### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

# FORM 8-K

### CURRENT REPORT

PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): July 27, 2015

# A. H. BELO CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Commission file number: 1-33741

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

P. O. Box 224866, Dallas, Texas 75222-4866 (Address of principal executive offices, including zip code) **38-3765318** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

(214) 977-8200 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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

## Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On July 27, 2015, A. H. Belo Corporation announced its consolidated financial results for the quarter ended June 30, 2015. A copy of the announcement press release is furnished with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press Release issued by A. H. Belo Corporation on July 27, 2015.

# SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

# A. H. BELO CORPORATION

Date: July 28, 2015

By: /s/ Katy Murray

Katy Murray Senior Vice President/Chief Financial Officer

# EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. 99.1 Press Release issued by A. H. Belo Corporation on July 27, 2015.

# A. H. BELO CORPORATION

# A. H. Belo Corporation Announces Second Quarter 2015 Financial Results from Continuing Operations

**DALLAS** - A. H. Belo Corporation (NYSE: AHC) today reported results for the second quarter of 2015, which reflects total revenue of \$66.7 million, a decrease from revenue of \$69.3 million reported in the prior year quarter. This decline is primarily due to a decrease in core print advertising revenues.

Jim Moroney, chairman, president and Chief Executive Officer, said, "While we experienced more accelerated declines in core print advertising than in recent quarters, particularly in national and major retail categories, we were encouraged that DallasNews.com digital advertising grew by 18.3 percent compared to the prior year quarter and our marketing services category more than doubled its revenue compared to the prior year quarter.

"Our combined digital advertising and marketing services revenues now comprise 25 percent of the Company's total advertising and marketing services revenue. By year end, we expect revenues from core print advertising to be less than one-third of the Company's total revenue.

"Although the Company anticipates continued challenges for core print revenues, we believe new and organic revenue opportunities and continued expense management will help mitigate expected declines in these areas."

Net loss from continuing operations was \$0.03 per share in the second quarter of 2015, a decrease of \$0.88 per share compared to the second quarter of 2014. This decrease is primarily due to the prior year gain of \$18.5 million for the Company's share of sales proceeds for *apartments.com* through its previously held investment in Classified Ventures.

As of June 30, 2015, cash and cash equivalents were \$84.1 million, and the Company had no debt.

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## Second Quarter Results from Continuing Operations

Total revenue was \$66.7 million in the second quarter of 2015, a decrease of 3.7 percent compared to the prior year period. Revenue from advertising and marketing services, including print and digital revenues, decreased 4.9 percent. Marketing services revenue more than doubled from the prior year period as a result of growth of Speakeasy and the acquisition of DMV. Revenue from Crowdsource, our event marketing business, also doubled from the same period last year. Increases in marketing services revenue were offset by declines in display, classified, and preprint advertising revenues which decreased 18.5 percent, 10.8 percent, and 7.9 percent, respectively.

Circulation revenue decreased 1.9 percent to \$20.8 million due to declining volumes, substantially offset by higher rates.

Commercial printing, distribution and other revenue decreased 2.4 percent to \$7.6 million in the second quarter of 2015 due primarily to lower volumes.

Total consolidated operating expense in the second quarter was \$67.2 million, a 0.5 percent increase compared to the prior year period. Excluding costs associated with the acquisition of DMV, operating expenses were \$65.2 million, a 2.5 percent decrease compared to the prior year period. Operating expenses included cost savings within core print operations for employee compensation and benefits and other production costs as these expenses are aligned with declining revenues. Excluding the compensation expenses associated with the acquisition of DMV, employee compensation and benefits declined 7.5 percent compared to the prior year period. Newsprint expense in the second quarter decreased \$0.9 million, or 17.1 percent, compared to the prior year period as consumption dropped 8.5 percent to approximately 7,900 metric tons and average purchase price per metric ton decreased 13.3 percent. These savings

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were offset by higher costs related to the Company's platforms supporting digital advertising and its flagship website and event marketing operations.

As of June 30, 2015, A. H. Belo had approximately 1,200 full-time equivalent employees, a decrease of 20.0 percent compared to the prior year period, primarily due to the sale of *The Providence Journal* during the third quarter of 2014.

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## **Financial Results Conference Call**

A. H. Belo will conduct a conference call on Tuesday, July 28, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. CDT to discuss financial results. The conference call will be available via webcast by accessing the Company's website (<u>www.ahbelo.com/invest</u>). An archive of the webcast will be available at www.ahbelo.com in the Investor Relations section.

To access the listen-only conference call, dial 1-800-230-1059 (USA) or 612-338-9017 (International). A replay line will be available at 1-800-475-6701 (USA) or 320-365-3844 (International) from 3:00 p.m. CDT on July 28 until 11:59 p.m. CDT on August 4, 2015. The access code for the replay is 363886.

# About A. H. Belo Corporation

A. H. Belo Corporation (NYSE: AHC) is a leading local news information publishing company with commercial printing, distribution and direct mail capabilities, as well as expertise in emerging media and marketing services. With a continued focus on extending the Company's media platform, A. H. Belo is able to deliver news and information in innovative ways to a broad spectrum of audiences with diverse interests and lifestyles. For additional information, visit <u>ahbelo.com</u> or email <u>invest@ahbelo.com</u>.

