

GORMAN RUPP CO
Form 10-K
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

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

Commission file number 1-6747

THE GORMAN-RUPP COMPANY

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Ohio
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

34-0253990
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

600 South Airport Road, Mansfield, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

44903
(Zip Code)

(419) 755-1011

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class Common Shares, without par value	Name of each exchange on which registered NYSE MKT
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None	

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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 Website, 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 if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in the definitive proxy statement or information statement incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (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

State the aggregate market value of the voting and non-voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant. The aggregate market value is computed by reference to the price at which the common equity was sold as of June 30, 2015. \$468,847,646

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the Registrant's classes of common stock as of March 1, 2016.

Common Shares, without par value 26,083,623

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DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders incorporated by reference into Part II (Items 5-9A).

Portions of Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement incorporated by reference into Part III (Items 10-14).

PART I**ITEM 1. BUSINESS**

The Gorman-Rupp Company (Registrant , Gorman-Rupp or the Company) was incorporated in Ohio in 1934. The Company designs, manufactures and globally sells pumps and pump systems for use in water, wastewater, construction, dewatering, industrial, petroleum, original equipment, agriculture, fire protection, heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC), military and other liquid-handling applications.

PRODUCTS

The Company operates in one business segment, the manufacture and international sale of pumps and pump systems. The following table sets forth, for the years 2013 through 2015, the total net sales, income before income taxes and year-end total assets (in thousands) of the Company.

	2015	2014	2013
Net Sales	\$ 406,150	\$ 434,925	\$ 391,665
Income Before Taxes	37,266	53,734	44,277
Total Assets	364,201	380,904	355,638

The Company's product line consists of pump models ranging in size from $\frac{1}{4}$ to nearly 15 feet and ranging in rated capacity from less than one gallon per minute to nearly one million gallons per minute. The types of pumps which the Company produces include self-priming centrifugal, standard centrifugal, magnetic drive centrifugal, axial and mixed flow, vertical turbine line shaft, submersible, high pressure booster, rotary gear, diaphragm, bellows and oscillating.

The pumps have drives that range from 1/35 horsepower electric motors up to much larger electric motors or internal combustion engines capable of producing several thousand horsepower. Many of the larger units comprise encased, fully integrated water and wastewater pumping stations. In certain cases, units are designed for the inclusion of customer-supplied drives.

The Company's larger pumps are sold principally for use in the construction, industrial, water and wastewater handling fields; for flood control; for boosting low residential water pressure; for pumping refined petroleum products, including the ground refueling of aircraft; for fluid control in HVAC applications; and for various agricultural purposes.

The Company's pumps are also utilized for dewatering purposes. Additionally, pumps manufactured for fire protection are used for sprinkler back-up systems, fire hydrants, stand pipes, fog systems and deluge systems at hotels, banks, factories, airports, schools, public buildings and hundreds of other types of facilities throughout the world.

Many of the Company's smallest pumps are sold to customers for incorporation into such products as food processing, chemical processing, photo processing, medical and other waste treatment, HVAC equipment, appliances and solar heating.

MARKETING

The Company's pumps are marketed in the United States and worldwide through a network of more than 1,000 distributors, through manufacturers' representatives (for sales to many original equipment manufacturers), through third-party distributor catalogs, and by direct sales. The Company is continuously seeking alliances to further enhance marketing opportunities. Government sales are handled directly by the Company and export sales are made primarily through foreign distributors and representatives.

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ITEM 1. BUSINESS CONTINUED

During 2015, 2014 and 2013, there were no shipments to any single customer that exceeded 10% of total net sales. Gorman-Rupp continues to actively pursue international business opportunities and, in 2015, shipped its pumps to approximately 150 countries around the world. However, we believe that the Company's foreign operations do not involve material financial or other risks due to their relatively small size, both individually and collectively. No sales made to customers in any one foreign country amounted to more than 5% of total net sales during 2015, 2014 or 2013.

As a result of our active pursuit of international business, approximately \$136.5 million of 2015 sales were shipped outside the United States, as compared to \$136.6 million in 2014 and \$134.6 million in 2013. International sales represented 34%, 31% and 34% of total sales in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. See Note I to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company continues its efforts to penetrate international markets principally by its increased global investments and its sales responses to worldwide pumping needs.

