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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended January 3, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number 1-36597

Vista Outdoor Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

47-1016855

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

938 University Park Boulevard,
Suite 200

84015

Clearfield, UT

(Address of principal executive
offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (801) 779-4600

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of February 8, 2016, there were 61,114,834 shares of the registrant's voting common stock outstanding.

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PART I— FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands except per share data)	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Sales, net	\$592,557	\$ 506,881	\$ 1,658,431	\$ 1,598,025
Cost of sales	425,053	372,844	1,202,611	1,191,942
Gross profit	167,504	134,037	455,820	406,083
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	3,681	2,318	8,851	7,043
Selling, general, and administrative	88,591	68,105	252,011	201,399
Goodwill and tradename impairment	—	52,220	—	52,220
Income before interest and income taxes	75,232	11,394	194,958	145,421
Interest expense	(7,776)	) (8,357)	) (16,908)	) (25,281)
Income before income taxes	67,456	3,037	178,050	120,140
Income tax provision	24,297	14,206	68,326	56,519
Net income (loss)	\$43,159	\$ (11,169)	) \$109,724	\$ 63,621
Earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$0.70	\$ (0.17)	) \$1.76	\$ 1.00
Diluted	\$0.70	\$ (0.17)	) \$1.75	\$ 1.00
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	61,717	63,875	62,175	63,875
Diluted	62,092	63,875	62,534	63,875
Net income (loss) (from above)	\$43,159	\$ (11,169)	) \$109,724	\$ 63,621
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Pension and other postretirement benefit liabilities:				
Reclassification of prior service credits for pension and postretirement benefit plans recorded to net income, net of tax benefit of \$158 and \$0, respectively for the quarter ended and \$474 and \$0 respectively for the nine months ended	(267)	) —	(801)) —
Reclassification of net actuarial loss for pension and postretirement benefit plans recorded to net income, net of tax expense of \$(819) and \$0, respectively for the quarter ended and \$(2,457) and \$0 respectively for the nine months ended	1,381	—	4,143	—
Change in derivatives, net of tax benefit (expense) of \$2 and \$2, respectively for the quarter ended and \$(49) and \$(316) respectively for the nine months ended	(3)	) (3)	) 83	504
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax benefit of \$0 and \$4,806, respectively for the quarter ended and \$0 and \$9,650 respectively for the nine months ended	(788)	) (7,677)	) (4,837)	) (15,415)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	323	(7,680)	) (1,412)	) (14,911)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$43,482	\$ (18,849)	) \$108,312	\$ 48,710

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands except share data)	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$71,134	\$263,951
Net receivables	430,034	361,694
Net inventories	482,190	375,621
Deferred income taxes	49,222	50,343
Other current assets	30,269	13,452
Total current assets	1,062,849	1,065,061
Net property, plant, and equipment	189,894	190,607
Goodwill	1,019,003	782,163
Net intangible assets	658,039	517,482
Deferred charges and other non-current assets	19,254	17,811
Total assets	\$2,949,039	\$2,573,124
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$17,500	\$17,500
Accounts payable	104,950	134,432
Accrued compensation	43,475	27,146
Accrued income taxes	11,535	9,569
Federal excise tax	28,875	23,194
Other current liabilities	137,588	96,071
Total current liabilities	343,923	307,912
Long-term debt	669,375	332,500
Non-current deferred income tax liabilities	191,486	193,382
Accrued pension and postemployment liabilities	58,394	59,345
Other non-current liabilities	41,107	31,221
Total liabilities	1,304,285	924,360
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 11 and 14)		
Common stock—\$.01 par value:		
Authorized—500,000,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding— 61,338,105 shares at January 3, 2016 and 63,878,499 shares at March 31, 2015	613	639
Additional paid-in capital	1,742,184	1,742,125
Retained earnings	129,108	19,384
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(111,715)	(110,303)
Common stock in treasury, at cost— 2,626,334 shares held at January 3, 2016 and 85,940 shares held at March 31, 2015	(115,436)	(3,081)
Total stockholders' equity	1,644,754	1,648,764
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$2,949,039	\$2,573,124
See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.		

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 109,724	\$ 63,621
Adjustments to net income to arrive at cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	28,134	24,384
Amortization of intangible assets	24,602	23,112
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,831	1,923
Goodwill and tradename impairment	—	52,220
Deferred income taxes	697	(3,873)
(Gain) loss on disposal of property	(180)	) 1,129
Stock-based compensation	9,055	—
Excess tax benefits from share-based plans	(206)) —
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition of businesses:		
Net receivables	(36,387)	) (71,034)
Net inventories	(75,437)	) 3,552
Accounts payable	(32,909)	) (45,303)
Accrued compensation	5,328	(8,840)
Accrued income taxes	(4,543)	) 9,628
Federal excise tax	5,688	(2,672)
Pension and other postretirement benefits	3,458	—
Other assets and liabilities	32,433	31,327
Cash provided by operating activities	71,288	79,174
Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(26,301)	) (30,630)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(462,116)) —
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant, and equipment	696	(4)
Cash used for investing activities	(487,721)	) (30,634)
Financing Activities:		
Borrowings on line of credit	360,000	—
Payments on line of credit	(360,000)) —
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	350,000	—
Net transfers from parent	—	(7,386)
Payment from former parent	6,500	—
Payments made on long-term debt to parent	—	(13,225)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt to parent	—	50,000
Payments made to extinguish debt	—	(50,000)
Payments made on long-term debt	(13,125)) —
Payments made for debt issuance costs	(4,379)	) (501)
Purchase of treasury shares	(115,194)) —
Excess tax benefits from share-based plans	206	—
Proceeds from employee stock compensation plans	438	—
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	224,446	(21,112)
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	(830)) (1,666)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(192,817)) 25,762

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Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	263,951	40,004
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$71,134	\$65,766

Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures:

Noncash investing activity:

Capital expenditures included in accounts payable	\$921	\$1,694
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Noncash financing activity:

Treasury Shares purchased included in other accrued liabilities	\$1,934	\$—
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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' AND PARENT COMPANY EQUITY

(Amounts in thousands except share data)	Common Stock \$.01 Par Value		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss		Treasury Stock	Parent's Equity	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount							
Balance, March 31, 2014	—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$(1,505)	\$—	\$872,236	\$870,731	
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	(14,911)	—	63,621	48,710	
Net transfers from parent	—	—	—	—	—	—	(13,261)	(13,261)	
Balance, December 28, 2014	—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$(16,416)	\$—	\$922,596	\$906,180	
Balance, March 31, 2015	63,878,499	\$639	\$1,742,125	\$19,384	\$(110,303)	\$(3,081)	\$—	\$1,648,764	
Comprehensive income	—	—	—	109,724	(1,412)	—	—	108,312	
Exercise of stock options	20,078	—	(426)	—	—	864	—	438	
Restricted stock grants net of forfeitures	68,272	—	(3,046)	—	—	3,265	—	219	
Share-based compensation	—	—	9,055	—	—	—	—	9,055	
Restricted stock vested and shares withheld	(21,955)	—	955	—	—	(1,157)	—	(202)	
Treasury stock purchased	(2,607,436)	—	—	—	—	(115,355)	—	(115,355)	
Contribution from former parent and other	647	(26)	(6,479)	—	—	28	—	(6,477)	
Balance, January 3, 2016	61,338,105	\$613	\$1,742,184	\$129,108	\$(111,715)	\$(115,436)	\$—	\$1,644,754	

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated and Combined Financial Statements.

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED AND COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)
Quarter and nine months ended January 3, 2016

(Amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

1. Basis of Presentation and Responsibility for Interim Financial Statements

Nature of Operations. Vista Outdoor Inc. (together with our subsidiaries, "we", "our", and "us") is a leading global designer, manufacturer and marketer of consumer products in the growing outdoor sports and recreation markets. We operate in two segments, Shooting Sports and Outdoor Products. Vista Outdoor is headquartered in Utah and has manufacturing operations and facilities in 10 U.S. States, Canada, Mexico and Puerto Rico along with international sales and sourcing operations in Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, and New Zealand. Vista Outdoor was incorporated in Delaware in 2014. Prior to February 9, 2015, the business was operated as the Sporting Group reporting segment of Alliant Techsystems Inc. ("ATK"); subsequent to the Spin-Off (as defined below), ATK changed its name to Orbital ATK. On April 28, 2014, Orbital ATK entered into a Transaction Agreement (the "Transaction Agreement") among Vista Outdoor, Vista Merger Sub Inc. ("Merger Sub") and Orbital Sciences Corporation ("Orbital"), providing for, among other things, the transfer of the businesses comprising ATK's Sporting Group reporting segment to Vista Outdoor (the "Sporting Transfers"), the distribution of all of the shares of Vista Outdoor Inc. common stock on a pro rata basis to the holders of ATK common stock (the "Spin-Off"), and the merger of Merger Sub with and into Orbital (the "ATK/Orbital Merger"), with Orbital surviving the ATK/Orbital Merger as a wholly owned subsidiary of Orbital ATK.

On February 9, 2015, Orbital ATK completed the Sporting Transfers and the Spin-Off, distributing to its stockholders of record as of February 2, 2015, two shares of Vista Outdoor Inc. common stock for every share of ATK common stock held. In connection with the Spin-Off, Vista Outdoor filed a Registration Statement on Form 10 (as amended, the "Form 10") with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), which was declared effective on January 23, 2015. The Form 10 included an Information Statement (the "Information Statement") describing the details of the Spin-Off and providing information as to our business and management.