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Statements in this communication concerning A. H. Belo Corporation's (the "Company's") business outlook or future economic performance, anticipated profitability, revenue, expense, dividends, capital expenditures, investments, dispositions, impairments, business initiatives, acquisitions, pension plan contributions and obligations, real estate sales, working capital, future financings and other financial and non-financial items that are not historical facts, are "forward-looking statements" as the term is defined under applicable federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those statements.

Such risks, uncertainties and factors include, but are not limited to, changes in capital market conditions and prospects, and other factors such as changes in advertising demand and newsprint prices; newspaper circulation trends and other circulation matters, including changes in readership methods, patterns and demography; audits and related actions by the Alliance for Audited Media; challenges implementing increased subscription pricing and new pricing structures; challenges in achieving expense reduction goals in a timely manner and the resulting potential effects on operations; challenges attracting and retaining key personnel; challenges in consummating asset acquisitions or dispositions upon acceptable terms; technological changes; development of Internet commerce; industry cycles; changes in pricing or other actions by existing and new competitors and suppliers; consumer acceptance of new products and business initiatives; labor relations; regulatory, tax and legal changes; adoption of new accounting standards or changes in existing accounting standards by the Financial Accounting Standards Board or other accounting standard-setting bodies or authorities; the effects of Company acquisitions, dispositions, co-owned ventures and investments; pension plan matters; general economic conditions and changes in interest rates; significant armed conflict; acts of terrorism; and other factors beyond our control, as well as other risks described in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, and in the Company's other public disclosures and filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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# A. H. Belo Corporation Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

	Three Months Ended June 30,				Six Months Ended June 30,			
In thousands, except share and per share amounts (unaudited)		2015		2014		2015		2014
Net Operating Revenue								
Advertising and marketing services	\$	38,266	\$	40,251	\$	75,097	\$	77,977
Circulation		20,816		21,227		41,854		42,239
Printing, distribution and other		7,594		7,783		15,161		13,437
Total net operating revenue		66,676		69,261		132,112		133,653
Operating Costs and Expense								
Employee compensation and benefits		25,105		25,722		52,608		53,886
Other production, distribution and operating costs		31,015		29,640		62,475		58,084
Newsprint, ink and other supplies		7,843		8,114		16,009		16,102
Depreciation		2,875		3,348		5,915		6,758
Amortization		373		30		746		60
Total operating costs and expense		67,211		66,854		137,753		134,890
Operating income (loss)		(535)		2,407		(5,641)		(1,237)
Other Income (Expense), Net								
Gains on equity method investments, net		690		18,567		276		18,159
Other income (loss), net		(532)		141		(423)		258
Total other income (expense), net		158		18,708		(147)		18,417
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes		(377)		21,115		(5,788)		17,180
Income tax provision (benefit)		317		1,428		(5,413)		2,319
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations		(694)		19,687		(375)		14,861
Income from discontinued operations		_		2,146		_		3,123
Income (Loss) related to the divestiture of discontinued operations, net		2		153		(10)		(25)
Tax expense from discontinued operations		_		30		_		46
Gain (Loss) from Discontinued Operations, Net		2		2,269		(10)		3,052
Net Income (Loss)		(692)		21,956		(385)		17,913
Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interests		(100)		(24)		(156)		(30)
Net Income (Loss) Attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation	\$	(592)	\$	21,980	\$	(229)	\$	17,943
Per Share Basis								
Basic								
Continuing operations	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.86	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.64
Discontinued operations				0.10		_		0.14
Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.96	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.78
Diluted								
Continuing operations	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.85	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.64
Discontinued operations				0.10		_		0.14
Net income (loss) attributable to A. H. Belo Corporation	\$	(0.03)	\$	0.95	\$	(0.01)	\$	0.78
Weighted average shares outstanding								
Basic		21,747,635		22,014,125		21,758,382		21,946,256
Diluted		21,747,635		22,121,695		21,758,382		22,064,339

# A. H. Belo Corporation Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

In thousands (unaudited)	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014					
Assets							
Current assets:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 84,06	1 \$ 158,171					
Accounts receivable, net	32,24	9 34,396					
Other current assets	14,98	0 13,323					
Assets of discontinued operations	25	3 565					
Total current assets	131,54	3 206,455					
Property, plant and equipment, net	52,03	4 61,589					
Intangible assets, net	45,98	5 25,238					
Other assets	5,53	8 5,465					
Total assets	\$ 235,10	0 \$ 298,747					
Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity							
Current liabilities:							
Accounts payable	\$ 13,76	9 \$ 12,904					
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	12,36	9 72,065					
Advance subscription payments	15,42	9 15,894					
Liabilities of discontinued operations	8	5 543					
Total current liabilities	41,65	2 101,406					
Long-term pension liabilities	62,92	3 65,859					
Other liabilities	5,32	2 5,463					
Noncontrolling interests - redeemable	1,26						
Total shareholders' equity	123,94	0 126,019					
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$ 235,10	0 \$ 298,747					