COMPETITION

Since the late 1990's, a number of consolidations have occurred within the highly competitive pump industry. As a consequence, numerous pump competitors now exist as subsidiaries, divisions or departments within significantly larger corporations. Foreign-sourced pumps have also increasingly penetrated into most of the Company's domestic markets.

Gorman-Rupp estimates that approximately 80 other domestic and global companies selling pumps and pump units compete in one or more of the lines of business and applications in which comparable products of the Company are utilized. International competitors are based mostly in Europe and Asia.

Most commercial and industrial pumps are specifically designed and engineered for a particular customer's application. The Company believes that proper application, product performance, and quality of delivery and service are its principal methods of competition, and attributes its success to its continued emphasis in these areas.

PURCHASING AND PRODUCTION

Virtually all materials, supplies, components and accessories used by the Company in the fabrication of its products, including all castings (for which most patterns are made and owned by the Company), structural steel, bar stock, motors, solenoids, engines, seals, and plastic and elastomeric components are purchased by the Company from other suppliers and manufacturers. No purchases are made under long-term contracts and the Company is not dependent upon a single source for any materials, supplies, components or accessories which are of material importance to its business.

The Company purchases motors for its polypropylene bellows pumps and magnetic drive pumps from several alternative vendors; and motor components for its large submersible pumps, and motors and engines for its pump systems, are purchased from a limited number of suppliers. Products requiring small motors are also currently sourced from alternative suppliers.

The other production operations of the Company consist of the machining of castings, the cutting, shaping and welding of bar stock and structural members, the design and assembly of electrical control panels, the manufacture of a few minor components, and the assembling, painting and testing of its products. Virtually all of the Company's products are tested prior to shipment.

OTHER ASPECTS

As of December 31, 2015, the Company employed approximately 1,274 persons, of whom approximately 753 were hourly employees. The Company has no collective bargaining agreements, has never experienced a work stoppage and considers its labor relations to be satisfactory.

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Although the Company owns a number of patents, and several of them are important to its business, Gorman-Rupp believes that the business of the Company is not materially dependent upon any one or more patents. The Company's patents, trademarks and other intellectual property are adequate for its business purposes.

The backlog of orders at December 31, 2015 was valued at \$117.1 million compared to \$160.7 million at December 31, 2014. Approximately 95% of the Company's backlog of unfilled orders is scheduled to be shipped during 2016, with the remainder principally during the first half of 2017. The decrease in backlog from 2014 is due primarily to approximately \$37.7 million of shipments for the Permanent Canal Closures & Pumps (PCCP) project to supply major flood control pumps to a member of a joint venture construction group for a significant New Orleans flood control project. Approximately \$10.5 million of orders related to the project remain in the December 31, 2015 backlog total. The remainder of the decrease in backlog is a result of lower order rates in 2015 due to unfavorable domestic weather conditions and global impacts relating to oil pricing and production.

The PCCP project is a fixed-price contract and full government funding has been appropriated for the project. The termination, cancellation and delay provisions within the PCCP project contract are governed by provisions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), principally by clauses 52.222-12 (Contract Termination-Debarment), 52.242-14 (Suspension of Work), 52.242-2 Alt. 1 (Production Progress Reports), and 52.249.10 (Default - Fixed-Price Construction).

AVAILABLE INFORMATION

The Company maintains a website accessible through its internet address of www.gormanrupp.com. Gorman-Rupp makes available free of charge on or through www.gormanrupp.com its Annual Report to Shareholders, its annual reports on Form 10-K, its quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and its current reports on Form 8-K, and any amendments to those reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after those reports (and any amendments) are electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission (Commission). However, the information contained on the Company's website is not a part of this Form 10-K or any other report filed with or furnished to the Commission.

As noted in Gorman-Rupp's Annual Report to Shareholders, a paper copy of the Company's Form 10-K is also available free of charge upon written request to the Company's Corporate Secretary.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Continuation of current and projected future business environment

The overall pump industry is cyclical in nature, and some of its business activity is related to general business conditions in the durable goods and capital equipment markets. Demand for most of the Company's products and services is affected by the level of new capital investment and planned maintenance expenditures by its customers. The level of such expenditures by our customers depends, in turn, on general economic conditions, availability of credit, economic conditions within their respective industries and expectations of future market behavior. Also, volatility in commodity prices such as oil and agricultural products can negatively affect the level of these activities and can result in postponement of capital spending decisions or the delay or cancellation of existing orders. Additionally, raw material and energy expenses are substantive drivers of costs in the manufacture of pumps and changes of these costs are often unpredictable. While efforts are made to recoup higher production costs through increased prices, the future acceptability of such price increases by customers is not guaranteed due to the highly competitive market place.

