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SIRICOMM, INC.
4710 East 32nd Street
Joplin, Missouri 64804

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

May 4, 2007

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Annual Meeting of the stockholders of SiriCOMM, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at 10801 Mastin, Suite 730, Overland Park, Kansas 66210 on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 at 10:00 A.M. for the following purposes:

1. To elect a Board of Directors.
2. To amend our Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of shares of Common Stock the Company is authorized to 100,000,000.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on April 16, 2007 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. A list of the stockholders as of the record date will be available for inspection by stockholders at the Company's corporate offices for a period of ten days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Your attention is directed to the attached Proxy Statement and the enclosed Annual Report of the Company for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

Please sign, date and mail the enclosed proxy promptly in the enclosed postage-paid envelope so that your shares will be represented at the meeting.

THE COMPANY URGES THAT AS MANY STOCKHOLDERS AS POSSIBLE BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING. WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO BE PRESENT AT THE MEETING, YOU ARE URGED TO READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT AND THEN FILL IN, DATE, SIGN AND RETURN PROMPTLY THE ENCLOSED PROXY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. IF YOU ARE PRESENT IN PERSON AT THE MEETING, YOU MAY VOTE IN PERSON REGARDLESS OF HAVING SENT IN YOUR PROXY. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR SHARES BE REPRESENTED AT THE MEETING AND YOUR PROMPTNESS WILL ASSIST US IN PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Matthew McKenzie, Secretary

SIRICOMM, INC.
4710 East 32nd Street
Joplin, Missouri 64804

PROXY STATEMENT

May 4, 2007

This proxy statement sets forth certain information with respect to the accompanying proxy to be used at the 2007 Annual Meeting of stockholders (the "Meeting") of SiriCOMM, Inc. (the "Company") or at any adjournment thereof, for the purposes set forth in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting. The proxy statement and enclosed form of proxy are first being mailed to stockholders on or before May 4, 2007. The Board of Directors of the Company solicits this proxy and urges you to sign the proxy, fill in the date and return same immediately.

Shares of the Company's common stock, \$.001 par value (the "Common Stock"), represented by valid proxies in the enclosed form, executed and received in time for the meeting, will be voted as directed, or if no direction is indicated, will be voted for the election as directors of the nominees described herein. Proxies are being solicited by mail, and, in addition, officers and regular employees of the Company may solicit proxies by telephone or personal interview. As is customary, the expense of solicitation will be borne by the Company. The Company will also reimburse brokers for the expenses of forwarding proxy solicitation material to beneficial owners of shares held of record by such brokers. Your prompt cooperation is necessary in order to insure a quorum and to avoid expense and delay.

PROXIES ARE REVOCABLE AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO BEING VOTED EITHER BY WRITTEN NOTICE DELIVERED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY OR BY VOTING AT THE MEETING IN PERSON.

The mailing address of the principal executive offices of the Company is 4710 East 32nd Street, Joplin, Missouri 64804. The annual report of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 ("Fiscal 2006") including consolidated financial statements, supplementary financial information and management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations, accompanies this proxy statement.

**PROPOSAL NO. 1
ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The Company's bylaws provide that the Board of Directors shall consist of one or more members, the number thereof to be determined from time to time by the Board of Directors. Directors need not be stockholders.

Proxies are solicited in favor of the five nominees named below, all of whom, except Steven Fox, are now serving as directors. In the event one or more of the nominees is unable to serve as a director, it is intended that the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person, if any, as shall be designated by the Board of Directors. The Company is unaware of any information that would indicate that any of the nominees will be unable to serve and is not presently considering any additional persons to serve on the Board.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Director Since</u>
Mark L. Grannell	44	President, CEO and Director	2007
Terry W. Thompson	56	Director	2003
William P. Moore	61	Director	2005
Richard P. Landis	60	Director	2006
Steven W. Fox	49	N/A	N/A

Directors are elected to serve until the next Annual Meeting of shareholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified. The Company's officers are appointed by the Board of Directors and hold office at the will of the Board.

Mark L. Grannell

Mark L. Grannell was appointed President and Chief Executive Officer on February 12, 2007 and on March 28, 2007 he was elected to the Board of Directors. From 2002 to 2007 Mr. Grannell was Senior Director of Account Development for Level 3 Communications, Inc., an international provider of IP networking products and services. From 2001 to 2002 Mr. Grannell was Vice President of Business Development for Wireless Facilities, Inc. Prior to being employed by Wireless Facilities, Inc., Mr. Grannell was employed by Sprint Communications where he held various management positions. Mr. Grannell received his BS from Kansas State University and his MS in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the University of Missouri.

Terry W. Thompson

Terry W. Thompson was elected to the Board of Directors in August 2003. In 2002, Mr. Thompson retired as President of Jack Henry and Associates, a provider of integrated computer systems and processor of ATM and debit card transactions for banks and credit unions. Mr. Thompson joined Jack Henry in 1990 as Chief Financial Officer and was appointed President in 2001 guiding the Company from \$15 million in revenues to more than \$365 million and from 98 employees to 2300 employees. Mr. Thompson was named Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee and serves as its financial expert and will serve on the Company's newly created Compensation Committee.

William P. Moore

William P. Moore was elected to the Board of Directors in May 2005. He also serves as a member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee. Mr. Moore has pursued a career as an entrepreneur since 1980 and he has been involved in the formation, development and operation of several companies in the energy business. Mr. Moore graduated from the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree and he received a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1973.

Richard P. Landis

Richard P. Landis was elected to the Board of Directors in September 2006. Mr. Landis is currently the President and CEO of Heavy Vehicle Electronic License Plate, Incorporated (HELP, Inc.), the largest public-private transportation partnership in the United States. HELP, Inc. is a not-for-profit company that deploys technology coast to coast that improves the safety, efficiency and convenience of highway travel for commercial operators. Among the services Mr. Landis oversees at HELP, Inc. is PrePass, which automates compliance verification with state safety, credential, weight and tax requirements at weigh scales, ports of entry and agricultural inspection facilities. PrePass operates in 26 states at more than 260 locations, has a customer base of more than 55,000 commercial motor carriers operating nearly 400,000 vehicles. Prior to joining HELP, Inc., Mr. Landis spent seven and a half years in public service at the U.S. Department of Transportation as the top federal regulator of the interstate truck and bus industries. His responsibilities included the development and enforcement of safety policies and programs, hazardous materials and vehicle rules and regulations, and vehicle dimension regulation. Prior to joining the U.S. DOT Mr. Landis was an officer with the Arizona Department of Public Safety retiring as a Commander. Mr. Landis is a member of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America's Board of Directors.

Steven W. Fox

Steven W. Fox was nominated to be elected to the Board of Directors in April 2007. Mr. Fox has 20 years experience in the financial services industry. Prior to forming Quest Capital Alliance, L.L.C., Mr. Fox was employed by Bank of America as Market Executive for Commercial Banking in Southwest Missouri. Mr. Fox left Bank of America on September 29, 2000 to form Quest Capital Alliance, L.L.C. serving as its CEO and General Manager. Mr. Fox received his MBA and BSBA from the University of Missouri, Columbia.

PROPOSAL NO. 2
AMENDMENT TO THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

The Board of Directors has approved an amendment to the Company's Certificate of Incorporation which would change the number of authorized shares of Common Stock, and the par value to \$.001 per share. The number of authorized common shares would be increased to 100,000,000 shares. A copy of the Certificate of Amendment is attached as Exhibit A.

Discussion of the Amendment

Under the Company's Certificate of Incorporation, the Board of Directors of the Company has authority to issue authorized and unissued shares of Common and Preferred Stock without obtaining approval from the holders of the Common Stock. The holders of the Company's Common Stock and Preferred Stock do not have preemptive rights. The Preferred Stock provisions give the Board of Directors broad authority to issue shares of Preferred Stock in one or more series and to determine such matters as the dividend rate and preference, voting rights, conversion privileges, redemption provisions, liquidation preferences and other rights of each series. Each share of Common Stock is entitled to one vote. The holders of any series of preferred stock issued in the future will be entitled to such voting rights as may be specified by the Board of Directors.

It is not possible to determine the actual effect of the Preferred Stock on the rights of the holders of Common Stock until the Board of Directors determines the rights of the holders of a series of the Preferred Stock. However, such effect might include (i) restrictions on the payment of dividends to the holders of the Common Stock; (ii) dilution of voting power to the extent that the holder of the Preferred Stock are given voting rights; (iii) dilution of the equity interests and voting powers if the Preferred Stock is convertible into Common Stock; and (iv) restrictions upon any distribution of assets to the holders of the Common Stock upon liquidation or dissolution and until the satisfaction of any liquidation preference granted to the holders of Preferred Stock. Because of the broad powers granted to the Board of Directors to issue shares of Preferred Stock and determine the rights, preferences and privileges of the holders of such series, the Board of Directors has the power to issue shares of Preferred Stock in a manner which could be used as a defensive measure against a hostile takeover or to keep the Board of Directors in power. However, the Board of Directors has no present plans to issue shares for such purpose.

Purpose

It is important we preserve our flexibility to issue additional shares of Common Stock. The Board believes that the authorization of additional authorized shares of Common Stock is advisable to provide us with the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities to issue such stock in order to obtain capital, as consideration for possible acquisitions or for other purposes including, without limitation, the issuance of additional shares of Common Stock through stock splits and stock dividends in appropriate circumstances. There are, at present, no plans, understandings, agreements or arrangements concerning the issuance of additional shares of Common Stock, except for the shares to be issued pursuant to existing agreements or upon the exercise of stock options, warrants or other convertible securities, currently outstanding.

Effects of An Increase in Authorized Shares

Uncommitted authorized but unissued shares of Common Stock may be issued from time to time to such persons and for such consideration as the Board may determine. Holders of the then outstanding shares of Common Stock may or may not be given the opportunity to vote thereon, depending upon the nature of any such transactions, applicable law, the rules and policies of the Over the Counter Bulletin Board (“OTCBB”) or other market which we qualify Common Stock for trading, as the case may be, and the judgment of the Board regarding the submission of such issuance to a vote of our stockholders. Our stockholders have no preemptive rights to subscribe to newly issued shares.

Moreover, it is possible that additional shares of Common Stock would be issued under circumstances which would make the acquisition of a controlling interest in us more difficult, time-consuming, costly or otherwise discourage an attempt to acquire control of us. Under such circumstances the availability of authorized and unissued shares of Common Stock may make it more difficult for stockholders to obtain a premium for their shares. Such authorized and unissued shares could be used to create voting or other impediments or to frustrate a person seeking to obtain control of us by means of a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or other means. Such shares could be privately placed with purchasers who might cooperate with the board in opposing such an attempt by a third party to gain control of us or could also be used to dilute ownership of a person or entity seeking to obtain control of us. Although we do not currently contemplate taking such action, shares of Common Stock could be issued for the purposes and effects described above and the Board reserves its rights to issue such stock for such purposes.

The authorization of additional shares of Common Stock pursuant to this proposal will have no dilutive effect upon the proportionate voting power of our present stockholders. However, to the extent that shares are subsequently issued to persons other than our present stockholders, such issuance could have a dilutive effect on the earnings per share and voting power of present stockholders. If such dilutive effect on earnings per share occurs, we expect that any such dilutive effect would be relatively short in duration. As described above, we believe that the proposed increase in the number of authorized shares of Common Stock will provide the flexibility needed to meet corporate objectives and is in the best interest of our stockholders.

Stockholder Vote Required

The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the shares present in person and by proxy and voting at the Meeting is required to pass the proposal to amend the Certificate of Incorporation to increase the authorized common stock from 50,000,000 shares to 100,000,000 shares.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR the amendment to the Certificate of Incorporation.

VOTING SECURITIES AND RECORD DATE

Holders of Common Stock of the Company of record at the close of business on April 16, 2007 are entitled to notice and to vote at the Annual Meeting. At the close of business on April 16, 2007 the Company had 25,237,991 shares of Common Stock outstanding, for which each holder is entitled to one vote.

**SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN
BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT**

The following table sets forth, as of April 16, 2007, the number and percentage of shares of Common Stock of the Company, owned of record and beneficially, by each person known by the Company to own 5% or more of such stock, each director of the Company, and by all executive officers and directors of the Company, as a group:

Amount and Nature of Beneficial Ownership

Name and Address	<u>Amount of Beneficial Ownership (1)</u>	<u>Percent of Beneficial Ownership (2)</u>
Henry P. Hoffman 4710 East 32nd Street Joplin, MO 64804	5,611,303	22.23%
Mark L. Grannell (3) 4710 East 32nd Street Joplin, MO 64804	150,000	0.60%
Matthew McKenzie(4) 4710 East 32nd Street Joplin, MO 64804	75,000	0.30%
David N. Mendez 4710 East 32nd Street Joplin, MO 64804	1,063,331	4.21%
Richard P. Landis 608 La Loma Avenue Litchfield, AZ 85340	0	--
Terry W. Thompson (5) 406 N. Belaire Monett, MO 65708	374,884	1.48%
William P. Moore, III (6) 10801 Mastin, Suite 920 Overland Park, KS	9,315,867	30.22%
Steven W. Fox (7) 3140 E. Division Springfield, MO 65802	1,334,582	5.25%
Quest Capital Alliance LLC (7) 3140 E. Division Springfield, MO 65802	1,334,582	5.25%
Robert J. Smith (8) 3865 E. Turtle Hatch	1,853,931	7.28%

Springfield, MO 65809

All Directors and Director nominees and Officers as a
Group (8 Persons)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)

17,924,967

War, terrorism, geopolitical uncertainties, public health issues, and other business interruptions have caused and could cause damage or disruption to international commerce and the global economy, and thus could have a strong negative effect on us, our suppliers, logistics providers, manufacturing partners and customers. Our business operations could be subject to interruption by power shortages, terrorist attacks and other hostile acts, labor disputes, public health issues, and other events beyond our control. Such events could decrease demand for our products, make it difficult or impossible for us to produce and deliver products to our customers, or to receive components from our suppliers, thereby creating delays and inefficiencies in our supply chain. Should major public health issues, including pandemics, arise, we could be negatively affected by more stringent employee travel restrictions, additional limitations in freight services, governmental actions limiting the movement of products between regions, and disruptions in the operations of our manufacturing partners and component suppliers. The majority of our research and development activities, our corporate headquarters, information technology systems, and other critical business operations, including certain component suppliers and manufacturing partners, are in locations that could be affected by natural disasters. In the event of a natural disaster, losses could be incurred and significant recovery time could be required to resume operations and our financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected. While we may purchase insurance policies to cover the direct economic impact experienced following a natural disaster occurring at one of our own facilities, there can be no assurance that such insurance policies will cover the full extent of our financial loss nor will they cover losses which are not economic in nature such as, for example, our business and reputation as a reliable supplier.

Our information technology (“IT”) systems could be breached.

We face certain security threats relating to the confidentiality and integrity of our IT systems. Despite implementation of security measures, our IT systems may be vulnerable to damage from computer viruses, cyber attacks and other unauthorized access and these security breaches could result in a disruption to our operations. A material network breach of our IT systems could involve the theft of our and our customers' intellectual property or trade secrets which may be used by competitors to develop competing products. To the extent that any security breach results in a loss or damage to data, or inappropriate disclosure of confidential or proprietary information, it could cause significant damage to our reputation, affect our customer relations, lead to claims against us, increase our costs to protect against future damage and could result in a material adverse effect on our business and financial position.

Regulations related to the use of conflict-free minerals may increase our costs and expenses, and an inability to certify that our products are conflict-free may adversely affect customer relationships.

The Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act contains provisions to improve the transparency and accountability of the use by public companies in their products of minerals mined in certain countries and to prevent the sourcing of such “conflict” minerals. As a result, the Securities and Exchange Commission enacted new annual disclosure and reporting requirements for public companies that use these minerals in their products, which apply to us. Under the final rules, we were required to conduct due diligence to determine the source of any conflict minerals used in our products and to make annual disclosures beginning in May 2014. Because our supply chain is broad-based and complex, we may not be able to easily

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verify the origins for all minerals used in our products. In addition, the new rules may reduce the number of suppliers who provide components and products containing conflict-free minerals and thus may increase the cost of the components used in manufacturing our products and the costs of our products to us. Any increased costs and expenses may have a material adverse impact on our financial condition and results of operations. Further, if we are unable to certify that our products are conflict free, we may face challenges with our customers, which may place us at a competitive disadvantage, and our reputation may be harmed.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None

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Item 2. Properties

We operate the following manufacturing and other facilities, all of which we believe to be in good condition and adequate to meet our current and reasonably anticipated needs:

Location	Use	Owned/ Leased	Approximate Square Footage
Chicago, Illinois	Corporate Headquarters	Owned	15,000
Automotive Segment:			
Monterrey, Mexico	Manufacturing	Leased	241,000
Mriehel, Malta	Manufacturing	Leased	226,090
Carthage, Illinois	Manufacturing	Owned	134,889
Cairo, Egypt	Manufacturing	Leased	120,954
Shanghai, China	Manufacturing	Leased	94,643
McAllen, Texas	Warehousing	Leased	65,303
Zhenjiang, China	Manufacturing	Leased	23,560
Southfield, Michigan	Sales and Engineering Design Center	Owned	17,000
Bangalore, India	Engineering Design Center	Leased	14,465
Beirut, Lebanon	Engineering Design Center	Leased	5,112
Gau-Algesheim, Germany	Sales and Engineering Design Center	Leased	4,047
London, UK	Sales and Administrative	Leased	1,629
Interface Segment:			
Chicago, Illinois	Manufacturing	Owned	55,000
Monterrey, Mexico	Manufacturing	Leased	45,657
Mriehel, Malta	Manufacturing	Leased	32,500
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	Manufacturing/Design Center	Leased	26,132
Richardson, Texas	Manufacturing	Leased	25,715
Wheaton, Illinois	Manufacturing	Leased	22,500
Shanghai, China	Manufacturing	Leased	9,000
Milan, Italy	Sales and Design	Leased	8,600
Harkingen, Switzerland	Manufacturing	Leased	4,166
Hong Kong	Sales and Administrative	Leased	1,885
Singapore	Sales and Administrative	Leased	1,250
Taiwan	Sales and Administrative	Leased	581
Power Products Segment:			
Shanghai, China	Manufacturing	Leased	54,643
Rolling Meadows, Illinois	Manufacturing	Owned	52,000
Mriehel, Malta	Manufacturing	Leased	40,700
San Jose, California	Prototype and Design Center	Leased	2,925
Other Segment:			
Chicago, Illinois	Manufacturing	Owned	48,000
Boulder, Colorado	Prototype and Design Center	Leased	10,000

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Item 3. Legal Proceedings

As of May 2, 2015, we were not involved in any material legal proceedings or any legal proceedings or material administrative proceedings with governmental authorities pertaining to the discharge of materials into the environment or otherwise.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not Applicable

Executive Officers of the Registrant

Name	Age	Offices and Positions Held and Length of Service as Officer
Donald W. Duda	59	Chief Executive Officer of the Company since 2004 and President and Director since 2001.
Douglas A. Koman	65	Chief Financial Officer of the Company since 2004.
Thomas D. Reynolds	52	Chief Operating Officer of the Company since June 2010. Prior thereto, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Automotive Operations, of the Company since 2006.
Timothy R. Glandon	51	Vice President and General Manager, North American Automotive, of the Company since 2006.
Joseph E. Khoury	51	Vice President and General Manager, European Operations, of the Company since 2004.
Theodore P. Kill	64	Vice President, Worldwide Sales, of the Company since 2006.
Ronald L.G. Tsoumas	54	Controller and Treasurer of the Company since 2007.

