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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015.

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____
Commission file number: 1-11311

LEAR CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 13-3386776
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, MI 48033
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (248) 447-1500

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	New York Stock Exchange

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

None

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports)

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and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

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

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

As of June 27, 2015, the aggregate market value of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$8,899,839,473. The closing price of the common stock on June 27, 2015, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, was \$116.40 per share.

As of February 5, 2016, the number of shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock was 74,467,389 shares.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Certain sections of the registrant's Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2016, as described in the Cross Reference Sheet and Table of Contents included herewith, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report.

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Certain information is incorporated by reference, as indicated below, to the registrant's Notice of Annual Meeting (1) of Stockholders and Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in May 2016 (the "Proxy Statement").

(2) A portion of the information required is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Election of Directors" and "Directors and Corporate Governance."

Incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Directors and Corporate Governance — Director (3) Compensation," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Executive Compensation," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "Compensation Committee Report."

(4) A portion of the information required is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement section entitled "Directors and Corporate Governance — Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and

Management."

- (5) Incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" and "Directors and Corporate Governance — Independence of Directors."
 - (6) Incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement section entitled "Fees of Independent Accountants."
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PART I

ITEM 1 – BUSINESS

In this Report, when we use the terms the "Company," "Lear," "we," "us" and "our," unless otherwise indicated or the context otherwise requires, we are referring to Lear Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries. A substantial portion of the Company's operations are conducted through subsidiaries controlled by Lear Corporation. The Company is also a party to various joint venture arrangements. Certain disclosures included in this Report constitute forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Forward-Looking Statements."

BUSINESS OF THE COMPANY

General

Lear Corporation is a leading Tier 1 supplier to the global automotive industry. We supply seating, electrical distribution systems and electronic modules, as well as related sub-systems, components and software, to virtually every major automotive manufacturer in the world. We have 240 manufacturing, engineering and administrative locations in 36 countries and are continuing to grow our business in all automotive producing regions of the world, both organically and through complementary acquisitions. Our manufacturing footprint reflects more than 145 facilities in 22 low cost countries.

We use our product, design and technological expertise, global reach and competitive manufacturing footprint to achieve the following financial goals and objectives with the aim to maximize shareholder value:

- Continue to deliver profitable growth, balancing risks and returns
- Maintain a strong balance sheet with investment grade credit metrics
- Consistently return cash to our shareholders

Our business is organized under two reporting segments: Seating and Electrical. Each of these segments has a varied product range across a number of component categories:

Seating — Our seating segment consists of the design, development, engineering, just-in-time assembly and delivery of complete seat systems, as well as the design, development, engineering and manufacture of all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests. We also have capabilities in active sensing and comfort for seats, utilizing electronically controlled sensor and adjustment systems and internally developed algorithms.

Electrical — Our electrical segment consists of the design, development, engineering and manufacture of complete electrical distribution systems that route electrical signals and manage electrical power within a vehicle. Key components in the electrical distribution system include wiring harnesses, terminals and connectors, junction boxes and high power components for hybrid and electric vehicles. We also design, develop, engineer and manufacture sophisticated electronic control modules that facilitate signal, data and power management within the vehicle. We have added capabilities in wireless communication modules that process various signals to, from and within the vehicle, including cellular, WiFi and GPS.

We serve the worldwide automotive and light truck market in both our seating and electrical segments. We have automotive content on over 350 vehicle nameplates worldwide and serve all of the world's major automotive manufacturers across our businesses and various component categories in both our seating and electrical segments. It is common to have both seating and electrical content on the same and multiple vehicle platforms with a single customer. Our businesses benefit globally from leveraging common operating standards and disciplines, including world-class development and manufacturing processes, as well as common customer support and regional infrastructures. Our core capabilities are shared across component categories, including high-precision manufacturing and assembly with short lead times, management of complex supply chains, global engineering and program management skills and a unique customer-focused culture. Our businesses utilize proprietary, industry-specific processes and standards, leverage common low-cost engineering centers and share centralized operating support functions, such as logistics, supply chain management, quality and health and safety, as well as all major administrative functions.

