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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended February 28, 2017

OR

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

Commission File No. 1-11288

ACTUANT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin 39-0168610
(State of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Id. No.)
N86 W12500 WESTBROOK CROSSING
MENOMONEE FALLS, WISCONSIN 53051
Mailing address: P. O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201
(Address of principal executive offices)
(262) 293-1500
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 definition of "accelerated filer," "large accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☒ Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐ (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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 ☒

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Class A Common Stock as of March 31, 2017 was 59,682,865.

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| FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS AND CAUTIONARY FACTORS | |
| <p>This quarterly report on Form 10-Q contains certain statements that constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 that involve risks and uncertainties. Such forward-looking statements include statements regarding expected financial results and other planned events, including, but not limited to, anticipated liquidity, and capital expenditures. Words such as “may,” “should,” “could,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “expect,” “plan,” “project” and similar expressions are intended to identify such forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Therefore, actual future events or results may differ materially from these statements. We disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or any other reason.</p> <p>The following is a list of factors, among others, that could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • economic uncertainty or a prolonged economic downturn; • end market conditions in the industrial, oil & gas, energy, power generation, infrastructure, commercial construction, truck, automotive, specialty vehicle, mining and agriculture industries; • competition in the markets we serve and market acceptance of existing and new products; • our ability to successfully identify and integrate acquisitions and realize anticipated benefits/results from acquired companies; • divestitures and/or discontinued operations including retained liabilities from businesses that we sell; • | |

operating margin risk due to competitive pricing, operating inefficiencies, production levels and material, labor and overhead cost increases;

• our international operations present special risks, primarily from currency exchange rate fluctuations, exposure to local economic and political conditions, export and import restrictions and controls on repatriation of cash;

• regulatory and legal developments including changes to United States taxation rules, conflict mineral supply chain compliance, environmental laws and governmental climate change initiatives;

• the potential for a non-cash asset impairment charge, if operating performance or the outlook at one or more of our businesses were to fall significantly below current levels;

• our ability to execute our share repurchase program, which depends in part, on our free cash flow, liquidity and changes in the trading price of our common stock;

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• our ability to execute restructuring actions and the realization of anticipated cost saving from those restructuring actions and cost reductions efforts;

• a significant failure in information technology (IT) infrastructure and systems, unauthorized access to financial and other sensitive data or cybersecurity threats;

• due to the assembly nature of our operations we purchase a significant amount of components from suppliers and our reliance on suppliers involves certain risks;

• litigation, including product liability and warranty claims;

• inadequate intellectual property protection or if our products are deemed to infringe on the intellectual property of others;

• our level of indebtedness, ability to comply with the financial and other covenants in our debt agreements and fluctuations in interest rates; and

• numerous other matters including those of a political, economic, business, competitive and regulatory nature contained from time to time in U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings, including, but not limited to, those factors listed in the "Risk Factors" section within Item 1A of Part I of the Form 10-K filed with the SEC on October 28, 2016.

When used herein, the terms "Actuant," "we," "us," "our" and the "Company" refer to Actuant Corporation and its subsidiaries. Actuant Corporation provides free-of-charge access to its Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and all amendments thereto, through its website, www.actuant.com, as soon as reasonably practical after such reports are electronically filed with the SEC.

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PART I—FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1—Financial Statements

ACTUANT CORPORATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 29, 2016 | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Net sales | \$258,869 | \$263,289 | \$524,662 | \$568,300 |
| Cost of products sold | 171,543 | 172,259 | 344,269 | 368,709 |
| Gross profit | 87,326 | 91,030 | 180,393 | 199,591 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 66,957 | 67,172 | 135,561 | 140,083 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 5,069 | 5,880 | 10,330 | 11,779 |
| Director & officer transition charges | — | — | 7,784 | — |
| Restructuring charges | 2,101 | 3,582 | 5,048 | 7,962 |
| Impairment charges | — | 186,511 | — | 186,511 |
| Operating profit (loss) | 13,199 | (172,115) | 21,670 | (146,744) |
| Financing costs, net | 7,334 | 6,866 | 14,467 | 13,982 |
| Other expense (income), net | 591 | 235 | (38) | 855 |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 5,274 | (179,216) | 7,241 | (161,581) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 200 | (20,026) | (2,798) | (17,839) |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$5,074 | \$(159,190) | \$10,039 | \$(143,742) |
| Earnings (loss) per share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$0.09 | \$(2.70) | \$0.17 | \$(2.43) |
| Diluted | \$0.08 | \$(2.70) | \$0.17 | \$(2.43) |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 59,368 | 58,991 | 59,170 | 59,089 |
| Diluted | 60,146 | 58,991 | 59,881 | 59,089 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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ACTUANT CORPORATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$5,074 | \$(159,190) | \$10,039 | \$(143,742) |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments | 2,909 | (14,322) | (23,749) | (35,496) |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit plans, net of tax | 202 | 158 | 738 | 375 |
| Cash flow hedges, net of tax | — | 13 | — | 36 |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax | 3,111 | (14,151) | (23,011) | (35,085) |
| Comprehensive income (loss) | \$8,185 | \$(173,341) | \$(12,972) | \$(178,827) |
| See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements | | | | |

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ACTUANT CORPORATION
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

| | February 28, 2017 | August 31, 2016 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$171,890 | \$179,604 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 201,914 | 186,829 |
| Inventories, net | 127,573 | 130,756 |
| Other current assets | 53,984 | 45,463 |
| Total current assets | 555,361 | 542,652 |
| Property, plant and equipment | | |
| Land, buildings and improvements | 41,147 | 41,504 |
| Machinery and equipment | 275,745 | 268,362 |
| Gross property, plant and equipment | 316,892 | 309,866 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (201,700) | (195,851) |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 115,192 | 114,015 |
| Goodwill | 509,078 | 519,276 |
| Other intangibles, net | 225,559 | 239,475 |
| Other long-term assets | 21,844 | 23,242 |
| Total assets | \$1,427,034 | \$1,438,660 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$124,949 | \$115,051 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 42,363 | 46,901 |
| Current maturities of debt and short-term borrowings | 26,250 | 18,750 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,113 | 9,254 |
| Other current liabilities | 49,229 | 51,956 |
| Total current liabilities | 243,904 | 241,912 |
| Long-term debt, net | 547,058 | 561,681 |
| Deferred income taxes | 31,037 | 31,356 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit liabilities | 24,142 | 25,667 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 55,884 | 57,094 |
| Total liabilities | 902,025 | 917,710 |
| Shareholders' equity | | |
| Class A common stock, \$0.20 par value per share, authorized 168,000,000 shares, issued 80,063,210 and 79,393,393 shares, respectively | 16,013 | 15,879 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 131,877 | 114,980 |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 20,439,434 shares | (617,731) | (617,731) |
| Retained earnings | 1,269,684 | 1,259,645 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (274,834) | (251,823) |
| Stock held in trust | (2,354) | (2,646) |
| Deferred compensation liability | 2,354 | 2,646 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 525,009 | 520,950 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$1,427,034 | \$1,438,660 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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ACTUANT CORPORATION

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | Six Months Ended | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 |
| Operating Activities | | |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$10,039 | \$(143,742) |
| Adjustments to reconcile net earnings (loss) to cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 21,625 | 24,858 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 12,177 | 5,778 |
| Benefit for deferred income taxes | 551 | 420 |
| Impairment charges, net of deferred tax benefits | — | 169,056 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 826 | 826 |
| Other non-cash adjustments | 715 | (619) |
| Changes in components of working capital and other: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (20,897) | 8,437 |
| Inventories | (394) | (5,399) |
| Trade accounts payable | 12,276 | (4,926) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (10,819) | (8,404) |
| Income taxes payable/receivable | (7,567) | (17,437) |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | (3,704) | (2,281) |
| Other accrued liabilities | (795) | 2,296 |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 14,033 | 28,863 |
| Investing Activities | | |
| Capital expenditures | (14,695) | (11,004) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 244 | 4,636 |
| Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired | — | (15,026) |
| Cash used in investing activities | (14,451) | (21,394) |
| Financing Activities | | |
| Net repayments on revolving credit facilities and other debt | — | (210) |
| Principal repayments on term loan | (7,500) | — |
| Purchase of treasury shares | — | (9,352) |
| Taxes paid related to the net share settlement of equity awards | (920) | (1,332) |
| Stock option exercises, related tax benefits and other | 6,598 | 2,245 |
| Cash dividend | (2,358) | (2,376) |
| Cash used in financing activities | (4,180) | (11,025) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | (3,116) | (10,619) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (7,714) | (14,175) |
| Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of period | 179,604 | 168,846 |
| Cash and cash equivalents – end of period | \$171,890 | \$154,671 |
| See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements | | |

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NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

General

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Actuant Corporation (“Actuant,” or the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial reporting and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. The condensed consolidated balance sheet data as of August 31, 2016 was derived from the Company’s audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by United States generally accepted accounting principles. For additional information, including the Company’s significant accounting policies, refer to the consolidated financial statements and related footnotes in the Company’s fiscal 2016 Annual Report on Form 10-K. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair statement of financial results have been made. Such adjustments consist of only those of a normal recurring nature. Operating results for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the entire fiscal year ending August 31, 2017.

New Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs, which includes amendments that require that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. Under the new guidance, the recognition and measurement of debt issuance costs is not affected. This guidance was adopted on September 1, 2016. As a result of adoption, debt issuance costs of \$3.9 million were reclassified from other long-term assets to long-term debt, net (contra liability) on the balance sheet as of August 31, 2016. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-15, Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements, further clarifying that ASU 2015-03 relates only to the presentation of debt issuance costs related to term loans and does not relate to lines-of-credit or revolvers. As such, the debt issuance costs related to the Company’s revolver remain classified in other long-term assets.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments, which eliminates the requirement to retrospectively account for changes to provisional amounts initially recorded in a business acquisition opening balance sheet. This guidance was adopted on September 1, 2016. The adoption did not have a material impact on the financial statements of the Company.

In October 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-16, Intra-Entity Transfers of Assets Other Than Inventory, which amends the existing guidance to prohibit immediate recognition of the current and deferred income tax impacts of intra-entity asset transfers. The ASU eliminates this prohibition for all intra-entity asset transfers, except inventory. This guidance was adopted, on a modified retrospective basis, at September 1, 2016. The adoption did not have a material impact on the cumulative retained earnings or on the current condensed consolidated financial statements of the Company.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, which removes the requirement to compare the implied fair value of goodwill with its carrying amount as part of step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. As a result, under the ASU, an entity should perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount and should recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit’s fair value; however, the impairment loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. This guidance is effective prospectively for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed after January 1, 2017.

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, Stock Compensation: Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting, which will simplify several aspects of accounting for share-based payment transactions. The guidance will require, among other items, that all excess tax deficiencies or benefits be recorded as income tax expense or benefit in the statement of earnings, and not in additional paid-in capital (shareholder’s equity). This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016 (fiscal 2018 for the Company), and interim

periods within those annual periods. The Company is continuing to evaluate the impact of adopting this standard. In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. Under ASU 2014-09 and subsequent updates included in ASU 2016-10 and ASU 2016-12, an entity will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects what it expects to receive in exchange for the goods or services. It also requires more detailed disclosures to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2017 (fiscal 2019 for the Company). The Company has begun assessing its various revenue streams to identify performance obligations under these ASUs and the key aspects of the standard that will impact the Company's revenue recognition process.

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Based upon our preliminary assessments these standards may impact our allocation of contract revenue between various products and services, the timing of when those revenues are recognized and the treatment of certain costs to obtain a contract. Given the diversity of its commercial arrangements, the Company is continuing to assess the impact these standards may have on its consolidated results of operation, financial position, cash flows and financial statement disclosures.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing all lease transactions (with terms in excess of 12 months) on the balance sheet as a lease liability and a right-of-use asset. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018 (fiscal 2020 of the Company), including interim periods within those fiscal years. Upon adoption, the lessee will apply the new standard retrospectively to all periods presented or retrospectively using a cumulative effect adjustment in the year of adoption. The Company is currently gathering, documenting and analyzing lease agreements related this ASU and anticipates material additions to the balance sheet upon adoption of right-of-use assets, offset by the associated liabilities, due to our routine use of operating leases over time.

In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230), Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, to address how certain cash receipts and cash payments are presented and classified in the statement of cash flows. This update addresses eight specific cash flow issues with the objective of reducing the existing diversity in practice. This guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017 (fiscal 2019 of the Company), including interim periods within those fiscal years. This update will require adoption on a retrospective basis unless it is impracticable to apply. The Company does not believe that this guidance will have a significant impact on its presentation of the statement of cash flows.

Note 2. Director & Officer Transition Charges

During the six months ended February 28, 2017, the Company recorded separation and transition charges of \$7.8 million in connection with the retirement of one director of the Company's Board of Directors and the transition of the Executive Vice President/Chief Financial Officer. The charges were mainly comprised of compensation expense for accelerated equity vesting, severance, outplacement, legal, signing bonus and relocation costs.

Note 3. Restructuring Charges

The Company has committed to various restructuring initiatives including workforce reductions, plant consolidations to reduce manufacturing overhead, satellite office closures, the continued movement of production and product sourcing to low cost alternatives and the centralization and standardization of certain administrative functions. Total restructuring charges for these activities were \$2.1 million and \$3.6 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively. Year-to-date restructuring charges totaled \$5.0 million and \$8.0 million for fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively, and impacted all segments. Liabilities for severance will be paid during the next twelve months, while future lease payments related to facilities vacated as a result of restructuring will be paid over the underlying remaining lease terms.

The following rollforwards summarize restructuring reserve activity, by segment (in thousands):

| | Six Months Ended February 28, 2017 | | | | |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------|----------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Industrial | Energy | Engineered Solutions | Corporate | Total |
| Balance as of August 31, 2016 | \$1,343 | \$3,021 | \$1,863 | \$46 | \$6,273 |
| Restructuring charges | 1,372 | 48 | 3,546 | 82 | 5,048 |
| Cash payments | (1,394) | (973) | (2,312) | (83) | (4,762) |
| Other non-cash uses of reserve | (438) | (14) | (16) | (36) | (504) |
| Impact of changes in foreign currency rates | (21) | 44 | (8) | — | 15 |
| Balance as of February 28, 2017 | \$862 | \$2,126 | \$3,073 | \$9 | \$6,070 |
| | Six Months Ended February 29, 2016 | | | | |
| | Industrial | Energy | Engineered Solutions | Corporate | Total |
| Balance as of August 31, 2015 | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— | \$— |
| Restructuring charges | 984 | 3,308 | 3,412 | 258 | 7,962 |

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|---------------------------------------------|--------|---------|----------|--------|----------|
| Cash payments | (361) | (256) | (1,120) | (157) | (1,894) |
| Other non-cash uses of reserve | — | (29) | (136) | (1) | (166) |
| Impact of changes in foreign currency rates | — | (39) | 11 | — | (28) |
| Balance as of February 29, 2016 | \$623 | \$2,984 | \$ 2,167 | \$ 100 | \$5,874 |

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Note 4. Acquisitions

During fiscal 2016, the Company completed two acquisitions which resulted in the recognition of goodwill in the condensed consolidated financial statements because their purchase price reflected the future earnings and cash flow potential of the acquired companies, as well as the complementary strategic fit and resulting synergies the acquisitions were expected to bring to existing operations. The Company makes an initial allocation of the purchase price at the date of acquisition, based upon its understanding of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities. If additional information is obtained about these assets and liabilities within the measurement period (not to exceed one year from the date of acquisition), through asset appraisals and other sources, the Company will refine its estimates of fair value and adjust the initial purchase price allocation.

The Company acquired the stock of Larzep, S.A. ("Larzep") on February 17, 2016 for a purchase price of \$15.9 million net of cash acquired. This Industrial segment tuck-in acquisition is headquartered in Mallabia, Spain and is a supplier of hydraulic tools and solutions. The purchase price allocation resulted in \$9.7 million of goodwill (which is not deductible for tax purposes) and \$4.8 million of intangible assets, including \$3.6 million of customer relationships and \$1.2 million of tradenames.

The Company also acquired the assets of the Middle East, Caspian and the North African business of FourQuest Energy Inc. ("Pipeline and Process Services") for \$65.5 million on March 30, 2016. This Hydratight tuck-in acquisition was funded with existing cash and expanded the geographic presence and service offerings of the Energy segment, including pipeline pre-commissioning, engineering, chemical cleaning and leak testing. The preliminary purchase price allocation resulted in \$38.6 million of goodwill (which is not deductible for tax purposes) and \$8.7 million of intangible assets, including \$8.0 million of customer relationships and \$0.7 million of non-compete agreements. During fiscal 2017, goodwill related to this acquisition increased by \$2.3 million, as a result of adjustments to reflect the fair value of acquired accounts receivables.

The two acquisitions generated combined sales of \$8.4 million, and \$17.7 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017, respectively. The Company incurred acquisition transaction costs of \$0.7 million and \$1.3 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016, respectively.

The following unaudited pro forma operating results of the Company give effect to these acquisitions as though the transactions and related financing activities occurred on September 1, 2015 (in thousands, expect per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 |
| Net sales | | | | |
| As reported | \$258,869 | \$263,289 | \$524,662 | \$568,300 |
| Pro forma | 258,869 | 275,115 | 524,662 | 591,009 |
| Net earnings (loss) | | | | |
| As reported | \$5,074 | \$(159,190) | \$10,039 | \$(143,742) |
| Pro forma | 5,074 | (157,038) | 10,039 | (140,198) |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share | | | | |
| As reported | \$0.09 | \$(2.70) | \$0.17 | \$(2.43) |
| Pro forma | 0.09 | (2.66) | 0.17 | (2.37) |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | | | | |
| As reported | \$0.08 | \$(2.70) | \$0.17 | \$(2.43) |
| Pro forma | 0.08 | (2.66) | 0.17 | (2.37) |

Note 5. Divestiture Activities

On August 25, 2016, the Company completed the divestiture of its Sanlo business (Engineered Solutions segment) for \$9.7 million in cash, net of transaction costs. This divestiture resulted in a \$5.1 million pre-tax loss, but a \$1.6 million gain net of tax, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2016. The results of the Sanlo business (which had net sales of \$2.5

million and \$5.5 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016) are not material to the consolidated financial results and are included in the results from continuing operations in fiscal 2016.