All executive officers are elected by the Board of Directors and serve a term of one year or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange. The following is a tabulation of high and low sales prices for the periods presented and cash dividends declared per share.

Fiscal Year ended May 2, 2015	Sales Price Per Share		Dividends Declared Per Share
	High	Low	
First Quarter	\$38.57	\$27.27	\$0.09
Second Quarter	41.90	31.10	0.09
Third Quarter	43.00	32.80	0.09

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Fourth Quarter	47.41	35.82	0.09
Fiscal Year ended May 3, 2014			
First Quarter	\$20.29	\$13.32	\$0.07
Second Quarter	29.63	17.01	0.07
Third Quarter	37.53	23.05	0.07
Fourth Quarter	35.74	26.73	0.09

On June 18, 2015, the Board of Directors declared a dividend of \$0.09 per share of common stock, payable on July 31, 2015, to holders of record on July 17, 2015. As of June 23, 2015, the number of record holders of our common stock was 469.

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Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information about shares of our common stock that may be issued upon exercise of stock options or granting of stock awards under all of the existing equity compensation plans as of May 2, 2015.

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 (excluding securities reflected in the first column)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	350,667	\$24.40	2,986,500
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	350,667	\$24.40	2,986,500

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Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and the Company’s consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this report. The consolidated statement of operations data for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, are derived from, and are qualified by reference to, the Company’s audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this report. The consolidated statement of operations data for fiscal 2012 and 2011, and the consolidated balance sheet data as of April 27, 2013, April 28, 2012 and April 30, 2011 are derived from audited consolidated financial statements not included in this report.

	Fiscal Year Ended					
	May 2, 2015 (1)	May 3, 2014 (53 weeks) (2)	April 27, 2013 (3)	April 28, 2012 (4)	April 30, 2011 (5)	
	(In Millions, Except Percentages and Per Share Amounts)					
Income Statement Data:						
Net sales	\$881.1	\$772.8	\$519.8	\$465.1	\$428.2	
Income before income taxes	120.8	75.9	37.9	11.4	14.5	
Income tax expense/(benefit)	19.8	(20.3)	(2.5)	3.2	(4.1)	
Income from continuing operations	101.1	96.2	40.4	8.1	18.5	
Income from discontinued operations, net of tax	—	—	—	—	0.6	
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	101.1	96.1	40.7	8.4	19.5	
Per Common Share:						
Basic net income from continuing operations	2.61	2.53	1.09	0.22	0.51	
Basic net income from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	0.02	
Basic net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	2.61	2.53	1.09	0.22	0.53	
Diluted net income from continuing operations	2.58	2.51	1.08	0.22	0.50	
Diluted net income from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	0.02	
Diluted net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	2.58	2.51	1.08	0.22	0.52	
Dividends	0.36	0.30	0.28	0.28	0.28	
Book Value	11.82	10.21	7.71	6.84	6.95	
Long-term Debt	5.0	48.0	43.5	48.0	—	
Retained Earnings	356.5	269.2	184.4	154.0	156.0	
Fixed Assets (net)	93.3	101.2	98.4	77.2	61.5	
Total Assets	604.1	575.5	434.9	403.6	334.7	
Return on Average Equity	23.5	% 28.2	% 15.0	% 3.3	% 7.9	%
Pre-tax Income as a Percentage of Sales	13.7	% 9.8	% 7.3	% 2.5	% 3.4	%
Net Income as a Percentage of Sales	11.3	% 12.4	% 7.8	% 1.8	% 4.6	%

(1) Fiscal 2015 includes a \$5.0 million tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets in Malta. Fiscal 2015 also includes a goodwill pre-tax impairment charge of \$11.1 million and a pre-tax gain on the sale of a business of \$7.7 million.

(2) Fiscal 2014 includes a \$31.7 million tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets in the U.S. Fiscal 2014 also includes an intangible asset pre-tax impairment charge of \$1.7 million and a pre-tax gain on the sale of one of the Company's investments of \$3.2 million.

(3) Fiscal 2013 includes \$20.0 million of pre-tax income from the Delphi legal settlement. Fiscal 2013 also includes a pre-tax charge of \$4.3 million related to the impairment of goodwill for our Eetrex reporting unit.

(4) Fiscal 2012 includes \$3.7 million of pre-tax legal expense relating to the Delphi supply agreement and patent lawsuit.

(5) Fiscal 2011 results includes an after-tax gain on the sale of a business of \$0.6 million. In addition, fiscal 2011 includes \$4.8 million of pre-tax legal expense relating to the Delphi supply agreement and patent lawsuit.

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

We are a global manufacturer of component and subsystem devices with manufacturing, design and testing facilities in China, Egypt, Germany, India, Italy, Lebanon, Malta, Mexico, Singapore, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States. We design, manufacture and market devices employing electrical, radio remote control, electronic, wireless and sensing technologies. Our business is managed on a segment basis, with those segments being Automotive, Interface, Power Products and Other. For more information regarding the business and products of these segments, see "Item 1. Business."

Our components are found in the primary end markets of the aerospace, appliance, automotive, battery storage, construction, consumer and industrial equipment, communications (including information processing and storage, networking equipment, wireless and terrestrial voice/data systems), medical device, rail and other transportation industries.

Recent Transactions

On February 3, 2015, we sold our 100% ownership interest in our Trace Laboratories businesses. The businesses, located in Maryland and Illinois, provided services for qualification testing and certification, and analysis of electronic and optical components. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$7.7 million, related to the sale of these assets.

On February 10, 2014, one of the Company's investments, an interest in Lumidigm, with a cost basis of \$4.1 million, was sold. The Company's portion of the proceeds from the sale is \$7.3 million, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$3.2 million. The proceeds from the sale include \$1.1 million held in escrow, which is expected to be paid in fiscal 2016. The Company recorded the transaction in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014. The Company continues to hold an exclusive license in Lumidigm for certain transportation markets.

Results of Operations

Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended May 2, 2015, as Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended May 3, 2014.

Consolidated Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$881.1	\$772.8	\$108.3	14.0	%
Cost of products sold	662.3	616.1	46.2	7.5	%
Gross profit	218.8	156.7	62.1	39.6	%
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	11.1	1.7	9.4	552.9	%
Selling and administrative expenses	94.0	79.6	14.4	18.1	%
Amortization of intangibles	1.5	1.8	(0.3)	(16.7))%
Gain from sale of business	(7.7)	—	(7.7)	N/M)
Interest (income)/expense, net	(0.7)	0.3	(1.0)	N/M)
Other income, net	(0.2)	(2.6)	2.4	N/M)
Income tax (benefit)/expense	19.8	(20.3)	40.1	N/M)
Net income/(loss) attributable to non controlling interest	(0.1)	0.1	(0.2)	N/M)
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	\$101.1	\$96.1	\$5.0	5.2	%
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	75.2	% 79.7	%		
Gross margins	24.8	% 20.3	%		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	1.3	% 0.2	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	10.7	% 10.3	%		
Amortization of intangibles	0.2	% 0.2	%		
Gain from sale of business	(0.9))% —	%		
Interest (income)/expense, net	(0.1))% —	%		
Other income, net	—	% (0.3))%		
Income tax (benefit)/expense	2.2	% (2.6))%		
Net income/(loss) attributable to non controlling interest	—	% —	%		
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	11.5	% 12.4	%		

Net Sales. Consolidated net sales increased \$108.3 million, or 14.0%, to \$881.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from \$772.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The Automotive segment net sales increased \$106.0 million, or 20.3%, to \$628.4 million for fiscal 2015, from \$522.4 million for fiscal 2014, due to higher sales

volumes for the GM Center Console Program. Sales volumes also increased for transmission lead-frame assemblies, partially offset by currency rate fluctuations, lower tooling sales, lower sales volumes for the Ford Center Console Program and certain pricing concessions. The Interface segment net sales decreased \$9.1 million, or 5.3%, to \$161.7 million for fiscal 2015, compared to \$170.8 million for fiscal 2014, primarily due to lower appliance and radio remote control sales volumes, partially offset with increased sales volumes of data solutions products. The Power Products segment net sales increased \$13.2 million, or 18.2%,

to \$85.7 million for fiscal 2015, compared to \$72.5 million for fiscal 2014, primarily due to higher sales volumes of datacom, cabling and busbar products, partially offset with lower sales volumes of a by-pass switch. Translation of foreign operations net sales for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 decreased net sales by \$10.9 million, or 1.7%, in fiscal 2015, compared to the average currency rates in fiscal 2014, primarily due to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar compared to the euro.

Cost of Products Sold. Consolidated cost of products sold increased \$46.2 million, or 7.5%, to \$662.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$616.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Consolidated cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales decreased to 75.2% for fiscal 2015, compared to 79.7% for fiscal 2014. The Automotive and Power Products segments both experienced a decrease in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales due to manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes, primarily in North America and Asia. In addition, cost of products sold was favorably impacted in the Automotive segment in fiscal 2015 by the ramp-up of production in our lower cost manufacturing operation in Egypt and manufacturing improvements at the Company's captive molding business in Mexico. The Interface segment experienced a slightly higher cost of goods sold as a percentage of net sales primarily due to lower appliance sales volumes and increased development costs for the data solutions products. The Other segment experienced an increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales primarily due to increased development costs in our battery systems and medical products businesses.

Gross Profit. Consolidated gross profit increased \$62.1 million, or 39.6%, to \$218.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, as compared to \$156.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales increased to 24.8% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to 20.3% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The increase is primarily due to the Automotive and Power Products segments manufacturing efficiencies related to the higher sales volumes, other manufacturing improvements at the Company's captive molding business and the ramp-up of production in our lower cost manufacturing facility in Egypt. The Interface segment experienced a decrease in gross margins as a percentage of net sales primarily due to lower appliance sales volumes and increased development costs for our data solutions products. The Other segment experienced a decrease in gross margins as a percentage of net sales primarily due to increased development costs in our battery systems and medical products businesses.

Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets. In fiscal 2015 management performed the annual impairment analysis of goodwill for our TouchSensor reporting unit in our Interface segment and determined that the asset was impaired, resulting from a fourth quarter change in strategic direction. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$11.1 million related to these assets. In fiscal 2014, due to market conditions, management performed an impairment analysis of the intangible asset for our Eetrex reporting unit in our Other segment and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased by \$14.4 million, or 18.1%, to \$94.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$79.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 10.7% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 from 10.3% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. In fiscal 2015, total compensation expense increased \$7.7 million, travel and other general expenses increased \$3.1 million, legal expense increased \$2.6 million, and stock-based compensation increased \$1.0 million.

Amortization of Intangibles. Amortization of intangibles decreased \$0.3 million, or 16.7%, to \$1.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$1.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014.

Gain on the Sale of Business. On February 3, 2015, we sold our 100% ownership interest in our Trace Laboratories businesses for \$11.7 million. The businesses, located in Maryland and Illinois, provided services for qualification testing and certification, and analysis of electronic and optical components. The net assets of the businesses had a book value of \$4.0 million. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$7.7 million, related to the sale of the net assets.

Interest (Income)/Expense, Net. Interest (income)/expense decreased \$1.0 million, to income of \$0.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to an expense of \$0.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, primarily due to lower debt levels in fiscal 2015.

Other Income, Net. Other income, net decreased \$2.4 million to \$0.2 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$2.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 include income of \$0.3 million related to life insurance policies in connection with an employee deferred compensation plan. Other income, net for fiscal 2014 includes a gain of \$3.2 million for the sale of one of the Company's investments. All other amounts for both fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014, relate to currency rate fluctuations. The functional currencies of these operations are the British pound, Chinese

yuan, euro, Indian rupee, Mexican peso, Singapore dollar and Swiss franc. Some foreign operations have transactions denominated in currencies other than their functional currencies, primarily sales in U.S. dollars and euros, creating exchange rate sensitivities.

Income Tax (Benefit)/Expense. Income tax (benefit)/expense increased \$40.1 million, to an expense of \$19.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to a benefit of \$20.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The Company's effective tax rate increased to 16.4% in fiscal 2015, compared to (26.7%) in fiscal 2014. Fiscal 2015 includes a \$8.6 million tax benefit related to the release of a valuation allowance against deferred tax assets. Fiscal 2014 includes income tax expense on foreign profits of \$6.9 million, \$1.3 million for foreign tax expense on a foreign dividend and a tax expense of \$1.6 million related to the adjustment of tax credits from our Malta facility. In addition, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$32.6 million in fiscal 2014, related to the reversal of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets and other miscellaneous adjustments.

Net Income Attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc. Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc. increased \$5.0 million, or 5.2%, to \$101.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$96.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, primarily due to increased sales volumes and manufacturing efficiencies, the gain on selling a business, increased interest income, partially offset by increased income tax expense, impairment of goodwill and increased selling and administrative expenses.

Operating Segments

Automotive Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:
(in millions)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$628.4	\$522.4	\$106.0	20.3	%
Cost of products sold	471.0	425.7	45.3	10.6	%
Gross profit	157.4	96.7	60.7	62.8	%
Selling and administrative expenses	32.5	27.3	5.2	19.0	%
Income from operations	\$124.9	\$69.4	\$55.5	80.0	%
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	75.0	% 81.5	%		
Gross margins	25.0	% 18.5	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	5.2	% 5.2	%		
Income from operations	19.9	% 13.3	%		

Net Sales. Automotive segment net sales increased \$106.0 million, or 20.3%, to \$628.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from \$522.4 million for fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Net sales increased in North America by \$104.7 million, or 38.9%, to \$373.9 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$269.2 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to higher sales volumes for the GM Center Console Program. Sales volumes were relatively flat for transmission lead-frame assemblies. Also in North America, sales decreased related to pricing concessions on certain products and sales volumes decreased for the Ford Center Console Program. Net sales decreased in Europe by \$12.6 million, or

7.4%, to \$157.8 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$170.4 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to currency rate fluctuations, lower tooling sales and lower sales volumes for hidden switch products. Net sales in Asia increased \$13.9 million, or 16.8%, to \$96.7 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$82.8 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to higher sales volumes for interior lighting products, linear position sensor products and transmission lead-frame assemblies. Translation of foreign operations net sales for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 decreased reported net sales by \$10.9 million, or 1.7%, in fiscal 2015, compared to the average currency rates in fiscal 2014, primarily due to the strengthening of the U.S. dollar compared to the euro.

Cost of Products Sold. Automotive segment cost of products sold increased \$45.3 million, or 10.6%, to \$471.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from \$425.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The Automotive segment cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales decreased to 75.0% in fiscal 2015, compared to 81.5% in fiscal 2014. The decrease is substantially due to manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes, primarily in North America and Asia. In addition, cost of products sold was favorably impacted in fiscal 2015 due to the ramp-up of production in our lower cost manufacturing operation in Egypt and manufacturing improvements at the Company's captive molding business in Mexico as well as favorable commodity pricing for raw materials.

Gross Profit. Automotive segment gross profit increased \$60.7 million, or 62.8%, to \$157.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, as compared to \$96.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The Automotive segment gross margins as a percentage of net sales increased to 25.0% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, as compared to 18.5% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The increase is substantially due to manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes, primarily in North America and Asia, and other manufacturing improvements at the Company's captive molding business. In addition, gross margins were favorably impacted in fiscal 2015 due to the ramp-up of production in our lower cost manufacturing operation in Egypt and favorable commodity pricing for raw materials, partially offset with pricing concessions for certain products in North America.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased \$5.2 million, or 19.0%, to \$32.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$27.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales were 5.2% for both the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014. The increase in expenses in fiscal 2015 is primarily due to higher salary, bonus, employee recruitment fees and travel expenses as a result of increased business levels as compared to fiscal 2014, partially offset with lower legal expenses.

Income from Operations. Automotive segment income from operations increased \$55.5 million, or 80.0%, to \$124.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$69.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Fiscal 2015 benefitted from higher sales volumes, manufacturing efficiencies and lower legal expenses, partially offset with higher salary, bonus, employee recruitment fees and travel expenses.