Except where indicated, references below to transactions completed by Vista Outdoor prior to February 9, 2015, refer to transactions completed by or on behalf of the ATK Sporting Group reporting segment that are reflected on the consolidated and combined financial statements of Vista Outdoor.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with our consolidated and combined financial statements and notes included in our fiscal 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Basis of Presentation. Our unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the SEC for interim reporting. As permitted under those rules, certain disclosures and other financial information that are normally required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States can be condensed or omitted. Our accounting policies are described in the notes to the consolidated and combined financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 ("fiscal 2015"). Management is responsible for the condensed consolidated and combined financial statements included in this document, which are unaudited but, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position as of January 3, 2016 and March 31, 2015, and our results of operations for the quarters and nine month periods ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, and cash flows for the nine month periods ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014.

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements reflect our consolidated operations as a separate stand-alone entity beginning on February 9, 2015. Periods presented prior to the Spin-Off have been prepared on a stand-alone basis and are derived from ATK's consolidated financial statements and accounting records and are presented on a combined basis. Subsequent to the Spin-Off, the financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis. Prior to the Spin-Off, the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial

statements represent our financial position, results of operations, and cash flows as our business was operated as part of ATK prior to the distribution, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Prior to the Spin-Off, the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statements of operations include expense allocations for certain corporate functions historically provided to us by ATK, including, but not limited to, human resources, employee benefits administration, treasury, risk management, audit, finance, tax, legal, information technology support, and other shared services. These allocations are reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statements of operations within the expense categories to which they relate. The allocations were made on a direct usage basis when identifiable, with the remainder allocated on various bases that are further discussed in Note 15. We consider these allocations

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(Amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

1. Basis of Presentation and Responsibility for Interim Financial Statements (Continued)

to be a reasonable reflection of the utilization of services by, or benefits provided to us. The allocations may not, however, reflect the expense we would have incurred as a stand-alone company. Following the Spin-Off, we perform these functions using our resources or purchased services. For an interim period, however, some of these functions will continue to be provided by Orbital ATK under transition services agreements and other commercial agreements.

Prior to the Spin-Off, Orbital ATK maintained a number of defined benefit plans at a corporate level which our employees participated in, and as such, we were charged a portion of the expenses associated with these plans. Subsequent to February 9, 2015, we established separate defined benefit plans and recorded the related liabilities attributable to our employees. We also recorded our rights to the associated assets, which were maintained in the Orbital ATK plan asset pools. The fair value of these assets was transferred to us in cash on July 1, 2015, and was immediately reinvested in accordance with our targeted asset allocation.

Transactions between Orbital ATK and us prior to the Spin-Off are reflected as effectively settled at the time of the transaction and are included in financing activities in the consolidated and combined statements of cash flows.

Our consolidated and combined financial statements may not be indicative of our future performance and do not necessarily reflect what the results of operations and cash flows would have been had we operated as a stand-alone company during the periods presented.

New Accounting Pronouncements. On May 28, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09 Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, Revenue Recognition, including most industry-specific revenue recognition guidance. This guidance is effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early application is permitted for periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We are in the process of evaluating the impact this standard will have on us.

On April 7, 2015 the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update No. 2015-03 Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30), which simplified the presentation of debt issuance costs by requiring debt issuance costs be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of debt liability, consistent with debt discounts or premiums. The standard allows for early adoption. We are in the process of evaluating the impact this standard will have on us.

On November 20, 2015 the FASB issued Accounting Standard Update No. 2015-17 Income Taxes (Topic 740), which simplified the presentation of deferred taxes by requiring deferred tax assets and liabilities be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. The standard allows for early adoption. We are in the process of evaluating the impact this standard will have on us.

There are no other new accounting pronouncements that are expected to have a significant impact on our condensed consolidated and combined financial statements.

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The current authoritative guidance on fair value clarifies the definition of fair value, prescribes a framework for measuring fair value, establishes a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used to measure fair value, and expands disclosures about the use of fair value measurements. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date.

The valuation techniques required by the current authoritative literature are based upon observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect market data obtained from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect internal market assumptions. These two types of inputs create the following fair value hierarchy:

Level 1—Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2—Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3—Significant inputs to the valuation model are unobservable.

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(Amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

The following section describes the valuation methodologies we used to measure our financial instruments at fair value.

Derivative financial instruments and hedging activities—In order to manage our exposure to foreign currency risk, we periodically utilize foreign currency derivatives, which are considered Level 2 instruments. Foreign currency derivatives are valued based on observable market transactions of spot currency rates and forward currency prices. During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we entered into various foreign currency forward contracts. See Note 3 for additional detail. There were no foreign currency derivatives outstanding as of March 31, 2015.

Long-term debt—The fair value of the variable-rate long-term debt is calculated based on current market rates for debt of the same risk and maturities. The fair value of the fixed-rate long-term debt is based on market quotes for each issuance. We have considered these to be Level 2 instruments.

Contingent Consideration—The acquisition-related contingent consideration liability represents the estimated fair value of additional future earn-outs payable for acquisitions of businesses that closed after July 5, 2015. The valuation of the contingent consideration will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and is based on management estimates and entity-specific assumptions which are considered Level 3 inputs.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy our financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

	January 3, 2016		
	Fair value measurements using inputs considered as		
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:			
Derivatives	\$—	\$132	\$—
Liabilities:			
Derivatives	\$—	\$—	\$—
Contingent consideration	\$—	\$—	\$4,471

As of March 31, 2015, we had no outstanding financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

The following table presents our financial assets and liabilities that are not measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The carrying values and estimated fair values were as follows:

	January 3, 2016		March 31, 2015	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Fixed-rate debt	\$350,000	\$357,000	\$—	\$—
Variable-rate debt	336,875	336,875	350,000	350,000

3. Derivative Financial Instruments

We are exposed to market risks arising from adverse changes in:

• commodity prices affecting the cost of raw materials,

• interest rates, and

• foreign exchange risks

In the normal course of business, these risks are managed through a variety of strategies, including the use of derivative instruments. Foreign currency exchange contracts are used to hedge forecasted transactions denominated in a foreign currency.

We entered into various foreign currency forward contracts during the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014. These contracts are used to hedge forecasted cash receipts from customers denominated in foreign

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3. Derivative Financial Instruments (Continued)

currencies and are designated and qualify as effective cash flow hedges. Ineffectiveness with respect to forecasted customer cash receipts is calculated based on changes in the forward rate until the anticipated cash receipt occurs. The fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts is recorded within other assets or liabilities, as appropriate, and the effective portion is reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") in the financial statements. The gains or losses on the foreign currency forward contracts are recorded in earnings when we settle the contracts with the counterparty with customer receipts.

As of January 3, 2016, we had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts in place for the following amounts:

	Notional Amount of Currency
Sale of foreign currency:	
Euro	2,793
Australian Dollar	929

The table below presents the fair value and location of our derivative instruments designated as hedging instruments in the unaudited condensed consolidated balance sheets.

	Location	Asset derivatives fair value as of	
		January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Foreign currency forward contracts	Other current assets	\$132	\$—
Total		\$132	\$—

For the periods presented below, the derivative gains and losses in the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statements of operations related to foreign currency forward contracts were as follows:

	Pretax gain reclassified from AOCI		Gain recognized in income on derivative (ineffective portion and amount excluded from effectiveness testing)	
	Location	Amount	Location	Amount
Quarter ended January 3, 2016				
Foreign currency forward contracts	Cost of Sales	\$195	Cost of Sales	\$—
Quarter ended December 28, 2014				
Foreign currency forward contracts	Cost of Sales	\$764	Cost of Sales	\$—
Nine months ended January 3, 2016				
Foreign currency forward contracts	Cost of Sales	\$246	Cost of Sales	\$—
Nine months ended December 28, 2014				
Foreign currency forward contracts	Cost of Sales	\$764	Cost of Sales	\$—

4. Earnings Per Share

The computation of earnings per share ("EPS") includes Basic EPS computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for each period. Diluted EPS is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares and common equivalent shares. Common equivalent shares represent the effect of stock-based awards during each period presented, which, if exercised or earned, would have a dilutive effect on EPS. On February 9, 2015, 63,875 shares of our common stock were distributed to Orbital ATK shareholders of record to complete the Spin-Off from ATK. For comparative purposes, we have used weighted average shares of 63,875 to

calculate basic and diluted EPS for all periods prior to the Spin-Off, as we had no outstanding common shares or dilutive stock-based awards.

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(Amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

4. Earnings Per Share (Continued)

In computing EPS for the quarters and nine month periods ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, earnings, as reported for each respective period, is divided by:

	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Basic EPS shares outstanding	61,717	63,875	62,175	63,875
Dilutive effect of stock-based awards	375	—	359	—
Diluted EPS shares outstanding	62,092	63,875	62,534	63,875
Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the option exercise/threshold price was greater than the average market price of the common shares	68	—	68	—

Share Repurchases

On February 25, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a new share repurchase program of up to \$200,000 worth of shares of our common stock, executable over two years. The shares may be purchased from time to time in open market, block purchase, or negotiated transactions, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The repurchase authorization also allows us to make repurchases under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we repurchased 2,607 shares for \$115,355. Since the inception of the program through January 3, 2016 we have repurchased 2,769 shares for \$122,225.

Any additional repurchases would be subject to market conditions and our compliance with our debt covenants.

5. Acquisitions

In accordance with the accounting standards regarding business combinations, the results of acquired businesses are included in our consolidated and combined financial statements from the date of acquisition. The purchase price for each acquisition is allocated to the acquired assets and liabilities based on fair value. The excess purchase price over estimated fair value of the net assets acquired is recorded as goodwill.

