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Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the

Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)
April 23, 2014

Northrop Grumman Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 1-16411 (Commission File Number) 80-0640649 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

2980 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church, VA 22042 (Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code) (703) 280-2900 Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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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 January 30, 2014, Northrop Grumman Corporation issued a press release announcing its financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31,
2013, under the heading "Northrop Grumman Reports Fourth Quarter and 2013 Financial Results." The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.
ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d)	Exhibits
	Furnished
	Exhibit 99 — Press Release dated April 23, 2014

Signature(s)
Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Northrop Grumman Corporation (Registrant)

April 23, 2014 (Date)

By: /s/ Jennifer C. McGarey

(Signature)

Jennifer C. McGarey Corporate Vice President and Secretary

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Exhibit No.

Exhibit 99 Furnished — Press Release dated April 23, 2014



News Release

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Northrop Grumman Reports First Quarter 2014 Financial Results

- EPS Increase to \$2.63
- Sales Total \$5.8 Billion
- 2014 EPS Guidance Increased to a Range of \$8.90 to \$9.15

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – April 23, 2014 – Northrop Grumman Corporation (NYSE: NOC) reported first quarter 2014 net earnings increased 18 percent to \$579 million, or \$2.63 per diluted share, compared to \$489 million, or \$2.03 per diluted share, in the first quarter of 2013. First quarter 2014 earnings include a \$51 million, \$0.23 per share, tax benefit resulting from the partial resolution of the Internal Revenue Service examination of the company's 2007-2009 tax returns. First quarter 2014 diluted earnings per share are based on 220.4 million weighted average shares outstanding compared with 241.0 million shares in the first quarter of 2013, a decrease of approximately 9 percent. The company repurchased 4.8 million shares of its common stock for \$564 million in the first quarter of 2014. As of March 31, 2014, the company had repurchased 25.6 million shares toward its previously announced goal of retiring 60 million shares of its common stock by the end of 2015, market conditions permitting.

"First quarter results reflect another solid performance by our team and a good start to the year. Our sustained performance, coupled with share repurchases, drove higher earnings per share for the quarter. We continue to focus on performance, cash deployment and portfolio alignment as the primary value creation drivers for our shareholders, customers and employees," said Wes Bush, chairman, chief executive officer and president.

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Table 1 — Financial Highlights

		First (Quar	ter
(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	2	014		2013
Sales	\$	5,848	\$	6,104
Segment operating income ¹		757		748
Segment operating margin rate ¹		12.9%		12.3%
Operating income		845		759
Operating margin rate		14.4%		12.4%
Net earnings		579		489
Diluted EPS		2.63		2.03
Net cash (used in) provided by operations		(402)		1
Free cash flow ¹		(462)		(39)
Pension-adjusted Operating Highlights				
Operating income		845		759
Net FAS/CAS pension adjustment ¹		(110)		(33)
Pension-adjusted operating income ¹	\$	735	\$	726
Pension-adjusted operating margin rate ¹		12.6%		11.9%
Pension-adjusted Per Share Data				
Diluted EPS	\$	2.63	\$	2.03
After-tax net pension adjustment per share ¹		(0.32)		(0.09)
Pension-adjusted diluted EPS ¹	\$	2.31	\$	1.94
Weighted average shares outstanding — Basic		216.3		236.4
Dilutive effect of stock options and stock awards		4.1		4.6
Weighted average shares outstanding — Diluted		220.4		241.0

¹ Non-GAAP metric — see definitions at the end of this press release.

First quarter 2014 total operating income increased \$86 million or 11 percent, and operating margin rate increased 200 basis points to 14.4 percent. Higher operating income is primarily due to a \$77 million improvement in net FAS/CAS pension adjustment. First quarter 2014 segment operating income increased 1 percent and segment operating margin rate increased 60 basis points to 12.9 percent. The improvements in segment operating income and margin rate principally reflect higher operating income and operating margin rate at Aerospace Systems.

Total backlog as of March 31, 2014, was \$36.2 billion compared with \$37.0 billion as of December 31, 2013. The decline in backlog was primarily due to the timing of awards in Aerospace Systems. First quarter 2014 new awards totaled \$4.9 billion, an increase over first quarter 2013 new awards of \$4.7 billion.