Compliance with, and costs related to, a variety of import and export laws and regulations

The Company is subject to a variety of laws regarding international operations, including regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Industry and Security and various foreign governmental agencies. Actual

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or alleged violations of import-export laws could result in enforcement actions and financial penalties. The Company cannot predict the nature, scope or effect of future regulatory requirements to which our international operations and trading practices might be subject or the manner in which existing laws might be administered or interpreted. Future regulations could limit the countries in which certain of our products may be manufactured or sold or could restrict our access to, and increase the cost of obtaining, products from foreign sources.

International operations exposure to fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates

Approximately 10% of the Company's revenue and certain of its costs, assets and liabilities, are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. The primary currencies to which the Company has exposure are the Canadian Dollar, the Euro and the South African Rand. Devaluations of these currencies can reduce the value of the Company's local monetary assets, reduce the U.S. dollar value of its local cash flow, and generate local currency losses that may reduce the U.S. dollar value of future local net income. Exchange rate fluctuations could materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Environmental compliance costs and liabilities

The Company's operations and properties are subject to various, and increasingly numerous, domestic and foreign environmental laws and regulations which can impose operating and financial sanctions for violations. Moreover, environmental and sustainability initiatives, practices, rules and regulations are under increasing scrutiny of both governmental and non-governmental bodies and may require changes in operational practices, standards and expectations and in turn increase the Company's compliance costs. Periodically, the Company has incurred, and expects to continue to incur, operating and capital costs to comply with environmental requirements. The Company monitors its environmental responsibilities, together with trends in the related laws, and believes it is in substantial compliance with current regulations. If the Company is required to incur increased compliance costs or violates environmental laws or regulations, future environmental compliance expenditures could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Defined benefit pension plan settlement expense

The Company sponsors a defined benefit pension plan covering certain domestic employees and accrues amounts for funding of its obligations under the plan. The defined benefit pension plan allows eligible retiring employees to receive a lump-sum distribution for benefits earned in lieu of annual payments and most retirees elect this option. Under applicable accounting rules, if the lump-sum distributions made for a plan year exceed an actuarially-determined threshold of the total of the service cost and interest cost for the plan year, the Company at such point would need to recognize for that year's results of operations a settlement expense for the resulting unrecognized actuarial loss. The Company has been required to make such adjustments in some prior years, including 2015, and, if such non-cash adjustments are necessary in future periods, they may be adverse to the Company's operating results.

Family ownership of common equity

A substantial percentage of the Company's Common Shares is held by various members of the Gorman and Rupp families and their affiliates. These family holdings do not typically trade; therefore, the Common Shares, in part because of these circumstances, generally have a history of relatively low volume trading experiences on the NYSE MKT Exchange.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company's corporate headquarters are located in Mansfield, Ohio. The production operations of the Company are conducted at several locations throughout the United States and other countries as set forth below. The Company is a lessee under a number of operating leases for certain real properties, none of which is material to its operations.

The Company owns a facility in Dallas, Texas comprising a training center and warehouse. In addition, the Company leases a warehouse facility in Jebel Ali, Dubai.

The Company's principal production operations are:

United States

Mansfield (two) and Bellville, Ohio
 Toccoa, Georgia
 Royersford, Pennsylvania (two)

Glendale, Arizona
 Olive Branch, Mississippi

Houston, Texas** (three)
 Lubbock, Texas

Other Countries

St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada
 Johannesburg, South Africa*

County Westmeath, Ireland
 Namur, Belgium

Culemborg, The Netherlands*

* Leased properties

** One leased

Gorman-Rupp considers its plants, machinery and equipment to be well maintained, in good operating condition and adequate for the present uses and business requirements of the Company.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