Acquisition of Jimmy Styks

On July 20, 2015, we completed the acquisition of Jimmy Styks, LLC ("Jimmy Styks"), using \$40,000 of cash on hand with additional contingent consideration payable if incremental profitability growth milestones are achieved over the next three years. We determined a value of the future contingent consideration as of the acquisition date of \$4,471 utilizing the Black Scholes option pricing model; the total amount paid may differ from this value. The option pricing model requires us to make assumptions including the risk-free rate, expected volatility, cash flows, and expected life. The risk-free rate is based on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a remaining term that approximates the expected life assumed at the date of grant. The expected option life is based on the contractual term of the agreement. Expected volatility is based on the average volatility of similar public companies' stock over the past three years. The discounted cash flows are based on our estimates of future performance of the business.

Jimmy Styks is a leading designer and marketer of stand up paddle boards and related accessories. Jimmy Styks' stand up paddle board portfolio provides easy-to-use platforms for water sport enthusiasts engaging in activities ranging from personal fitness to fishing and will help us expand our Outdoor Products operating segment. Jimmy Styks offers nearly 30 SKUs in epoxy, inflatable, soft and thermoform boards, as well as accessories. The preliminary purchase price allocation is subject to further refinement and may require significant adjustments to arrive at the final purchase price allocation. The majority of the goodwill generated in this acquisition will be deductible for tax purposes. Jimmy Styks is an immaterial acquisition to our company.

Acquisition of CamelBak Products

On August 3, 2015, we completed the acquisition of CamelBak Products, LLC ("CamelBak") for total consideration of \$412,500, subject to a customary working capital adjustment, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities. CamelBak is the leading provider of personal hydration solutions for outdoor, recreation and military use.

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CamelBak's products include hydration packs, reusable bottles and individual purification and filtration systems. The preliminary purchase price allocation is subject to further refinement and may require significant adjustments to arrive at the final purchase price allocation. A portion of the goodwill generated in this acquisition will be deductible for tax purposes.

Current year results for acquisitions

Subsequent to the acquisition dates of these acquisitions, Vista Outdoor recorded sales of approximately \$41,265 and \$65,636 for the quarter and nine months ended January 3, 2016 and gross profit of approximately \$16,715 and \$25,931 for the quarter and nine months ended January 3, 2016, each associated with the operations of these acquired businesses and reflected in the Outdoor Products segment results.

Preliminary Allocation of Consideration Transferred to Net Assets Acquired for CamelBak:

The following amounts represent the preliminary determination of the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed from the CamelBak acquisition. The final determination of the fair value of certain assets and liabilities will be completed within the required measurement period, which will be no later than 12 months from the date of acquisition. The size and breadth of the CamelBak acquisition will necessitate the use of this measurement period to adequately analyze and assess a number of the factors used in establishing the asset and liability fair values as of the acquisition date, including the significant contractual and operational factors underlying the trade name and customer relationship intangible assets and the related tax impacts of any changes made. Any potential adjustments made could be material in relation to the preliminary values presented below:

	August 3, 2015	
Purchase price net of cash acquired:		
Cash paid		\$412,500
Cash paid for working capital		9,810
Total purchase price		422,310
Fair value of assets acquired:		
Receivables	\$30,093	
Inventories	30,916	
Tradename, customer relationship, and technology intangibles	133,800	
Property, plant, and equipment	7,985	
Other assets	6,902	
Total assets	209,696	
Fair value of liabilities assumed:		
Accounts payable	8,219	
Other liabilities	8,024	
Total liabilities	16,243	
Net assets acquired		193,453
Goodwill		\$228,857

Intangible assets above include:

Value	Useful life (years)
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Indefinite lived tradename	\$79,400	Indefinite
Customer relationships	49,400	10-20
Technology	5,000	7-17

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5. Acquisitions (Continued)

Supplemental Pro Forma Data for CamelBak:

We used the acquisition method of accounting to account for this acquisition and, accordingly, the results of CamelBak are included in our consolidated financial statements for the period subsequent to the date of acquisition. The following unaudited supplemental pro forma data for the quarter and nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 present consolidated and combined information as if the acquisition had been completed on April 1, 2014. The pro forma results were calculated by combining our results with the standalone results of CamelBak for the pre-acquisition periods, which were adjusted to account for certain costs which would have been incurred during this pre-acquisition period:

(Amounts in thousands except per share data)	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Sales	\$592,557	\$542,411	\$1,718,028	\$1,707,930
Net income	43,529	(11,753)	113,873	59,043
Basic earnings per common share	0.71	(0.18)	1.83	0.92
Diluted earnings per common share	0.70	(0.18)	1.82	0.92

The unaudited supplemental pro forma data above include the following significant non-recurring adjustments made to account for certain costs which would have been incurred if the acquisition had been completed on April 1, 2014, as adjusted for the applicable tax impact:

	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Inventory step-up, net ⁽¹⁾	\$(313)	\$313	\$(647)	\$647
Fees for advisory, legal, accounting services ⁽²⁾	(56)	—	(4,277)	\$4,277

(1) Adjustment reflects the increased cost of goods sold expense resulting from the fair value step-up in inventory of \$1,043 which was expensed over the first inventory cycle.

(2) We removed the fees that were incurred in connection with the acquisition of CamelBak from fiscal 2016 and considered those fees as incurred during the first quarter of fiscal 2015. Costs were recorded in Selling, general, and administrative expense.

We made no acquisitions during fiscal 2015.

6. Net Receivables

Net receivables are summarized as follows:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Trade receivables	\$439,716	\$370,335
Other receivables	1,603	2,089
Less allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts	(11,285)	(10,730)
Net receivables	\$430,034	\$361,694

One customer represented 11% of the total trade receivable balance as of January 3, 2016. As of March 31, 2015, no customer represented more than 10% of the total trade receivables balance.

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7. Net Inventories

Net inventories consist of the following:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Raw materials	\$120,674	\$107,848
Work in process	64,736	53,740
Finished goods	296,780	214,033
Net inventories	\$482,190	\$375,621

8. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

The components of AOCL, net of income taxes, are as follows:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Derivatives	\$83	\$—
Pension and other postretirement benefits	(54,813)	(58,155)
Cumulative translation adjustment	(56,985)	(52,148)
Total AOCL	\$(111,715)	\$(110,303)

The following table summarizes the changes in the balance of AOCL, net of income tax:

	Quarter ended January 3, 2016				Nine months ended January 3, 2016			
	Derivatives	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total	Derivatives	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total
Beginning of period unrealized gain (loss) in AOCL	\$86	\$ (55,927)	\$ (56,197)	\$(112,038)	\$—	\$ (58,155)	\$ (52,148)	\$(110,303)
Net increase in fair value of derivatives	114	—	—	114	232	—	—	232
Net gain reclassified from AOCL, offsetting the price paid to suppliers ⁽¹⁾	(117)	—	—	(117)	(149)	—	—	(149)
Net actuarial losses reclassified from AOCL ⁽²⁾	—	1,381	—	1,381	—	4,143	—	4,143
Prior service costs reclassified from AOCL ⁽²⁾	—	(267)	—	(267)	—	(801)	—	(801)
Net change in cumulative translation adjustment	—	—	(788)	(788)	—	—	(4,837)	(4,837)
End of period unrealized gain (loss) in AOCL	\$83	\$ (54,813)	\$ (56,985)	\$(111,715)	\$83	\$ (54,813)	\$ (56,985)	\$(111,715)

(1) Amounts related to our derivative instruments that were reclassified from AOCL and recorded as a component of cost of sales.

(2)

Amounts related to our pension and other postretirement benefits that were reclassified from AOCL were recorded as a component of net periodic benefit cost for each period presented.

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8. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (Continued)

	Quarter ended December 28, 2014			Nine months ended December 28, 2014		
	Derivatives	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total	Derivatives	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total
Beginning of period unrealized gain (loss) in AOCL	\$478	\$ (9,243)	\$ (8,765)	\$—	\$ (1,505)	\$ (1,505)
Net increase in fair value of derivatives	496	—	496	974	—	974
Net losses reclassified from AOCL, offsetting the price paid to suppliers ⁽¹⁾	(470)	—	(470)	(470)	—	(470)
Net change in cumulative translation adjustment	—	(7,677)	(7,677)	—	(15,415)	(15,415)
End of period unrealized gain (loss) in AOCL	\$504	\$ (16,920)	\$ (16,416)	\$504	\$ (16,920)	\$ (16,416)

(1) Amounts related to our derivative instruments that were reclassified from AOCL and recorded as a component of cost of sales.

9. Goodwill, Net Intangibles, and Deferred Charges and Other Non-current Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment were as follows:

	Shooting Sports	Outdoor Products	Total
Balance, March 31, 2015	\$204,520	\$577,643	\$782,163
Acquisitions	—	239,153	239,153
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates	16	(2,329)	(2,313)
Balance, January 3, 2016	\$204,536	\$814,467	\$1,019,003

The acquisitions in Outdoor Products related to the preliminary purchase price allocation for CamelBak and Jimmy Styks as previously discussed.

The goodwill recorded within Shooting Sports and Outdoor Products segments are presented net of \$41,020 and \$47,791 of accumulated impairment losses, respectively.

Net intangibles includes non-amortizing assets consisting of tradenames that are not being amortized as their estimated useful lives are considered indefinite.