Interface Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$161.7	\$170.8	\$(9.1	) (5.3)%
Cost of products sold	123.0	126.4	(3.4	) (2.7)%
Gross profit	38.7	44.4	(5.7	) (12.8)%
Impairment of goodwill	11.1	—	11.1	N/M	
Selling and administrative expenses	20.6	17.6	3.0	17.0	%
Income from operations	\$7.0	\$26.8	\$(19.8	) (73.9)%
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	76.1	% 74.0	%		
Gross margins	23.9	% 26.0	%		
Impairment of goodwill	6.9	% —	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	12.7	% 10.3	%		
Income from operations	4.3	% 15.7	%		

Net Sales. Interface segment net sales decreased \$9.1 million, or 5.3%, to \$161.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from \$170.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Net sales decreased in North America by \$3.9 million, or 2.9%, to \$128.8 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$132.7 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to lower appliance sales volumes, partially offset with stronger sales volumes for data solutions and radio remote control products. Net sales in Europe decreased \$2.2 million, or 8.4%, to \$23.9 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$26.1 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to lower radio remote control sales volumes, partially offset with higher sales volumes for data solutions products. Net sales in Asia decreased \$3.0 million, or 25.0%, to \$9.0 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$12.0 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to lower radio remote control sales volumes and lower sales volumes from certain legacy products resulting from the planned exit of a product line.

Cost of Products Sold. Interface segment cost of products sold decreased \$3.4 million, or 2.7%, to \$123.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$126.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Interface segment cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales increased to 76.1% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to 74.0% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to lower appliance sales volumes and increased development costs.

Gross Profit. Interface segment gross profit decreased \$5.7 million, or 12.8%, to \$38.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$44.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales decreased to 23.9% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from 26.0% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease in gross margins as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to lower appliance sales volumes and increased development costs.

Impairment of Goodwill. In fiscal 2015 management performed the annual impairment analysis of goodwill for our TouchSensor reporting unit and determined that the asset was impaired, resulting from a fourth quarter change in strategic direction. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$11.1 million related to these assets.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased \$3.0 million, or 17.0%, to \$20.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$17.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 12.7% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from 10.3% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The increase in selling and administrative expenses is primarily due to increased legal expenses, partially offset with lower compensation expense and travel expense.

Income from Operations. Interface segment income from operations decreased \$19.8 million, or 73.9%, to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$26.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, primarily due to the impairment of goodwill, lower sales volumes, increased legal expenses, partially offset with lower compensation and travel expense.

Power Products Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:
(in millions)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$85.7	\$72.5	\$13.2	18.2	%
Cost of products sold	57.9	55.0	2.9	5.3	%
Gross profit	27.8	17.5	10.3	58.9	%
Selling and administrative expenses	4.6	4.9	(0.3	) (6.1)%
Income from operations	\$23.2	\$12.6	\$10.6	84.1	%
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	67.6	% 75.9	%		
Gross margins	32.4	% 24.1	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	5.4	% 6.8	%		
Income from operations	27.1	% 17.4	%		

Net Sales. Power Products segment net sales increased \$13.2 million, or 18.2%, to \$85.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$72.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Net sales increased in North America by \$9.1 million, or 21.6%, to \$51.3 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$42.2 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to higher sales volumes of datacom, cabling and busbar products. Net sales in Europe increased \$0.3 million, or 2.8%, to \$11.2 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$10.9 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to higher busbar sales volumes, partially offset by lower bypass switch sales volumes. Net sales in Asia increased \$3.8 million, or 19.6%, to \$23.2 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$19.4 million in fiscal 2014, primarily due to increased sales volumes of datacom, busbar and cabling products.

Cost of Products Sold. Power Products segment cost of products sold increased \$2.9 million, or 5.3%, to \$57.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$55.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The Power Products segment cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales decreased to 67.6% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from 75.9% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to manufacturing efficiencies related increased sales volumes in North America and Asia, favorable sales mix in Europe and favorable raw material commodity pricing in all three regions.

Gross Profit. Power Products segment gross profit increased \$10.3 million, or 58.9%, to \$27.8 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$17.5 million in fiscal 2014. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales increased to 32.4% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 from 24.1% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The increase in gross margins as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to manufacturing efficiencies related to increased sales volumes in North America and Asia, favorable sales mix in Europe and favorable raw material commodity pricing in all three regions.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$0.3 million, or 6.1%, to \$4.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$4.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014.

Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 5.4% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 from 6.8% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease is primarily due to higher sales volumes and lower commission and travel expenses in North America.

Income From Operations. Power Products segment income from operations increased \$10.6 million, or 84.1%, to \$23.2 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$12.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, due to increased sales volumes, manufacturing efficiencies, and favorable commodity pricing of raw materials and lower commission and travel expenses.

Other Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	Net Change	Net Change
Net sales	\$5.2	\$7.0	\$(1.8)	(25.7)%
Cost of products sold	7.0	7.4	(0.4)	(5.4)%
Gross margins	(1.8)	(0.4)	(1.4)	350.0%
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	—	1.7	(1.7)	N/M
Selling and administrative expenses	4.6	4.9	(0.3)	(6.1)%
Loss from operations	\$(6.4)	\$(7.0)	\$0.6	N/M
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014		
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%	
Cost of products sold	134.6	% 105.7	%	
Gross margins	(34.6)	)% (5.7))%	
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	—	% 24.3	%	
Selling and administrative expenses	88.5	% 70.0	%	
Loss from operations	(123.1)	)% (100.0))%	

Net Sales. The Other segment net sales decreased \$1.8 million, or 25.7%, to \$5.2 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease is primarily due to sale of Trace Laboratories business at the beginning of the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015. The remaining operating units in this segment, medical products and battery systems, do not have any substantial net sales in either fiscal 2015 or fiscal 2014.

Cost of Products Sold. Other segment cost of products sold decreased \$0.4 million, or 5.4%, to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$7.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales increased to 134.6% in fiscal 2015, compared to 105.7% in fiscal 2014. The increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to increased development costs in our medical products and battery systems businesses.

Gross Profit. The Other segment gross profit decreased \$1.4 million, to a loss of \$1.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to a loss of \$0.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales decreased to (34.6)% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to (5.7)% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease in gross margins as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to increased development costs in our medical products and battery systems businesses, which do not have any significant corresponding sales.

Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets. In fiscal 2014, due to market conditions, management performed an impairment analysis of the intangible assets for our battery systems operating unit and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$0.3 million, or 6.1%, to \$4.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$4.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014.

Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 88.5% for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, from 70.0% for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease is primarily due to the sale of Trace Laboratories business, partially offset by increased headcount and professional fees in our medical products business.

Loss From Operations The Other segment loss from operations decreased \$0.6 million to \$6.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015, compared to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014. The decrease was primarily due to no impairment of goodwill and intangible assets, partially offset by the sale of Trace Laboratories business, increased development expenses, professional fees and headcount in our medical products business.

Results of Operations for the Fiscal Year Ended May 3, 2014, as Compared to the Fiscal Year Ended April 27, 2013.

Consolidated Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	Net Change	Net Change			
Net sales	\$772.8	\$519.8	\$253.0	48.7	%		
Cost of products sold	616.1	428.2	187.9	43.9	%		
Gross profit	156.7	91.6	65.1	71.1	%		
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	1.7	4.3	(2.6	)	N/M	
Income from settlement	—	(20.0	)	20.0	N/M	
Selling and administrative expenses	79.6	66.3	13.3	20.1	%		
Amortization of intangibles	1.8	1.8	—	—	%		
Interest expense, net	0.3	—	0.3	N/M			
Other (income)/expense, net	(2.6)	1.3	(3.9)	N/M	
Income tax benefit	(20.3)	(2.5)	(17.8)	N/M
Net income/(loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	0.1	(0.3)	0.4	(133.3)	%
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	\$96.1	\$40.7	\$55.4	136.1	%		
Percent of sales:	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013					
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%				
Cost of products sold	79.7	% 82.4	%				
Gross margins	20.3	% 17.6	%				
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	0.2	% 0.8	%				
Income from settlement	—	% (3.8)	%			
Selling and administrative expenses	10.3	% 12.8	%				
Amortization of intangibles	0.2	% 0.3	%				
Interest expense, net	—	% —	%				
Other (income)/expense, net	(0.3	)	% 0.3	%		
Income tax benefit	(2.6	)	% (0.5)	%	
Net income/(loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	% (0.1)	%			
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	12.4	% 7.8	%				

Net Sales. Consolidated net sales increased \$253.0 million, or 48.7%, to \$772.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, from \$519.8 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Tooling sales, primarily from the Automotive segment, increased \$4.4 million, or 22.0%, to \$24.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$20.0 million in fiscal 2013. The Automotive segment net sales, inclusive of tooling sales, increased \$204.5 million, or 64.3%, to \$522.4 million in fiscal 2014, from \$317.9 million in fiscal 2013, primarily related to the GM Center Console

Program, which launched in the first quarter of fiscal 2014, new product launches in Europe and higher sales volumes for steering-angle sensor, and hidden switch product lines. The Interface segment net sales increased \$27.7 million, or 19.4%, to \$170.8 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$143.1 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to higher sales volumes in appliance and data products. The Power Products segment net sales increased \$19.9 million, or 37.8%, to \$72.5 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$52.6 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to higher sales volumes for our PowerRail and associated products, partially offset by lower sales volumes for our heat sink

products. The Other segment net sales decreased \$0.8 million, or 12.9%, to \$7.0 million in fiscal 2014, as compared to \$6.2 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to lower sales volumes for our torque-sensing products. Translation of foreign operations net sales for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014 increased reported net sales by \$6.5 million or 0.8% due to average currency rate fluctuations, compared to fiscal 2013, primarily due to the strengthening of the Euro compared to the U.S. dollar.

Cost of Products Sold. Consolidated cost of products sold increased \$187.9 million, or 43.9%, to \$616.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$428.2 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Consolidated cost of products sold as a percentage of sales was 79.7% in fiscal 2014, compared to 82.4% in fiscal 2013. The Automotive segment experienced a decrease in cost of goods sold as a percentage of sales due to increased manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes and the vertical integration of our paint and decorative molding operation into our manufacturing processes. The Interface segment experienced an increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of sales primarily due to manufacturing inefficiencies related to lower sales volumes for our European sensor products as well as sales mix within the segment. The Power Products segment experienced a decrease in cost of products sold as a percentage of sales primarily due to lower development costs, favorable commodity pricing for raw materials and favorable product sales mix.

Gross Profit. Consolidated gross profit increased \$65.1 million, or 71.1%, to \$156.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, as compared to \$91.6 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales increased to 20.3% in fiscal 2014, compared to 17.6% in fiscal 2013. The increase is primarily due to increased manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes and the vertical integration of our paint and decorative molding facility in our manufacturing process in the Automotive segment. The Interface segment experienced a decrease in gross margins as a percentage of sales primarily due to manufacturing inefficiencies related to lower sales volumes for our European sensor products and sales mix within the segment. The Power Products segment experienced an increase in gross margins as a percentage of sales primarily due to favorable commodity pricing for raw materials and favorable product sales mix.

Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets. In fiscal 2014, due to market conditions, management performed an impairment analysis of the intangible asset for our Eetrex reporting unit in our Power Products segment and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets. In fiscal 2013, as a result of our annual goodwill impairment testing, we determined that the fair value for Eetrex was less than the carrying value of their net assets and concluded that goodwill was impaired. We recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.3 million for our Eetrex reporting unit in our Power Products segment related to these assets.

Income From Settlement. In fiscal 2013, the Company and various Delphi parties settled all Delphi related litigation matters. In addition to resolving all claims between the parties, the Company assigned certain patents to Delphi and entered into a non-compete agreement with respect to the related technology. In exchange, the Company received a payment of \$20.0 million.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased by \$13.3 million, or 20.1%, to \$79.6 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$66.3 million in fiscal 2013. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 10.3% in fiscal 2014 from 12.8% in fiscal 2013. The decrease is primarily due to higher sales volumes. The selling and administrative expenses in fiscal 2013 benefitted from a \$1.1 million reversal of various accruals related to a customer bankruptcy. In fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013, the Company recorded \$3.9 million and \$2.1 million, respectively, of performance-based compensation expense related to the tandem cash component of the Company's long-term incentive plan. In fiscal 2014, expenses for short term bonuses, salary and fringe benefit expenses increased \$5.4 million, travel expenses and other general expenses increased \$2.6 million, legal and other professional services increased \$1.2 million, and development costs increased \$1.2 million in fiscal 2014 primarily due to increased business levels.

Amortization of Intangibles. Amortization of intangibles was \$1.8 million for both fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013.

Interest Expense, Net. Interest expense, net increased to \$0.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to break-even for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013.

Other (Income)/Expense, Net. Other (income)/expense, net increased \$3.9 million, to income of \$2.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to an expense of \$1.3 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Other (income)/expense, net for fiscal 2014 includes a gain of \$3.2 million for the sale of one of the Company's investments. In addition, fiscal 2014 also included income of \$0.3 million in fiscal 2014 related to life insurance policies in connection with an employee deferred compensation plan. All other amounts for both fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013 relate to currency rate fluctuations. The functional currencies of these operations are the British pound, Chinese yuan, Euro, Indian rupee, Mexican

peso, Singapore dollar and Swiss franc. Some foreign operations have transactions denominated in currencies other than their functional currencies, primarily sales in U.S. dollars and Euros, creating exchange rate sensitivities.

Income Tax Benefit. Income tax benefit increased \$17.8 million to \$20.3 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$2.5 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Fiscal 2014 includes income tax expense on foreign profits of \$6.9 million, \$1.3 million for foreign tax expense on a foreign dividend and a tax expense of \$1.6 million related to the adjustment of tax credits from our Malta facility. In addition, the Company recorded a tax benefit of \$31.7 million in fiscal 2014, related to the reversal of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets and other miscellaneous adjustments in the U.S. Fiscal 2013 includes income tax expense on foreign profits of \$6.1 million. In addition, fiscal 2013 includes a benefit of \$8.6 million related to tax credits from our Malta facility.

Net Income Attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc. Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc. increased \$55.4 million, or 136.1%, to \$96.1 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$40.7 million for the fiscal year April 27, 2013. Fiscal 2014 benefitted from the GM Center Console Program launch, higher sales volumes, realized manufacturing efficiencies, higher income tax benefit and lower impairment expenses of goodwill and intangible assets. Fiscal 2014 was negatively impacted by higher selling and administrative expenses due to increased business levels. Fiscal 2013 benefitted from the \$20.0 million settlement and the \$1.1 million reversal of various accruals related to a customer bankruptcy.

Operating Segments

Automotive Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$522.4	\$317.9	\$204.5	64.3	%
Cost of products sold	425.7	271.6	154.1	56.7	%
Gross profit	96.7	46.3	50.4	108.9	%
Income from settlement	—	(20.0	) 20.0	N/M	
Selling and administrative expenses	27.3	25.2	2.1	8.3	%
Income from operations	\$69.4	\$41.1	\$28.3	68.9	%
Percent of sales:	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	81.5	% 85.4	%		
Gross margins	18.5	% 14.6	%		
Income from settlement	—	% (6.3)%		
Selling and administrative expenses	5.2	% 7.9	%		
Income from operations	13.3	% 12.9	%		

Net Sales. Automotive segment net sales increased \$204.5 million, or 64.3%, to \$522.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, from \$317.9 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Tooling sales increased \$4.4 million, or 22.0%, to \$24.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$20.0 million in fiscal 2013. Net sales, inclusive of

tooling sales, increased in North America by \$173.2 million, or 180.4%, to \$269.2 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$96.0 million in fiscal 2013 related to the GM Center Console Program, which launched during the first quarter of fiscal 2014 and increased sales volumes for our transmission lead-frame assemblies. Net sales, inclusive of tooling sales increased in Europe by \$24.8 million, or 17.0%, to \$170.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$145.6 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to new product launches and increased sales volumes for hidden switch products as well as currency rate fluctuations. Net sales, inclusive of tooling sales, in Asia increased \$6.5 million, or 8.5%, to \$82.8 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$76.3 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due

to increased sales volumes for our steering-angle sensor, transmission lead-frame assembly products and hidden switches. Translation of foreign operations net sales for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014 increased reported net sales by \$6.5 million, or 1.3%, due to average currency rates, compared to the average currency rates in fiscal 2013, primarily due to the strengthening of the Euro as compared to the U.S. dollar.

Cost of Products Sold. Automotive segment cost of products sold increased \$154.1 million, or 56.7%, to \$425.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, from \$271.6 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. The Automotive segment cost of products sold as a percentage of sales decreased to 81.5% in fiscal 2014, compared to 85.4% in fiscal 2013. The decrease is primarily due to increased manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes in North America and Europe and the vertical integration of our paint and decorative molding operation into our manufacturing processes in North America.

Gross Profit. Automotive segment gross profit increased \$50.4 million, or 108.9%, to \$96.7 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, as compared to \$46.3 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. The Automotive segment gross margins as a percentage of net sales were 18.5% in fiscal 2014, compared to 14.6% in fiscal 2013. The increase is primarily due to increased manufacturing efficiencies related to the increased sales volumes and the vertical integration of our paint and decorative molding facility into our manufacturing processes.

Income From Settlement. In September 2012, the Company and various Delphi parties settled all Delphi related litigation matters. In addition to resolving all claims between the parties, the Company assigned certain patents to Delphi and entered into a non-compete agreement with respect to the related technology. In exchange, the Company received a payment of \$20.0 million. The Company recorded the entire gain in the second quarter of fiscal 2013.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased \$2.1 million, or 8.3%, to \$27.3 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$25.2 million in fiscal 2013. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales were 5.2% in fiscal 2014 and 7.9% in fiscal 2013. The selling and administrative expenses in fiscal 2013 benefitted from a \$1.1 million reversal of various accruals related to a customer bankruptcy. In fiscal 2014, bonus and travel expenses increased \$2.1 million as a result of increased business levels, partially offset by set by lower legal expenses of \$1.3 million.