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Note 6. Goodwill, Intangible Assets and Long-Lived Assets

The changes in the carrying value of goodwill for the six months ended February 28, 2017 are as follows (in thousands):

| | Industrial | Energy | Engineered Solutions | Total |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
| Balance as of August 31, 2016 | \$101,739 | \$187,321 | \$230,216 | \$519,276 |
| Purchase accounting adjustments | (59) | 2,320 | — | 2,261 |
| Impact of changes in foreign currency rates | (1,812) | (4,947) | (5,700) | (12,459) |
| Balance as of February 28, 2017 | \$99,868 | \$184,694 | \$224,516 | \$509,078 |

The gross carrying value and accumulated amortization of the Company's other intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

| | | February 28, 2017 | | | August 31, 2016 | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | Weighted Average Amortization Period (Years) | Gross Carrying Value | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value | Gross Carrying Value | Accumulated Amortization | Net Book Value |
| Amortizable intangible assets: | | | | | | | |
| Customer relationships | 15 | \$287,584 | \$171,853 | \$115,731 | \$292,671 | \$166,252 | \$126,419 |
| Patents | 11 | 29,992 | 23,047 | 6,945 | 30,296 | 22,233 | 8,063 |
| Trademarks and tradenames | 18 | 21,200 | 8,503 | 12,697 | 21,283 | 7,936 | 13,347 |
| Other intangibles | 3 | 6,506 | 5,950 | 556 | 6,627 | 5,890 | 737 |
| Indefinite lived intangible assets: | | | | | | | |
| Tradenames | N/A | 89,630 | — | 89,630 | 90,909 | — | 90,909 |
| | | \$434,912 | \$209,353 | \$225,559 | \$441,786 | \$202,311 | \$239,475 |

The Company estimates that amortization expense will be \$10.0 million for the remaining six months of fiscal 2017. Amortization expense for future years is estimated to be: \$19.9 million in fiscal 2018, \$19.3 million in 2019, \$18.7 million in fiscal 2020, \$17.8 million in fiscal 2021, \$15.8 million in fiscal 2022 and \$34.4 million thereafter. The future amortization expense amounts represent estimates and may be impacted by future acquisitions, divestitures or changes in foreign currency exchange rates.

Fiscal 2016 Interim Impairment Charge

The prolonged unfavorable conditions in the global oil & gas markets, including additional cuts in projected capital spending by energy customers, reduced exploration, drilling and commissioning activities and excess capacity in the industry were expected to have an adverse impact on the future financial results of the Cortland and Viking businesses. Accordingly, during the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company recognized a \$140.9 million impairment charge (as a result of lower projected future sales and profits) related to the Cortland and Viking businesses.

Additionally, weakness in off-highway vehicle and agricultural markets, coupled with challenging overall industrial fundamentals, reductions in OEM customer build rates and production schedules and delays in the start of production by certain European OEMs for new or updated design models resulted in reduced sales and profitability of the maximatecc business. As a result of lower projected sales and profits, during the second quarter of fiscal 2016, the Company recognized a \$45.7 million impairment charge related to the maximatecc business.

A summary of the second quarter fiscal 2016 impairment charge by reporting unit is as follows (in thousands):

| | Cortland | Viking | maximatecc | Total |
|------------------------------------|----------|----------|------------|-----------|
| Goodwill | \$34,502 | \$39,099 | \$44,521 | \$118,122 |
| Indefinite lived intangible assets | 2,211 | 13,289 | 1,153 | 16,653 |
| Amortizable intangible assets | — | 27,952 | — | 27,952 |
| Fixed assets | — | 23,784 | — | 23,784 |

\$36,713 \$104,124 \$ 45,674 \$186,511

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Note 7. Product Warranty Costs

The Company generally offers its customers a warranty on products sold, although warranty periods vary by product type and application. The reserve for future warranty claims is based on historical claim rates and current warranty cost experience. The following is a rollforward of the product warranty reserve (in thousands):

| | Six Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 |
| Beginning balance | \$5,592 | \$3,718 |
| Provision for warranties | 1,482 | 2,096 |
| Warranty payments and costs incurred | (3,096) | (2,297) |
| Impact of changes in foreign currency rates | (101) | (66) |
| Ending balance | \$3,877 | \$3,451 |

Note 8. Debt

The following is a summary of the Company's long-term indebtedness (in thousands):

| | February 28, August 31, 2017 2016 | |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Senior Credit Facility | | |
| Revolver (\$600 million) | \$ — | \$ — |
| Term Loan | 288,750 | 296,250 |
| Total Senior Credit Facility | 288,750 | 296,250 |
| 5.625% Senior Notes | 288,059 | 288,059 |
| Total Senior Indebtedness | 576,809 | 584,309 |
| Less: Current maturities of long-term debt | (26,250) | (18,750) |
| Debt issuance costs | (3,501) | (3,878) |
| Total long-term debt, net | \$ 547,058 | \$ 561,681 |

The Company's Senior Credit Facility matures on May 8, 2020, provides a \$600 million revolver, an amortizing term loan and a \$450 million expansion option, subject to certain conditions. Borrowings are subject to a pricing grid, which can result in increases or decreases to the borrowing spread, depending on the Company's leverage ratio, ranging from 1.00% to 2.25% in the case of loans bearing interest at LIBOR and from 0.00% to 1.25% in the case of loans bearing interest at the base rate. As of February 28, 2017, the borrowing spread on LIBOR based borrowings was 2.00% (aggregating to a 2.75% variable rate borrowing cost). In addition, a non-use fee is payable quarterly on the average unused credit line under the revolver ranging from 0.15% to 0.35% per annum. As of February 28, 2017, the unused credit line under the revolver was \$595.6 million, of which \$96.7 million was available for borrowing. The amount immediately available for borrowing represents the maximum additional borrowings that could be utilized by the Company (based upon current earnings and net debt) without violating compliance with the associated financial covenants described below. Quarterly term loan principal payments of \$3.8 million began on June 30, 2016, and increase to \$7.5 million starting on June 30, 2017, with the remaining principal due at maturity. The Senior Credit Facility, which is secured by substantially all of the Company's domestic personal property assets, also contains customary limits and restrictions concerning investments, sales of assets, liens on assets, dividends and other payments. The two financial covenants included in the Senior Credit Facility agreement are a maximum leverage ratio of 3.75:1 and a minimum interest coverage ratio of 3.5:1. The Company was in compliance with all financial covenants at February 28, 2017.

On April 16, 2012, the Company issued \$300 million of 5.625% Senior Notes due 2022 (the "Senior Notes"), of which \$288.1 million remains outstanding at February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016. The Senior Notes require no principal installments prior to their June 15, 2022 maturity, require semiannual interest payments in December and June of each year and contain certain financial and non-financial covenants. The Senior Notes include a call feature that allows the Company to repurchase them anytime on or after June 15, 2017 at stated redemption prices (ranging from 100.0% to

102.8%), plus accrued and unpaid interest.

Note 9. Fair Value Measurement

The Company assesses the inputs used to measure the fair value of financial assets and liabilities using a three-tier hierarchy. Level 1 inputs include quoted prices for identical instruments and are the most observable. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and observable inputs such as interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity rates and yield curves.

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Level 3 inputs are not observable in the market and include management's own judgments about the assumptions market participation would use in pricing an asset or liability.

The fair value of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, foreign currency derivatives, accounts receivable, accounts payable and variable rate long-term debt approximated book value at both February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016 due to their short-term nature and the fact that the interest rates approximated market rates. The fair value of the Company's outstanding Senior Notes was \$296.7 million and \$299.6 million at February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016, respectively. The fair value of the Senior Notes was based on quoted inactive market prices and is therefore classified as Level 2 within the valuation hierarchy.

Note 10. Derivatives

The Company is exposed to market risk for changes in foreign currency exchange rates due to the global nature of its operations. In order to manage this risk the Company hedges certain portions of its recognized balances and forecasted cash flows that are denominated in non-functional currencies. All derivatives are recognized in the balance sheet at their estimated fair value. On the date it enters into a derivative contract, the Company designates the derivative as a hedge of a recognized asset or liability ("fair value hedge") or a hedge of a forecasted transaction or of the variability of cash flows to be received or paid related to a recognized asset or liability ("cash flow hedge"). The Company does not enter into derivatives for speculative purposes. Changes in the value of fair value hedges and non-designated hedges are recorded in earnings along with the gain or loss on the hedged asset or liability, while changes in the value of cash flow hedges are recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss, until earnings are affected by the variability of cash flows.

The U.S. dollar equivalent notional value of short duration foreign currency forward contracts (fair value hedges or non-designated hedges) was \$38.7 million and \$143.4 million, at February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016, respectively. Net foreign currency gains (losses) related to these derivative instruments are as follows (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 28, 2016 | |
| Foreign currency (loss) gain | \$(474) | \$ 1,062 | \$(1,966) | \$ (634) |

These derivative gains and losses offset foreign currency gains and losses from the related revaluation of non-functional currency assets and liabilities (amounts included in other expense (income), net in the condensed consolidated statement of operations).

