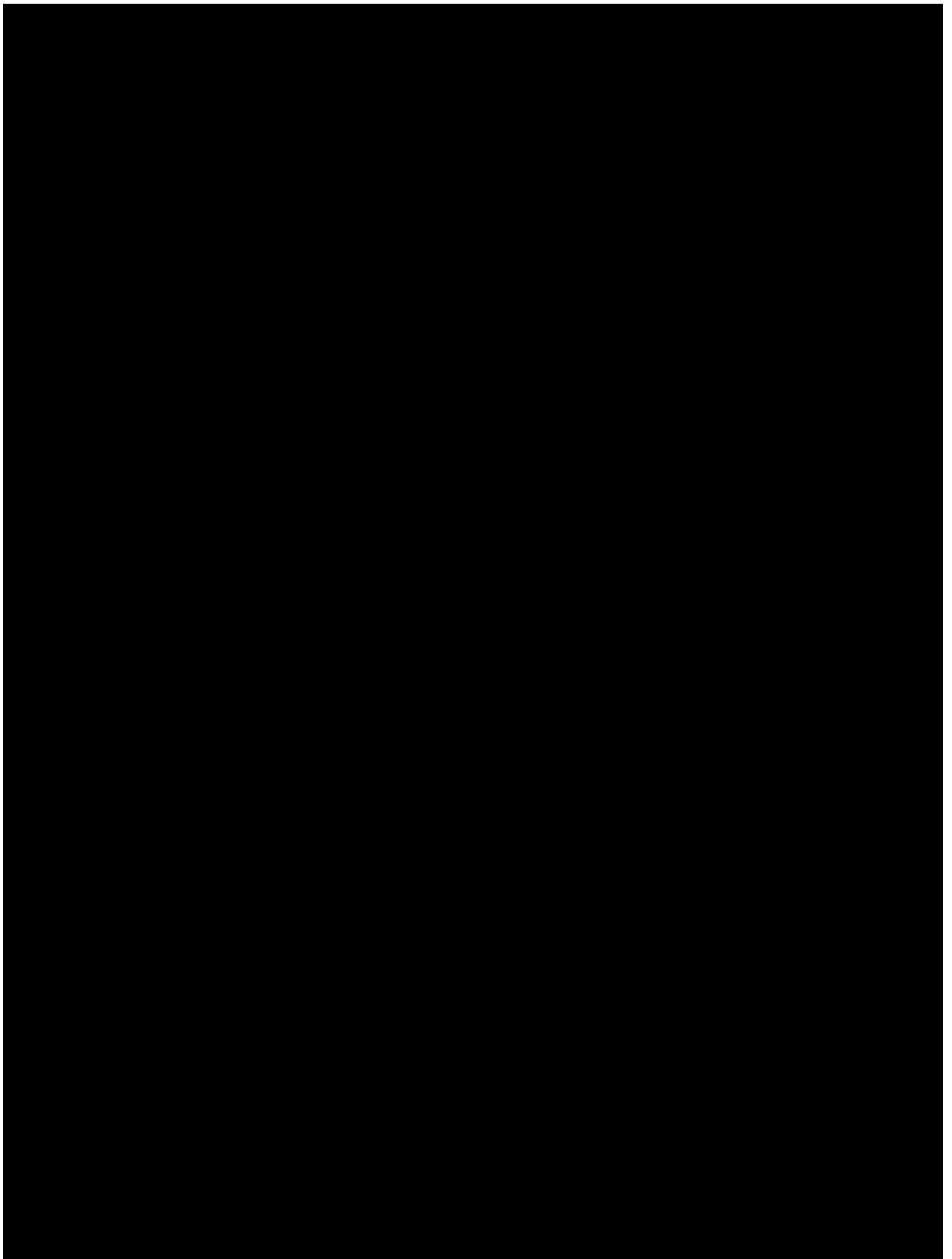

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99.(a)	Portman published an earnings release with the Australian Stock Exchange captioned, "Quarterly Earnings for the Period Ended 31 March eed 31 Mar" Qe" a" 31



\$15.8 million decrease in pre-tax profit, net of \$4.8 million decrease in income taxes. The pre tax earnings decrease of \$15.8 million was due primarily to:

- Appreciation of the Australian dollar relative to the US Dollar which negatively impact