Income from Operations. Automotive segment income from operations increased \$28.3 million, or 68.9%, to \$69.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$41.1 million in fiscal 2013. Fiscal 2014 benefitted from the GM Center Console Program, higher sales volumes and manufacturing efficiencies and lower legal expenses, partially offset with higher bonus and travel expenses. Fiscal 2013 benefitted from the \$20.0 million settlement and the \$1.1 million reversal of various accruals related to a customer bankruptcy.

Interface Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:
(in millions)

	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$170.8	\$143.1	\$27.7	19.4	%
Cost of products sold	126.4	104.7	21.7	20.7	%
Gross profit	44.4	38.4	6.0	15.6	%
Selling and administrative expenses	17.6	17.7	(0.1	) (0.6)%
Income from operations	\$26.8	\$20.7	\$6.1	29.5	%
Percent of sales:	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	74.0	% 73.2	%		
Gross margins	26.0	% 26.8	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	10.3	% 12.4	%		
Income from operations	15.7	% 14.5	%		

Net Sales. Interface segment net sales increased \$27.7 million, or 19.4%, to \$170.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, from \$143.1 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Net sales increased in North America by \$27.7 million, or 26.4%, to \$132.7 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$105.0 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to stronger sales volumes for our appliance, data solutions and radio remote control products. Net sales in Europe increased \$1.4 million, or 5.7%, to \$26.1 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$24.7 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to increased radio remote control sales volumes, partially offset with lower sensor sales volumes. Net sales in Asia decreased \$1.4 million, or 10.4%, to \$12.0 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$13.4 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to lower sales from certain legacy products resulting from the planned exit of a product line.

Cost of Products Sold. Interface segment cost of products sold increased \$21.7 million, or 20.7%, to \$126.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$104.7 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Interface segment cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales increased to 74.0% in fiscal 2014, compared to 73.2% in fiscal 2013. The increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of sales is primarily due to manufacturing inefficiencies due to lower sales volumes for our European sensor products as well as sales mix within the segment.

Gross Profit. Interface segment gross profit increased \$6.0 million, or 15.6%, to \$44.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$38.4 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales decreased to 26.0% in fiscal 2014, from 26.8% in fiscal 2013. The decrease in gross margins is primarily due to lower sales volumes for our European sensor products as well as sales mix within the segment.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$0.1 million, or 0.6%, to \$17.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$17.7 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 10.3% in fiscal 2014, from 12.4% in fiscal 2013.

Income from Operations. Interface segment income from operations increased \$6.1 million, or 29.5%, to \$26.8 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$20.7 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013, primarily due to higher sales volumes, partially offset with manufacturing inefficiencies and sales mix.

Power Products Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:
(in millions)

	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$72.5	\$52.6	\$19.9	37.8	%
Cost of products sold	55.0	40.9	14.1	34.5	%
Gross profit	17.5	11.7	5.8	49.6	%
Selling and administrative expenses	4.9	6.6	(1.7	) (25.8)%
Income from operations	\$12.6	\$5.1	\$7.5	147.1	%
Percent of sales:	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	75.9	% 77.8	%		
Gross margins	24.1	% 22.2	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	6.8	% 12.5	%		
Income from operations	17.4	% 9.7	%		

Net Sales. Power Products segment net sales increased \$19.9 million, or 37.8%, to \$72.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$52.6 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Net sales increased in North America by \$7.9 million, or 23.0%, to \$42.2 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$34.3 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to higher sales volumes for our PowerRail and associated products, partially offset by lower sales volumes for our heat sink products. Net sales in Europe increased by \$7.5 million, or 220.6%, to \$10.9 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$3.4 million in fiscal 2013, due to launches of a by-pass switch and busbars for electric vehicles, both of which launched in the second half of fiscal 2013. Net sales in Asia increased by \$4.4 million, or 29.3%, to \$19.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$15.0 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to increased sales volumes of busbar and cabling assemblies.

Cost of Products Sold. Power Products segment cost of products sold increased \$14.1 million, or 34.5%, to \$55.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$40.9 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. The Power Products segment cost of products sold as a percentage of sales decreased to 75.9% in fiscal 2014, from 77.8% in fiscal 2013. The decrease in cost of products sold as a percentage of sales is primarily due to higher sales volumes, favorable commodity pricing for raw materials and favorable product sales mix.

Gross Profit. Power Products segment gross profit increased \$5.8 million, or 49.6%, to \$17.5 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$11.7 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Gross margins as a percentage of net sales increased to 24.1% in fiscal 2014 from 22.2% in fiscal 2013. The increase in gross margins is primarily due to favorable commodity pricing for raw materials and favorable product sales mix.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses decreased \$1.7 million, or 25.8%, to \$4.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$6.6 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales decreased to 6.8% in fiscal 2014 from 12.5% in fiscal 2013. Selling and administrative expenses decreased due to lower commission expense in North America.

Income From Operations. Power Products segment income from operations increased \$7.5 million, or 147.1%, to \$12.6 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared \$5.1 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013, due to higher sales volumes, favorable commodity pricing for raw materials, favorable product sales mix and lower selling and administrative expenses.

Other Segment Results

Below is a table summarizing results for the fiscal years ended:

(in millions)

("N/M" equals not meaningful)

	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	Net Change	Net Change	
Net sales	\$7.0	\$6.2	\$0.8	12.9	%
Cost of products sold	7.4	7.0	0.4	5.7	%
Gross profit	(0.4)	(0.8)	0.4	(50.0)	%
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	1.7	4.3	(2.6)	(60.5)	%
Selling and administrative expenses	4.9	2.7	2.2	81.5	%
Loss from operations	\$(7.0)	\$(7.8)	\$0.8	N/M	
Percent of sales:	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013			
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	%		
Cost of products sold	105.7	% 112.9	%		
Gross profit	(5.7)%	(12.9)%			
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	24.3	% 69.4	%		
Selling and administrative expenses	70.0	% 43.5	%		
Loss from operations	(100.0)%	(125.8)%			

Net Sales. The Other segment net sales increased \$0.8 million, or 12.9%, to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$6.2 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Net sales from our testing facilities increased 14.8%, primarily due to increased vibration shock and environmental testing sales in fiscal 2014, compared to fiscal 2013.

Cost of Products Sold. Other segment cost of products sold decreased \$0.4 million, or 5.7%, to \$7.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Cost of products sold as a percentage of sales increased to 105.7% in fiscal 2014, compared to 112.9% in fiscal 2013. The increase in cost of products sold as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to increased development costs in our medical products and battery systems businesses.

Gross Profit. The Other segment gross profit decreased \$0.4 million, or 50.0%, to \$0.4 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$0.8 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. The decrease in gross margins as a percentage of net sales is primarily due to increased development costs in our medical products and battery systems businesses.

Impairment of Goodwill and Intangible Assets. In fiscal 2014, due to market conditions, management performed an impairment analysis of the intangible assets for our battery systems operating unit and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets. In fiscal 2013, as a result of our annual goodwill impairment testing, we determined that the fair value for this operating unit was less than the carrying value of their net assets and concluded that goodwill was impaired. We recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.3 million for this operating unit related to these assets.

Selling and Administrative Expenses. Selling and administrative expenses increased by \$2.2 million, or 81.5%, to \$4.9 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to \$2.7 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. Selling and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales increased to 88.5% in fiscal 2014, from 70.0% in fiscal 2013. The increase in selling and administrative expenses is primarily due to increased headcount and professional fees for our medical products and battery systems businesses.

Loss From Operations The Other segment loss from operations decreased \$0.8 million to a loss of \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended May 3, 2014, compared to income of \$7.8 million for the fiscal year ended April 27, 2013. The decrease was primarily due to lower impairment charges and higher sales volumes, partially offset with higher selling and administrative expenses.

Financial Condition, Liquidity and Capital Resources

We believe our current world-wide cash balances together with expected future cash flows to be generated from operations and our committed credit facility will be sufficient to support current operations. Due to the shifting of operations from the U.S. to foreign locations, a significant amount of cash and expected future cash flows are located outside of the U.S. Of the \$168.1 million of cash and cash equivalents as of May 2, 2015, \$160.9 million was held in subsidiaries outside the U.S. Our foreign earnings continue to be indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S. and therefore not available to fund our domestic operations. We currently have minimal federal and state net operating loss carry-forwards in the U.S. which would reduce the cash tax obligation (if the carry-forwards have not otherwise been used) upon any future repatriation of funds.

Our Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, has a maturity date of September 21, 2017. The credit facility is in the maximum principal amount of \$100.0 million, with an option to increase the principal amount by up to an additional \$50.0 million, subject to customary conditions and approval of the lender(s) providing new commitment(s). The credit facility provides for variable rates of interest based on the type of borrowing and the Company's debt to EBITDA financial ratio. At May 2, 2015, the interest rate on the credit facility was 1.5% plus LIBOR. The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain of our U.S. subsidiaries. At May 2, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants of the agreement. During fiscal 2015, we had no borrowings and payments of \$43.7 million, which includes interest of \$0.7 million under this credit facility. As of May 2, 2015, there were outstanding balances against the credit facility of \$5.0 million. There was \$95.0 million available to borrow under the credit facility as of May 2, 2015, which does not include the option to increase the principal amount. We believe the fair value approximates the carrying amount as of May 2, 2015.

Operating cash flow is summarized below (in millions):

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Net income	\$101.0	\$96.2	\$40.4
Depreciation and amortization	23.4	23.9	18.8
Changes in operating assets and liabilities	(8.9	) (23.7	) (26.5
Other non-cash items	7.4	(24.0	) 0.5
Cash flow from operations	\$122.9	\$72.4	\$33.2

Operating Activities — Fiscal 2015 Compared to Fiscal 2014

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$50.5 million to \$122.9 million for fiscal 2015, compared to \$72.4 million for fiscal 2014, primarily due to decreased cash use from deferred income taxes and the changes in operating assets and liabilities. The net changes in assets and liabilities resulted in the decreased cash use of \$14.8 million, to \$8.9 million in fiscal 2015, compared to cash use of \$23.7 million in fiscal 2014. The decreased cash use in fiscal 2015 compared to fiscal 2014 is primarily driven by the timing of receivable collections and the decrease in inventory levels.

Operating Activities — Fiscal 2014 Compared to Fiscal 2013

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$39.2 million to \$72.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$33.2 million in fiscal 2013, primarily due to the increase of \$55.8 million in net income. The net changes in accounts receivable, inventory and accounts payable balances, resulted in a cash use of \$23.7 million in fiscal 2014. The increased cash use of these components in fiscal 2014 is primarily driven by increased sales and overall business levels in fiscal 2014 as compared to fiscal 2013.

Investing Activities — Fiscal 2015 Compared to Fiscal 2014

Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$11.6 million, to \$11.3 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$22.9 million in fiscal 2014. Purchases of property, plant and equipment of decreased by \$6.5 million, to \$22.5 million in fiscal 2015, compared to \$29.0 million in fiscal 2014. Purchases for both periods primarily relate to equipment purchases for new product launches. In fiscal 2015, we sold our interest in our Trace Laboratories businesses for \$11.7 million. We received \$11.2 million related to the sale, with the remaining \$0.5 million held in escrow. The escrow amount is expected to be paid in fiscal 2016. In fiscal 2014, one of the Company's investments, an interest in Lumidigm, was sold for \$7.2 million. We received cash of \$6.1 million in fiscal 2014 related to the sale, with the remaining \$1.1 million held in escrow. The escrow amount is expected to be paid in fiscal 2016.

Investing Activities — Fiscal 2014 Compared to Fiscal 2013

Net cash used in investing activities decreased by \$17.1 million due to purchases of property, plant and equipment of \$29.0 million in fiscal 2014, compared to \$38.6 million in fiscal 2013. Purchases for both periods primarily relate to plant expansion and equipment purchases in Europe and North America for products which launched in fiscal 2013 and the first quarter of fiscal 2014. In fiscal 2014, one of the Company's investments, an interest in Lumidigm, was sold for \$7.2 million. We received cash of \$6.1 million in fiscal 2014 related to the sale, with the remaining \$1.1 million held in escrow. The escrow amount is expected to be paid in fiscal 2016. In fiscal 2013, we acquired the Hetric Italy business for \$1.4 million.

Financing Activities — Fiscal 2015 Compared to Fiscal 2014

Net cash used by financing activities increased \$47.1 million to \$48.5 million in fiscal 2015, compared \$1.4 million in fiscal 2014. In fiscal 2015, the Company had no borrowings against the credit facility and payments of \$43.0 million, compared to borrowings of \$38.0 million and payments of \$33.5 million in fiscal 2014. We paid dividends of \$13.8 million and \$11.3 million, in fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively. Fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 includes \$4.0 million and \$5.0 million, respectively, of proceeds for the exercise of stock options and the related tax benefit of the exercises. Fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 includes \$4.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, related to tax benefit from stock option exercises.

Financing Activities — Fiscal 2014 Compared to Fiscal 2013

Net cash used by financing activities decreased \$12.8 million to \$1.4 million in fiscal 2014, compared \$14.2 million in fiscal 2013. In fiscal 2014, the Company had net borrowings against the credit facility of \$4.5 million, compared to net repayments of \$4.5 million in fiscal 2013. We paid dividends of \$11.3 million and \$10.3 million, in fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively. Fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013 includes \$5.4 million and \$0.6 million, respectively, of proceeds for the exercise of stock options and the related tax benefit of the exercises.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes contractual obligations and commitments, as of May 2, 2015 (in millions):

	Payments Due By Period				
	Total	Less than 1 year	1-3 years	4-5 years	More than 5 years
Operating leases	\$14.6	\$5.4	\$6.1	\$2.4	\$0.7
Long-term debt	5.0	—	5.0	—	—
Purchase obligations	170.2	170.2	—	—	—

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Deferred compensation	7.2	0.7	2.6	0.9	3.0
Total	\$197.0	\$176.3	\$13.7	\$3.3	\$3.7

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements, other than the operating leases and purchase obligations noted in the preceding table.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements.

Revenue Recognition. We recognize revenue on product sales when (i) persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, (ii) the price is fixed or determinable, (iii) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, and (iv) collection of the sales proceeds is reasonably assured. Revenue from our product sales not requiring installation, net of trade discounts and estimated sales allowances, is recognized when title passes, which is generally upon shipment. We do not have any additional obligations or customer acceptance provisions after shipment of such products. We handle returns by replacing, repairing or issuing credit for defective products when returned.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of customers to make required payments. The amount of the allowance is based on the age of unpaid amounts, information about the creditworthiness of customers, and other relevant information. Estimates of uncollectible amounts are revised each reporting period, and changes are recorded in the period they become known. If the financial condition of our customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Our revenues and accounts receivable are concentrated in a relatively small number of customers within the automotive industry. A significant change in the liquidity or financial position of any one of these customers or a deterioration in the economic environment or automotive industry, in general, could have a material adverse impact on the collectability of our accounts receivable and our future operating results, and additional allowances for doubtful accounts may be required.

Allowance for Excess and Obsolete Inventory. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market value and have been reduced by allowances for excess and obsolete inventories. The estimated allowances are based on our review of inventories on hand compared to estimated future usage and sales, using assumptions about future product life cycles, product demand and market conditions. If actual product life cycles, product demand and market conditions are less favorable than those projected by us, inventory write-downs may be required.

Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets. Goodwill and Intangibles. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over fair market value of identifiable net assets acquired through business purchases. In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board, ("FASB"), Accounting Standards Codification, ("ASC"), Topic 350 - Intangibles-Goodwill and Other, we review goodwill for impairment on at least an annual basis by applying a fair-value-based test.

We evaluate goodwill using a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of any reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If we determine that the fair value of the reporting unit may be less than its carrying amount, we evaluate goodwill using a two-step impairment test. Otherwise, we conclude that no impairment is indicated and we do not perform the two-step impairment test.

Our qualitative screen includes an assessment of certain factors including, but not limited to, the results of prior year value calculations, the movement of our share price and market capitalization, the reporting unit and overall financial

performance, and macroeconomic and industry conditions. We consider the qualitative factors and weighed the evidence obtained to determine if it is not more likely than not the reporting units that the fair value is less than the carrying amount. Although we believe the factors considered in the impairment analysis are reasonable, significant changes in any one of the assumptions used could produce a different result. If, after assessing the qualitative factors, we were to determine that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then we would perform a two-step impairment test (a quantitative analysis). We may also elect to proceed directly to the two-step impairment analysis without considering such qualitative factors.

In the first step of the two-step impairment test, fair values are primarily established using a discounted cash flow methodology (specifically, the income approach). The determination of discounted cash flows is based on our long-range forecasts and requires assumptions related to revenue and operating income growth, asset-related expenditures, working capital

levels, and other market participant assumptions. The revenue growth rates included in the forecasts are our best estimates based on current and anticipated market conditions, and the profitability assumptions are projected based on current and anticipated cost structures. Long-range forecasting involves uncertainty which increases with each successive period. Key assumptions, such as revenue growth rates and profitability, especially in the outer years involve a greater degree of uncertainty.

At the end of fiscal 2015, we performed a qualitative goodwill screening test of goodwill impairment on our Power Systems Group in the Power Products segment and Hetronic in our Interface segment. We considered the qualitative factors and weighed the evidence obtained and we determined that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the two reporting units is greater than the carrying value and therefore concluded that the goodwill for these reporting units was not impaired. At the end of fiscal 2015, we performed "step one" of the quantitative goodwill test on our TouchSensor reporting unit in our Interface segment. Based on this test, we determined that the fair value was less than the carrying value of the net assets. We completed "step two" of the goodwill test and concluded that goodwill was impaired, and recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$11.1 million in our Interface segment related to these assets. In addition, at the end of fiscal 2015, we performed a quantitative impairment analysis of our indefinite-lived intangible asset and determined that the asset was not impaired.