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<u>Table 2 — Cash Flow Highlights</u>

	First	Qua	rter
(\$ millions)	2014		2013
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ (402)	\$	1
Less:			
Capital expenditures	(60)		(40)
Free cash flow ¹	\$ (462)	\$	(39)

¹ Non-GAAP metric — see definitions at the end of this press release.

First quarter 2014 cash used in operating activities totaled \$402 million compared with \$1 million provided by operations in the prior year period. First quarter 2014 free cash flow used in operating activities totaled \$462 million compared with \$39 million used in the prior year period. The change in cash used in operating activities was principally driven by changes in trade working capital, which were influenced by the timing of cash receipts.

Changes in cash and cash equivalents include the following for cash from operations, investing and financing activities through March 31, 2014:

Operations

• \$402 million used in operations

Investing

- \$60 million used for capital expenditures
- \$72 million used for other investing activities

Financing

- \$570 million used for repurchase of common stock
- \$132 million used for dividends

2014 Guidance Updated

(\$ in millions, except per share amounts)	Current	Prior
Sales	23,500 — 23,800	23,500 — 23,800
Segment operating margin % ¹	~12%	High 11%
Operating margin %	~13%	High 12%
Diluted EPS	8.90 — 9.15	8.70 — 9.00
Cash provided by operations	2,300 — 2,600	2,300 — 2,600
Free cash flow ¹	1,700 — 2,000	1,700 — 2,000
¹ Non-GAAP metric - see definitions at the end of this press release.		

The company's 2014 financial guidance is based on the spending levels provided for in the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013 and the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014. The guidance assumes no disruption or cancellation of any of our significant programs and adequate appropriations for our programs in the first quarter of the U.S. government's fiscal year 2015.

<u>Table 3 — Business Results</u> Consolidated Sales & Segment Operating Income¹

	Fi	st Qua	rter	
(\$ millions)	2014		2013	Change
Sales				
Aerospace Systems	\$ 2,42	\$	2,485	(3%)
Electronic Systems	1,64	ļ	1,721	(4%)
Information Systems	1,57	7	1,674	(6%)
Technical Services	69	7	717	(3%)
Intersegment eliminations	(49))	(493)	
	5,84	3	6,104	(4%)
Segment operating income ¹				
Aerospace Systems	32	ı	270	20%
Electronic Systems	26	3	296	(9%)
Information Systems	16	2	171	(5%)
Technical Services	6	3	65	5%
Intersegment eliminations	(6	5)	(54)	
Segment operating income ¹	75	7	748	1%
Segment operating margin rate ¹	12.	9%	12.3%	60 bps
Reconciliation to operating income				
Net FAS/CAS pension adjustment ¹	11)	33	233%
Unallocated corporate expenses	(2	2)	(19)	(16%)
Other	_	-	(3)	NM
Operating income	84	5	759	11%
Operating margin rate	14.	1%	12.4%	200 bps
Interest expense	(6))	(53)	(30%)
Other, net	1)	6	67%
Earnings before income taxes	78	6	712	10%
Federal and foreign income tax expense	(20	7)	(223)	7%
Net earnings	\$ 57	\$	489	18%

Non-GAAP metric — see definitions at the end of this press release.

For the first quarter of 2014, federal and foreign income tax expense declined to \$207 million from \$223 million in 2013. The effective tax rate for the first quarter of 2014 declined to 26.3 percent from 31.3 percent in the prior year period. Lower taxes and effective tax rate for the quarter reflect a \$51 million tax benefit resulting from the partial resolution of the Internal Revenue Service examination of the company's 2007-2009 tax returns. The first quarter of 2013 included a \$20 million benefit related to the reinstatement of research tax credits for years 2012 and 2013.

Aerospace Systems (\$ millions)

	First Quarter			
	2014		2013	Change
Sales	\$ 2,420	\$	2,485	(2.6%)
Operating income	324		270	20.0%
Operating margin rate	13.4%		10.9%	

Aerospace Systems first quarter 2014 sales decreased 3 percent due to lower volume for space and unmanned programs. Lower unmanned sales reflect volume declines for several programs, including Global Hawk and Fire Scout, partially offset by higher volume for NATO Alliance Ground Surveillance. Volume for manned military aircraft programs was comparable to the prior year period.