Note 11. Capital Stock and Share Repurchases

The Company's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock under publicly announced share repurchase programs. Since the inception of the initial share repurchase program in fiscal 2012, the Company has repurchased 20,439,434 shares of common stock for \$618 million. As of February 28, 2017, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the programs is 7,560,566 shares. There were no share repurchases in the three and six months ended February 28, 2017, respectively.

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The reconciliation between basic and diluted earnings per share is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 28, 2016 | |
| Numerator: | | | | |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$5,074 | \$(159,190) | \$10,039 | \$(143,742) |
| Denominator: | | | | |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - basic | 59,368 | 58,991 | 59,170 | 59,089 |
| Net effect of dilutive securities - stock based compensation plans | 778 | — | 711 | — |
| Weighted average common shares outstanding - diluted | 60,146 | 58,991 | \$59,881 | \$59,089 |
| Basic earnings (loss) per share | \$0.09 | \$(2.70) | \$0.17 | \$(2.43) |
| Diluted earnings (loss) per share | 0.08 | (2.70) | 0.17 | (2.43) |

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Anti-dilutive securities from stock based compensation plans (excluded from earnings per share calculation) | 2,011 | 5,146 | 1,987 | 5,146 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|

Note 12. Income Taxes

The Company's income tax expense or benefit is impacted by a number of factors, including the amount of taxable earnings generated in foreign jurisdictions with tax rates that are lower than the U.S. federal statutory rate, permanent items, state tax rates and the ability to utilize various tax credits and net operating loss carryforwards. The Company's global operations, acquisition activity and specific tax attributes provide opportunities for continuous global tax planning initiatives to maximize tax credits and deductions. Both the current and prior year include the benefits of tax planning initiatives. Comparative earnings (loss) before income taxes, income tax expense (benefit) and effective income tax rates are as follows (amounts in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 28, 2016 | |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | \$5,274 | \$(179,216) | \$7,241 | \$(161,581) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 200 | (20,026) | (2,798) | (17,839) |
| Effective income tax rate | 3.8 | % 11.2 | % (38.6) | % 11.0 |
| Adjusted effective income tax rate ⁽¹⁾ | 3.8 | % (35.6) | % (38.6) | % (1.6) |

⁽¹⁾ Adjusted effective income tax rate excludes the impairment charge of \$186.5 million (\$169.1 million after tax) in fiscal 2016.

Both the current and prior year effective income tax rates were impacted by the proportion of earnings in foreign jurisdictions with income tax rates lower than the U.S. federal income tax rate and the amount of income tax benefits from tax planning initiatives. The Company's earnings (loss) before income taxes, excluding impairment charges, were made up of 85% of earnings from foreign jurisdictions in both fiscal 2017 and 2016. This foreign income tax rate differential had the effect of reducing the effective income tax rate from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate by 21.2% and by 19.6%, in fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively, excluding the second quarter fiscal 2016 impairment charge. In addition, the recognition of income tax planning benefits resulting from certain losses from prior years for which no benefit was previously recognized resulted in a 19.4% reduction from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate for fiscal 2017. Income tax planning benefits related to certain foreign currency gains and losses recognized for tax purposes resulted in a 10.1% reduction from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate for fiscal 2016, excluding the impairment charge. The tax benefits related to these tax planning initiatives are not expected to repeat in future periods due to certain tax attributes that are no longer available and subsequent changes in relevant tax laws.

Note 13. Segment Information

The Company is a global manufacturer of a broad range of industrial products and systems and is organized into three reportable segments: Industrial, Energy and Engineered Solutions. The Industrial segment is primarily involved in the design, manufacture and distribution of branded hydraulic and mechanical tools to the maintenance, industrial, infrastructure and production automation markets. During 2017, the Company rebranded its Integrated Solutions product line to Heavy Lifting

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Technology to align the brand with the solutions offered. The Energy segment provides joint integrity products and services, customized offshore vessel mooring solutions, as well as rope and cable solutions to the global oil & gas, power generation and other markets. The Engineered Solutions segment provides highly engineered position and motion control systems to original equipment manufacturers ("OEM") in various on and off-highway vehicle markets, as well as a variety of other products to the industrial and agricultural markets.

The following tables summarize financial information by reportable segment and product line (in thousands):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 | February 28, 2017 | February 29, 2016 |
| Net Sales by Reportable Product Line & Segment: | | | | |
| Industrial Segment: | | | | |
| Industrial Tools | \$78,679 | \$72,095 | \$157,718 | \$151,828 |
| Heavy Lifting Technology | 12,969 | 9,093 | 21,220 | 18,231 |
| | 91,648 | 81,188 | 178,938 | 170,059 |
| Energy Segment: | | | | |
| Energy Maintenance & Integrity | 51,590 | 58,551 | 116,411 | 137,385 |
| Other Energy Solutions | 21,294 | 27,674 | 41,119 | 62,602 |
| | 72,884 | 86,225 | 157,530 | 199,987 |
| Engineered Solutions Segment: | | | | |
| On-Highway | 50,611 | 49,434 | 102,242 | 103,510 |
| Agriculture, Off-Highway and Other | 43,726 | 46,442 | 85,952 | 94,744 |
| | 94,337 | 95,876 | 188,194 | 198,254 |
| | \$258,869 | \$263,289 | \$524,662 | \$568,300 |
| Operating Profit (Loss): | | | | |
| Industrial | \$18,380 | \$16,728 | \$37,155 | \$37,283 |
| Energy ⁽¹⁾ | (579) | (136,766) | 2,632 | (126,673) |
| Engineered Solutions ⁽²⁾ | 1,816 | (45,116) | 2,571 | (41,594) |
| General Corporate | (6,418) | (6,961) | (20,688) | (15,760) |
| | \$13,199 | \$(172,115) | \$21,670 | \$(146,744) |

⁽¹⁾ Energy segment operating profit (loss) includes an impairment charge of \$140.9 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016.

⁽²⁾ Engineered Solutions segment operating profit (loss) includes an impairment charge of \$45.7 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016.

| | February 28, 2017 | August 31, 2016 |
|----------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Assets by Segment: | | |
| Industrial | \$310,197 | \$308,222 |
| Energy | 501,824 | 479,169 |
| Engineered Solutions | 490,814 | 493,840 |
| General Corporate | 124,199 | 157,429 |
| | \$1,427,034 | \$1,438,660 |

In addition to the impact of foreign currency exchange rate changes, the comparability of segment and product line information is impacted by acquisition/divestiture activities, impairment charges, director and officer transition charges, restructuring costs and related benefits. Corporate assets, which are not allocated, principally represent cash and cash equivalents, capitalized debt issuance costs and deferred income taxes.

Note 14. Contingencies and Litigation

The Company had outstanding letters of credit of \$16.6 million and \$17.8 million at February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016, respectively, the majority of which relate to commercial contracts and self-insured workers compensation programs.

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The Company is a party to various legal proceedings that have arisen in the normal course of business. These legal proceedings typically include product liability, environmental, labor, patent claims and other disputes. The Company has recorded reserves for loss contingencies based on the specific circumstances of each case. Such reserves are recorded when it is probable that a loss has been incurred and can be reasonably estimated. In the opinion of management, resolution of these contingencies are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company remains contingently liable for lease payments under leases of businesses that it previously divested or spun-off, in the event that such businesses are unable to fulfill their future lease payment obligations. The discounted present value of future minimum lease payments for these leases was \$14.1 million at February 28, 2017 (including \$11.3 million related to the former Electrical segment).

The Company has facilities in numerous geographic locations that are subject to a range of environmental laws and regulations. Environmental expenditures over the past two years have not been material. Management believes that such costs will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Note 15. Guarantor Subsidiaries

As discussed in Note 8, "Debt" on April 16, 2012, Actuant Corporation (the "Parent") issued \$300.0 million of 5.625% Senior Notes, of which \$288.1 million remains outstanding as of February 28, 2017. All of our material domestic wholly owned subsidiaries (the "Guarantors") fully and unconditionally guarantee the 5.625% Senior Notes on a joint and several basis. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Guarantors to make distributions to the Parent. The following tables present the results of operations, financial position and cash flows of Actuant Corporation and its subsidiaries, the Guarantor and non-Guarantor entities, and the eliminations necessary to arrive at the information for the Company on a consolidated basis.

Certain assets, liabilities and expenses have not been allocated to the Guarantors and non-Guarantors and therefore are included in the Parent column in the accompanying condensed consolidating financial statements. These items are of a corporate or consolidated nature and include, but are not limited to, tax provisions and related assets and liabilities, certain employee benefit obligations, prepaid and accrued insurance and corporate indebtedness. Intercompany activity primarily includes loan activity, purchases and sales of goods or services, investments and dividends. Intercompany balances also reflect certain non-cash transactions including transfers of assets and liabilities between the Parent, Guarantor and non-Guarantor, allocation of non-cash expenses from the Parent to the Guarantors and non-Guarantors, non-cash intercompany dividends and the impact of foreign currency rate changes.