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Available Information on our Website

Our website address is <http://www.lear.com>. We make available on our website, free of charge, the periodic reports that we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), as well as all amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are filed with or furnished to the SEC. We also make available on our website or in printed form upon request, free of charge, our Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics (which includes specific provisions for our executive officers), charters for the standing committees of our Board of Directors and other information related to the Company. We are not including the information contained on our website as a part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this Report.

The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information about the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC maintains an internet site (<http://www.sec.gov>) that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information related to issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

History

Lear was founded in Detroit in 1917 as American Metal Products, a manufacturer of seating assemblies and other components for the automotive and aircraft industries, and was incorporated in Delaware in 1987. Through a management-led buyout in 1988, Lear Corporation established itself as a privately-held seat assembly operation for the North American automobile market with annual sales of approximately \$900 million. We completed an initial public offering in 1994 and developed into a global supplier through organic growth and a series of acquisitions. In May 1999, we acquired UT Automotive, Inc. ("UT Automotive") for a purchase price of approximately \$2.3 billion from United Technologies Corporation. UT Automotive was a leading supplier of automotive electrical distribution systems. The acquisition of UT Automotive represented our entry into automotive electrical and electronic systems and was the basis for our current electrical segment. In addition to electrical distribution systems, UT Automotive produced a broad portfolio of automotive interior products, which were subsequently included in the transfer of substantially all of the assets of our interior business to International Automotive Components Group in October 2006 (European assets) and March 2007 (North American assets).

We have subsequently augmented our internal growth plans with selective acquisitions to expand our component capabilities and global footprint, as well as expand our technology portfolio. In May 2012, we acquired Guilford Mills, a leading supplier of automotive seat and interior fabric, from Cerberus Capital Management, L.P., for approximately \$243 million. In January 2015, we acquired Everett Smith Group, Ltd., the parent company of Eagle Ottawa, LLC ("Eagle Ottawa"), the world's leading provider of leather for the automotive industry, for approximately \$844 million. In August 2015, we acquired intellectual property and technology from Autonet Mobile, a developer of wireless communication software and devices for automotive applications. In November 2015, we completed the acquisition of Arada Systems Inc., an automotive technology company that specializes in vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure ("V2X") communications.

Industry and Strategy

We supply all vehicle segments of the automotive light vehicle original equipment market and in every major automotive producing region in the world. Our sales are driven by the number of vehicles produced by the automotive manufacturers, which is ultimately dependent on consumer demand for automotive vehicles, and our content per vehicle. Global automotive industry production volumes improved 3% in 2014 from the prior year and another 2% in 2015 to a record 86.9 units.

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Details on light vehicle production in certain key regions for 2015 and 2014 are provided below. Our actual results are impacted by the specific mix of products within each market, as well as other risks described in Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

(In thousands of units)	2015 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ^(1, 2)	% Change
North America	17,496.6	17,029.6	3%
Europe and Africa	21,482.7	20,553.0	5%
Asia	43,806.5	43,061.1	2%
South America	2,854.8	3,586.7	(20)%
Other	1,281.0	1,375.1	(7)%
Total	86,921.6	85,605.5	2%

(1) Production data based on IHS Automotive for vehicle weights up to 3.5 tons.

(2) Production data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

Details on light vehicle production in certain emerging markets for 2015 and 2014 are provided below.

(In thousands of units)	2015 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ^(1, 2)	% Change
China	22,350.9	21,306.2	5%
India	3,773.1	3,565.3	6%
Brazil	2,311.1	2,958.1	(22)%
Russia	1,290.3	1,770.1	(27)%

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(2) Production data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

Details on our sales in certain key regions for 2015 and 2014 are provided below.

(In millions)	2015	2014	% Change
North America	\$7,755.7	\$6,769.8	15%
Europe and Africa	6,756.1	7,004.6	(4)%
Asia	3,235.5	3,101.8	4%
South America	464.1	851.1	(45)%
Total	\$18,211.4	\$17,727.3	3%

China (consolidated)	\$2,141.9	\$2,092.9	2%
China (non-consolidated)	1,508.0	1,434.2	5%

Key trends that have been specifically affecting our business include automotive manufacturers' utilization of global vehicle platforms, a shift among many automotive manufacturers away from integrated systems to directed component sourcing, increasing demand for luxury and performance features and content and China's emergence as the single largest major automotive market in the world with above average long-term growth expectations.