Net intangibles consisted of the following:

	January 3, 2016			March 31, 2015		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Total	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Total
Trade names	\$185,162	\$ (43,672)	\$141,490	\$184,660	\$ (34,260)	\$150,400
Patented technology	27,900	(9,550)	18,350	22,600	(8,488)	14,112
Customer relationships and other	270,786	(45,085)	225,701	190,936	(31,064)	159,872
Total	483,848	(98,307)	385,541	398,196	(73,812)	324,384
Non-amortizing trade names	272,498	—	272,498	193,098	—	193,098
Net intangibles	\$756,346	\$ (98,307)	\$658,039	\$591,294	\$ (73,812)	\$517,482

The gross amount of amortizable and non-amortizable intangible assets increased from March 31, 2015 due to the acquisition of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks. The assets in the table above are being amortized using a straight-line method over a weighted average remaining period of approximately 12.1 years. Amortization expense for the quarters and nine month periods ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 was \$8,951 and \$7,734, and \$24,602 and \$23,112, respectively. We expect amortization expense related to these assets to be as follows:

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9. Goodwill, Net Intangibles, and Deferred Charges and Other Non-current Assets (Continued)

Remainder of fiscal 2016	\$9,054
Fiscal 2017	35,951
Fiscal 2018	35,951
Fiscal 2019	33,207
Fiscal 2020	32,324
Thereafter	239,054
Total	\$385,541

Deferred charges and other non-current assets consist of the following:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Debt issuance costs	\$15,070	\$10,691
Less accumulated amortization	(2,187	) (356)
Net debt issuance costs	12,883	10,335
Other	6,371	7,476
Total deferred charges and other non-current assets	\$19,254	\$17,811

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10. Other Current and Non-current Liabilities

Other current and non-current liabilities consisted of the following:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Other current liabilities:		
In-transit inventory and other	\$48,483	\$39,236
Rebate	35,308	14,889
Employee benefits and insurance	17,053	14,375
Accrued advertising	11,538	8,073
Warranty	8,993	7,429
Interest	8,421	393
Freight accrual	2,982	3,012
Customer obligations	2,424	5,982
Product liability	1,533	1,534
Accrued taxes	853	1,148
Total other current liabilities	\$137,588	\$96,071
Other non-current liabilities:		
Non-current portion of accrued income tax liability	\$24,483	\$23,406
Contingent consideration	4,471	—
Management non-qualified deferred compensation plan	2,577	715
Environmental remediation	532	529
Performance share liability	—	641
Other	9,044	5,930
Total other non-current liabilities	\$41,107	\$31,221

We provide consumer warranties against manufacturing defects on certain products within the Shooting Sports and Outdoor Products segments with warranty periods ranging primarily from one year to a lifetime. The estimated costs of such product warranties are recorded at the time the sale is recorded based upon actual past experience, our current production environment as well as specific and identifiable warranties as applicable. The warranty liability recorded at each balance sheet date reflects the estimated liability for warranty coverage for products delivered based on historical information and current trends. The following is a reconciliation of the changes in our product warranty liability during the period presented:

Balance, March 31, 2015	\$7,429	
Payments made	(4,209)
Warranties issued	5,095	
Warranties assumed in acquisition	678	
Balance, January 3, 2016	\$8,993	

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11. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt, including the current portion, consisted of the following:

	January 3, 2016	March 31, 2015
Credit Agreement dated December 19, 2014:		
Term Loan due 2020	\$336,875	\$350,000
Revolving Credit Facility due 2020	—	—
Total principal amount of Credit Agreement	336,875	350,000
5.875% Senior Notes due 2023	350,000	—
Principal amount of long-term debt	686,875	350,000
Less: Current portion	17,500	17,500
Carrying amount of long-term debt, excluding current portion	\$669,375	\$332,500

Credit Agreement

Borrowings under our Credit Agreement dated December 19, 2014 (the "Credit Agreement") bear interest at a rate equal to either the sum of a base rate plus a margin or the sum of a Eurodollar rate plus a margin. Each margin is based on our consolidated leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement, and based on the current ratio, the base rate margin is 0.75% and the Eurodollar margin is 1.75%. The interest rate for the Term Loan as of January 3, 2016 was 2.17%. We pay a commitment fee on the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility based on our consolidated leverage ratio, and based on the current ratio, this fee is 0.30%. As of January 3, 2016, we had no borrowings against our \$400,000 Revolving Credit Facility and had outstanding letters of credit of \$34,346, which reduced amounts available on the Revolving Credit Facility to \$365,654.

5.875% Notes

On August 11, 2015, we issued \$350,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.875% Senior Notes (the "5.875% Notes") that mature on October 1, 2023. These notes are unsecured and senior obligations. Interest on these notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year, starting on April 1, 2016. We have the right to redeem some or all of these notes from time to time on or after October 1, 2018, at specified redemption prices. Prior to October 1, 2018, we may redeem some or all of these notes at a price equal to 100% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption and a specified make-whole premium. In addition, prior to October 1, 2018, we may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of these notes with the net cash proceeds of certain equity offerings, at a price equal to 105.875% of their principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest to the date of redemption. Debt issuance costs of approximately \$4,300 are being amortized to interest expense over 8 years, the term of the notes.

Rank and Guarantees

The 5.875% Notes are senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with any future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness. The 5.875% Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee indebtedness under our Credit Agreement or that guarantee certain of our other indebtedness, or indebtedness of any subsidiary guarantor, in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$50,000. These guarantees are senior unsecured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantors. The Credit Agreement obligations are guaranteed

on a secured basis, jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally, by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries. Vista Outdoor (the parent company issuer) has no independent assets or operations. We own 100% of all of these guarantor subsidiaries. The guarantee by any subsidiary guarantor of our obligations in respect of the 5.875% Notes will be released in any of the following circumstances:

- if, as a result of the sale of its capital stock, such subsidiary guarantor ceases to be a restricted subsidiary;
- if such subsidiary guarantor is designated as an “Unrestricted Subsidiary”;
- upon defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the 5.875% Notes; or

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if such subsidiary guarantor has been released from its guarantees of indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and all capital markets debt securities.

Cash Paid for Interest on Debt

Cash paid for interest on debt, including commitment fees, for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 totaled \$6,387.

12. Employee Benefit Plans

The components of net periodic benefit cost are as follows:

	Pension Benefits and PRB			
	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	\$750	\$316	\$2,250	\$948
Interest cost	2,125	1,760	6,375	5,281
Expected return on plan assets	(2,825)	(2,257)	(8,475)	(6,772)
Amortization of unrecognized net loss	2,200	1,610	6,600	4,830
Amortization of unrecognized prior service cost	(425)	(304)	(1,275)	(911)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1,825	\$1,125	\$5,475	\$3,376

Employer Contributions. During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we made the legally required minimum contribution of \$2,000 directly to the pension trust. We made no contributions to retirees under the non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan, or to our other postretirement benefit plans. For the nine months ended December 28, 2014, Orbital ATK contributed \$5,782 directly to the pension trust, \$133 directly to retirees under the non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan, associated with our allocated portion of these plans, and no contributions to our other postretirement benefit plans, associated with our allocated portion of these plans. We also expect to distribute approximately \$597 directly to retirees under our supplemental executive retirement plans, and to contribute approximately \$186 to our other postretirement benefit plans in fiscal 2016.

13. Income Taxes

Our provision for income taxes includes federal, foreign, and state income taxes. Income tax provisions for interim periods are based on estimated effective annual income tax rates.

The income tax provisions for the quarters ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 represent effective tax rates of 36.0% and 467.8%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year quarter is primarily caused by the absence of a nondeductible goodwill impairment recorded in the prior year partially offset by the true-up of prior year taxes.

The income tax provisions for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 represent effective tax rates of 38.4% and 47.0%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year period is primarily caused by the absence of a nondeductible goodwill impairment recorded in the prior year partially offset by the true-up of prior year taxes.

We entered into a Tax Matters Agreement with Orbital ATK that governs the respective rights, responsibilities and obligations of Vista Outdoor and Orbital ATK after the Spin-Off with respect to tax liabilities and benefits, tax attributes, tax contests and other tax sharing regarding U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes, other tax

matters and related tax returns. We have joint and several liability with Orbital ATK to the IRS for the consolidated U.S. federal income taxes of the Orbital ATK consolidated group relating to the taxable periods in which we were part of that group. However, the Tax Matters Agreement specifies the portion, if any, of this tax liability for which we bear responsibility, and Orbital ATK agrees to indemnify us against any amounts for which we are not responsible. The Tax Matters Agreement also provides special rules for

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allocating tax liabilities in the event that the Spin-Off is determined not to be tax-free. Though valid as between the parties, the Tax Matters Agreement is not binding on the IRS.

Prior to the Spin-Off, Orbital ATK or one of its subsidiaries filed income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various U.S. state jurisdictions which included Vista Outdoor. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries filed income tax returns in foreign jurisdictions. After the Spin-Off we will be filing income tax returns in the U.S. federal, foreign and various U.S. state jurisdictions. With a few exceptions, Orbital ATK and its subsidiaries and Vista are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or foreign income tax examinations by tax authorities prior to 2009. The IRS has completed the audits of Orbital ATK through fiscal year 2012 and is currently auditing Orbital ATK's tax returns for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. We believe appropriate provisions for all outstanding issues relating to our portion of these returns have been made for all remaining open years in all jurisdictions.

Although the timing and outcome of audit settlements are uncertain, it is reasonably possible that a \$4,958 reduction of the uncertain tax benefits will occur in the next 12 months. The settlement of these unrecognized tax benefits could result in earnings from \$0 to \$4,536.

14. Contingencies

Litigation. From time to time, we are subject to various legal proceedings, including lawsuits, which arise out of, and are incidental to, the conduct of our business. We do not consider any of such proceedings that are currently pending, individually or in the aggregate, to be material to our business or likely to result in a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows.

Environmental Liabilities. Our operations and ownership or use of real property are subject to a number of federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as applicable foreign laws and regulations, including those governing the discharge of hazardous materials, remediation of contaminated sites, and restoration of damage to the environment. We are obligated to conduct investigation and/or remediation activities at certain sites that we own or operate or formerly owned or operated.