At the end of fiscal 2014, we performed a qualitative goodwill screening test of goodwill impairment on our Power Systems Group in the Power Products segment and Hetronic in our Interface segment. We considered the qualitative factors and weighed the evidence obtained and we determined that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the two reporting units is greater than the carrying value and therefore concluded that the goodwill for these reporting units was not impaired. At the end of fiscal 2014, we performed "step one" of the quantitative goodwill test on our TouchSensor reporting unit in our Interface segment. Based on this test, we determined that the fair value of this reporting unit exceeded the carrying value by approximately 17% and thus concluded that the reporting unit was not impaired. In addition, at the end of fiscal 2014, we performed a quantitative impairment analysis of our indefinite-lived intangible asset and determined that the asset was not impaired.

Intangible assets subject to amortization are evaluated for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset might be impaired. Due to a change in strategic direction in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 management performed an impairment analysis on the TouchSensor operating unit's intangible assets and determined that the assets were not impaired. Due to changes in market conditions in fiscal 2014, management performed an impairment analysis on our Eetrex reporting unit in our Power Products segment and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets.

At the end of fiscal 2013, we performed "step one" of the goodwill test on four reporting units. Based on this test, we determined that the fair value for two of the reporting units exceeded their carrying values by approximately 16% to 75%, and one reporting unit was less than the carrying value of the net assets. We completed "step two" of the goodwill test for our Eetrex reporting unit for which the fair value was less than the carrying value and concluded that goodwill was impaired, and recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.3 million in our Power Products segment related to these assets.

Income Taxes. As part of the process of preparing our Consolidated Financial Statements, we are required to calculate income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. The process involves determining actual current tax expense along with assessing temporary differences resulting from differing treatment of items for book and tax purposes. These temporary differences result in deferred tax assets and liabilities, which are included in our consolidated balance sheet. We record a valuation allowance to reduce our deferred tax assets to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. We have considered future taxable income and tax planning strategies in assessing the need for the valuation allowance.

At May 3, 2014, we recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$31.7 million related to the release of valuation allowances on U.S. federal and state deferred tax assets. These releases of the valuation allowance are a result of all available positive and negative evidence, including past operating results and the projection of future taxable income. Based on our cumulative profitability in recent quarters, together with our successful launch of the next generation integrated center stack program for GM trucks and expansion to SUVs and continued profitability in our business plan, we have determined it is more likely than not that expected future taxable income will be sufficient to utilize substantially all of our U.S. federal and state net deferred tax assets. We will continue to maintain a valuation allowance of \$1.2 million related to certain state and federal net operating loss carryovers until we determine that these deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable.

The tax laws of Malta provide for investment tax credits of 30% of certain qualified expenditures. Unused credits of \$16.1 million as of May 2, 2015 can be carried forward indefinitely.

Contingencies. We are subject to various investigations, claims, legal and administrative proceedings covering a wide range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of business activities. A significant amount of judgment and use of estimates is required to quantify our ultimate exposure in these matters. For those matters that we can estimate a range of loss, we have established reserves at levels within that range to provide for the most likely scenario based upon available information. The valuation of reserves for contingencies is reviewed on a quarterly basis to assure that the Company is properly reserved. Reserve balances are adjusted to account for changes in circumstances for ongoing issues and the establishment of additional reserves for emerging issues. While we believe that the current level of reserves is adequate, changes in the future could impact these determinations.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Certain of our foreign operations enter into transactions in currencies other than their functional currency, primarily the U.S. dollar and the Euro. A 10% change in foreign currency exchange rates from balance sheet date levels could impact our income before income taxes by \$6.7 million and \$3.0 million at May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, respectively. We also have foreign currency exposure arising from the translation of our net equity investment in our foreign operations to U.S. dollars. We generally view our investments in foreign operations with functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar as long-term. The currencies to which we are exposed are the British pound, Chinese yuan, Euro, Indian rupee, Mexican peso, Singapore dollar and Swiss franc. A 10% change in foreign currency exchange rates from balance sheet date levels could impact our net foreign investments by \$28.0 million at May 2, 2015 and \$24.6 million at May 3, 2014.

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. Our exposure to interest rate risk arises from our credit agreement, under which we had \$5.0 million of net borrowings at May 2, 2015. We estimate that a one percentage point change in interest rates would not have a material impact on our results of operations for fiscal 2014 based upon our current and expected levels of our debt.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

See Item 15 for an Index to Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule. Such Financial Statements and Schedule are incorporated herein by 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

As of the end of the period covered by this annual report on Form 10-K, we performed an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, of our “disclosure controls and procedures” (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”). Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission’s applicable rules and forms. As a result of this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective.

Management's Report on 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 Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of May 2, 2015 based on the guidelines established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework (2013 Framework) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Our internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Based on the results of our evaluation, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of May 2, 2015. Management reviewed the results of its assessment with the Audit Committee. Our independent registered public accounting firm, Ernst & Young LLP, has issued an attestation report on our internal control over financial reporting. This report is included on page F-2 of this annual report on Form 10-K.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 or 15d-15 that was conducted during the last fiscal quarter that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, do not expect that our disclosure controls or our internal control over financial reporting will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments in decision-making can be faulty, and that breakdowns can occur because of a simple error or mistake. Additionally, controls can be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people or by a management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls also is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions; over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate. Because of the inherent limitations in a cost-effective control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and not be detected.

Item 9B. Other Information

None

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

Information regarding our directors will be included under the captions “Proposal One: Election of Directors” and “Corporate Governance” in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting to be held on September 17, 2015, and is incorporated herein by reference. Information regarding our executive officers is included under a separate caption in Part I hereof, and is incorporated herein by reference, in accordance with General Instruction G(3) to Form 10-K and Instruction 3 to Item 401(b) of Regulation S-K. Information regarding compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act and information regarding our Audit Committee will be included under the captions “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” and “Audit Committee Matters,” respectively, in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting and is incorporated herein by reference.

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct (the “Code”) that applies to our directors, our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller and persons performing similar functions, as well as other employees. The Code is publicly available on our website at www.methode.com. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code or grant any waiver, including any implicit waiver, from a provision of the Code to our

principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller or persons performing similar functions, we will disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver on our website or in a report on Form 8-K in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.

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Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information regarding the above will be included under the caption “Compensation Discussion and Analysis,” “Compensation Committee Report,” “Executive Compensation Tables” and “Director Compensation” in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting to be held on September 17, 2015, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information regarding the above will be included under the caption “Security Ownership” in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting to be held on September 17, 2015, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Information regarding the above will be included under the caption “Corporate Governance” in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting to be held on September 17, 2015, and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information regarding the above will be included under the caption “Audit Committee Matters” in the definitive proxy statement for our 2015 annual meeting to be held on September 17, 2015, and is incorporated herein by reference.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) The documents included in the following indexes are filed as part of this annual report on Form 10-K.

(1) (2) The response to this portion of Item 15 is included in this report under the captions “Financial Statements” and “Financial Statement Schedule” below, which is incorporated herein by reference.

(3) See “Index to Exhibits” immediately following the financial statement schedule.

(b) See “Index to Exhibits” immediately following the financial statement schedule.

(c) See “Financial Statements” and “Financial Statement Schedule.”

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15 (d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this annual report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ DOUGLAS A. KOMAN
Douglas A. Koman
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Accounting and Financial Officer)

Dated: June 25, 2015

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report annual report on Form 10-K has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s / WALTER J. ASPATORE Walter J. Aspatore	Chairman of the Board	June 25, 2015
/s / CHRISTOPHER J. HORNING Christopher J. Hornung	Vice Chairman of the Board	June 25, 2015
/s/ DONALD W. DUDA Donald W. Duda	Chief Executive Officer, President & Director (Principal Executive Officer)	June 25, 2015
/s / DOUGLAS A. KOMAN Douglas A. Koman	Chief Financial Officer	June 25, 2015
/s / WARREN L. BATTS Warren L. Batts	Director	June 25, 2015
/s/ DARREN M. DAWSON Darren M. Dawson	Director	June 25, 2015
/s / STEPHEN F. GATES Stephen F. Gates	Director	June 25, 2015
/s / ISABELLE C. GOOSSEN Isabelle C. Goossen	Director	June 25, 2015
/s / PAUL G. SHELTON Paul G. Shelton	Director	June 25, 2015
/s / LAWRENCE B. SKATOFF Lawrence B. Skatoff	Director	June 25, 2015

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

FORM 10-K

ITEM 15 (a) (1) and (2)

(1) Financial Statements

The following consolidated financial statements of Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries are included in Item 8:

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All other 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 immaterial and, therefore, have been omitted.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Methode Electronics, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 2, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a)(2). These financial statements and schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries at May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 2, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of May 2, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 Framework) and our report dated June 25, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

June 25, 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Methode Electronics, Inc.

We have audited Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of May 2, 2015, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries' management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of May 2, 2015, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Methode Electronics, Inc. and Subsidiaries as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended May 2, 2015, and our report dated June 25, 2015 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ ERNST & YOUNG LLP

Chicago, Illinois
June 25, 2015

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in millions, except share and per share data)

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$168.1	\$116.4
Accounts receivable, less allowance (2015 — \$0.5; 2014 —\$0.7)	170.4	173.0
Inventories:		
Finished products	16.0	14.2
Work in process	12.2	12.0
Materials	42.7	45.4
	70.9	71.6
Deferred income taxes	15.0	8.7
Prepaid and refundable income taxes	1.8	0.4
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	12.1	11.6
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	438.3	381.7
PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	0.8	3.1
Buildings and building improvements	44.4	45.9
Machinery and equipment	264.0	274.6
	309.2	323.6
Less allowances for depreciation	215.9	222.4
	93.3	101.2
OTHER ASSETS		
Goodwill	1.7	13.0
Other intangibles, less accumulated amortization	11.3	13.0
Cash surrender value of life insurance	7.0	8.2
Deferred income taxes	32.1	40.0
Pre-production costs	10.5	10.5
Other	11.6	7.9
	74.2	92.6
TOTAL ASSETS	\$605.8	\$575.5
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$70.1	\$82.0
Salaries, wages and payroll taxes	30.6	15.3
Other accrued expenses	17.2	15.9
Deferred income taxes	1.7	1.3
Income tax payable	11.0	4.6
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	130.6	119.1
LONG-TERM DEBT	5.0	48.0
OTHER LIABILITIES	4.0	3.4
DEFERRED COMPENSATION	7.2	12.8
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Common stock, \$0.50 par value, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 39,702,036 and 39,262,168 shares issued as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, respectively	19.9	19.6
Additional paid-in capital	102.2	89.8
Accumulated other comprehensive income/(loss)	(8.3)) 24.7

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Treasury stock, 1,346,624 and 1,342,188 shares as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, respectively	(11.5) (11.4)
Retained earnings	356.5	269.2	
TOTAL METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	458.8	391.9	
Noncontrolling interest	0.2	0.3	
TOTAL EQUITY	459.0	392.2	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$605.8	\$575.5	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in millions, except per share data)

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Net sales	\$881.1	\$772.8	\$519.8
Cost of products sold	662.3	616.1	428.2
Gross profit	218.8	156.7	91.6
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	11.1	1.7	4.3
Income from settlement	—	—	(20.0)
Selling and administrative expenses	94.0	79.6	66.3
Amortization of intangibles	1.5	1.8	1.8
Income from operations	112.2	73.6	39.2
Gain from sale of business	(7.7)) —	—
Interest (income)/expense, net	(0.7)	) 0.3	—
Other (income)/expense	(0.2)	) (2.6)	) 1.3
Income before income taxes	120.8	75.9	37.9
Income tax expense/(benefit)	19.8	(20.3)	) (2.5)
Net income	101.0	96.2	40.4
Less: Net income/(loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest	(0.1)	) 0.1	(0.3)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC.	\$101.1	\$96.1	\$40.7
Basic and diluted income per share:			
Basic income per share	\$2.61	\$2.53	\$1.09
Diluted income per share	\$2.57	\$2.51	\$1.08
Cash dividends per share:			
Common stock	\$0.36	\$0.30	\$0.28

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
 (in millions)

	Fiscal Year Ended			
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013	
Net income	\$101.0	\$96.2	\$40.4	
Other comprehensive income/(loss):				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(33.0	) 9.0	0.1
Total comprehensive income	68.0	105.2	40.5	
Comprehensive income/(loss) attributable to non-controlling interest	(0.1) 0.1	(0.3)
Comprehensive income attributable to Methode shareholders	\$68.1	\$105.1	\$40.8	

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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METHODE ELECTRONICS, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years Ended May 2, 2015, May 3, 2014 and April 27, 2013 - (in millions, except share data)

	Common Stock Shares	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Treasury Stock	Retained Earnings	Non-Controlling Interest	Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance at April 28, 2012	38,375,678	\$19.2	\$ 77.6	\$ 15.6	\$(11.4)	\$ 154.0	\$ 0.2	\$ 255.2
Earned portion of restricted stock awards	27,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock award and stock option amortization expense	—	—	3.3	—	—	—	—	3.3
Exercise of options	53,175	—	0.6	—	—	—	—	0.6
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	0.1	—	—	—	0.1
Net income for year	—	—	—	—	—	40.7	—	40.7
Cash dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	—	(10.3)	—	(10.3)
Balance at April 27, 2013	38,455,853	\$19.2	\$ 81.5	\$ 15.7	\$(11.4)	\$ 184.4	\$ 0.2	\$ 289.6
Earned portion of restricted stock awards	27,000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock award and stock option amortization expense	—	—	3.3	—	—	—	—	3.3
Exercise of options	779,315	0.4	4.6	—	—	—	—	5.0
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	—	—	0.4	—	—	—	—	0.4
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	9.0	—	—	—	9.0
Net income for year	—	—	—	—	—	96.1	0.1	96.2
Cash dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	—	(11.3)	—	(11.3)
Balance at May 3, 2014	39,262,168	\$19.6	\$ 89.8	\$ 24.7	\$(11.4)	\$ 269.2	\$ 0.3	\$ 392.2
Earned portion of restricted stock awards	39,675	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock award and stock option amortization expense	—	—	4.4	—	(0.1)	—	—	4.3
Exercise of options	400,193	0.3	3.7	—	—	—	—	4.0
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	—	—	4.3	—	—	—	—	4.3
Foreign currency translation adjustments	—	—	—	(33.0)	—	—	—	(33.0)
Net income for year	—	—	—	—	—	101.1	(0.1)	101.0
Cash dividends on common stock	—	—	—	—	—	(13.8)	—	(13.8)
Balance at May 2, 2015	39,702,036	\$19.9	\$ 102.2	\$ (8.3)	\$(11.5)	\$ 356.5	\$ 0.2	\$ 459.0

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in millions)

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income	\$101.0	\$96.2	\$40.4
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Loss on sale of fixed assets	—	0.2	—
Impairment of goodwill and intangible assets	11.1	1.7	4.3
Gain on sale of business	(7.7) —	—
Provision for depreciation	21.9	22.1	17.0
Amortization of intangible assets	1.5	1.8	1.8
Stock-based compensation	4.3	3.3	3.3
Provision for bad debt	—	—	0.1
Deferred income taxes	(0.3	) (29.2	) (7.2
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	(8.6	) (49.7	) (21.2
Inventories	(1.6	) (11.0	) (16.1
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(1.6	) 0.2	9.1
Accounts payable and other expenses	2.9	36.8	1.7
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	122.9	72.4	33.2
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(22.5	) (29.0	) (38.6
Acquisition of businesses	—	—	(1.4
Sale of business/investment	11.2	6.1	—
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(11.3	) (22.9	) (40.0
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	4.0	5.0	0.6
Tax benefit from stock option exercises	4.3	0.4	—
Cash dividends	(13.8	) (11.3	) (10.3
Proceeds from borrowings	—	38.0	37.0
Repayment of borrowings	(43.0	) (33.5	) (41.5
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(48.5	) (1.4	) (14.2
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash	(11.4	) 2.5	—
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	51.7	50.6	(21.0
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	116.4	65.8	86.8
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	\$168.1	\$116.4	\$65.8

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1. Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of Consolidation. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts and operations of Methode Electronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the "Company"). As used herein, "we," "us," "our," the "Company" or "Methode" means Methode Electronics, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Financial Reporting Periods. We maintain our financial records on the basis of a fifty-two or fifty-three week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to April 30. Fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2013 represent fifty-two weeks of results and fiscal 2014 represents fifty-three weeks of results.

Cash Equivalents. All highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased are classified in the consolidated balance sheets as cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We carry accounts receivable at their face amounts less an allowance for doubtful accounts. On a regular basis, we record an allowance for uncollectible receivables based upon past transaction history with customers, customer payment practices and economic conditions. Actual collection experience may differ from the current estimate of net receivables. A change to the allowance for uncollectible amounts may be required if a future event or other change in circumstances results in a change in the estimate of the ultimate collectability of a specific account. We do not require collateral for our accounts receivable balances. Accounts are written off against the allowance account when they are determined to be no longer collectible.

Inventories. Inventories are stated at the lower-of-cost (first-in, first-out method) or market.

Property, Plant and Equipment. Properties are stated on the basis of cost. We amortize such costs by annual charges to income, computed on the straight-line method using estimated useful lives of 5 to 40 years for buildings and improvements and 3 to 15 years for machinery and equipment for financial reporting purposes. Accelerated methods are generally used for income tax purposes.

Income Taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax basis of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

Revenue Recognition. We recognize revenue on product sales when i) persuasive evidence of an agreement exists, ii) the price is fixed or determinable, iii) delivery has occurred or services have been rendered, and iv) collection of the sales proceeds is reasonably assured. Revenue from our product sales not requiring installation, net of trade discounts and estimated sales allowances, is recognized when title passes, which is generally upon shipment. Revenue from cabling infrastructure systems installations is recognized when the installation is completed, tested and accepted by the customer. We do not have any additional obligations or customer acceptance provisions after shipment of such products. We handle returns by replacing, repairing or issuing credit for defective products when returned. Return costs were not significant in fiscal 2015, 2014 or 2013.