Our strategy is built on addressing these trends and the major imperatives for success as an automotive supplier: quality, cost and efficiency and innovation and technology. We have expanded key component and software capabilities through organic investment and acquisitions to ensure a full complement of the highest quality solutions for our customers. We have restructured, and continue to align, our manufacturing and engineering footprint to attain a leading competitive position globally. We have established or expanded activities in new and growing markets, especially China, in support of our customers' growth and global platform initiatives. These initiatives have helped us achieve our financial goals overall, as well as a more balanced regional, customer and vehicle segment diversification in our business.

In addition, three major mega-trends have broadly emerged as major drivers of change and growth in the automotive industry: connectivity, safety and efficiency. These mega-trends have become widely accepted and also are attracting new, non-traditional entrants to the automotive industry that are leveraging technology, vehicle electrification and consumer relationships to exploit growth opportunities in the industry. Regulation is also a major influence with these

mega-trends, as government mandates (e.g., for vehicles to meet or be equipped with minimum fuel economy and emissions standards or certain safety-related

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components) are driving vehicle design and technology plans. We believe that the following mega-trends are likely to be at the forefront of our industry for the foreseeable future with each of these trends converging long-term toward a vision of fully-autonomous driving:

Connectivity — Customer and consumer demand to have constant communication and information exchange. This trend began with consumer demand to extend and integrate their mobile connectivity into the vehicle by connecting mobile devices with vehicle infotainment systems. Connectivity requirements will continue to grow as we believe that vehicles will increasingly have direct communication with cellular networks, satellites and other vehicles in the grid to enable more advanced safety and fuel efficiency functionality. Vehicles are effectively becoming smart devices on wheels as the automobile is increasingly becoming a platform connected to various types of communication networks. We expect these trends to continue, making the vehicle a constantly connected device, receiving and transmitting data through a variety of signals, which communicate directly with the on-board vehicle network.

Safety — Customer and consumer demand for safety features and systems that protect vehicle occupants when a crash occurs, and also, with an increasing prevalence, for advanced driver assistance systems that proactively respond to driving situations to reduce the likelihood or severity of a crash.

Efficiency — Customer and consumer demand for more energy efficient vehicles that meet increasingly strict fuel economy and emission standards and reduce the environmental impact of automobiles. This requires further use of electronically controlled powertrains and related components to improve fuel efficiency, adoption of alternative energy powertrains, such as hybrid, electric and other powertrain technologies that facilitate high power electrification of the vehicle, and use of lighter weight materials throughout the car.

We are well positioned for growth capitalizing on these mega-trends as we supply high value systems and components that drive critical functionality and core elements of the vehicle's architecture and design. The systems and components that we design, develop and manufacture facilitate connectivity of various vehicle systems, impact a vehicle's safety and crashworthiness and support more fuel efficient alternative powertrains. Many of our systems and components also directly impact the consumer, providing us with the opportunity to offer our automotive customers technology, solutions and designs that will differentiate their vehicles in the consumer marketplace.

We are well positioned to directly participate in the connectivity mega-trend as we design, develop and supply systems and components that connect the various electrical and electronic systems within the vehicle into integrated on-board power and data communication networks. We further have the technology and expertise to wirelessly and securely connect these on-board vehicle networks and systems with external networks over various standards and protocols. This expertise allows us to offer our automotive customers electronic modules, such as connected gateway modules, that offer functionality such as over-the-air software updates or cellular communication of vehicle performance data to the automotive manufacturers, their dealers or the vehicle owners. Further, our expertise in dedicated short range communications ("DSRC") technology allows us to provide modules and software that facilitate direct, high speed communication between vehicles and roadside infrastructures.