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(LOSS)

(in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended February 28, 2017 | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$34,953 | \$ 80,973 | \$ 142,943 | \$ — | \$ 258,869 |
| Cost of products sold | 10,049 | 61,821 | 99,673 | — | 171,543 |
| Gross profit | 24,904 | 19,152 | 43,270 | — | 87,326 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 18,553 | 16,549 | 31,855 | — | 66,957 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 318 | 2,918 | 1,833 | — | 5,069 |
| Restructuring charges | 372 | 441 | 1,288 | — | 2,101 |
| Operating profit (loss) | 5,661 | (756) | 8,294 | — | 13,199 |
| Financing costs (income), net | 7,430 | — | (96) |) — | 7,334 |
| Intercompany (income) expense, net | (7,882) |) 11,242 | (3,360) |) — | — |
| Intercompany dividends | — | (4,258) |) — | 4,258 | — |
| Other (income) expense, net | (48) |) (4) |) 643 | — | 591 |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 6,161 | (7,736) |) 11,107 | (4,258) |) 5,274 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 151 | (667) |) 716 | — | 200 |
| Net earnings (loss) before equity in (loss) earnings of subsidiaries | 6,010 | (7,069) |) 10,391 | (4,258) |) 5,074 |
| Equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries | (936) |) 8,057 | (268) |) (6,853) |) — |
| Net earnings | \$5,074 | \$ 988 | \$ 10,123 | \$ (11,111) |) \$ 5,074 |
| Comprehensive income | \$8,185 | \$ 1,324 | \$ 12,828 | \$ (14,152) |) \$ 8,185 |

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(LOSS)
(in thousands)

| | Three Months Ended February 29, 2016 | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$32,399 | \$84,099 | \$ 146,791 | \$ — | \$ 263,289 |
| Cost of products sold | 12,077 | 61,815 | 98,367 | — | 172,259 |
| Gross profit | 20,322 | 22,284 | 48,424 | — | 91,030 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 17,117 | 17,309 | 32,746 | — | 67,172 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 318 | 3,336 | 2,226 | — | 5,880 |
| Restructuring charges | 79 | 2,446 | 1,057 | — | 3,582 |
| Impairment charges | — | 49,012 | 137,499 | — | 186,511 |
| Operating profit (loss) | 2,808 | (49,819) | (125,104) | — | (172,115) |
| Financing costs (income), net | 7,308 | — | (442) | — | 6,866 |
| Intercompany (income) expense, net | (5,465) | (1,072) | 6,537 | — | — |
| Intercompany dividends | — | — | (5,338) | 5,338 | — |
| Other expense (income), net | 200 | (28) | 63 | — | 235 |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 765 | (48,719) | (125,924) | (5,338) | (179,216) |
| Income tax benefit | (1,648) | (1,000) | (17,378) | — | (20,026) |
| Net earnings (loss) before equity in (loss) earnings of subsidiaries | 2,413 | (47,719) | (108,546) | (5,338) | (159,190) |
| Equity in (loss) earnings of subsidiaries | (161,603) | (97,943) | 229 | 259,317 | — |
| Net loss | \$(159,190) | \$(145,662) | \$ (108,317) | \$ 253,979 | \$(159,190) |
| Comprehensive loss | \$(173,341) | \$(162,285) | \$ (106,174) | \$ 268,459 | \$(173,341) |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(LOSS)
(in thousands)

| | Six Months Ended February 28, 2017 | | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$66,682 | \$ 165,249 | \$ 292,731 | \$ — | \$ 524,662 |
| Cost of products sold | 17,143 | 123,237 | 203,889 | — | 344,269 |
| Gross profit | 49,539 | 42,012 | 88,842 | — | 180,393 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 36,520 | 33,185 | 65,856 | — | 135,561 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 636 | 5,994 | 3,700 | — | 10,330 |
| Restructuring charges | 727 | 1,164 | 3,157 | — | 5,048 |
| Director & officer transition charges | 7,784 | — | — | — | 7,784 |
| Operating profit | 3,872 | 1,669 | 16,129 | — | 21,670 |
| Financing costs (income), net | 14,756 | — | (289 |) — | 14,467 |
| Intercompany (income) expense, net | (12,950 |) 10,156 | 2,794 | — | — |
| Intercompany dividends | — | (59,401 |) — | 59,401 | — |
| Other expense (income), net | 2,037 | (74 |) (2,001 |) — | (38) |
| Earnings before income taxes | 29 | 50,988 | 15,625 | (59,401 |) 7,241 |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | (2,563 |) (697 |) 462 | — | (2,798) |
| Net earnings before equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 2,592 | 51,685 | 15,163 | (59,401 |) 10,039 |
| Equity in earnings of subsidiaries | 7,447 | 13,682 | 2,862 | (23,991 |) — |
| Net earnings | \$10,039 | \$65,367 | \$ 18,025 | \$ (83,392 |) \$ 10,039 |
| Comprehensive (loss) income | \$(12,972) | \$47,616 | \$ 13,459 | \$ (61,075 |) \$(12,972) |

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(LOSS)
(in thousands)

| | Six Months Ended February 29, 2016 | | | | |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Net sales | \$67,089 | \$185,040 | \$ 316,171 | \$ — | \$ 568,300 |
| Cost of products sold | 19,248 | 134,153 | 215,308 | — | 368,709 |
| Gross profit | 47,841 | 50,887 | 100,863 | — | 199,591 |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 36,877 | 35,839 | 67,367 | — | 140,083 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 636 | 6,644 | 4,499 | — | 11,779 |
| Restructuring charges | 957 | 2,568 | 4,437 | — | 7,962 |
| Impairment charges | — | 49,012 | 137,499 | — | 186,511 |
| Operating profit (loss) | 9,371 | (43,176) | (112,939) | — | (146,744) |
| Financing costs (income), net | 14,763 | — | (781) | — | 13,982 |
| Intercompany (income) expense, net | (11,294) | (6,897) | 18,191 | — | — |
| Intercompany dividends | — | — | (5,338) | 5,338 | — |
| Other expense, net | 603 | 31 | 221 | — | 855 |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 5,299 | (36,310) | (125,232) | (5,338) | (161,581) |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | (1,057) | 657 | (17,439) | — | (17,839) |
| Net earnings (loss) before equity in earnings (loss) of subsidiaries | 6,356 | (36,967) | (107,793) | (5,338) | (143,742) |
| Equity in (loss) earnings of subsidiaries | (150,098) | (95,069) | 2,087 | 243,080 | — |
| Net loss | \$(143,742) | \$(132,036) | \$ (105,706) | \$ 237,742 | \$(143,742) |
| Comprehensive loss | \$(178,827) | \$(160,882) | \$ (112,155) | \$ 273,037 | \$(178,827) |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

| | February 28, 2017 | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$6,509 | \$— | \$ 165,381 | \$— | \$ 171,890 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 16,364 | 48,848 | 136,702 | — | 201,914 |
| Inventories, net | 20,486 | 43,861 | 63,226 | — | 127,573 |
| Other current assets | 8,666 | 3,540 | 41,778 | — | 53,984 |
| Total current assets | 52,025 | 96,249 | 407,087 | — | 555,361 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 6,801 | 26,357 | 82,034 | — | 115,192 |
| Goodwill | 38,847 | 200,498 | 269,733 | — | 509,078 |
| Other intangibles, net | 8,793 | 143,763 | 73,003 | — | 225,559 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 1,893,280 | 1,402,022 | 531,353 | (3,826,655) | — |
| Intercompany receivable | — | 700,169 | 191,146 | (891,315) | — |
| Other long-term assets | 5,430 | 10 | 16,404 | — | 21,844 |
| Total assets | \$2,005,176 | \$2,569,068 | \$ 1,570,760 | \$(4,717,970) | \$ 1,427,034 |
| LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$12,838 | \$22,627 | \$ 89,484 | \$— | \$ 124,949 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 15,032 | 4,886 | 22,445 | — | 42,363 |
| Current maturities of debt and short-term borrowings | 26,250 | — | — | — | 26,250 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,113 | — | — | — | 1,113 |
| Other current liabilities | 16,710 | 5,038 | 27,481 | — | 49,229 |
| Total current liabilities | 71,943 | 32,551 | 139,410 | — | 243,904 |
| Long-term debt, net | 547,058 | — | — | — | 547,058 |
| Deferred income taxes | 21,503 | — | 9,534 | — | 31,037 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit liabilities | 15,863 | — | 8,279 | — | 24,142 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 47,024 | 417 | 8,443 | — | 55,884 |
| Intercompany payable | 776,776 | — | 114,539 | (891,315) | — |
| Shareholders' equity | 525,009 | 2,536,100 | 1,290,555 | (3,826,655) | 525,009 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$2,005,176 | \$2,569,068 | \$ 1,570,760 | \$(4,717,970) | \$ 1,427,034 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