Aerospace Systems first quarter 2014 operating income increased 20 percent and operating margin rate increased 250 basis points to 13.4 percent. Higher operating income and operating margin rate are primarily due to a \$48 million increase in net favorable adjustments, which more than offset the impact of lower sales.

Electronic Systems (\$ millions)

	First Quarter				
	2014		2013	Change	
Sales	\$ 1,644	\$	1,721	(4.5%)	
Operating income	268		296	(9.5%)	
Operating margin rate	16.3%		17.2%		

Electronic Systems first quarter 2014 sales decreased 4 percent primarily due to lower volume for combat avionics and navigation and maritime systems programs, partially offset by growth in international programs.

Electronic Systems first quarter 2014 operating income decreased 9 percent, and operating margin rate decreased 90 basis points to 16.3 percent. First quarter 2013 operating income and operating margin rate benefited from the reversal of a \$26 million non-programmatic risk reserve and a higher level of net favorable adjustments than in the first quarter of 2014. Electronic Systems first quarter 2014 operating income and operating margin rate reflect lower sales and improved contract performance due in part to the continuing effect of prior favorable adjustments.

Information Systems (\$ millions)

	First Quarter			
	 2014		2013	Change
Sales	\$ 1,577	\$	1,674	(5.8%)
Operating income	162		171	(5.3%)
Operating margin rate	10.3%		10.2%	

Information Systems first quarter 2014 sales declined 6 percent due to lower volume across a broad number of programs including restricted programs and programs impacted by in-theater force reductions.

Information Systems first quarter 2014 operating income decreased 5 percent due to lower sales, and operating margin rate was comparable to the prior year period.

Technical Services (\$ millions)

	First Quarter			
	 2014		2013	Change
Sales	\$ 697	\$	717	(2.8%)
Operating income	68		65	4.6%
Operating margin rate	9.8%		9.1%	

Technical Services first quarter 2014 sales declined by 3 percent, primarily due to lower volume for integrated logistics and modernization programs.

Technical Services first quarter 2014 operating income increased 5 percent and operating margin rate increased 70 basis points to 9.8 percent. The increase in operating margin rate is primarily due to improved performance across several programs, which more than offset the impact of lower sales.

About Northrop Grumman

Northrop Grumman will webcast its earnings conference call at noon Eastern daylight time on April 23, 2014. A live audio broadcast of the conference call will be available on the investor relations page of the company's website at www.northropgrumman.com.

Northrop Grumman is a leading global security company providing innovative systems, products and solutions in unmanned systems, cyber, C4ISR, and logistics and modernization to government and commercial customers worldwide. Please visit www.northropgrumman.com for more information.

This release and the attachments contain statements, other than statements of historical fact, that constitute "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as "expect," "intend," "may," "could," "plan," "project," "forecast," "believe," "estimate," "outlook," "anticipate," "trends," "guidance," "goal," and similar expressions generally identify these forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements in this release and the attachments include, among other things, statements relating to our future financial condition and operating results. Forward-looking statements are based upon assumptions, expectations, plans and projections that we believe to be reasonable when made, but which may change over time. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and inherently involve a wide range of risks and uncertainties that are difficult to predict.

Specific risks that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in these forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, risks related to: the assumptions on which our quidance is based; our dependence on U.S. Government contracts; the effect of economic conditions in the United States and globally; changes in government and customer priorities and requirements; government budgetary constraints; shifts or reductions in defense spending resulting from budget pressures and/or changes in priorities, sequestration under the Budget Control Act of 2011, a continuing resolution with limited new starts; the lack of annual appropriations legislation or otherwise; debt-ceiling limits and disruption to or shutdown of government operations; timing of payments; changes in import and export policies; changes in customer short-range and long-range plans; major program terminations; the acquisition, deferral, reduction or termination of contracts or programs; our non-U.S. business, including legal, regulatory, financial, security and governmental risks related to doing business internationally; the outcome of litigation, claims, audits, appeals, bid protests and investigations; our ability to recover certain costs under U.S. Government contracts; market conditions; our ability to access capital; performance and financial viability of key suppliers and subcontractors; interest and discount rates or other changes that may impact pension plan assumptions and actual returns on pension plan assets; the adequacy of our insurance coverage and recoveries; the costs of environmental remediation; our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel; changes in health care costs and requirements; changes in organizational structure and reporting segments; acquisitions, dispositions, spin-off transactions, joint ventures, strategic alliances and other business arrangements; possible impairments of goodwill or other intangible assets; the effects of legislation, regulations, and other changes in accounting, tax, defense procurement or other rules or practices; technical, operational or quality setbacks in contract performance; availability of materials and supplies; controlling costs of fixed-price development programs; domestic and international competition; potential security threats, information technology attacks, natural disasters and other disruptions not under our control; and other risk factors and other important factors disclosed in our Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, and other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