Shipping and Handling Fees and Costs. Shipping and handling fees billed to customers are included in net sales, and the related costs are included in cost of products sold.

Foreign Currency Translation. The functional currencies of the majority of our foreign subsidiaries are their local currencies. The results of operations of these foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates during the year, while the assets and liabilities are translated using period-end exchange rates. Adjustments from the translation process are classified as a component of shareholders' equity. Exchange gains and losses arising from transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency of the foreign subsidiary are included in the Consolidated Statements of Operations in other (income)/expense. In fiscal 2015, we had foreign exchange gains of \$0.2 million. In fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013, we had foreign exchange losses of \$0.8 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

Long-Lived Assets. We continually evaluate whether events and circumstances have occurred which indicate that the remaining estimated useful lives of our intangible assets, excluding goodwill, and other long-lived assets, may warrant revision

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or that the remaining balance of such assets may not be recoverable. In the event that the undiscounted cash flows resulting from the use of the asset group is less than the carrying amount, an impairment loss equal to the excess of the asset's carrying amount over its fair value is recorded.

Goodwill and Other Intangibles. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over fair market value of identifiable net assets acquired through business purchases. We review goodwill for impairment on an annual basis or more frequently if indicators of impairment are identified.

We evaluate goodwill using a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of any reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If we determine that the fair value of the reporting unit may be less than its carrying amount, we evaluate goodwill using a two-step impairment test. Otherwise, we conclude that no impairment is indicated and we do not perform the two-step impairment test.

Our qualitative screen includes an assessment of certain factors including, but not limited to, the results of prior year fair value calculations, the movement of our share price and market capitalization, the reporting unit and overall financial performance, and macroeconomic and industry conditions. We consider the qualitative factors and weight of the evidence obtained to determine if it is more likely than not the reporting units' fair value is less than the carrying amount. Although we believe the factors considered in the impairment analysis are reasonable, significant changes in any one of the assumptions used could produce a different result. If, after assessing the qualitative factors, we were to determine that it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying value, then we would perform a two-step impairment test (a quantitative analysis). We may also elect to proceed directly to the two-step impairment analysis without considering such qualitative factors.

In the first step of the two-step impairment test, fair values are primarily established using a discounted cash flow methodology (specifically, the income approach). The determination of discounted cash flows is based on our long-range forecasts and requires assumptions related to revenue and operating income growth, asset-related expenditures, working capital levels, and other market participant assumptions. The revenue growth rates included in the forecasts are our best estimates based on current and anticipated market conditions, and the profitability assumptions are projected based on current and anticipated cost structures. Long-range forecasting involves uncertainty which increases with each successive period. Key assumptions, such as revenue growth rates and profitability, especially in the outer years involve a greater degree of uncertainty.

Research and Development Costs. Costs associated with the enhancement of existing products and the development of new products are charged to expense when incurred. Research and development costs for the fiscal years ended May 2, 2015, May 3, 2014 and April 27, 2013 amounted to \$24.5 million, \$25.7 million and \$23.7 million, respectively.

Stock-Based Compensation. See Note 4, Shareholders' Equity for a description of our stock-based compensation plans.

Use of Estimates. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fair Value of Other Financial Instruments. The carrying values of our short-term financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable, approximate their fair values because of the short maturity of these instruments. We have no material assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU 2015-03, "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs." This Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") requires 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. The amendments in this ASU are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. The standard requires a retrospective

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application in order to reflect the period specific effects of applying the new guidance. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have any significant effect on our ongoing financial reporting.

In May 2014, the FASB issued update 2014-09, ASC 606, Revenue from Contracts with Customers. This guidance is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model that requires a company to recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to a customer at an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. This standard is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within those annual periods. In April 2015, the FASB issued an exposure draft that would delay by one year the effective date of its new revenue recognition standard. Management is assessing the impact of adoption on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standard which changes the way reporting enterprises evaluate whether (a) they should consolidate limited partnerships and similar entities, (b) fees paid to a decision maker or service provider are variable interests in a variable interest entity (“VIE”), and (c) variable interests in a VIE held by related parties of the reporting enterprise require the reporting enterprise to consolidate the VIE. The new accounting standard is effective for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have any significant effect on our ongoing financial reporting.

In January 2015, the FASB issued an accounting standard which eliminates the concept of extraordinary items from generally accepted accounting principles. The standard does not affect disclosure guidance for events or transactions that are unusual in nature or infrequent in their occurrence. The ASU is effective in annual periods, and interim periods within those annual periods, beginning after December 15, 2015. The standard allows prospective or retrospective application. Early adoption is permitted if applied from the beginning of the fiscal year of adoption. We do not believe the adoption of this standard will have any significant effect on our ongoing financial reporting.

Recently Adopted Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2014, the FASB issued guidance that changes the criteria for reporting discontinued operations. To qualify as a discontinued operation under the guidance, a component or group of components of an entity that has been disposed of or is classified as held for sale must represent a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on the entity's operations and financial results. This guidance also expands related disclosure requirements. We early adopted this standard in our current fiscal year. The adoption of this guidance did not have a material impact on our financial statements.

2. Acquisitions and Divestitures

Fiscal 2015 Divestitures

On February 3, 2015, we sold our 100% ownership interest in our Trace Laboratories businesses for \$11.7 million, including \$0.5 million held in escrow which is expected to be received in fiscal 2016. The businesses, located in Maryland and Illinois, provided services for qualification testing and certification, and analysis of electronic and optical components. The net assets of the businesses had a book value of \$4.0 million. We recorded a pre-tax gain of \$7.7 million, related to the sale of the net assets.

Fiscal 2014 Divestitures

On February 10, 2014, one of the Company's investments, an interest in Lumidigm, with a cost basis of \$4.1 million, was sold. The Company's portion of the cash proceeds from the sale is \$7.3 million, which resulted in a pre-tax gain of \$3.2 million. The proceeds from the sale include \$1.1 million held in escrow, which is expected to be received in fiscal 2016. The Company recorded the transaction in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014. The Company continues to hold an exclusive license in Lumidigm for certain transportation markets.

Fiscal 2013 Acquisitions

In September 2012, we acquired certain assets of Hetronic South Europe S.R.L. for \$1.4 million in cash, as well as the forgiveness of debt owed to the Company of \$1.3 million, for total consideration of \$2.7 million. We operate this business

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under the name Hetronic Italy. The business, located in Milan, Italy, is a market leader in industrial safety radio remote controls, primarily serving the Italian market. The accounts and transactions of Hetronic Italy have been included in the Hetronic Group in the Interface segment in the consolidated financial statements from the effective date of the acquisition.

Based on a third-party valuation report, management determined that the tangible net assets acquired had a fair value of \$0.3 million. The fair values assigned to intangible assets acquired were \$1.6 million for customer relationships and \$0.1 million for non-compete agreements, resulting in \$0.8 million of goodwill. The customer relationships and non-compete agreements are being amortized over 12 and 5 years, respectively.

3. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

Prior to our annual goodwill impairment testing at the end of fiscal 2015, we had goodwill of \$11.8 million for two reporting units in the Interface segment and goodwill of \$1.0 million for one reporting unit in the Power Products segment, for a total of \$13.0 million.

We performed a qualitative goodwill screening test of goodwill impairment on our Power Systems Group in the Power Products segment and Hetronic in our Interface segment. We considered the qualitative factors and weighed the evidence obtained and we determined that it is more likely than not that the fair value of the two reporting units is greater than the carrying value, and therefore concluded that the assets were not impaired.

We completed "step two" of the goodwill test for our TouchSensor reporting unit which had a fair value less than the carrying value and concluded that goodwill was impaired, and recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$11.1 million in our Interface segment related to these assets. The assumptions used in the valuation of these reporting units were made using management's most recent projections which are considered level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy. We continue to monitor the operating results and cash flows of our reporting units on a quarterly basis for signs of possible declines in estimated fair value and goodwill impairment.

Intangible assets subject to amortization are evaluated for impairment if events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset might be impaired. Due to changes in market conditions in fiscal 2014, management performed an impairment analysis on our Eetrex reporting unit in our Power Products segment and determined that the asset was impaired. The Company recorded an impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to these assets.

Prior to our annual goodwill impairment testing at the end of fiscal 2013, we had goodwill of \$12.0 million for two reporting units in the Interface segment and goodwill of \$5.2 million for two reporting units in the Power Products segment, for a total of \$17.2 million. We performed "step one" of the goodwill test on the four reporting units. Based on this test, we determined that the fair value for three of the reporting units exceeded their carrying values by approximately 16% to 75%, and one reporting unit was less than the carrying value of the net assets. We completed "step two" of the goodwill test for our Eetrex reporting unit which had a fair value less than the carrying value and concluded that goodwill was impaired, and recorded a goodwill impairment charge of \$4.3 million in our Power Products segment related to these assets. The assumptions used in the valuation of these reporting units were made using management's most recent projections which are considered level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy.

The fair value of our trademarks are estimated and compared to the carrying value. We estimate the fair value of the intangible assets using the relief-from-royalty method, which requires assumptions related to projected revenues from our annual operating budgets; assumed royalty rates that could be payable if we did not own the trademarks; and a discount rate which are considered level 3 inputs in the fair value hierarchy. An impairment loss would be recognized

if the estimated fair value of the indefinite-lived intangible asset is less than its carrying value. Based on results of our impairment test performed on one reporting unit in the Interface segment as of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, no impairment was determined to exist. The fair values of the trademarks tested exceeded their carrying value by approximately 64% and 117% for fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Goodwill increased \$0.8 million in fiscal 2013 related to the purchase of the Hetronic Italy business. See Note 2 for more information.

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The following table shows the roll-forward of goodwill.

	Interface	Power Products	Total
Balance as of April 28, 2012	\$11.1	\$5.3	\$16.4
Impairment	—	(4.3	) (4.3
Acquisitions	0.8	—	0.8
Foreign currency translation	—	—	—
Balance as of April 27, 2013	11.9	1.0	12.9
Impairment	—	—	—
Acquisitions	—	—	—
Foreign currency translation	0.1	—	0.1
Balance as of May 3, 2014	12.0	1.0	13.0
Impairment	(11.1	) —	(11.1
Foreign currency translation	(0.2	) —	(0.2
Balance as of May 2, 2015	\$0.7	\$1.0	\$1.7

Intangible Assets

The following tables present details of our remaining identifiable intangible assets:

	As of May 2, 2015			Wtd. Avg. Remaining Amortization Periods (Years)
	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net	
Customer relationships and agreements	\$16.3	\$15.0	\$1.3	8.8
Trade names, patents and technology licenses	25.8	15.8	10.0	3.3
Covenants not to compete	0.1	0.1	—	2.4
Total	\$42.2	\$30.9	\$11.3	
	As of May 3, 2014			Wtd. Avg. Remaining Amortization Periods (Years)
	Gross	Accumulated Amortization	Net	
Customer relationships and agreements	\$16.6	\$14.7	\$1.9	9.9
Trade names, patents and technology licenses	25.8	14.8	11.0	9.8
Covenants not to compete	0.1	—	0.1	3.4
Total	\$42.5	\$29.5	\$13.0	

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The estimated aggregate amortization expense for each of the five succeeding fiscal years is as follows:

2016	\$2.4
2017	\$2.3
2018	\$2.2
2019	\$2.1
2020	\$0.2

At the end of fiscal 2015 the Company reviewed the estimated useful lives of some of the patents due to current business conditions and shift in strategic direction changed the remaining useful lives of these assets from 12.0 years to 4.0 years.

As of May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, the trade names, patents and technology licenses include \$1.8 million of trade names that are not subject to amortization.

4. Shareholders' Equity

Common Stock. The number of shares of common stock, par value \$0.50 per share, authorized, issued and outstanding and in treasury, was as follows:

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014
Authorized	100,000,000	100,000,000
Issued and outstanding	39,702,036	39,262,168
In treasury	1,346,624	1,342,188

Dividends

We paid dividends totaling \$13.8 million, \$11.3 million and \$10.3 million during fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

2014 Incentive Plan

On July 15, 2014, our Board of Directors, on the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, adopted the Methode Electronics, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the "2014 Incentive Plan"). The 2014 Incentive Plan provides for discretionary grants of stock options, stock appreciation rights ("SARs"), restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance units to key employees and directors. The 2014 Incentive Plan was voted on and approved by the shareholders at our annual shareholders meeting on September 18, 2014.

The 2014 Incentive Plan is intended to align the interests of our eligible directors and employees with the interests of our shareholders, recognize the contributions made by our directors and employees, provide additional incentives to our directors and employees to promote the success of our businesses, and improve our ability to attract and retain qualified employees and directors.

The number of shares of our common stock that may be issued under the 2014 Incentive Plan is 3,000,000, less one share for every one share of common stock issued or issuable pursuant to awards made after May 3, 2014 under the

2007 Stock Plan or 2010 Stock Plan. Awards that may be settled only in cash will not reduce the number of shares available for issuance under the 2014 Incentive Plan.

Shares issuable under the 2014 Incentive Plan may be authorized but unissued shares or treasury shares. If any award granted under the 2014 Incentive Plan (or, after May 3, 2014, an award under the 2007 Stock Plan or 2010 Stock Plan) expires, terminates, is forfeited or cancelled, is settled in cash in lieu of shares of common stock, or is exchanged for a non-stock award

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under certain circumstances, the shares subject to the award will again be available for issuance under the 2014 Incentive Plan. As of May 2, 2015, there were 2,986,500 shares available for award under the 2014 Incentive Plan.

Restricted Stock Awards Awarded Under the 2014 Incentive Plan

We issued 13,500 shares in fiscal 2015 to our independent directors all of which vested immediately upon grant.

2010 Stock Plan

The 2010 Stock Plan permits a total of 2,000,000 shares of our common stock to be awarded to participants in the form of nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, restricted stock awards, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, and performance share units. The 2010 Stock Plan is designed to allow for "performance-based compensation" under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended ("Code"). As such, qualified awards payable pursuant to the 2010 Stock Plan should be deductible for federal income tax purposes under most circumstances. In the event of a change in control, the vesting of all outstanding option awards will be accelerated. With the approval of the 2014 Incentive Plan, no further awards shall be granted under the 2010 Stock Plan.

Stock Options Awarded Under the 2010 Stock Plan

In fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, our Compensation Committee awarded options to purchase 108,000 shares, 120,000 shares and 120,000 shares, respectively, of our common stock to our executive officers. The stock options have a ten-year term and will vest 33.3% each year over a three-year period. The exercise price is the closing price on the date granted.

The following tables summarize the stock option activity and related information for the stock options granted under the 2010 Stock Plan for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	Summary of Option Activity	
	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Exercise Price
Outstanding April 28, 2012	240,000	\$ 9.97
Awarded	120,000	8.64
Exercised	—	—
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding April 27, 2013	360,000	9.53
Awarded	120,000	17.27
Exercised	(59,999)	9.50
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding May 3, 2014	420,001	11.74
Awarded	108,000	37.01
Exercised	(285,334)	10.47
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding May 2, 2015	242,667	\$ 24.49

Options Outstanding
at May 2, 2015

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Shares	Exercise Price	Avg. Remaining Life (Years)
5,333	10.70	6.3
40,000	8.64	7.3
89,334	17.27	8.3
108,000	37.01	9.3
242,667	\$24.49	

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Options Exercisable
at May 2, 2015

Shares	Exercise Price	Avg. Remaining Life (Years)
5,333	10.70	6.3
9,334	17.27	8.3
14,667	\$14.88	

The options outstanding had an intrinsic value of \$4.6 million at May 2, 2015. The intrinsic value represents the total pre-tax intrinsic value (the difference between the Company's closing stock price on the last trading day of fiscal 2015 and the exercise price, multiplied by the number of in-the-money options) that would have been received by the option holders had all options holders exercised their options on May 2, 2015.

We estimated the fair value of these stock options on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2010 Stock Plan		
	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2013
	Awards	Awards	Awards
Average expected volatility	51.00	% 65.33	% 66.15
Average risk-free interest rate	1.00	% 0.65	% 0.39
Dividend yield	1.66	% 2.81	% 2.94
Expected life of options (in years)	4.12	7.61	7.18
Weighted-average grant-date fair value	\$14.99	\$8.39	\$4.13

Expected volatility was based on the monthly changes in our historical common stock prices over the expected life of the award. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield curve in effect at the time of the grant corresponding to the expected life of the options. Our dividend yield is based on the average dividend yield for the previous two years from the date of grant. The expected life of options is based on historical stock option exercise patterns and the terms of the options.

Restricted Stock Awards and Restricted Stock Units Awarded Under the 2010 Stock Plan

During fiscal 2012, our Compensation Committee awarded 100,000 shares of common stock subject to performance-based restricted stock awards ("RSAs") to certain non-executive members of management. The performance measure is the Company's internal enterprise value at the end of fiscal 2015. The internal enterprise value shall equal the product of (i) fiscal 2015 EBITDA and (ii) 7.5 (the historic multiple of EBITDA), subject to an adjustment for cash, short-term investments, debt, preferred stock, certain equity issuances, certain acquisitions and the changes in the dividend rate. The restricted stock awards will vest, i.e., the restriction will lapse, one-third as of the end of fiscal 2015, one-third as of the end of fiscal 2016 and the final one-third as of the end of fiscal 2017, based on the enterprise value as of the end of fiscal 2015, to the extent the performance goals have been achieved and provided the employee remains employed. The remaining shares will be forfeited. The Company exceeded the targeted internal enterprise value measure for fiscal 2015.