We also have been identified as a potentially responsible party ("PRP"), along with other parties, in a regulatory agency action associated with hazardous waste sites. As a PRP, we may be required to pay a share of the costs of the investigation and clean-up of these sites. While uncertainties exist with respect to the amounts and timing of the ultimate environmental liabilities, based on currently available information, we have concluded that these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows. We have recorded a liability for environmental remediation of \$558 as of January 3, 2016 and March 31, 2015, respectively.

We could incur substantial additional costs, including cleanup costs, resource restoration, fines, and penalties or third-party property damage or personal injury claims, as a result of violations or liabilities under environmental laws or non-compliance with environmental permits. While environmental laws and regulations have not had a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows in the past, and we have environmental management programs in place to mitigate these risks, it is difficult to predict whether they will have a material impact in the future.

15. Related Party Transactions

The unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements have been prepared on a stand-alone basis. However, prior to February 9, 2015, they were derived from the consolidated financial statements and accounting records of Orbital ATK.

Allocation of General Corporate Expenses

Prior to February 9, 2015, the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements reflect an allocation of certain costs managed at the Orbital ATK level. These costs have historically been allocated to us. These costs generally fall into one of the following categories:

Orbital ATK management and support services – This category includes costs for functions such as acquisition transaction costs, human resources (talent acquisition/compensation), treasury, risk management, internal audit, finance, tax, legal, executive office, business development, government relations, and other administrative support. These costs were allocated to the Company based on a percentage of sales for all of Orbital ATK or as specifically

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identified. The unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements include Orbital ATK management and support services allocations included within the general and administrative expense totaling \$6,576 and \$21,734 for the quarter and nine months ended December 28, 2014, respectively.

Infrastructure costs – This category includes costs for functions such as information technology support, systems maintenance, and telecommunications. These costs were generally allocated to the Company using either sales, headcount, or fixed assets. The unaudited condensed consolidated and combined statement of operations reflects infrastructure cost allocations included within the general and administrative expense totaling \$1,565 and \$4,463 for the quarter and nine months ended December 28, 2014, respectively.

Orbital ATK-provided benefits – This category includes costs for group medical, dental and vision insurance, 401(k) savings plan, pension and postretirement benefits, and other benefits. These costs were generally allocated to the Company based on specific identification of the benefits provided to Company employees participating in these benefit plans. Medical and dental, including the human resources and finance administration of those plans, are allocated to business units based upon their year-to-date enrolled medical headcount. Postretirement benefits, including the human resources and finance administration of those plans, were allocated based upon member headcount. Pension expense was actuarially determined for individual segments and is identified directly to those segments. The pension expense determined for composite pension segments was further allocated to individual segments using total payroll. The unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements include Orbital ATK-provided benefits allocations totaling \$14,084 and \$43,694 for the quarter and nine months ended December 28, 2014, respectively.

Management believes that the methods of allocating these costs were reasonable and consistent with past practices.

Related Party Sales and Cost of Sales

Historically, we purchased and sold certain products and services to/from Orbital ATK businesses. Prior to the Spin-Off, purchases of products and services from these affiliated entities, which were recorded at sales price, were \$37,521 and \$157,188 for the quarter and nine months ended December 28, 2014, respectively. Sales of products and services to these entities were \$2,369 and \$7,406 for the quarter and nine months ended December 28, 2014, respectively.

16. Operating Segment Information

We operate our business structure within two operating segments. These operating segments are defined based on the reporting and review process used by the chief operating decision maker, our chief executive officer. Management reviews the operating segments based on net sales and gross profit. Certain significant selling, general, and administrative expenses are not allocated to the segments. In addition certain significant asset balances are not readily identifiable with individual segments and therefore cannot be allocated. Each segment is described below:

Shooting Sports generated 62% of our external sales in the nine months ended January 3, 2016. The Shooting Sports product lines include centerfire ammunition, rimfire ammunition, shotshell ammunition, reloading components, centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, shotguns and range systems.

Outdoor Products generated 38% of our external sales in the nine months ended January 3, 2016. The Outdoor Products product lines are optics, shooting accessories, archery/hunting accessories, tactical products, eyewear, golf, water sports, and hydration products. Optics products include binoculars, riflescopes and telescopes. Shooting accessories products include reloading equipment, clay targets, and premium gun care products. Archery/hunting

accessories include high-performance hunting arrows, game calls, hunting blinds, game cameras and waterfowl decoys. Tactical products include holsters, duty gear, bags and packs. Eyewear products include safety and protective eyewear, as well as fashion and sports eyewear. Golf products include laser rangefinders. Water sports products include stand up paddle boards. Hydration products include hydration packs, reusable bottles and individual purification and filtration systems.

For the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, no single customer contributed more than 10% of our sales.

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16. Operating Segment Information (Continued)

The following summarizes our results by segment:

	Quarter ended		Nine months ended	
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Sales to external customers:				
Shooting Sports	\$356,458	\$308,787	\$1,026,759	\$1,039,298
Outdoor Products	236,099	198,094	631,672	558,727
Total sales to external customers	\$592,557	\$506,881	\$1,658,431	\$1,598,025
Gross Profit				
Shooting Sports	\$103,864	\$80,973	\$282,144	\$254,123
Outdoor Products	63,607	54,224	173,886	152,925
Corporate	33	(1,160)	(210)	(965)
Total gross profit	\$167,504	\$134,037	\$455,820	\$406,083

The sales above exclude intercompany sales between Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports of \$800 and \$706 for the quarters ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, respectively.

The sales above exclude intercompany sales between Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports of \$2,276 and \$1,955 for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, respectively.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

(Dollar amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

Forward-Looking Information is Subject to Risk and Uncertainty

Some of the statements made and information contained in this report, excluding historical information, are "forward-looking statements" as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements give our current expectations or forecasts of future events. Words such as "may," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "believe," "project," or "continue," and similar expressions are used to identify forward-looking statements. From time to time, we also may provide oral or written forward-looking statements in other materials released to the public. Any or all forward-looking statements in this report and in any public statements we make could be materially different. They can be affected by assumptions used or by known or unknown risks or uncertainties. Consequently, no forward-looking statements can be guaranteed. Actual results may vary materially. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements. You should also understand that it is not possible to predict or identify all such factors and should not consider the following list to be a complete statement of all potential risks and uncertainties. Any change in the following factors may impact the achievement of results:

- our ability to realize anticipated benefits and cost savings from acquisitions;
- costs or difficulties related to the integration of acquired businesses;
- general economic and business conditions in the United States and our other markets, including conditions affecting employment levels, consumer confidence and spending;
- our ability to operate successfully as a stand-alone business;
- our ability to retain and hire key personnel and maintain and grow our relationships with customers, suppliers and other business partners;
- our ability to adapt our products to changes in technology, the marketplace and customer preferences;
- our ability to maintain and enhance brand recognition and reputation;
- reductions or unexpected changes in demand for ammunition, firearms or other outdoor sports and recreation products;
- risks associated with our sales to significant retail customers, including unexpected cancellations, delays and other changes to purchase orders;
- supplier capacity constraints, production disruptions or quality or price issues affecting our operating costs;
- seasonality and weather conditions in our markets;
- our competitive environment;
- risks associated with compliance and diversification into international and commercial markets;
- the supply, availability and costs of raw materials and components;
- changes in commodity, energy and production costs;
- changes in laws, rules and regulations relating to our business, such as federal and state firearms and ammunition regulations;
- our ability to execute our long-term growth strategy;
- our ability to take advantage of growth opportunities in international and commercial markets;
- changes in interest rates or credit availability;
- foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates;
- the outcome of contingencies, including with respect to litigation and other proceedings relating to intellectual property, product liability, warranty liability, personal injury and environmental remediation;
- risks associated with cybersecurity and other industrial and physical security threats;
- risks associated with pension asset returns and assumptions regarding future returns, discount rates and service costs;

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• capital market volatility and the availability of financing;
• changes to accounting standards or policies; and
• changes in tax rules or pronouncements.

This list of factors is not exhaustive, and new factors may emerge or changes to the foregoing factors may occur that would impact our business. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements. A more detailed description of risk factors can be found in Part 1, Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. Additional information regarding these factors may be contained in our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 10-Q and 8-K. All such risk factors are difficult to predict, contain material uncertainties that may affect actual results, and may be beyond our control.

Executive Summary

We are a leading global designer, manufacturer and marketer of consumer products in the growing outdoor sports and recreation markets. We serve these markets through the diverse portfolio of over 40 well-recognized brands that provide consumers with a range of affordable, performance-driven, high-quality and innovative products, including sporting ammunition and firearms, outdoor accessories, outdoor sports optics, golf rangefinders, performance eyewear, hydration products, and stand up paddle boards. We serve a broad range of end consumers, including outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and recreational shooters, athletes, as well as law enforcement and military professionals. Our products are sold through a wide variety of mass, specialty and independent retailers, such as Bass Pro Shops, Cabela's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Gander Mountain, Recreational Equipment, Inc., Sportsman's Warehouse, Target and Walmart. We have a scalable, integrated portfolio of brands that allows us to leverage our deep customer knowledge, product development and innovation, supply chain and distribution, and sales and marketing functions across product categories to better serve our retail partners and end users.

We operate our business structure within two operating segments. Each segment is described below:

Shooting Sports generated 62% of our external sales in the nine months ended January 3, 2016. Shooting Sports product lines include centerfire ammunition, rimfire ammunition, shotshell ammunition, reloading components, centerfire rifles, rimfire rifles, shotguns and range systems.