For more than ten years, numerous business entities in the pump and fluid-handling industries, as well as a multitude of companies in many other industries, have been targeted in a series of lawsuits in several jurisdictions by various individuals seeking redress to claimed injury as a result of the entities' alleged use of asbestos in their products. The Company and one of its subsidiaries, Patterson Pump Company, remain drawn into this mass-scaled litigation, typically as one of many co-defendants in a particular proceeding. The allegations in the lawsuits involving the Company and/or Patterson Pumps Company are vague, general and speculative, and most cases have not advanced beyond the early stage of discovery. Insurers of the Company have engaged legal counsel to represent the Company and/or Patterson Pump Company and to protect their interests. In certain situations, the plaintiffs have voluntarily dismissed the Company and/or Patterson Pump Company from some of the lawsuits after the plaintiffs have acknowledged that there is no basis for their claims. In other situations, the Company and/or Patterson Pump Company have been dismissed from some of the lawsuits as a result of court rulings in favour of motions to dismiss and/or motions for summary judgment. In approximately one hundred cases the Company has entered into nominal economic settlements recommended for payment by its insurers, coupled with dismissal of the lawsuits.

In addition, the Company and/or its subsidiaries are parties in a small number of legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. Management does not currently believe that these proceedings, or the industry-wide asbestos litigation, will materially impact the Company's consolidated results of operations, liquidity or financial condition.

PART I CONTINUED**ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURE**

Not applicable.

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

Pursuant to General Instruction G(3), the information regarding executive officers called for by Item 401 of Regulation S-K and by Item 10 of this Form 10-K is set forth below.

Name	Age	Office	Date Elected to Executive Officer Position
James C. Gorman	91	Chairman	1989
Jeffrey S. Gorman	63	President and Chief Executive Officer	1998
Wayne L. Knabel	69	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2009
Brigette A. Burnell	40	General Counsel and Corporate Secretary	2014

Except as noted, each of the above-named officers has held his or her executive position with the Company for the past five years. Mr. J. C. Gorman served as the Company's President from 1964 until 1989, and as Chief Executive Officer from 1964 until 1996. He has served as a Director of the Company continuously since 1946. Mr. J. S. Gorman was elected President and Chief Executive Officer effective May 1, 1998, after having served as Senior Vice President since 1996. Mr. J. S. Gorman also held the position of General Manager of the Mansfield Division from 1989 through 2005. He served as Assistant General Manager from 1986 to 1988; and he held the office of Corporate Secretary from 1982 to 1990. He has served as a Director of the Company continuously since 1989. Mr. Knabel was elected Executive Vice President effective May 1, 2014 and was elected Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective May 1, 2009. Mr. Knabel previously served as Vice President Finance since May 1, 2008. Mr. Knabel joined the Company in March 2008. Ms. Burnell was elected General Counsel effective May 1, 2015 and was elected Corporate Secretary effective May 1, 2014. Ms. Burnell previously served as Corporate Counsel and Corporate Secretary effective May 1, 2014. Ms. Burnell joined the Company as Corporate Attorney on January 2, 2014. Ms. Burnell previously served as Corporate Counsel of Red Capital Group from 2011 to 2013 advising the company on legal matters in all areas of business, after having served as an Associate at Jones Day from 2002 to 2011. Mr. J. S. Gorman is the son of Mr. J. C. Gorman. There are no other family relationships among any of the Executive Officers and Directors of the Company.

PART II**ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES**

Attention is directed to the section "Quarterly Stock Prices and Dividends" and the data below pertaining to the shareholder information on page 42 in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

Attention is also directed to the "Shareholder Return Performance Presentation" on page 42 in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

The Company did not repurchase any of its Common Shares during the fourth quarter of the period covered by this Form 10-K.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

Attention is directed to the section "Eleven Year Summary of Selected Financial Data" on pages 38 and 39 in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which is incorporated herein by this reference.