During fiscal 2011, the Compensation Committee awarded 640,000 shares of RSAs to certain executive officers. The performance measure will be the Company's internal enterprise value at the end of fiscal 2015. The internal enterprise

value shall equal the product of (i) fiscal 2015 EBITDA and (ii) 7.5 (the historic multiple of EBITDA), subject to an adjustment for cash, short-term investments, debt, preferred stock, certain equity issuances, certain acquisitions and the changes in the dividend rate. The restricted stock awards will vest, i.e., the restrictions will lapse, at the end of fiscal 2015 to the extent the performance goals have been achieved. The remaining shares will be forfeited. The Company exceeded the targeted internal enterprise value measure for fiscal 2015.

During fiscal 2011, our Compensation Committee awarded 320,000 shares of common stock subject to time-based restricted stock units ("RSUs") to certain executive officers. The restricted stock units will vest 20% each year on the last day of our fiscal year and be 100% vested on the last day of fiscal 2015, provided the executive remains employed. The shares of

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common stock underlying the vested RSUs will not be delivered to the employee until after the employee terminates employment from the Company or upon change of control.

Bonus in Lieu of Dividends - For the performance-based restricted stock awards, bonuses in lieu of dividends will not be paid until the restrictions lapse (i.e., not in first 5 years). At such time as the restrictions lapse, the executive will be paid a “dividend catch-up” bonus calculated based on the dividends declared during the restricted period and the number of shares earned. For the time-based restricted stock units, once the restricted stock units vest and until the shares are delivered, the executive will be paid a quarterly bonus in lieu of dividends calculated based on declared dividends and the total number of vested restricted stock units held.

Tandem Cash Award - The executives were also granted RSA tandem cash awards. These cash incentive awards will become payable if performance under the RSAs described above exceeds target performance. If the performance measure target for the RSAs is exceeded, the amount payable under the RSA tandem cash awards will equal the product of the closing price of our common stock as of May 1, 2015 and the number of RSAs awarded to such executive officers not to exceed 40% of the awarded RSAs. The Company exceeded the targeted internal enterprise value measure for fiscal 2015. In fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 respectively, we recorded a compensation expense of \$5.6 million, \$3.9 million and \$2.1 million related to the tandem cash awards. Prior to those periods, we had not recorded any expense for the tandem cash awards.

The following table summarizes the RSA and RSU activity for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 under the 2010 Stock Plan:

			RSA Shares	RSU Shares
Unvested and unissued at April 28, 2012			700,000	180,000
Awarded			—	—
Vested			—	(60,000)
Forfeited and Cancelled			—	—
Unvested and unissued at April 27, 2013			700,000	120,000
Awarded			—	—
Vested			—	(60,000)
Forfeited and Cancelled			—	—
Unvested and unissued at May 3, 2014			700,000	60,000
Awarded			—	—
Vested			(633,333)	(60,000)
Forfeited and Cancelled			—	—
Unvested and unissued at May 2, 2015			66,667	—
			Probable	Target
Grant Fiscal	Number of		Unearned	Unearned
Year	Shares	Vesting Period	Compensation	Compensation
	Granted, less		Expense at	Expense at
	Forfeitures		May 2, 2015	May 2, 2015
2012	100,000	One-third per year, beginning in fiscal 2015, performance based	\$8.10	\$0.1
				\$0.1

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2007 Stock Plan

The 2007 Stock Plan permitted a total of 1,250,000 shares of our common stock to be awarded to participants. Shares issued under the Stock Plan may be either authorized but unissued shares, or treasury shares. If any award terminates, expires, is canceled or forfeited as to any number of shares of common stock, new awards may be granted with respect to such shares. The total number of shares with respect to which awards may be granted to any participant in any calendar year shall not exceed 200,000 shares. With the approval of the 2014 Incentive Plan, no further awards shall be granted under the 2007 Stock Plan.

Stock Options Awarded Under the 2007 Stock Plan

In fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, our Compensation Committee awarded options to purchase 50,500 shares, 42,500 shares and 42,500 shares of our common stock to certain non-executive members of the management team that vest one-third per year on each anniversary of the date of the grant. The stock options awarded under the 2007 Stock Plan have a ten-year term. The exercise price is the closing price on the date granted.

The following tables summarize the stock option activity and related information for the stock options granted under the 2007 Stock Plan as of May 2, 2015:

	Summary of Option Activity	
	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Exercise Price
Outstanding at April 28, 2012	738,000	5.79
Awarded	42,500	8.64
Exercised	(2,500)	) 8.10
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding at April 27, 2013	778,000	5.94
Awarded	42,500	17.27
Exercised	(648,141)	) 5.60
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding at May 3, 2014	172,359	10.02
Awarded	50,500	37.01
Exercised	(114,859)	) 8.55
Cancelled	—	—
Outstanding at May 2, 2015	108,000	24.21

Options Outstanding
at May 2, 2015

Shares	Exercise Price	Avg. Remaining Life (Years)
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5,000	10.55	5.3
10,000	8.10	6.5
14,167	8.64	7.3
28,333	17.27	8.3
50,500	37.01	9.3
108,000	\$24.21	

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Options Exercisable
at May 2, 2015

Shares	Exercise Price	Avg. Remaining Life (Years)
5,000	10.55	5.3
10,000	8.10	6.5
15,000	\$ 8.92	

We estimated the fair value of these stock options on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following assumptions:

	Fiscal 2015 Awards	Fiscal 2014 Awards	Fiscal 2013 Awards	
Average expected volatility	51.00	% 65.33	% 66.15	%
Average risk-free interest rate	1.00	% 0.65	% 0.39	%
Dividend yield	1.66	% 2.81	% 2.94	%
Expected life of options	4.12 years	7.61 years	7.18 years	
Weighted-average grant-date fair value	\$ 14.99	\$ 8.39	\$ 4.13	

The options outstanding had an intrinsic value of \$2.1 million at May 2, 2015.

Restricted Stock Awards Awarded Under the 2007 Stock Plan

In April 2007, 225,000 shares of common stock subject to performance-based RSAs granted to our CEO in fiscal 2006 and 2007 were converted to RSUs. The RSUs were subject to the same vesting schedule and other major provisions of the RSAs they replaced, except the shares for stock underlying the RSUs will not be issued and delivered until the earlier of: (1) thirty days after the CEO's date of termination of employment with the Company and all of its subsidiaries and affiliates; or (2) the last day of our fiscal year in which the payment of common stock in satisfaction of the RSUs becomes deductible to the Company under Section 162(m) of the Code. The RSUs are not entitled to voting rights or dividends, however a bonus in lieu of dividends is paid. The RSU's were fully vested as of May 2, 2015. As of May 2, 2015, 12,675 shares have been delivered in connection with the RSUs with a remaining balance to be delivered of 212,325 shares.

At the beginning of fiscal 2015, there were no RSAs outstanding under the 2007 Stock Plan. We issued 13,500 shares in fiscal 2015 and 27,000 shares in fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013 of restricted shares to our independent directors all of which vested immediately upon grant.

The following table summarizes the RSA activity under the 2007 Stock Plan:

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2013
Unvested at beginning of fiscal year	—	—	—
Awarded	13,500	27,000	27,000
Vested	(13,500) (27,000) (27,000
Forfeited	—	—	—

Unvested at end of period

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2000 and 2004 Stock Plans

Stock Options Outstanding Under the 2000 and 2004 Stock Plans

There were no stock options under the 2000 and 2004 Stock Plans outstanding as of May 2, 2015. Options to purchase 1,410 and 128,105 shares of our common stock expired during fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The following tables summarize the stock option activity and related information for the stock options granted under the 2000 and 2004 Stock Plans for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	Options Outstanding		Exercisable Options	
	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Exercise Price	Shares	Wtd. Avg. Exercise Price
April 28, 2012	251,365	\$ 10.96	251,365	\$ 10.96
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(50,675	) 11.44		
Cancelled	(128,105	) 10.50		
April 27, 2013	72,585	11.44	72,585	11.44
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(71,175	) 11.44		
Cancelled	(1,410	) 11.44		
May 3, 2014	—	\$—	—	\$—

Stock-based Compensation

We recognize pre-tax compensation expense for stock options, RSA's and RSU's under our 2014, 2010, 2007, 2004 and 2000 Stock Plans in the selling and administrative section of our consolidated statement of operations. Our awards subject to graded vesting are recognized using the accelerated recognition method. As of May 2, 2015, we had \$1.5 million of unrecognized equity-based compensation cost that we expect to recognize over a weighted average period of 2.0 years.

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The table below summarizes the expense related to the equity awards for fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013.

	Compensation Expense		
	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2014	Fiscal 2013
2014 Incentive Plan:			
RSAs	\$0.5	\$—	\$—
Total 2014 Incentive Plan	\$0.5	\$—	\$—
2010 Stock Plan:			
RSAs	\$1.5	\$1.5	\$1.5
RSUs	0.1	0.3	0.5
Stock options	1.2	0.8	0.5
Total 2010 Stock Plan	\$2.8	\$2.6	\$2.5
2007 Stock Plan:			
RSAs	\$0.5	\$0.4	\$0.2
Stock options	0.5	0.3	0.6
Total 2007 Stock Plan	\$1.0	\$0.7	\$0.8
Total Compensation Expense	\$4.3	\$3.3	\$3.3

5. Employee 401(k) Savings Plan

We have an employee 401(k) Savings Plan covering substantially all U.S. employees to which we make contributions equal to 3% of eligible compensation. Our contributions to the employee 401(k) Savings Plan were \$1.3 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.3 million in fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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6. Income Taxes

Significant components of our deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Accelerated tax depreciation	\$2.0	\$2.9
Foreign tax withheld	1.7	1.3
Deferred income	0.9	1.3
	4.6	5.5
Deferred tax assets:		
Deferred compensation and stock award amortization	7.6	8.4
Inventory valuation differences	2.1	2.2
Property valuation differences	2.0	2.0
Accelerated book amortization	10.1	7.6
Environmental reserves	1.1	1.0
Bad debt reserves	0.1	0.2
Vacation accruals	1.0	0.9
Restructuring accruals	—	0.1
Foreign investment tax credit	16.1	22.9
Net operating loss carryovers	5.2	8.1
Foreign tax credits	3.7	11.0
Research tax credits	—	0.6
Other accruals	3.0	1.9
	52.0	66.9
Less valuation allowance	2.0	14.0
Total deferred tax assets	50.0	52.9
Net deferred tax assets	\$45.4	\$47.4
Balance sheet classification:		
Current asset	\$15.0	\$8.7
Non-current asset	32.1	40.0
Current liability	(1.7	) (1.3
	\$45.4	\$47.4

In addition to the deferred tax assets listed in the table above, the Company had an unrecorded tax benefit of \$4.5 million at May 2, 2015, primarily attributable to the difference between the amount of the financial statement expense and the allowable tax deduction for the Company's common stock issued under the Company's stock compensation plans. Although not recognized for financial reporting purposes, this unrecognized tax benefit is available to reduce future income and is incorporated into our tax attribute carry-forwards, which are discussed below.

At May 2, 2015, we recorded a deferred tax benefit of \$7.2 million related to the release of foreign valuation allowance and a \$1.4 million deferred tax benefit related to the release of our state valuation allowance. The Company evaluated all available positive and negative evidence, including past operating results and the projection of future taxable income and determined it is more likely than not that expected future taxable income will be sufficient to

utilize substantially all of our state net deferred tax assets. We will continue to maintain a valuation allowance of \$1.2 million related to certain state and federal net operating loss carryovers until we determine that these deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable.

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At May 2, 2015, we had available \$2.1 million of federal and \$80.6 million of state net operating loss carryforwards (having a tax benefit of \$0.7 million and \$3.8 million, respectively), and \$3.7 million of foreign tax credit carryforwards. If unused, the U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards will expire in the years 2018 through 2031. The state net operating loss carryforwards will expire in the years 2016 through 2035. The foreign tax credits will expire in the years 2023 through 2024.

The tax laws of Malta provide for investment tax credits of 30% of certain qualified expenditures. Unused credits of \$16.1 million as of May 2, 2015 can be carried forward indefinitely. We record investment tax credits using the "flow through" method.

Components of income before income taxes are as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Domestic source	\$ 39.9	\$ 21.0	\$ (1.2
Foreign source	80.9	54.9	39.1
Income/(loss) before income tax	\$ 120.8	\$ 75.9	\$ 37.9

Income taxes consisted of the following:

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Current			
Federal	\$ 5.4	\$ 0.2	\$ —
Foreign	13.8	8.0	4.6
State	0.9	0.7	0.1
Subtotal	20.1	8.9	4.7
Deferred			
Federal and state	6.0	(31.7) —
Foreign	(6.3) 2.5	(7.2
Subtotal	(0.3) (29.2) (7.2
Total income tax/(benefit)	\$ 19.8	\$ (20.3) \$ (2.5

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A reconciliation of the consolidated provisions for income taxes from continuing operations to amounts determined by applying the prevailing statutory federal income tax rate to pre-tax earnings is as follows:

	Fiscal Year Ended								
	May 2, 2015			May 3, 2014			April 27, 2013		
Income tax at statutory rate	\$42.2	35.0	%	\$26.5	35.0	%	\$13.3	35.0	%
Effect of:									
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	0.8	0.6	%	0.4	0.5	%	0.1	0.3	%
Foreign operations with lower statutory rates	(11.5)	(9.5)	%	(13.2)	(17.4)	%	(11.4)	(30.1)	%
Foreign losses with no tax benefit	0.1	0.1	%	1.0	1.3	%	1.9	5.0	%
Foreign investment tax credit	(8.3)	(6.9)	%	1.6	2.1	%	(7.5)	(19.8)	%
Change in tax contingency reserve	0.2	0.2	%	0.2	0.3	%	(0.1)	(0.1)	%
Change in permanent reinvestment assertion	0.3	0.2	%	(2.8)	(3.7)	%	—	—	%
Change in valuation allowance	(3.6)	(3.0)	%	(32.6)	(43.0)	%	(1.2)	(3.3)	%
Other, net	(0.4)	(0.3)	%	(1.4)	(1.8)	%	2.4	6.4	%
Income tax provision/(benefit)	\$19.8	16.4	%	\$(20.3)	(26.7)	%	\$(2.5)	(6.6)	%

We paid income taxes of \$9.0 million in fiscal 2015, \$6.2 million in fiscal 2014 and \$5.9 million in fiscal 2013. No U.S. provision has been made for income taxes on undistributed net income of foreign operations, as we expect them to be indefinitely reinvested within our foreign operations. If the undistributed net income of \$276.0 million were distributed as dividends, we would be subject to foreign tax withholdings and incur additional income tax expense of approximately \$96.6 million, before available foreign tax credits. It is not practicable to estimate the amount of foreign tax withholdings or foreign tax credits that may be available.

As of May 2, 2015, our gross unrecognized tax benefits totaled \$0.9 million. After considering the federal impact on the state issues, \$0.9 million of this total would favorably affect the effective tax rate if resolved in our favor.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits:

Balance at May 3, 2014	\$0.6
Increases for positions related to the prior years	0.1
Increases for positions related to the current year	0.2
Decreases for positions related to the prior years	—
Lapsing of statutes of limitations	—
Balance at May 2, 2015	\$0.9

The U.S. federal and state statute of limitations remains open for fiscal year ended on or after April 30, 2011.

The continuing practice of the Company is to recognize interest and penalties related to income tax matters in the provision for income taxes. We had \$0.1 million accrued for interest and no accrual for penalties at May 2, 2015.

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7. Income Per Share Attributable to Methode Shareholders

Basic income per share attributable to Methode shareholders ("basic earnings per share") is calculated by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the applicable period. Diluted income per share attributable to Methode shareholders ("diluted income per share") is calculated after adjusting the denominator of the basic income per share calculation for the effect of all potential dilutive common shares outstanding during the period.

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted income per share:

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Numerator:			
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	101.1	\$96.1	\$40.7
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share-weighted average shares outstanding and vested/unissued restricted stock awards	38,686,715	37,973,697	37,406,386
Dilutive potential common shares-employee, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units	580,151	242,562	480,240
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	39,266,866	38,216,259	37,886,626
Basic and diluted income per share:			
Basic income per share	\$2.61	\$2.53	\$1.09
Diluted income per share	\$2.57	\$2.51	\$1.08

Options to purchase 158,500 shares of common stock were outstanding at May 2, 2015 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common shares, therefore, the effect would have been anti-dilutive. Options to purchase 297,585 shares of common stock were outstanding at April 27, 2013 but were not included in the computation of diluted earnings per share because the exercise price was greater than the average market price of the common shares; therefore, the effect would have been anti-dilutive. In addition, restricted stock awards of 700,000 shares have been excluded in the computation of diluted net income per share for fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013, as these awards were contingent on the Company's performance in fiscal 2015.

8. Environmental Matters

We are not aware of any potential unasserted environmental claims that may be brought against us. We are involved in environmental investigations and/or remediation at two of our plant sites no longer used for operations. We use environmental consultants to assist us in evaluating our environmental liabilities in order to establish appropriate accruals in our financial statements. Accruals are recorded when environmental remediation is probable and the costs can be reasonably estimated. A number of factors affect the cost of environmental remediation, including the determination of the extent of contamination, the length of time remediation may require, the complexity of environmental regulations and the advancement of remediation technology. Considering these factors, we have estimated (without discounting) the costs of remediation, which will be incurred over a period of several years.

Recovery from insurance or other third parties is not anticipated. We are not yet able to determine when such remediation activity will be complete, but estimates for certain remediation efforts are projected through fiscal 2016.

At May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, we had accruals, primarily based upon independent engineering studies, for environmental matters of \$2.8 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, of which \$0.5 million was classified in other accrued expenses and the remainder was included in other long-term liabilities on our consolidated balance sheet. We believe the provisions made for environmental matters are adequate to satisfy liabilities relating to such matters, however it is reasonably possible that costs could exceed accrued amounts if the selected methods of remediation do not reduce the contaminants at the sites to levels acceptable to federal and state regulatory agencies.