Furthermore, a seat is an active part of the vehicle safety system. As a result of our innovative product design and technology capabilities, we are able to provide seats with enhanced safety features, such as the active head restraint and seat structures that withstand collision impact well in excess of what is demanded by regulatory agencies. We have developed products and materials to reduce cost and enhance seat design and packaging flexibility, including our mini recliners and micro adjust tracks. Another way in which we are well-positioned to benefit from this mega-trend related growth is our belief that the seat system will become increasingly more sophisticated, dynamic and connected to both the occupants and the vehicle. The seat is the logical focal point for monitoring the driver and passenger and for facilitating feedback between the vehicle and the occupants. Most recently, the addition of DSRC and other V2X capabilities positions us to provide high speed communication between vehicles, even in extreme weather conditions, potentially reducing crashes through real time advisories alerting drivers to imminent hazards in the roadway ahead, including other vehicles on a potential path for collision.

Continued growth in more fuel efficient, complex and electronically controlled powertrains is helping to drive growth in the vehicle's electrical distribution system. The emergence and continued development of alternative energy powertrains, including electric, hybrid electric and other technologies, is driving growth in high power electrical

systems and components. Hybrid and electric vehicles incorporate both high power and low power components. As a result, they offer a significant incremental content opportunity for us. These trends all support continued growth in electrical and electronic content on the vehicle, as well as associated software. This content growth will require far more complex vehicle electrical architectures. Our significant experience designing and manufacturing highly integrated and standardized architectures that optimize size, performance and quality leaves us well positioned to take advantage of the growth in electrical content and the increasingly complex architectures.

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We believe that the potential long-term convergence of these mega-trends and eventual wide-spread adoption of autonomous vehicles will benefit both our seating and electrical segments. We believe that autonomous vehicles will likely have seat designs and requirements that are far more flexible and demanding in both autonomous and piloted driving states and the transitions between the two. Further, more active monitoring of the driver and the driver's position and physical state will likely be required. We also believe that autonomous vehicles will not only need to be fully connected and networked to maximize their safety and efficiency, they will have much higher levels of power consumption to support the array of sensors and processing power required to operate such vehicles.

Seating Segment

Lear is a recognized global leader in complete automotive seat systems and key individual seat components. The seating segment consists of the design, development, engineering, just-in-time assembly and delivery of complete seat systems, as well as the design, development, engineering and manufacture of all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests. We have the most complete set of component offerings of any automotive seating supplier and are a market leader in every automotive producing market in the world. Further, our global manufacturing and engineering expertise, low-cost footprint, complete component capabilities, quality leadership and strong customer relationships provide us with a solid platform for future growth in this segment.

We produce seat systems that are fully assembled and ready for installation in automobiles and light trucks. Seat systems are generally designed and engineered for specific vehicle models or platforms. We develop seat systems and components for all vehicle segments from compact cars to full-size sport utility vehicles. We are the world leader in luxury and performance automotive seating, providing craftsmanship, elegance in design, use of innovative materials and industry-leading technology required by premium brands, including Alfa Romeo, Audi, BMW, Cadillac, Ferrari, Jaguar Land Rover, Lamborghini, Lincoln, Maserati, Mercedes-Benz and Porsche.

We have been executing a strategy for vertical integration of key seat components to enhance growth, improve quality, increase profitability and support our current market position in just-in-time seat assembly. In this regard, we have expanded our seat structures and mechanisms capabilities to provide complete development and manufacturing capabilities in all major automotive producing regions in the world and have developed standardized seat structures and mechanisms that can be adapted to multiple segments minimizing investment costs. We believe that our low-cost manufacturing footprint in seat structures and mechanisms and our precision engineered seat mechanism expertise are competitive advantages.