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ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Attention is directed to the section "Management's Discussion and Analysis" on pages 28 through 35, and to the section "Safe Harbor Statement" on page 43, in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Attention is directed to the section "Management's Discussion and Analysis" on pages 28 through 35, and to the section "Safe Harbor Statement" on page 43, in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which are incorporated herein by this reference. As indicated in paragraph 9 on page 31 referenced above, the Company has no material market risk exposures required to be reported by Item 305 of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

Attention is directed to the Company's consolidated financial statements, the notes thereto and the report of the independent registered public accounting firm thereon on pages 14 through 27, and to the section "Summary of Quarterly Results of Operations" on pages 38 and 39, in the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, which are incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains a set of disclosure controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in reports that it files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in Company reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to the Company's Management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

An evaluation was carried out under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Management, including the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report on Form 10-K. Based on the evaluation, the principal executive officer and the principal financial officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2015.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no material weaknesses identified at any Division or Subsidiary of the Company during 2015. The 2015 Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and the related Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting are incorporated herein by this reference from pages 36 and 37 of the Company's 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders, respectively.

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ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES CONTINUED

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Attention is directed to the sections Election of Directors, Board of Directors and Board Committees, Audit Committee Report and Beneficial Ownership of Shares in the Company's definitive Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which are incorporated herein by this reference.

With respect to Executive Officers, attention is directed to Part I of this Form 10-K.

The Company has adopted a Code of Ethics that applies to its Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial and Accounting Officer, as well as to all employees, officers and Directors. The Code of Ethics is set forth as an exhibit to this Form 10-K. In addition, the Code of Ethics is posted on the Company's website accessible through its Internet address of www.gormanrupp.com (under the heading Investor Relations and the sub-heading Corporate Governance), including any amendments.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Attention is directed to the sections Board of Directors and Board Committees, Executive Compensation, Compensation Discussion and Analysis, Pension Benefits, Summary Compensation Table, Non-Employee Director Compensation, Risk Oversight, Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation, and Compensation Committee Report in the Company's definitive Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which are incorporated herein by this reference.

ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Attention is directed to the section Beneficial Ownership of Shares and Election of Directors in the Company's definitive Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which are incorporated herein by this reference.

On May 22, 1997, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan, which was amended and restated on July 24, 2014 (the Plan) and became effective without shareholder approval. The Plan provides for compensation for regular services performed by each of the Company's non-employee Directors. In addition to cash compensation, non-employee Directors receive an award of Common Shares (from the Company's treasury) effective as of each July 1. The Plan expires on the earliest of (i) May 21, 2017, (ii) at such time as all of the Company's Common Shares authorized for award under the Plan and registered under Form S-8 Registration Statement No. 333-30159 shall have been awarded and issued, (iii) at such time as the Company deregisters any Common Shares not issued under the foregoing Registration Statement, or (iv) at such time as the Plan is terminated by action of the Board of Directors. The number of

PART III CONTINUED**ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS CONTINUED**

Common Shares which may be awarded under the Plan cannot exceed 50,000, subject to certain conditions (e.g., stock splits, stock dividends).

As of December 31, 2015, 73,000 Common Shares had been issued to non-employee Directors and 12,632 Common Shares remained available for future issuance (6,875 Common Shares were added as a result of the 5 for 4 stock split effective September 10, 2004; 7,093 Common Shares were added as a result of the 5 for 4 stock split effective December 8, 2006; 8,117 Common Shares were added as a result of the 5 for 4 stock split effective December 10, 2007; 8,021 were added as a result of the 5 for 4 stock split effective June 10, 2011; and 5,526 Common Shares were added as a result of the 5 for 4 stock split effective December 10, 2013). No options, warrants or rights are available for issuance under the Plan. Attention is directed to the sections Board of Directors and Board Committees and Beneficial Ownership of Shares in the Company's definitive Notice of 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

At the Company's 2015 annual meeting of shareholders, the shareholders approved The Gorman-Rupp Company 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the 2015 Plan). Under the 2015 Plan, employees of the Company and its subsidiaries may be granted the following types of awards with respect to the Company's common shares: restricted stock and restricted stock units, performance awards, stock options, stock appreciation rights and other share-based awards. During 2015, the Company awarded performance-based restricted stock under the 2015 Plan to certain employees. The maximum number of Company common shares available for issuance under the 2015 Plan is 1,000,000 shares.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2015 about the Company's common shares that may be issued upon exercise of options, warrants and rights granted, and shares remaining available for issuance, under all of the Company's existing equity compensation plans, including the 2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan and the Amended and Restated Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan.