Outdoor Products generated 38% of our external sales in the nine months ended January 3, 2016. The Outdoor Products product lines are optics, shooting accessories, archery/hunting accessories, tactical products, eyewear, golf, water sports, and hydration products. Optics products include binoculars, riflescopes and telescopes. Shooting accessories products include reloading equipment, clay targets, and premium gun care products. Archery/hunting accessories include high-performance hunting arrows, game calls, hunting blinds, game cameras and waterfowl decoys. Tactical products include holsters, duty gear, bags and packs. Eyewear products include safety and protective eyewear, as well as fashion and sports eyewear. Golf products include laser rangefinders. Water sports products include stand up paddle boards. Hydration products include hydration packs and water bottles.

Financial Highlights and Notable Events

Certain notable events or activities affecting our fiscal 2016 financial results included the following:

Financial highlights for the quarter ended January 3, 2016

Quarterly sales of \$592,557 and \$506,881 for the quarters ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, respectively. The increase is due to an increase in sales in our Shooting Sports segment and the acquisition of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, partially offset by organic decline in Outdoor Products segment.

Gross Profit was \$167,504 and \$134,037 for the quarters ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, respectively. The increase is due to an increase in profit in our Shooting Sports segment and the acquisition of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks partially offset by a decrease in gross profit in the organic Outdoor Products segment.

The decrease in the current quarter's tax rate to 36.0% from 467.8% in the quarter ended December 28, 2014 was primarily caused by the absence of the nondeductible goodwill impairment recorded in the prior year period, partially offset by a true-up of prior-year taxes.

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Other notable events affecting fiscal 2016

On July 20, 2015, we completed the Jimmy Styks Acquisition, using \$40,000 of cash on hand with additional contingent consideration payable if incremental profitability growth milestones are achieved over the next three years.

On August 3, 2015, we completed the acquisition of CamelBak Products, LLC (the "CamelBak Acquisition") for total consideration of \$412,500, subject to a customary working capital adjustment, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities.

On August 11, 2015, we issued \$350,000 aggregate principal amount of 5.875% senior notes (the "Notes") that mature on October 1, 2023.

During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we repurchased approximately 2,607,436 shares for \$115,355.

Outlook

Following the Spin-Off, our results of operations and cash flows may be subject to greater variability as a result of becoming a stand-alone, publicly-traded company. For example, we expect to incur one-time expenditures consisting primarily of employee-related costs, costs to start up certain stand-alone functions and information technology systems, and other one-time transaction-related costs. Recurring stand-alone costs include establishing the internal audit, treasury, investor relations, tax and corporate secretary functions as well as the annual expenses associated with running an independent publicly-traded company. As a stand-alone public company, we expect the recurring stand-alone corporate costs to be higher than the expenses historically allocated by Orbital ATK. We believe that our cash flow from operations will be sufficient to fund these corporate expenses.

In addition, following the Spin-Off, we procure certain products on arm's length commercial terms rather than the internal transfer pricing we experienced as part of Orbital ATK. For example, we rely on Orbital ATK for certain ammunition and gunpowder products pursuant to an arm's length supply agreement, and if the production capabilities of Orbital ATK (including its Lake City ammunition plant or Radford gunpowder plant) change such that Orbital ATK fails to maintain an adequate supply of ammunition and gunpowder products, we may need to procure such products from a third party, either of which would likely result in higher operating costs than we faced as part of Orbital ATK. These and other factors may lead to greater volatility in our results of operations and cash flows following the Spin-Off. For additional information, please see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of Part I of the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Shooting Sports Market - There had been a continued decline in the number of new long-gun background checks, as evidenced by The National Instant Criminal Background Check System, or NICS, over the last 24 months. In recent months, long gun NICS checks are up and we believe that the market has stabilized. We have experienced a recovery in the shooting sports market, driven at least partially by a market response to the current political environment.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our critical accounting policies are described in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015. We believe our critical accounting policies are those related to:

- revenue recognition,
- allowance for doubtful accounts
- inventories
 - employee benefit plans,

income taxes,
acquisitions, and
accounting for goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles.

The accounting policies used in preparing our interim fiscal 2016 consolidated financial statements are the same as those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Results of Operations

The following information should be read in conjunction with our condensed consolidated and combined financial statements. The key performance indicators that our management uses in managing the business are sales, gross profit, and cash flows.

Segment total net sales, cost of sales, and gross profit exclude intersegment sales and profit.

Acquisitions

We had no acquisitions during fiscal 2015. During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we had two acquisitions as follows:

Acquisition of Jimmy Styks

On July 20, 2015, we completed the acquisition of Jimmy Styks, LLC ("Jimmy Styks"), using \$40,000 of cash on hand with additional contingent consideration payable if incremental profitability growth milestones are achieved over the next three years. We determined a value of the future contingent consideration as of the acquisition date of \$4,471 utilizing the Black Scholes option pricing model; the total amount paid may differ from this value. Jimmy Styks is a leading designer and marketer of stand up paddle boards and related accessories. Jimmy Styks' stand up paddle board portfolio provides easy-to-use platforms for water sport enthusiasts engaging in activities ranging from personal fitness to fishing and will help us expand our Outdoor Products operating segment. Jimmy Styks offers nearly 30 SKUs in epoxy, inflatable, soft and thermoform boards, as well as accessories.

Acquisition of CamelBak Products

On August 3, 2015, we completed the acquisition of CamelBak Products, LLC ("CamelBak") for total consideration of \$412,500, subject to a customary working capital adjustment, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities. Camelbak is the leading provider of personal hydration solutions for outdoor, recreation and military use. CamelBak's products include hydration packs, reusable bottles and individual purification and filtration systems.

Sales

During the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014, no single customer contributed more than 10% of our sales.

The following is a summary of each operating segment's sales:

	Quarter ended				Nine months ended			
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Shooting Sports	\$356,458	\$308,787	\$47,671	15.4 %	\$1,026,759	\$1,039,298	\$(12,539)	(1.2)%
Outdoor Products	236,099	198,094	38,005	19.2 %	631,672	558,727	72,945	13.1 %
Total external sales	\$592,557	\$506,881	\$85,676	16.9 %	\$1,658,431	\$1,598,025	\$60,406	3.8 %

The overall fluctuation in net sales was driven by the changes within the operating segments as described below.

Quarter ended

Shooting Sports. The increase in sales was seen across all product lines as a result of improved market demand.

Outdoor Products. The increase in sales was driven by sales of \$41,265 from the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, increased volumes in golf, and shooting accessories and increased promotional activities partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts and lower sales in tactical accessories.

Nine months ended

Shooting Sports. The decrease in sales was a result of decreases in the first and second quarters due to reduced demand caused by the market correction in the shooting sports market, partially offset by an increase in demand in the third quarter. The decrease was primarily caused by reduced volume of centerfire and shotshell ammunition and reloading components, partially offset by an increase in firearms and rimfire ammunition.

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Outdoor Products. The increase in sales was driven by sales of \$65,636 from the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, and increased volumes of shooting accessories, golf, and optics, partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts, and by lower sales in tactical accessories and archery/hunting accessories.

Cost of Sales and Gross Profit

The following is a summary of each operating segment's cost of sales and gross profit:

Cost of Sales	Quarter ended				Nine months ended			
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Shooting Sports	\$252,594	\$227,814	\$24,780	10.9 %	\$744,616	\$785,176	\$(40,560)	(5.2)%
Outdoor Products	172,492	143,870	28,622	19.9 %	457,785	405,801	51,984	12.8 %
Corporate/eliminations	(33)	1,160	(1,193)	(102.8)%	210	965	(755)	(78.2)%
Total cost of sales	\$425,053	\$372,844	\$52,209	14.0 %	\$1,202,611	\$1,191,942	\$10,669	0.9 %

Gross Profit	Quarter ended				Nine months ended			
	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Shooting Sports	\$103,864	\$80,973	\$22,891	28.3 %	\$282,144	\$254,123	\$28,021	11.0 %
Outdoor Products	63,607	54,224	9,383	17.3 %	173,886	152,925	20,961	13.7 %
Corporate/eliminations	33	(1,160)	1,193	(102.8)%	(210)	(965)	755	(78.2)%
Total Gross Profit	\$167,504	\$134,037	\$33,467	25.0 %	\$455,820	\$406,083	\$49,737	12.2 %

The overall fluctuation in cost of sales and gross profit was driven by the changes within the operating segments as described below.

Quarter ended

Shooting Sports. The increase in gross profit was primarily driven by the volume increase noted above, favorable changes in product mix, and raw material procurement favorability.

Outdoor Products. The increase in gross profit was primarily driven by \$16,715 from the acquisition of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, and increased promotional activities, partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts, the decrease in sales volumes, and slightly lower margin product mix.

Corporate. The change in corporate gross profit was not material.

Nine months ended

Shooting Sports. The increase in gross profit was primarily driven by product mix, raw material procurement favorability, and a previously announced rimfire ammunition price increase, partially offset by the previously described lower sales volumes.

Outdoor Products. The increase in gross profit was primarily driven by \$25,931 from the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, and increased sales volume, and increased promotional activities partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange impacts and inventory related charges in the now closed Meridian, Idaho facility.

Corporate. The change in corporate gross profit was not material.

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Operating Expenses

	Quarter ended					Nine months ended				
	January 3, 2016	As a % of Sales	December 28, 2014	As a % of Sales	\$ Change	January 3, 2016	As a % of Sales	December 28, 2014	As a % of Sales	\$ Change
Research and development	\$3,681	0.6 %	\$ 2,318	0.5 %	\$1,363	\$8,851	0.5 %	\$ 7,043	0.4 %	\$1,808
Selling, general, and administrative	88,591	15.0 %	68,105	13.4 %	20,486	252,011	15.2 %	201,399	12.6 %	50,612
Goodwill and tradename impairment	—	— %	52,220	10.3 %	(52,220)	—	— %	52,220	3.3 %	(52,220)
Total operating expenses	\$92,272	15.6 %	\$ 122,643	24.2 %	\$(30,371)	\$260,862	15.7 %	\$ 260,662	16.3 %	\$200

Quarter ended

Operating expenses decreased by \$30,371 from the prior-year period driven by the absence of a \$52,220 pre-tax non-cash impairment charge (\$41,020 impairment to goodwill and \$11,200 impairment to tradename) recorded in the quarter ended December 28, 2014. Research and development costs increased primarily due to the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks. Selling, general, and administrative expenses increased primarily due to the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, stand-alone public company costs incurred subsequent to the Spin-Off, stock-based compensation, and increased investment in selling and marketing expenses.