| | August 31, 2016 | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| ASSETS | | | | | |
| Current assets | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 7,953 | \$ 71 | \$ 171,580 | \$— | \$ 179,604 |
| Accounts receivable, net | 13,692 | 41,715 | 131,422 | — | 186,829 |
| Inventories, net | 19,897 | 44,283 | 66,576 | — | 130,756 |
| Other current assets | 7,754 | 3,858 | 33,851 | — | 45,463 |
| Total current assets | 49,296 | 89,927 | 403,429 | — | 542,652 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 5,927 | 23,511 | 84,577 | — | 114,015 |
| Goodwill | 38,847 | 200,499 | 279,930 | — | 519,276 |
| Other intangibles, net | 9,429 | 149,757 | 80,289 | — | 239,475 |
| Investment in subsidiaries | 1,915,367 | 578,423 | 465,736 | (2,959,526) | — |
| Intercompany receivable | — | 1,159,672 | — | (1,159,672) | — |
| Other long-term assets | 5,702 | 10 | 17,530 | — | 23,242 |
| Total assets | \$ 2,024,568 | \$ 2,201,799 | \$ 1,331,491 | \$ (4,119,198) | \$ 1,438,660 |
| LIABILITIES & SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY | | | | | |
| Current liabilities | | | | | |
| Trade accounts payable | \$ 11,529 | \$ 20,669 | \$ 82,853 | \$— | \$ 115,051 |
| Accrued compensation and benefits | 17,506 | 5,754 | 23,641 | — | 46,901 |
| Current maturities of debt and short-term borrowings | 18,750 | — | — | — | 18,750 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,886 | — | 7,368 | — | 9,254 |
| Other current liabilities | 20,459 | 6,989 | 24,508 | — | 51,956 |
| Total current liabilities | 70,130 | 33,412 | 138,370 | — | 241,912 |
| Long-term debt, net | 561,681 | — | — | — | 561,681 |
| Deferred income taxes | 30,666 | — | 690 | — | 31,356 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit liabilities | 16,803 | — | 8,864 | — | 25,667 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 47,739 | 588 | 8,767 | — | 57,094 |
| Intercompany payable | 776,599 | — | 383,073 | (1,159,672) | — |
| Shareholders' equity | 520,950 | 2,167,799 | 791,727 | (2,959,526) | 520,950 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 2,024,568 | \$ 2,201,799 | \$ 1,331,491 | \$ (4,119,198) | \$ 1,438,660 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

| | Six Months Ended February 28, 2017 | | | | Consolidated |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | |
| Operating Activities | | | | | |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$58,626 | \$ 5,902 | \$ 8,906 | \$ (59,401) | \$ 14,033 |
| Investing Activities | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (2,156) | (6,108) | (6,431) | — | (14,695) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | — | 135 | 109 | — | 244 |
| Cash used in investing activities | (2,156) | (5,973) | (6,322) | — | (14,451) |
| Financing Activities | | | | | |
| Principal repayments on term loan | (7,500) | — | — | — | (7,500) |
| Taxes paid related to the net share settlement of equity awards | (920) | — | — | — | (920) |
| Stock option exercises, related tax benefits and other | 6,598 | — | — | — | 6,598 |
| Cash dividend | (2,358) | — | (59,401) | 59,401 | (2,358) |
| Intercompany loan activity | (53,734) | — | 53,734 | — | — |
| Cash used in financing activities | (57,914) | — | (5,667) | 59,401 | (4,180) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | — | — | (3,116) | — | (3,116) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (1,444) | (71) | (6,199) | — | (7,714) |
| Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period | 7,953 | 71 | 171,580 | — | 179,604 |
| Cash and cash equivalents—end of period | \$6,509 | \$ — | \$ 165,381 | \$ — | \$ 171,890 |

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CONDENSED CONSOLIDATING STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

| | Six Months Ended February 29, 2016 | | | | |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
| | Parent | Guarantors | Non-Guarantors | Eliminations | Consolidated |
| Operating Activities | | | | | |
| Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities | \$(1,531) | \$ 5,293 | \$ 30,439 | \$ (5,338) |) \$ 28,863 |
| Investing Activities | | | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (339) |) (3,194) |) (7,471) |) — | (11,004) |
| Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment | 13 | 2,672 | 1,951 | — | 4,636 |
| Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired | — | — | (15,026) |) — | (15,026) |
| Cash used in investing activities | (326) |) (522) |) (20,546) |) — | (21,394) |
| Financing Activities | | | | | |
| Net repayments on revolver and other debt | — | — | (210) |) — | (210) |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (9,352) |) — | — | — | (9,352) |
| Taxes paid related to the net share settlement of equity awards | (1,332) |) — | — | — | (1,332) |
| Stock option exercises, related tax benefits and other | 2,245 | — | — | — | 2,245 |
| Cash dividend | (2,376) |) (5,338) |) — | 5,338 | (2,376) |
| Intercompany loan activity | 464 | — | (464) |) — | — |
| Cash used in financing activities | (10,351) |) (5,338) |) (674) |) 5,338 | (11,025) |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash | — | — | (10,619) |) — | (10,619) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (12,208) |) (567) |) (1,400) |) — | (14,175) |
| Cash and cash equivalents—beginning of period | 18,688 | 567 | 149,591 | — | 168,846 |
| Cash and cash equivalents—end of period | \$6,480 | \$ — | \$ 148,191 | \$ — | \$ 154,671 |

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Item 2 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Actuant Corporation, headquartered in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin, is a Wisconsin corporation and was incorporated in 1910. We are a global diversified company that designs, manufactures and distributes a broad range of industrial products and systems to various end markets. The Company is organized into three operating segments: Industrial, Energy and Engineered Solutions. The Industrial segment is primarily involved in the design, manufacture and distribution of branded hydraulic and mechanical tools to the maintenance, industrial, infrastructure and production automation markets. The Energy segment provides joint integrity products and services, customized offshore vessel mooring solutions, as well as rope and cable solutions to the global oil & gas, power generation and other energy markets. The Engineered Solutions segment provides highly engineered position and motion control systems to original equipment manufacturers (“OEM”) in various on and off-highway vehicle markets, as well as a variety of other products to the industrial and agricultural markets. Financial information related to the Company's segments is included in Note 13, "Segment Information" in the notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Our businesses provide an array of products and services across multiple markets and geographies which results in significant diversification. While we have begun to see indications of improvement within the broad industrial landscape, we expect full year fiscal 2017 sales to decline modestly as a result of the overall challenging and inconsistent demand we have experienced in mining, infrastructure, oil & gas, commercial and off-highway vehicles and agriculture markets. Tepid global industrial demand, reduced capital spending in oil & gas markets (exploration, drilling and commissioning activities) and inventory destocking by OEMs in vehicle and agriculture markets have been and will continue to be headwinds throughout fiscal 2017, with sequential easing of these challenges as the year progresses.

As a result of these and other factors, we are continuing the cost reduction programs initiated at the beginning of fiscal 2016. During fiscal 2016, we incurred \$15 million of restructuring costs related to facility consolidation, headcount reductions and operational improvement. Financial results for the six months ended February 28, 2017 included \$5 million of additional restructuring costs. The Company anticipates restructuring initiatives and related pre-tax charges continuing for the balance of fiscal 2017, including approximately \$2 million to \$3 million of additional restructuring charges. The Company does not anticipate significant restructuring charges to continue into fiscal 2018, though plant consolidations and production movements between plants will remain a focus for the Company.

Pre-tax cost savings realized from executing these restructuring initiatives totaled approximately \$10 million in fiscal 2016 and the first six months of 2017 combined. Realized cost savings were comprised of \$3 million within the Industrial segment, \$4 million within the Energy segment and \$3 million within the Engineered Solutions segment. The Company anticipates realizing an incremental \$5 million to \$10 million in pre-tax cost savings for the balance of fiscal 2017 and in fiscal 2018 for all restructuring initiatives implemented in fiscals 2016 and 2017. Twenty-five percent of the anticipated future cost savings are expected to benefit the Industrial segment, another 25% are expected to benefit the Energy segment and the remaining 50% are expected to benefit the Engineered Solutions segment. These gross cost savings are routinely offset by variations between years including sales and production volume variances, annual bonus expense differential and corresponding re-investment of savings into other initiatives.

Our priorities continue to include focused efforts to drive additional sales growth, investment in growth initiatives including strategic acquisitions, execution of restructuring actions and cash flow generation. The Industrial segment is focused on accelerating global sales growth through increased sales effectiveness, geographic expansion (especially Asia Pacific), new product introductions and development of second tier brands. The Energy segment remains focused on the integration of the Pipeline and Process Services acquisition, redirecting sales, marketing and engineering resources to non-oil & gas vertical markets and providing new and existing customers with critical products, services and solutions in a dynamic energy environment. The Engineered Solutions segment is focused on the execution of restructuring projects and lean manufacturing initiatives while improving sales (expansion of served markets and additional content with existing OEMs).

We remain focused on maintaining our financial position and flexibility by adjusting our cost structure to reflect changes in demand levels and by proactively managing working capital and cash flow generation. At the same time, we remain laser-focused on developing and advancing our commercial effectiveness and offering of mission critical

solutions to customers.

Given our global geographic footprint, changes in foreign currency exchange rates could have a significant impact on our financial results, financial position and cash flow. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates will continue to add volatility as over one-half of our sales are generated outside of the United States in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The strengthening of the U.S. dollar unfavorably impacts our sales, cash flow and earnings given the translation of our international results into U.S. dollars. This also results in higher costs for certain international operations which incur costs or purchase components in U.S. dollars and reduces the dollar value of assets (including cash) and liabilities of our international operations.