In fiscal 2015, we spent \$0.5 million on remediation cleanups and related studies compared with \$0.4 million in fiscal 2014 and \$0.4 million in fiscal 2013. The costs associated with environmental matters as they relate to day-to-day activities were not material in fiscal 2015, 2014 or 2013.

9. Pending Litigation

Certain litigation arising in the normal course of business is pending against us. We, from time to time, are subject to various legal actions and claims incidental to our business, including those arising out of alleged defects, breach of contracts, employment-related matters and environmental matters. We consider insurance coverage and third party indemnification when determining required accruals for pending litigation and claims. Although the outcome of potential legal actions and claims cannot be determined, it is the opinion of our management, based on the information available, that we have adequate reserves for these liabilities and that the ultimate resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Hetronic Germany-GmbH Matters

For several years, Hetronic Germany-GmbH and Hydronic-Steuersysteme-GmbH (the "Fuchs companies") served as our distributors for Germany, Austria and other central and eastern European countries pursuant to their respective intellectual property licenses and distribution and assembly agreements. We became aware that the Fuchs companies and their managing director, Albert Fuchs, had materially violated those agreements. As a result, we terminated all of our agreements with the Fuchs companies. In June 2014, we filed a lawsuit against the Fuchs companies in the Federal District Court for the Western District of Oklahoma alleging material breaches of the distribution and assembly agreements seeking damages, as well as various forms of injunctive relief. The defendants have filed counterclaims alleging breach of contract, interference with business relations and business slander. On April 2, 2015, we amended our complaint against the Fuchs Companies to add additional unfair competition and Lanham Act claims and to add additional, affiliated parties. The defendants filed motions to dismiss that are fully briefed and are awaiting ruling by the Court. Discovery has commenced in the case and is ongoing.

10. Material Customers

Sales to two customers in the Automotive segment, either directly or through their tiered suppliers, represented a significant portion of our business. Net sales to these two customers approximated 44.8% and 12.8% of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2015; these two customers accounted for 36.4% and 14.5% of consolidated net sales, respectively in fiscal 2014 and these two customers accounted for 16.7% and 19.9% of consolidated net sales in fiscal 2013.

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At May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014, accounts receivable from customers in the automotive industry were approximately \$83.6 million and \$85.6 million, respectively, which included \$55.1 million and \$58.7 million, respectively, at our North American reporting unit. Accounts receivable are generally due within 30 to 60 days. Credit losses relating to all customers have not been material.

11. Line of Credit

Our Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, as amended, has a maturity date of September 21, 2017. The credit facility is in the maximum principal amount of \$100.0 million, with an option to increase the principal amount by up to an additional \$50.0 million, subject to customary conditions and approval of the lender(s) providing new commitment(s). The credit facility provides for variable rates of interest based on the type of borrowing and the Company's debt to EBITDA financial ratio. At May 2, 2015, the interest rate on the credit facility was 1.5% plus LIBOR. The Amended and Restated Credit Agreement is guaranteed by certain of our U.S. subsidiaries. At May 2, 2015, we were in compliance with the covenants of the agreement. During fiscal 2015, we had no borrowings and payments of \$43.7 million, which includes interest of \$0.7 million under this credit facility. As of May 2, 2015, there were outstanding balances against the credit facility of \$5.0 million. There was \$95.0 million available to borrow under the credit facility as of May 2, 2015, which does not include the option to increase the principal amount. We believe the fair value approximates the carrying amount as of May 2, 2015.

12. Segment Information and Geographic Area Information

We are a global manufacturer of component and subsystem devices. We design, manufacture and market devices employing electrical, electronic, wireless, sensing and optical technologies. Our components are found in the primary end markets of the automotive, appliance, communications (including information processing and storage, networking equipment, wireless and terrestrial voice/data systems), aerospace, rail and other transportation industries; and the consumer and industrial equipment markets.

ASC No. 280, "Segment Reporting" establishes annual and interim reporting standards for an enterprise's operating segments and related disclosures about its products, services, geographic areas and major customers. An operating segment is defined as a component of an enterprise that engages in business activities from which it may earn revenues and incur expenses, and about which separate financial information is regularly evaluated by the Chief Operating Decision Maker ("CODM") in deciding how to allocate resources. The CODM, as defined by ASC No. 280, is the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO").

We have multiple operating segments that are aggregated in four reportable segments. Those segments are Automotive, Interface, Power Products and Other.

The Automotive segment supplies electronic and electromechanical devices and related products to automobile Original Equipment Manufacturers, ("OEMs"), either directly or through their tiered suppliers. Our products include control switches for electrical power and signals, connectors for electrical devices, integrated control components, switches and sensors that monitor the operation or status of a component or system, and packaging of electrical components.

The Interface segment provides a variety of copper and fiber-optic Interface and interface solutions for the aerospace, appliance, commercial, computer, construction, consumer, material handling, medical, military, mining, networking, storage, and telecommunications markets. Solutions include conductive polymers, connectors, custom cable assemblies, industrial safety radio remote controls, optical and copper transceivers, personal computer and express card packaging and terminators, solid-state field effect interface panels, and thick film inks. Services include the design and installation of fiber optic and copper infrastructure systems, and manufacturing active and passive optical components.

The Power Products segment manufactures braided flexible cables, current-carrying laminated bus devices, custom power-product assemblies, high-current low voltage flexible power cabling systems and powder coated bus bars that are used in various markets and applications, including aerospace, computers, industrial and power conversion, military, telecommunications, and transportation.

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The Other segment includes medical devices, inverters and battery systems and insulated gate bipolar transistor solutions. The Other segment also included independent laboratories that provide services for qualification, testing and certification, and analysis of electronic and optical components. The independent laboratories were sold at the end of the third quarter of fiscal 2015.

The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in the summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1 above. We allocate resources to and evaluate performance of segments based on operating income. Transfers between segments are recorded using internal transfer prices set by us.

The tables below presents information about our reportable segments. The Interface segment income from operations for fiscal 2015 includes an impairment of goodwill charge of \$11.1 million. The Automotive segment's income from operations for fiscal 2013 includes \$20.0 million of income from settlement. The reporting segment results for the fiscal years ended May 2, 2014 and April 27, 2013 have been reclassified to conform with the segment presentation for the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015.

	Fiscal Year Ended May 2, 2015					Consolidated
	Automotive	Interface	Power Products	Other	Eliminations/Corporate	
Net sales	633.0	163.8	86.1	5.5	(7.3)	881.1
Transfers between segments	(4.6)	(2.1)	(0.4)	(0.3)	7.4	—
Net sales to unaffiliated customers	\$628.4	\$161.7	\$85.7	\$5.2	\$ 0.1	\$881.1
Income/(loss) from operations	124.9	7.0	23.2	(6.4)	(36.5)	112.2
Gain on sale of business						(7.7)
Interest income, net						(0.7)
Other income, net						(0.2)
Income before income taxes						\$120.8
Depreciation and amortization	16.6	2.8	2.4	0.4	1.2	\$23.4
Identifiable assets	365.5	186.4	38.5	3.7	11.7	\$605.8
	Fiscal Year Ended May 3, 2014					
	Automotive	Interface	Power Products	Other	Eliminations/Corporate	Consolidated
Net sales	\$524.6	\$173.6	\$72.7	\$7.2	\$ (5.3)	\$772.8
Transfers between segments	(2.2)	(2.8)	(0.2)	(0.2)	5.4	—
Net sales to unaffiliated customers	\$522.4	\$170.8	\$72.5	\$7.0	\$ 0.1	\$772.8
Income/(loss) from operations	\$69.4	\$26.8	\$12.6	\$(7.0)	\$ (28.2)	\$73.6

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Interest expense, net						0.3	
Other income, net						(2.6)
Income before income taxes						\$75.9	
Depreciation and amortization	\$ 16.4	\$ 2.9	\$ 2.4	\$ 2.5	\$ 1.4	\$ 25.6	
Identifiable assets	\$ 366.1	\$ 155.0	\$ 32.1	\$ 4.8	\$ 17.5	\$ 575.5	

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	Fiscal Year Ended April 27, 2013					Eliminations/Corporate Consolidated
	Automotive	Interface	Power Products	Other		
Net sales	318.8	\$145.5	\$52.8	\$6.3	\$ (3.6)	\$519.8
Transfers between segments	(0.9)	(2.4)	(0.2)	(0.1)	3.6	—
Net sales to unaffiliated customers	\$317.9	\$143.1	\$52.6	\$6.2	\$ —	\$519.8
Income (loss) from operations	\$41.1	\$20.7	\$5.1	\$(7.8)	\$ (19.9)	\$39.2
Other expense						1.3
Income/(loss) before income taxes						\$37.9
Depreciation and amortization	\$11.8	\$3.0	\$2.3	\$0.5	\$ 1.2	\$18.8
Identifiable assets	\$277.5	\$138.0	\$28.6	\$6.7	\$ (15.9)	\$434.9

The following table sets forth certain geographic financial information for fiscal years ended May 2, 2015, May 3, 2014 and April 27, 2013. Geographic net sales and income are determined based our sales and income from our various operational locations.

	Fiscal Year Ended		
	May 2, 2015	May 3, 2014	April 27, 2013
Net Sales:			
U.S.	\$564.6	\$456.6	\$242.9
China	112.6	97.4	88.2
Malta	153.5	186.4	157.4
Other	50.4	32.4	31.3
Total Net Sales	\$881.1	\$772.8	\$519.8
Property, Plant and Equipment:			
U.S.	\$42.7	\$43.8	\$45.1
China	9.0	6.6	7.4
Malta	28.0	37.5	32.5
Mexico	5.8	7.3	9.0
Other	7.8	6.0	4.4
Total Property, Plant and Equipment	\$93.3	\$101.2	\$98.4

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13. Lease Commitments

We lease certain office and manufacturing properties under non-cancelable operating leases expiring at various dates through fiscal 2026. Rental expense under non-cancelable operating leases amounted to \$5.5 million, \$5.6 million and \$4.6 million in fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Our aggregate minimum rental commitments under all non-cancelable operating leases are summarized in the table below for the next succeeding five fiscal years:

2016	\$5.4
2017	4.1
2018	2.0
2019	1.4
2020	1.0

14. Pre-Production Costs Related to Long-Term Supply Arrangements

We incur pre-production tooling costs related to products produced for our customers under long-term supply agreements. We had \$10.5 million for both the fiscal year ended May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014 of pre-production tooling costs related to customer-owned tools for which reimbursement is contractually guaranteed by the customer or for which the customer has provided a non-cancelable right to use the tooling. Engineering, testing and other costs incurred in the design and development of production parts are expensed as incurred, unless the costs are reimbursable, as specified in a customer contract.

15. Summary of Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of unaudited quarterly results of operations for the years ended May 2, 2015 and May 3, 2014:

	Fiscal 2015 Quarter Ended			
	August 2	November 1	January 31	May 2
Net sales	\$218.1	\$229.7	\$206.0	\$227.3
Gross profit	50.5	60.2	56.2	51.9
Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	21.4	26.0	27.1	26.6
Net income per basic common share	\$0.56	\$0.67	\$0.69	\$0.69
Net income per diluted common share	\$0.55	\$0.66	\$0.68	\$0.68
	Fiscal 2014 Quarter Ended			
	July 27	October 26	February 1	May 3
Net sales	\$167.3	\$190.9	\$189.8	\$224.8
Gross profit	34.0	41.4	38.5	42.8

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Net income attributable to Methode Electronics, Inc.	13.6	19.8	14.6	48.1
Net income per basic common share	\$0.36	\$0.52	\$0.38	\$1.27
Net income per diluted common share	0.36	0.51	0.38	1.26

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Significant Items for Fiscal 2015

The fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 includes a goodwill pre-tax impairment charge of \$11.1 million related to our TouchSensor reporting unit in our Interface segment. The fourth quarter of fiscal 2015 also includes a pre-tax gain on the sale of Trace Laboratories reporting units of \$7.7 million in our Other segment. In addition, the fourth quarter includes a net tax benefit adjustment of \$5.0 million, related to the release of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets in Malta.

Significant Items for Fiscal 2014

The fourth quarter of fiscal 2014 includes an intangible asset pre-tax impairment charge of \$1.7 million related to our Eetrex reporting unit in our Power Products segment. The fourth quarter of fiscal 2014 also includes a pre-tax gain on the sale of one of the Company's investments of \$3.2 million. In addition, the fourth quarter includes a net tax benefit adjustment of \$31.7 million, primarily related to the release of a valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets in the U.S.

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SCHEDULE II—VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

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(in millions)

COL. A	COL. B	COL. C		COL. D.	COL. E
Description	Balance at Beginning of Period	Additions Charged to Costs and Expenses	Charged to Other Accounts— Describe	Deductions— Describe	Balance at End of Period
YEAR ENDED May 2, 2015:					
Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$0.7	\$0.1	\$ —	\$0.3	(2) \$ 0.5
Deferred tax valuation allowance	\$14.0			\$12.0	(3) \$ 2.0
YEAR ENDED MAY 3, 2014:					
Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$1.0	\$—	\$ —	\$0.3	(2) \$ 0.7
Deferred tax valuation allowance	42.4	1.9	(3) 2.3	(1) 32.6	(4) 14.0
YEAR ENDED APRIL 27, 2013:					
Reserves and allowances deducted from asset accounts:					
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	\$1.3	\$0.1	\$ —	\$0.4	(2) \$ 1.0
Deferred tax valuation allowance	57.3	—	—	14.9	(3) 42.4

(1) Impact of foreign currency translation and other reclassifications.

(2) Uncollectible accounts written off, net of recoveries.

(3) Primarily represents changes in Malta valuation allowance and changes in temporary items.

(4) Represents release of the U.S. valuation allowance.

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

Exhibit Number	Description
3.1	Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant, as amended and currently in effect ⁽¹⁾
3.2	Bylaws of Registrant, as amended and currently in effect ⁽²⁾
4.1	Article Fourth of Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant, as amended and currently in effect (included in Exhibit 3.1) ⁽¹⁾
10.10*	Change in Control Agreement dated September 1, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Donald W. Duda ⁽³⁾
10.11*	Change in Control Agreement dated September 1, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Douglas A. Koman ⁽³⁾
10.12*	Change in Control Agreement dated September 1, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Thomas D. Reynolds ⁽³⁾
10.14*	Change in Control Agreement dated September 14, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Theodore P. Kill ⁽⁴⁾
10.15*	Change in Control Agreement dated September 14, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Timothy R. Glandon ⁽⁴⁾
10.17*	Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Executive Award/Performance Based) effective as of June 18, 2004 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Donald W. Duda ⁽⁵⁾
10.18*	Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Executive Award/Cliff Vesting) effective as of June 18, 2004 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Donald W. Duda ⁽⁵⁾
10.21*	Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Executive Award/Performance Based) effective as of June 15, 2005 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Donald W. Duda ⁽⁶⁾
10.22*	Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Award Agreement (Executive Award/Performance Based) effective as of August 7, 2006 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Donald W. Duda ⁽⁶⁾
10.23*	Methode Electronics, Inc. 2007 Stock Plan ⁽⁷⁾
10.28*	Change in Control Agreement dated July 15, 2008 between Methode Electronics, Inc. and Ronald L. G. Tsoumas ⁽⁸⁾
10.32*	Form of Amendment to Change in Control Agreement ⁽⁹⁾
10.33*	Methode Electronics, Inc. 2010 Cash Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁰⁾
10.34*	Methode Electronics, Inc. 2010 Stock Plan ⁽¹⁰⁾
10.35*	Under the 2010 Stock Plan, Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. Non-Qualified Stock Option Form Award Agreement ⁽¹⁰⁾
10.36*	Under the 2010 Stock Plan, Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. Performance Based Restricted Stock Form Award Agreement ⁽¹¹⁾
10.37*	Under the 2010 Stock Plan, Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. Restricted Stock Unit Form Award Agreement ⁽¹¹⁾
10.38*	Under the 2010 Stock Plan, Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. RSA Tandem Cash Award Form Award Agreement ⁽¹³⁾
10.39*	Under the 2010 Stock Plan, Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. Cash Bonus Form Award Agreement ⁽¹¹⁾
10.40*	Form of Methode Electronics, Inc. Form of Amendment to Change in Control Agreement ⁽¹¹⁾
10.42	Amended and Restated Credit Agreement dated as of February 25, 2011 among Methode Electronics, Inc. as the Borrower, Bank of America N.A., as Administrative Agent and Other Lenders party thereto ⁽¹²⁾
10.43	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated September 21, 2012, among Methode Electronics, Inc. as the Borrower, Bank of America, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and the Lenders party thereto ⁽¹³⁾
10.44*	Methode Electronics, Inc. 2014 Omnibus Incentive Plan ⁽¹⁴⁾
21	Subsidiaries of Methode Electronics, Inc.
23	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP

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- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Executive Officer
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of Principal Financial Officer
- 32 Certification of Periodic Financial Report Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350
- 101** Interactive Data File

⁽¹⁾ Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed January 9, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference.

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- (2) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed March 18, 2013, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (3) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed September 6, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (4) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed September 18, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (5) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 10-Q filed the three months ended January 27, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (6) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed April 6, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (7) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed September 19, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 10-K filed July 17, 2008, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed July 20, 2009, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed October 20, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (11) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed November 12, 2010, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (12) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 10-Q filed March 3, 2011, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (13) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed September 24, 2012, and incorporated herein by reference.
- (14) Previously filed with Registrant's Form 8-K filed September 22, 2014, and incorporated herein by reference.

* Management Compensatory Plan

** As provided in Rule 406 of Regulation S-T, this information is deemed not filed as part of a registration statement or prospectus for purposes of sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933, and is deemed not filed for purposes of section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, and is otherwise not subject to liability under those sections.