You are urged to consider the limitations on, and risks associated with, forward-looking statements and not unduly rely on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this release, and we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by applicable law. This release and the attachments also contain non-GAAP financial measures. A reconciliation to the nearest GAAP measure and a discussion of the company's use of these measures are included in this release or the attachments.

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NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (Unaudited)

	Three	Month	s End	led March 31
\$ in millions, except per share amounts	2014			2013
Sales				
Product	\$	3,408	\$	3,421
Service		2,440		2,683
Total sales		5,848		6,104
Operating costs and expenses				
Product		2,533		2,631
Service		1,928		2,156
General and administrative expenses		542		558
Operating income		845		759
Other (expense) income				
Interest expense		(69)		(53)
Other, net		10		6
Earnings before income taxes		786		712
Federal and foreign income tax expense		207		223
Net earnings	\$	579	\$	489
Basic earnings per share	\$	2.68	\$	2.07
Weighted-average common shares outstanding, in millions		216.3	_	236.4
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Diluted earnings per share	\$	2.63	\$	2.03
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding, in millions		220.4		241.0
Net earnings (from above)	\$	579	\$	489
Other comprehensive income				
Change in unamortized benefit plan costs, net of tax		61		80
Change in cumulative translation adjustment		2		(16)
Other comprehensive income, net of tax		63		64
Comprehensive income	\$	642	\$	553

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION (Unaudited)

in millions		March 31, 2014		December 31, 2013	
Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,885	\$	5,150	
Accounts receivable, net		3,234		2,685	
Inventoried costs, net		781		698	
Deferred tax assets		539		605	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		165		350	
Total current assets		8,604		9,488	
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$4,401 in 2014 and \$4,337 in 2013	1	2,793		2,806	
Goodwill		12,468		12,438	
Non-current deferred tax assets		199		209	
Other non-current assets		1,471		1,440	
Total assets	\$	25,535	\$	26,381	
Liabilities					
Trade accounts payable	\$	1,229	\$	1,229	
Accrued employee compensation		1,050		1,446	
Advance payments and amounts in excess of costs incurred		1,494		1,722	
Other current liabilities		1,498		1,418	
Total current liabilities		5,271		5,815	
Long-term debt, net of current portion		5,927		5,928	
Pension and other post-retirement benefit plan liabilities		2,874		2,954	
Other non-current liabilities		894		1,064	
Total liabilities		14,966		15,761	
Shareholders' equity					
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding		_		_	
Common stock, \$1 par value; 800,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding: 2014—215,007,156 and 2013—217,599,230		215		218	
Paid-in capital		292		848	
Retained earnings		12,983		12,538	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(2,921)		(2,984)	
Total shareholders' equity		10,569		10,620	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	25,535	\$	26,381	

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

Three Months Ended March 31 \$ in millions 2014 2013 **Operating activities** \$ 579 \$ 489 Net earnings Adjustments to reconcile to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities: 109 110 Depreciation and amortization 22 24 Stock-based compensation Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation (68)(17)Deferred income taxes 40 31 (Increase) decrease in assets: Accounts receivable, net (531) (195)Inventoried costs, net (66)(125)Prepaid expenses and other assets (6) (9) Increase (decrease) in liabilities: Accounts payable and accruals (755)(560)Income taxes payable 279 209 71 Retiree benefits 14 Other, net (19)(27)Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities (402)1 **Investing activities** (60)(40)Capital expenditures Other investing activities, net (72)2 Net cash used in investing activities (132)(38)Financing activities (570)(456)Common stock repurchases Cash dividends paid (132)(130)Other financing activities, net (29)(56)Net cash used in financing activities (731)(642)Decrease in cash and cash equivalents (679) (1,265)Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year 5,150 3,862 Cash and cash equivalents, end of period \$ 3,885 3,183