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Results of Operations

The following table sets forth our results of operations (in millions, except per share amounts):

| | Three Months Ended | | | | Six Months Ended | | | |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|-------|-------------------|------|-------------------|-------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 29, 2016 | | February 28, 2017 | | February 29, 2016 | |
| Net sales | \$259 | 100% | \$263 | 100% | \$525 | 100% | \$568 | 100% |
| Cost of products sold | 172 | 66% | 172 | 65% | 344 | 66% | 369 | 65% |
| Gross profit | 87 | 34% | 91 | 35% | 181 | 34% | 199 | 35% |
| Selling, administrative and engineering expenses | 67 | 26% | 67 | 25% | 136 | 26% | 140 | 25% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 5 | 2% | 6 | 2% | 10 | 2% | 12 | 2% |
| Director & officer transition charges | — | —% | — | —% | 8 | 2% | — | —% |
| Restructuring charges | 2 | 1% | 4 | 2% | 5 | 1% | 8 | 1% |
| Impairment charges | — | —% | 187 | 71% | — | —% | 187 | 33% |
| Operating profit (loss) | 13 | 5% | (173) | (66)% | 22 | 4% | (148) | (26)% |
| Financing costs, net | 7 | 3% | 7 | 3% | 15 | 3% | 14 | 2% |
| Other expense, net | 1 | —% | — | —% | — | —% | — | —% |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | 5 | 2% | (179) | (68)% | 7 | 1% | (162) | (29)% |
| Income tax (benefit) expense | — | —% | (20) | (7)% | (3) | (1)% | (18) | (4)% |
| Net earnings (loss) | \$5 | 2% | \$ (159) | (60)% | \$11 | 2% | \$ (144) | (25)% |

Diluted earnings (loss) per share \$0.08 \$ (2.70) \$0.17 \$ (2.43)

Consolidated sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 were \$259 million, a decrease of \$4 million from the prior year while year-to-date sales were \$525 million, a decrease of \$43 million from the prior year. For both the three and six months ended February 28, 2017, foreign currency exchange rates reduced sales by 1% and net acquisition/divestitures generated a 2% sales benefit. As a result, year-to-date core sales (sales excluding the impact of acquisitions, divestitures and changes in foreign currency exchange rates) were down 9% compared to the prior year but down only 3% in the second quarter. The consolidated core sales decline was the result of challenging comparisons in the Energy segment due to a large non-recurring Middle East maintenance job totaling approximately \$20 million in fiscal 2016. The Industrial and Engineered Solutions segments experienced core sales growth in the quarter for the first time in approximately two years, as we are starting to see modest improvement in certain markets. Lower production levels and absorption of manufacturing costs and unfavorable sales mix resulted in reduced gross profit margins year over year. The increase in selling, administrative and engineering expenses as a percentage of sales is the result of the Company continuing to invest in the front-end of our businesses and new products. Results for the six months ended February 28, 2017 included \$8 million of director and officer transition charges (as described in Note 2, "Director & Officer Transition Charges"), while results for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016 included impairment charges related to the write-down of acquired goodwill, intangible assets and long-lived assets of certain of our businesses.

Segment Results

Industrial Segment

The Industrial segment is a global supplier of branded hydraulic and mechanical tools to a broad array of end markets, including general maintenance and repair, industrial, oil & gas, mining, infrastructure and production automation. Its primary products include high-force hydraulic tools, production automation solutions and concrete stressing components and systems (collectively "Industrial Tools") and highly engineered heavy lifting solutions ("Heavy Lifting Technology"). During 2017, to better align the product line with the solutions offered, the the Company rebranded its Integrated Solutions product line to Heavy Lifting Technology. The following table sets forth the results of operations for the Industrial segment (in millions):

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| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------|-------------------|--------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 28, 2016 | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Net sales | \$92 | \$ 81 | \$179 | \$ 170 |
| Operating profit | 18 | 17 | 37 | 37 |
| Operating profit % | 20.1% | 20.6 % | 20.8 % | 21.9 % |

Industrial segment second quarter sales were \$92 million, or 13% higher than the prior year, while first half sales were \$179 million, an increase of 5% from the prior year. Second quarter core sales were up 11% and exclude a 2% benefit from the recent Larzep acquisition (\$2 million of sales) and currency remaining neutral. The strong second quarter contributed to first half core sales of 3%, excluding a 2% benefit from the Larzep acquisition (\$3 million of sales).

Overall, second quarter demand improvement was broad based, with growth across all geographies and product lines. During the second quarter, core sales for the Industrial Tools product line increased \$5 million (7%) compared to the prior year with the strongest growth in the construction-related concrete tensioning, while the Heavy Lifting Technology product line experienced 44% core sales growth. Operating profit margins remained relatively stable (within expectations) at 20.1% in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to 20.6% in the prior year period as incremental volume was offset by unfavorable sales mix and modest investments in commercial effectiveness.

Restructuring charges totaled \$1 million for both six month periods presented.

Energy Segment

The Energy segment provides products and maintenance services to the global energy markets, where safety, reliability, up-time and productivity are key value drivers. Products include joint integrity tools and connectors for oil & gas and power generation installations and high performance ropes, cables and umbilicals. In addition to these products, the Energy segment also provides mooring systems and joint integrity tools under rental arrangements, as well as technical manpower solutions. The following table sets forth comparative results of operations for the Energy segment (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|----------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 28, 2016 | |
| | 2017 | 2016 | 2017 | 2016 |
| Net sales | \$73 | \$ 86 | \$158 | \$ 200 |
| Operating profit (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | (1) | (137) | 3 | (127) |
| Operating profit % | (0.8)% | (158.6)% | 1.7 % | (63.3)% |

⁽¹⁾ Operating profit (loss) includes an impairment charge of \$141 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016.

Energy segment sales decreased 21% in the first half of the year and declined 15% for the second quarter. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates unfavorably impacted sales comparisons by \$2 million and \$5 million for the three and six month periods. Sales from the Pipeline and Process Services (PPS) acquisition benefited sales by \$7 million and \$15 million for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017, respectively. As a result, Energy segment core sales declined 27% in the first half of the year and 21% for the second quarter. Core sales from our Energy Maintenance & Integrity product line decreased \$12 million (22%) in the second quarter due to non-recurrence of a prior year project (\$5 million) and tight customer spending controls on maintenance activities which resulted in deferrals and scope reductions. Core sales in our Other Energy Solutions product line, consisting of umbilical & rope solutions and offshore mooring, declined \$6 million (21%) in the second quarter due to the continued impact of reduced customer spending on exploration, drilling and commissioning activities and competitive pricing pressures. Operating losses in fiscal 2016 were largely the result of impairment charges of \$141 million in the three and six months ended February 29, 2016. Excluding the impairment charges, Energy segment results for the quarter were an operating loss of \$1 million and operating profit of \$4 million for fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively. Year-to-date operating profit was \$3 million and \$14 million for fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively, excluding the impairment charges. The operating loss for the second quarter was adversely impacted by unfavorable product mix (which reduced margin by approximately 500 basis points) and lower sales volumes. Restructuring costs to consolidate

facilities and reduce headcount were \$1 million and \$3 million for the six months ended February 28, 2017 and February 29, 2016, respectively.

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Engineered Solutions Segment

The Engineered Solutions segment is a global designer and assembler of customized position and motion control systems and other industrial products to various vehicle and other niche markets. The segment focuses on providing technical and highly engineered products, including actuation systems, mechanical power transmission products, engine air flow management systems, human to machine interface solutions and other rugged electronic instrumentation. The following table sets forth comparative results of operations for the Engineered Solutions segment (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|----------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 29, 2016 | |
| Net sales | \$94 | \$ 96 | \$188 | \$ 198 |
| Operating profit (loss) ⁽¹⁾ | 2 | (45) | 3 | (42) |
| Operating profit % | 1.9 % | (47.1)% | 1.4 % | (21.0)% |

⁽¹⁾ Operating profit (loss) includes an impairment charge of \$46 million for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016.

Fiscal 2017 second quarter Engineered Solutions segment net sales decreased \$2 million (2%) year over year to \$94 million while first half sales decreased \$10 million (5%) year-over-year to \$188 million. Excluding \$3 million and \$5 million of prior year revenue from the divested Sanlo product line for the three and six months ended February 29, 2016, respectively, core sales increased 2% for the quarter, but were down 2% the first half of the fiscal year. The second quarter core sales growth represents the first quarter of growth in the past nine quarters and reflects robust production rates by China's heavy-duty truck OEMs. While tepid end market demand continued across most of the segment's other markets such as agriculture and off-highway equipment, our results benefited from easier comparisons, moderating destocking activity by OEM customers and savings resulting from ongoing restructuring activities. The operating loss in fiscal 2016 included a \$46 million impairment charge related to the maximatecc business. Operating profit (excluding the 2016 impairment charge) was \$3 million and \$4 million for the six months ended February 28, 2017 and February 29, 2016, respectively; the result of restructuring charges increasing from \$3 million to \$4 million year-over-year.

Corporate

Corporate expenses decreased \$1 million in the second quarter and increased \$5 million year-to-date compared to the prior year. On a year-to-date basis, corporate expenses increased due to the director & officer transition charges of \$8 million recognized in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 (comprised of compensation expense for accelerated equity vesting, severance, outplacement, legal, signing bonus and relocation costs), partially offset by lower year-over-year professional fees tied to acquisition related costs and executive search expenses incurred in the prior year.