Nine months ended

Operating expenses were flat to the prior-year period. Research and development costs increased by \$1,808 due to the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks. Selling, general, and administrative expenses increased by \$50,612 primarily due to stand-alone public company costs incurred subsequent to the Spin-Off, stock-based compensation, increased investment in selling and marketing expenses, and the acquisitions of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks. These increases were offset by the absence of a \$52,220 pre-tax non-cash impairment charge (\$41,020 impairment to goodwill and \$11,200 impairment to tradename) recorded in the quarter ended December 28, 2014.

Net Interest Expense

Quarter ended

Net interest expense for the quarter ended January 3, 2016 was \$7,776, a decrease of \$581 compared to \$8,357 in the comparable period of fiscal 2015. The decrease was due to our debt balances being lower than those allocated to us by Orbital ATK in the prior year period, partially offset by higher average interest rate on current debt.

Nine months ended

Net interest expense for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 was \$16,908, a decrease of \$8,373 compared to \$25,281 in the comparable period of fiscal 2015. The decrease was due to our debt balances being lower than those allocated to us by Orbital ATK in the prior year period.

Income Tax Provision

	Quarter ended					Nine months ended				
	January 3, 2016	Effective Rate	December 28, 2014	Effective Rate	Effective \$ Change	January 3, 2016	Effective Rate	December 28, 2014	Effective Rate	Effective \$ Change
Income taxes	\$24,297	36.0 %	\$ 14,206	467.8 %	\$10,091	\$68,326	38.4 %	\$ 56,519	47.0 %	\$11,807

Our provision for income taxes includes U.S. federal, foreign, and state income taxes. Income tax provisions for interim periods are based on estimated effective annual income tax rates.

Quarter ended

The income tax provisions for the quarters ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 represent effective tax rates of 36.0% and 467.8%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year quarter is primarily driven by the

absence of the nondeductible goodwill impairment recorded in the previous year partially offset by the true-up of prior year taxes.

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Nine months ended

The income tax provisions for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 represent effective tax rates of 38.4% and 47.0%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year quarter is primarily driven by the absence of the nondeductible goodwill impairment recorded in the previous year, partially offset by the true-up of prior year taxes.

We entered into a Tax Matters Agreement with Orbital ATK that governs the respective rights, responsibilities and obligations of Vista Outdoor and Orbital ATK after the Spin-Off with respect to tax liabilities and benefits, tax attributes, tax contests and other tax sharing regarding U.S. federal, state, local and foreign income taxes, other tax matters and related tax returns. We have joint and several liability with Orbital ATK to the IRS for the consolidated U.S. federal income taxes of the Orbital ATK consolidated group relating to the taxable periods in which we were part of that group. However, the Tax Matters Agreement specifies the portion, if any, of this tax liability for which we bear responsibility, and Orbital ATK agrees to indemnify us against any amounts for which we are not responsible. The Tax Matters Agreement also provides special rules for allocating tax liabilities in the event that the Spin-Off is determined not to be tax-free. Though valid as between the parties, the Tax Matters Agreement is not binding on the IRS.

Prior to the Spin-Off, Orbital ATK or one of its subsidiaries filed income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various U.S. state jurisdictions which included Vista Outdoor. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries filed income tax returns in foreign jurisdictions. After the Spin-Off we will be filing income tax returns in the U.S. federal, foreign and various U.S. state jurisdictions. With a few exceptions, Orbital ATK and its subsidiaries and Vista are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or foreign income tax examinations by tax authorities prior to 2008. The IRS has completed the audits of Orbital ATK through fiscal year 2012 and is currently auditing Orbital ATK's tax returns for fiscal years 2013 and 2014. We believe appropriate provisions for all outstanding issues relating to our portion of these returns have been made for all remaining open years in all jurisdictions.

Although the timing and outcome of audit settlements are uncertain, it is reasonably possible that a \$4,958 reduction of the uncertain tax benefits will occur in the next 12 months. The settlement of these unrecognized tax benefits could result in earnings from \$0 to \$4,536.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

We manage our business to maximize operating cash flows as the primary source of liquidity. In addition to cash on hand and cash generated by operations, sources of liquidity include a committed credit facility and access to the public debt and equity markets. We use our cash to fund investments in our existing core businesses and for debt repayment, share repurchases, and acquisitions or other activities.

Cash Flow Summary

Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 are summarized as follows:

	January 3, 2016	December 28, 2014
Cash provided by operating activities	\$71,288	\$79,174
Cash used for investing activities	(487,721)	(30,634)
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	224,446	(21,112)
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	(830)	(1,666)
Net cash flows	\$(192,817)	\$25,762

Operating Activities.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$71,288 compared to \$79,174 in the prior year period, a change of \$7,886. This decrease was caused by investments in working capital, including inventory to support sales activities and income tax and interest payments in the current year.

Investing Activities.

Net cash used for investing activities increased by \$457,087, primarily caused by the acquisition of CamelBak and Jimmy Styks, partially offset by a decrease in capital expenditures.

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Financing Activities.

Cash flows related to financing activities in the prior year reflect changes in ATK's investment in us and the allocation of debt to us from Orbital ATK. Subsequent to the Spin-Off, we no longer participate in cash management and funding arrangements with Orbital ATK. Historically, we had utilized these arrangements to fund significant expenditures, such as manufacturing capacity expansion and acquisitions.

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$224,446, compared to a use of \$21,112 in the prior year period, a change of \$245,558, primarily due to the issuance of \$350,000 in notes and a payment from Orbital ATK to adjust the aggregate dividend paid to Orbital ATK in fiscal 2015, partially offset by \$115,194 of shares repurchased in the current year.

Liquidity

In addition to our normal operating cash requirements, our principal future cash requirements will be to fund capital expenditures, debt repayments, employee benefit obligations, share repurchases, and any strategic acquisitions. Our short-term cash requirements for operations are expected to consist mainly of capital expenditures to maintain and expand production facilities and working capital requirements. Our debt service requirements over the next two years consist of principal and interest payments due under the Credit Agreement, as well as interest payments on the 5.875% Notes, as discussed further below.

Based on our current financial condition, management believes that our cash position, combined with anticipated generation of cash flows and the availability of funding, if needed, through our Credit Agreement, access to debt and equity markets, as well as potential future sources of funding including additional bank financing, will be adequate to fund future growth as well as to service our currently anticipated long-term debt and pension obligations, make capital expenditures, and pay dividends over the next 12 months.

We do not expect that our access to liquidity sources will be materially impacted in the near future. There can be no assurance, however, that the cost or availability of future borrowings, if any, will not be materially impacted by capital market conditions.

Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreement

As of January 3, 2016, we had total indebtedness of \$686,875, which consisted of the following:

	January 3, 2016
Credit Agreement dated December 19, 2014:	
Term Loan due 2020	\$336,875
Revolving Credit Facility due 2020	—
Total principal amount of Credit Agreement	336,875
5.875% Senior Notes due 2023	350,000
Principal amount of long-term debt	686,875
Less: Current portion	17,500
Carrying amount of long-term debt, excluding current portion	\$669,375

See Note 10, "Long-Term Debt", to the consolidated and combined financial statements in Part II, Item 8 of the Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015 for a detailed discussion of the Credit Agreement, and Note 11 to the consolidated and combined financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this 10-Q for detailed discussion of the 5.875% Senior Notes.

Covenants

Credit Agreement

The Credit Agreement imposes restrictions on us, including limitations on our ability to incur additional debt, enter into capital leases, grant liens, pay dividends and make certain other payments, sell assets, make loans and investments, or merge or consolidate with or into another entity. In addition, the Credit Agreement limits our ability to enter into sale-and-leaseback transactions. The Credit Agreement allows us to make unlimited "restricted payments" (as defined in the Credit Agreement), which, among other items, allows payments for future share repurchases and dividends, as long as we maintain a certain amount of liquidity and maintain certain debt limits. When those requirements are not met, the limit under the Credit Agreement is equal to \$150,000 plus proceeds of any equity issuances plus 50% of net income since February 9, 2015.

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The Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that require us to maintain a consolidated interest coverage ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of not less than 3.00 to 1.00 and to maintain a consolidated leverage ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) of 3.50 to 1.00 or less. Our financial covenant ratios as of January 3, 2016 were as follows:

Requirement	Interest Coverage Ratio†	Leverage Ratio*
Requirement	3.00	3.50
Actual	11.68	1.91

† Not to be below the required financial ratio

* Not to exceed the required financial ratio

The Leverage Ratio is the sum of our total debt plus financial letters of credit and surety bonds, net of up to \$75,000 of cash, divided by Covenant EBITDA (which includes adjustments for items such as non-recurring or extraordinary non-cash items, non-cash charges related to stock-based compensation, and intangible asset impairment charges, as well as inclusion of EBITDA of acquired companies on a pro forma basis) for the past four fiscal quarters. The Interest Coverage Ratio is Covenant EBITDA divided by interest expense (excluding non-cash charges).