NORTHROP GRUMMAN CORPORATION TOTAL BACKLOG AND CONTRACT AWARDS (Unaudited)

		March 31, 2014					December 31, 2013	
\$ in millions	FU	FUNDED ⁽¹⁾ UNFUNDED ⁽²⁾		TOTAL BACKLOG		TOTAL BACKLOG		
Aerospace Systems	\$	10,016	\$	7,349	\$	17,365	\$	18,321
Electronic Systems		6,865		2,353		9,218		9,037
Information Systems		3,335		3,407		6,742		6,864
Technical Services		2,541		371		2,912		2,811
Total	\$	22,757	\$	13,480	\$	36,237	\$	37,033

(1) Funded backlog represents firm orders for which funding is authorized and appropriated.

New Awards — Total backlog as of March 31, 2014, includes an estimated \$4.9 billion of contract awards in the three months ended March 31, 2014, and approximately \$175 million of backlog acquired through the purchase of Qantas Defence Services Pty Limited in February 2014.

⁽²⁾ Unfunded backlog represents firm orders for which as of the reporting date, funding is not authorized and appropriated. Unfunded backlog excludes unexercised contract options and indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity (IDIQ) contracts until the time the option or IDIQ task order is exercised or awarded.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures Disclosure: Today's press release contains non-GAAP (accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America) financial measures, as defined by SEC (Securities and Exchange Commission) Regulation G and indicated by a footnote in the text of the release. While we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures may be useful in evaluating our financial information, they should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as a substitute for financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. Definitions are provided for the non-GAAP measures and reconciliations are provided in the body of the release. References to a "Table" in the definitions below relate to tables in the body of this press release. Other companies may define these measures differently or may utilize different non-GAAP measures.

<u>Pension-adjusted diluted EPS:</u> Diluted EPS excluding the after-tax net pension adjustment per share, as defined below. These per share amounts are provided for consistency and comparability of operating results. Management uses pension-adjusted diluted EPS, as reconciled in Table 1, as an internal measure of financial performance.

<u>Free cash flow:</u> Cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures (including outsourcing contract & related software costs). We use free cash flow as a key factor in our planning for, and consideration of, strategic acquisitions, stock repurchases and the payment of dividends. This measure should not be considered in isolation, as a measure of residual cash flow available for discretionary purposes, or as an alternative to operating results presented in accordance with GAAP. Free cash flow is reconciled in Table 2.

Net FAS/CAS pension adjustment: Pension expense in accordance with Government Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) charged to contracts and included as cost in segment operating income, less pension expense determined in accordance with GAAP. Net FAS/CAS pension adjustment is presented in Table 1.

After-tax net pension adjustment per share: The per share impact of the net FAS/CAS pension adjustment as defined above, after tax at the statutory rate of 35%, provided for consistency and comparability of 2014 and 2013 financial performance as presented in Table 1.

<u>Pension-adjusted operating income</u>: Operating income before net FAS/CAS pension adjustment as reconciled in Table 1. Management uses pension-adjusted operating income as an internal measure of financial performance.

<u>Pension-adjusted operating margin rate:</u> Pension-adjusted operating income as defined above, divided by sales. Management uses pension-adjusted operating margin rate, as reconciled in Table 1, as an internal measure of financial performance.

<u>Segment operating income</u>: Total earnings from our four segments including allocated pension expense recognized under CAS. Reconciling items to operating income include the net FAS/CAS pension adjustment, as defined above, as well as certain corporate-level expenses, which are not considered allowable or allocable under applicable CAS or FAR.

Segment operating margin rate: Segment operating income as defined above, divided by sales. Management uses segment operating margin rate, as reconciled in Table 3, as an internal measure of financial performance.

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