Financing Costs, net

Net financing costs were \$7 million and \$14 million for each of the comparative three and six months ended February 28, 2017 and February 29, 2016, respectively.

Income Taxes Expense

The Company's global operations, acquisition activity and specific tax attributes provide opportunities for continuous global tax planning initiatives to maximize tax credits and deductions. Both the current and prior year include the benefits of tax planning initiatives. Comparative earnings (loss) before income taxes, income tax expense (benefit) and effective income tax rates are as follows (in millions):

| | Three Months Ended | | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| | February 28, 2017 | | February 29, 2016 | |
| Earnings (loss) before income taxes | \$5 | \$ (179) | \$7 | \$ (162) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | — | (20) | (3) | (18) |

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| | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|------|-------|----|------|------|----|
| Effective income tax rate | 3.8% | 11.2 | % | (38) | 11.0 | % |
| Adjusted effective income tax rate | 3.8% | (35.6 |)% | (38) | (1.6 |)% |

Both the current and prior year effective income tax rates were impacted by the proportion of earnings in foreign jurisdictions with income tax rates lower than the U.S. federal income tax rate and the amount of income tax benefits from tax planning initiatives. The Company's earnings (loss) before income taxes, excluding impairment charges, were made up of 85% of earnings from foreign

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jurisdictions in both fiscal 2017 and 2016. This foreign income tax rate differential had the effect of reducing the effective income tax rate from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate by 21.2% and by 19.6%, in fiscal 2017 and 2016, respectively, excluding the second quarter fiscal 2016 impairment charge. In addition, the recognition of income tax planning benefits resulting from certain losses from prior years for which no benefit was previously recognized resulted in a 19.4% reduction from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate for fiscal 2017. Income tax planning benefits related to certain foreign currency gains and losses recognized for tax purposes resulted in a 10.1% reduction from the 35% U.S. statutory tax rate for fiscal 2016, excluding the impairment charge. The tax benefits related to these tax planning initiatives are not expected to repeat in future periods due to certain tax attributes that are no longer available and subsequent changes in relevant tax laws.

Cash Flows and Liquidity

At February 28, 2017, cash and cash equivalents included \$165 million of cash held by our foreign subsidiaries and \$7 million held domestically. We periodically utilize income tax safe harbor provisions to make temporary short-term intercompany advances from our foreign subsidiaries to our U.S. parent to reduce outstanding debt balances. At February 28, 2017, we did not have any temporary intercompany advances, compared to the \$54 million we had outstanding at August 31, 2016. The following table summarizes our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities (in millions):

| | Six Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2016 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 14 | \$ 29 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (14) | (21) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (4) | (11) |
| Effect of exchange rates on cash | (3) | (11) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$(8) | \$(14) |

Cash flows from operating activities were \$14 million for the six months ended February 28, 2017, a decrease of \$15 million from the prior year due primarily to lower net earnings and an increase of accounts receivable in the current year. Operating cash flows and existing cash balances funded the \$8 million principal repayments on the term loan, \$15 million of capital expenditures and the \$2 million annual cash dividend.

Our Senior Credit Facility, which matures on May 8, 2020, includes a \$600 million revolver, an amortizing term loan and a \$450 million expansion option. Quarterly term loan principal payments of \$4 million commenced on June 30, 2016, and increase to \$8 million per quarter beginning on June 30, 2017, with the remaining principal due at maturity. At February 28, 2017, the unused credit line under the revolver was \$596 million, \$97 million of which was available for borrowing. We believe the \$172 million of cash on hand, revolver availability and future operating cash flow will be adequate to meet operating, debt service, stock buyback, acquisition funding and capital expenditure requirements for the foreseeable future.

Primary Working Capital Management

We use primary working capital as a percentage of sales (PWC %) as a key metric of working capital management. We define this metric as the sum of net accounts receivable and net inventory less accounts payable, divided by the past three months sales annualized. The following table shows a comparison of primary working capital (in millions):

| | February 28, 2017 | PWC% | August 31, 2016 | PWC% |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Accounts receivable, net | \$ 202 | 20 % | \$ 187 | 17 % |
| Inventory, net | 128 | 12 % | 131 | 12 % |
| Accounts payable | (125) | (12)% | (115) | (10)% |
| Net primary working capital | \$ 205 | 20 % | \$ 203 | 18 % |

Commitments and Contingencies

We have operations in numerous geographic locations that are subject to a range of environmental laws and regulations. Environmental expenditures over the past two years have not been material and we believe that such costs

will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

We remain contingently liable for lease payments of businesses that we previously divested or spun-off, in the event that such businesses are unable to fulfill their future lease payment obligations. The discounted present value of future minimum lease payments for these leases was \$14 million at February 28, 2017.

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We had letters of credit outstanding of approximately \$17 million and \$18 million at February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016, respectively, the majority of which relate to commercial contracts and self-insured workers compensation programs.

Contractual Obligations

Our contractual obligations have not materially changed in fiscal 2017 and are discussed in Part 1, Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” under the heading “Contractual Obligations” in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2016.

Critical Accounting Policies

Refer to the Critical Accounting Policies in Item 7, “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended August 31, 2016 for information about the Company’s policies, methodology and assumptions related to critical accounting policies.

Item 3 – Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The diverse nature of our business activities necessitates the management of various financial and market risks, including those related to changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates and commodity costs.

Interest Rate Risk: We manage interest expense using a mixture of fixed-rate and variable-rate debt. A change in interest rates impacts the fair value of our 5.625% Senior Notes, but not our earnings or cash flow because the interest rate on such debt is fixed. Our variable-rate debt obligations consist primarily of revolver and term loan borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility. A ten percent increase in the average cost of our variable rate debt would result in a corresponding \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million increase in financing costs for the three and six months ended February 28, 2017.

Foreign Currency Risk: We maintain operations in the U.S. and various foreign countries. Our more significant non-U.S. operations are located in Australia, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, Mexico, United Arab Emirates and China, and have foreign currency risk relating to receipts from customers, payments to suppliers and intercompany transactions denominated in foreign currencies. Under certain conditions, we enter into hedging transactions (primarily foreign currency forward contracts) that enable us to mitigate the potential adverse impact of foreign currency exchange rate risk (see Note 10, “Derivatives” for further information). We do not engage in trading or other speculative activities with these transactions, as established policies require that these hedging transactions relate to specific currency exposures.

The strengthening of the U.S. dollar against most currencies can have an unfavorable impact on our results of operations and financial position as foreign denominated operating results are translated into U.S. dollars. To illustrate the potential impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates on the translation of our results of operations, quarterly sales and operating profit were remeasured assuming a ten percent decrease in all foreign exchange rates compared with the U.S. dollar. Using this assumption, quarterly sales would have been lower by \$12 million and operating profit would have been lower by \$1 million, respectively, for the three months ended February 28, 2017. This sensitivity analysis assumes that each exchange rate would change in the same direction relative to the U.S. dollar and excludes the potential effects that changes in foreign currency exchange rates may have on sales levels or local currency prices. Similarly, a ten percent decline in foreign currency exchange rates versus the U.S. dollar would result in a \$62 million reduction to equity (accumulated other comprehensive loss) as of February 28, 2017, as a result of non U.S. dollar denominated assets and liabilities being translated into U.S. dollars, our reporting currency.

Commodity Cost Risk: We source a wide variety of materials and components from a network of global suppliers. While such materials are typically available from numerous suppliers, commodity raw materials, such as steel and plastic resin, are subject to price fluctuations, which could have a negative impact on our results. We strive to pass along such commodity price increases to customers to avoid profit margin erosion.

Item 4 – Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our senior management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as

amended (the “Exchange Act”), as of the end of the period covered by this quarterly report (the “Evaluation Date”). Based on this evaluation, our chief executive officer and chief financial officer concluded as of the Evaluation Date that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective such that the information relating to the Company, including consolidated subsidiaries, required to be disclosed in our Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) reports (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms, and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter ended February 28, 2017 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 2 – Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase of shares of the Company's common stock under publicly announced share repurchase programs. Since the inception of the initial share repurchase program in fiscal 2012, the Company has repurchased 20,439,434 shares of common stock for \$618 million. As of February 28, 2017, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased under the programs is 7,560,566 shares. There were no share repurchases in the three or six months ended February 28, 2017.

Item 6 – Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

See “Index to Exhibits” on page 32, which is incorporated herein by reference.

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SIGNATURE

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

ACTUANT CORPORATION

(Registrant)

Date: April 7, 2017 By: /S/ RICK T. DILLON

Rick T. Dillon

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)

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 QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q
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 INDEX TO EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | Description | Incorporated Herein By Reference To Exhibit A to the Definitive Proxy statement dated December 5, 2016 relating to the Company's annual meeting of Shareholders held on January 17, 2017 | Filed Herewith | Furnished Herewith |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 10.1 | Actuant Corporation 2017 Omnibus Incentive Plan | | | |
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | | X | |
| 31.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | | X | |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | | | X |
| 32.2 | Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 | | | X |
| 101 | The following materials from the Actuant Corporation Form 10-Q for the quarter ended February 28, 2017 formatted in Extensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss), (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iv) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (v) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. | | X | |