5.875% Notes

The indenture governing the 5.875% Notes contain covenants that, among other things, limit our ability to incur or permit to exist certain liens, sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of assets, consolidate, amalgamate, merge or sell all or substantially all of our assets, enter into transactions with affiliates, enter into agreements restricting our subsidiaries' ability to pay dividends, incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends or make other distributions or repurchase or redeem our capital stock, prepay, redeem or repurchase certain debt and make loans and investments.

The Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the 5.875% Notes contain cross-default provisions so that non-compliance with the covenants within one debt agreement could cause a default under other debt agreements as well. As of January 3, 2016, we were in compliance with the covenants and expect to be in compliance for the foreseeable future. However, our business, financial position and results of operations are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including some that may be beyond our control, and we cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to comply with all such financial covenants in the future. For example, during periods in which we experience declines in sales or otherwise experience the adverse impact of seasonality, we may not be able to comply with such financial covenants. Any failure to comply with the restrictions in the Credit Agreement may prevent us from drawing under the Revolving Credit Facility and may result in an event of default under the Credit Agreement, which default may allow the creditors to accelerate the related indebtedness and proceed against the collateral that secures the indebtedness.

Share Repurchases

On February 25, 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a new share repurchase program of up to \$200,000 worth of shares of our common stock, executable over two years. The shares may be purchased from time to time in open market, block purchase, or negotiated transactions, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The repurchase authorization also allows us to make repurchases under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. During the nine months ended January 3, 2016, we repurchased 2,607,436 shares for \$115,355. Since the inception of the program through January 3, 2016 we have repurchased 2,769,436 shares for \$122,225.

Any additional repurchases would be subject to market conditions and our compliance with our debt covenants, as described above.

Other Contractual Obligations and Commitments

There have been no material changes with respect to the contractual obligations and commitments or off-balance sheet arrangements described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2015.

Contingencies

Litigation. From time to time, we are subject to various legal proceedings, including lawsuits, which arise out of, and are incidental to, the conduct of our business. We do not consider any of such proceedings that are currently pending, individually or in the aggregate, to be material to our business or likely to result in a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows.

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Environmental Liabilities. Our operations and ownership or use of real property are subject to a number of federal, state, and local environmental laws and regulations, as well as applicable foreign laws and regulations, including those governing the discharge of hazardous materials, remediation of contaminated sites, and restoration of damage to the environment. We are obligated to conduct investigation and/or remediation activities at certain sites that we own or operate or formerly owned or operated.

We also have been identified as a PRP, along with other parties, in regulatory agency actions associated with hazardous waste sites. As a PRP, we may be required to pay a share of the costs of the investigation and clean-up of these sites. While uncertainties exist with respect to the amounts and timing of the ultimate environmental liabilities, based on currently available information, we have concluded that these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows.

We could incur substantial additional costs, including cleanup costs, resource restoration, fines, and penalties or third-party property damage or personal injury claims, as a result of violations or liabilities under environmental laws or non-compliance with environmental permits. While environmental laws and regulations have not had a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows in the past, and we have environmental management programs in place to mitigate these risks, it is difficult to predict whether they will have a material impact in the future.

New Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 1, "Basis of Presentation and Responsibility for Interim Financial Statements", to the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements in Item 1 of Part I of this report.

Dependence on Key Customers; Concentration of Credit

The loss of any key customer and our inability to replace revenues provided by a key customer may have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. For the nine months ended January 3, 2016 and December 28, 2014 no single customer accounted for more than 10% of total revenues. If a key customer fails to meet payment obligations, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Inflation and Commodity Price Risk

In management's opinion, inflation has not had a significant impact upon the results of our operations. However, we have been impacted by changes in the prices of raw materials used in production as well as changes in oil and energy costs. In particular, the prices of commodity metals, such as copper, zinc, and lead continue to be volatile. These prices generally impact our Shooting Sports Segment.

We have a strategic sourcing and price strategy to mitigate risk from commodity price fluctuation. We will continue to evaluate the need for future price changes in light of these trends, our competitive landscape, and our financial results. If our sourcing and pricing strategy is unable to offset impacts of the commodity price fluctuations, our future results from operations and cash flows would be materially impacted.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. To mitigate the risks from interest rate exposure, we may enter into hedging transactions, mainly interest rate swaps, through derivative financial instruments that have been authorized pursuant to corporate policies. We may use derivatives to hedge certain interest rate, foreign currency exchange rate, and commodity price risks, but do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes, and we are not a party to leveraged financial instruments. Additional information regarding the financial instruments is contained in Notes 1 and 3 to the unaudited condensed consolidated and combined financial statements. Our objective in managing exposure to changes in interest rates is to limit the impact of such changes on earnings and cash flow and to lower the overall borrowing costs.

We measure market risk related to holdings of financial instruments based on changes in interest rates utilizing a sensitivity analysis. The sensitivity analysis measures the potential loss in fair values, cash flows, and earnings based on a hypothetical change (increase and decrease) in interest rates. We used current market rates on the debt portfolio to perform the sensitivity analysis. Certain items such as lease contracts, insurance contracts, and obligations for pension and other postretirement benefits were not included in the analysis.

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We conduct business through our subsidiaries in many different countries, and fluctuations in currency exchange rates could have a significant impact on the reported results of operations, which are presented in U.S. dollars. Cross-border transactions, both with external parties and intercompany relationships, result in increased exposure to foreign exchange effects. Accordingly, significant changes in currency exchange rates, particularly the Euro, the British Pound, the Chinese Renminbi (Yuan), the Canadian dollar, and the Australian dollar, could cause fluctuations in the reported results of our businesses' operations that could negatively affect our results of operations. To mitigate the risks from foreign currency exposure, we may enter into hedging transactions, mainly foreign currency forward contracts, through derivative financial instruments that have been authorized pursuant to corporate policies. In addition, sales and expenses of our non-U.S. businesses are also translated into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes and the strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar could result in unfavorable translation effects.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of January 3, 2016, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) and have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended January 3, 2016 there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are subject to various legal proceedings, including lawsuits, which arise out of, and are incidental to, the conduct of our business. Notwithstanding that the unfavorable resolution of any matter may have a material effect on our net earnings in any particular quarter, we do not consider any of such proceedings that are currently pending, individually or in the aggregate, to be material to our business or likely to result in a material adverse effect on our future operating results, financial condition, or cash flows.

We also have been identified as a PRP, along with other parties, in regulatory agency actions associated with hazardous waste sites. As a PRP, we may be required to pay a share of the costs of the investigation and clean-up of these sites. While uncertainties exist with respect to the amounts and timing of the ultimate environmental liabilities, based on currently available information, we do not currently expect that these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows.

The description of certain environmental laws and regulations contained in Part I, Item 2, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" under the heading "Contingencies" is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

While we attempt to identify, manage and mitigate risks and uncertainties associated with our business to the extent practical under the circumstances, some level of risk and uncertainty will always be present. Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2015 describes the known material risks and uncertainties associated with our business. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, projected results, and future prospects.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS
ISSUER REPURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Period	Total Number of Shares Repurchased(1)	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Repurchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan or Program	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Repurchased Under the Plan or Program(2)*
October 5, 2015 - November 1, 2015	432,988	\$43.26	429,707	
November 2, 2015 - November 29, 2015	508,331	44.03	508,043	
November 30, 2015 - January 3, 2016	467,979	43.55	467,979	
Fiscal Quarter Ended January 3, 2016	1,409,298	\$43.64	1,405,729	1,747,353

* The maximum number of shares that may yet be repurchased under the program was calculated using the Vista Outdoor closing stock price of \$44.51 on December 31, 2015.

(1) Included in the total number of shares repurchased were 3,569 shares withheld to pay taxes upon vesting of shares of restricted stock or payment of performance shares that were granted under our incentive compensation plans.

On February 25, 2015, our Board authorized the repurchase of up to up to \$200 million worth of shares of our common stock, executable over the next two years. We repurchased 2,607,436 shares for \$115,355 in the nine months ended January 3, 2016 under this program. Since the inception of the program through January 3, 2016 we (2) have repurchased 2,769,436 shares for \$122,225. The shares were purchased from time to time in open market, block purchase, or negotiated transactions, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The repurchase authorization also allowed the Company to make repurchases under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

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ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit (and document from which incorporated by reference, if applicable)
2.1*	Transaction Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2014, among Alliant Techsystems Inc., Vista SpinCo Inc., Vista Merger Sub Inc. and Orbital Sciences Corporation (Exhibit 2.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 10, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2014).
2.2*+	Transition Services Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Inc. and Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 2.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
2.3*+	Ammunition Products Supply Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC and Federal Cartridge Company (Exhibit 2.3 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
2.4*+	Powder Products Supply Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC and Federal Cartridge Company (Exhibit 2.4 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
2.5*+	Tax Matters Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Inc. and Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 2.5 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
3.1*	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 3.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
3.2*	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 3.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
4.1*	Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 4.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).
4.2*	Indenture, dated as of August 11, 2015, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).
4.3*	Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 11, 2015, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).
4.4*	Form of 5.875% Senior Note due 2023 (Exhibit 4.3 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).
4.5*	Registration Rights Agreement, dated August 11, 2015, by and among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC, as initial purchaser of the Notes (Exhibit 4.4 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).
10.1*	Offer Letter between Vista Outdoor Inc. and Kelly T. Grindle (Exhibit 10.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 17, 2015).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer.

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Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

101.INS XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.
101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

* Incorporated by reference.

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+ Schedules to exhibits have been omitted from this filing pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) of Regulation S-K. Vista Outdoor agrees to furnish supplementally a copy of any omitted schedules to the SEC upon its request; provided, however, that we may request confidential treatment pursuant to Rule 24b-2 of the Exchange Act for any document so furnished.

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SIGNATURES

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.

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.

Date: February 11, 2016

By: /s/ Stephen M. Nolan

Name: Stephen M. Nolan

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(On behalf of the Registrant and as principal financial officer)