Plan Category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans
Equity compensation plans approved by shareholders	-0-	\$ -0-	936,854
Non-Employee Directors' Compensation Plan (not approved by Shareholders)	-0-	-0-	12,632
Total	-0-	\$ -0-	949,486

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ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

Attention is directed to the section Board of Directors and Board Committees and Related Party Transactions in the Company's definitive Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which is incorporated herein by this reference. The Company has no relationships or transactions required to be reported by Item 404 of Regulation S-K.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

Attention is directed to the section Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm in the Company's definitive Notice of 2016 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and related Proxy Statement (filed with the SEC pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K), which is incorporated herein by this reference.

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ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. Financial Statements

With respect to the audited consolidated financial statements of the Registrant and its subsidiaries, the following documents have been incorporated by reference into this report:

- (i.) Consolidated Statements of Income-Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013
- (ii.) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income-Years ended December 31, 2015 , 2014 and 2013
- (iii.) Consolidated Balance Sheets-December 31, 2015 and 2014
- (iv.) Consolidated Statements of Equity-Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013
- (v.) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows-Years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013
- (vi.) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- (vii.) 2015 Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- (viii.) 2015 Report of Management on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting as of December 31, 2015
- (ix.) 2015 Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting as of December 31, 2015

2. Financial Statement Schedules

All financial statement schedules for which provision is made in the applicable accounting regulation of the Securities and Exchange Commission are not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable, or the information required to be set forth therein is included in the consolidated financial statements or Notes thereto.

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ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES CONTINUED

3. Exhibits

The exhibits listed below are submitted in a separate section of this report immediately following the Exhibit Index.

- (3) (i) Articles of Incorporation and (ii) Regulations
- (4) Instruments defining the rights of security holders, including indentures
- (10) Material contracts
- (13) Annual report to security holders
- (14) Code of ethics
- (21) Subsidiaries of the registrant
- (23) Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- (24) Powers of attorney
- (31) Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certifications
- (32) Section 1350 Certifications
- (101.INS) XBRL Instance Document
- (101.SCH) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

THE GORMAN-RUPP COMPANY

*By: /s/ BRIGETTE A. BURNELL
Brigette A. Burnell
Attorney-In-Fact
Date: March 11, 2016

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

*JEFFREY S. GORMAN Jeffrey S. Gorman	President and Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
*WAYNE L. KNABEL Wayne L. Knabel	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)
*JAMES C. GORMAN James C. Gorman	Director
*M. ANN HARLAN M. Ann Harlan	Director
*THOMAS E. HOAGLIN Thomas E. Hoaglin	Director
*CHRISTOPHER H. LAKE Christopher H. Lake	Director
*KENNETH R. REYNOLDS Kenneth R. Reynolds	Director
*RICK R. TAYLOR Rick R. Taylor	Director
*W. WAYNE WALSTON W. Wayne Walston	Director

* The undersigned, by signing her name hereto, does sign and execute this Annual Report on Form 10-K on behalf of The Gorman-Rupp Company and on behalf of each of the above-named Officers and Directors of The Gorman-Rupp Company pursuant to Powers of Attorney executed by The Gorman-Rupp Company and by each such Officer and Director and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. March 11, 2016

By: /s/ BRIGETTE A. BURNELL
Brigette A. Burnell
Attorney-In-Fact

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number	Description
(3)(4)(a)	Amended Articles of Incorporation, as amended
(3)(4)(b)	Amended Regulations*
(10)(a)	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Company and its Directors**
(10)(b)	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the Company and its Officers**
(10)(c)	2015 Omnibus Incentive Plan****#
(10)(d)	Form of Performance Share Grant Agreement*****#
(10)(e)	Amended and Restated Non-Employee Directors Compensation Plan****#
(13)	Incorporated Portions of 2015 Annual Report to Shareholders
(14)	Code of Ethics
(21)	Subsidiaries of the Company
(23)	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
(24)	Powers of Attorney
(31) (a)	Certification of Chief Executive Officer (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
(31) (b)	Certification of Chief Financial Officer (Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002)
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* Incorporated herein by this reference from Exhibits (3)(ii)(4) of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2015.

** Incorporated herein by this reference from Exhibits (10)(a)(b) of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

*** Incorporated herein by this reference from Exhibit (10) (1) of the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2014.

**** Incorporated herein by this reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2015.

***** Incorporated herein by this reference from Exhibit 10.1 of the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 4, 2015.

Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

