32 million and \$185 million, respectively, and other (income) expense, net of \$38 million for the twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017.

#### **DEFINITION OF ONGOING ADJUSTMENTS**

- (d) Income from Discontinued Operations: The company reports annual earn-out payments received as a result of the 2008 divestment of the Dairy Business as discontinued operations. The twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017, included pretax income from discontinued operations of \$21 million (\$0.05 a share), or after-tax \$13 million (\$0.03 a share). The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016, included pretax income on discontinued operations of \$3 million (less than \$0.01 a share), or after-tax \$2 million (less than \$0.01 a share), or after-tax \$17 million (\$0.04 a share), respectively.
- (e) Argentine-Related Tax Matters: The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017, included a net reversal of charges related to Argentine-related tax matters of \$30 million (\$0.07 a share), and a net charge of \$45 million, or (\$0.10 a share), respectively. The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016, included a net tax charge of \$33 million (\$0.08 a share) and \$252 million (\$0.56 a share), respectively. Due to losses generated in Argentina in recent years as well as recent uncertainties around the Argentina business, the company evaluated the recoverability of various items on the Statements of Consolidated Financial Position related to the Argentina business and determined an allowance against certain assets was necessary, which resulted in a translation gain recorded in other (income) expense, net of \$21 million and a net charge against tax expense of \$51 million for the three months ended Aug. 31, 2017, and it resulted in a translation gain recorded in other (income) expense, net of \$43 million and a net charge against tax expense of \$88 million for the twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2017.
- (f) SEC Settlement Matters: The three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016 included pretax net reversal of charges of \$1 million and pretax charges of \$3 million. This expense had less than a \$0.01 effect on diluted earnings per share for the three and twelve months ended Aug. 31, 2016, in selling, general and administrative expenses in connection with the previously disclosed SEC action.