We have also expanded our seat cover operations, including precision cutting, assembly, sewing and lamination of seat fabric, in low-cost markets, entered the fabric business (largely through our acquisition of Guilford Performance Textiles) and most recently, added industry-leading leather design, development and manufacturing capabilities (through our acquisition of Eagle Ottawa). Eagle Ottawa is the world's leading provider of leather for the automotive industry, with a low-cost manufacturing footprint and approximately 6,500 employees. With the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa, Lear has an industry-leading position in automotive leather in North America and Asia and is one of the top suppliers in Europe. The addition of Eagle Ottawa also increased our representation with Asian automotive manufacturers and customer mix of revenue in Asia. Eagle Ottawa has direct sourcing arrangements with most of the major automotive manufacturers globally. With a full range of leather design and manufacturing capabilities, Eagle Ottawa further enhances Lear's position as the industry leader in luxury and performance automotive seating. We can provide globally a full range of seat cover capabilities and design solutions, including the use of unique leather and fabric applications.

Craftsmanship and Design

We believe that our broad portfolio of capabilities, including advanced design and material integration skills, is a differentiating competitive advantage for us. The breadth of our portfolio and depth of our design expertise allows us to have early involvement in the automotive manufacturer's design process and the opportunity to better integrate all seating components to provide differentiated comfort, quality and overall value for the end consumer. We are leveraging our unique position to be an industry leader in differentiated design through the creation of a Center for Craftsmanship. This is a dedicated studio for customer interface where designers and engineers work collaboratively

to create innovative solutions early in the design process. We have also developed a proprietary craftsmanship process called Harmonic Precision that synthesizes all of our component expertise and technologies with our customer's design visions. We believe that our unique craftsmanship and design capabilities can provide customers with a durable and reliable product that can be differentiated across all brands.

Intelligent Seating

We are the only seating supplier with both global capabilities in all major seat components, including leather and fabric, and global electronics development, manufacturing and integration. We believe that the seat will increasingly integrate electronics,

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not only for motorized control, but for dynamic sensing and response. We have developed active sensing and comfort seat capabilities, utilizing electronically controlled sensor and adjustment systems and internally developed algorithms. These seat designs automatically and constantly adjust the seats cushioning and support based on the occupant's position and ideal alignment for health and wellness. We also have developed technologies that will monitor certain bio-metric readings through seat sensors with a high level of accuracy and reliability. We believe that intelligent and dynamic seating solutions will provide future benefits as consumers and automotive manufacturers demand seats that can sense key attributes of a driver and passenger and communicate these attributes within the vehicle network, as well as to external networks. We believe that the seat will increasingly become a more dynamic and integrated system that will actively react to both the driver and driving conditions, particularly with the advent of autonomous vehicles. Such trends will promote increased levels of electrical and electronic integration into the seat.

Manufacturing

Our seat assembly facilities use lean manufacturing techniques, and our finished products are delivered to the automotive manufacturers on a just-in-time basis, matching our customers' exact build specifications for a particular day, shift and sequence thereby reducing inventory levels. These facilities are typically located adjacent to or near our customers' manufacturing and assembly sites. Increasingly, we are utilizing component and sub-assembly designs that allow us to drive higher efficiencies in our seat assembly facilities and further integrate certain assembly activities with our core component manufacturing operations. Our seat components, including recliner mechanisms, seat tracks and seat trim covers, leather and fabric are manufactured in batches, typically utilizing facilities in low-cost regions.

Financial Summary

A summary of revenues from external customers and other financial information for our seating segment is shown below. For additional information regarding the operating results of our seating segment, see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Results of Operations." For additional information regarding Lear's total sales and long-lived assets by geographic area, as well as customer concentrations, see Note 12, "Segment Reporting," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report. The top five customers of this segment are: General Motors, Ford, BMW, Fiat Chrysler and Volkswagen.

(In millions)	2015	2014	2013
Revenues from external customers	\$14,098.5	\$13,310.6	\$12,018.1
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	907.0	655.2	576.9
Depreciation and amortization	239.3	199.8	181.3
Capital expenditures	317.2	268.9	288.5
Total assets	5,780.7	4,855.6	4,640.0

(1) As discussed in Note 2 "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies — Segment Reporting," segment earnings represents pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates, interest expense and other expense.

Competition

Based on independent market studies and management estimates, we believe that we hold a #2 position globally on the basis of revenue with strong positions in all major markets. We estimate the global seat systems market at more than \$60 billion in 2015. We believe that we are also among the leading suppliers of various components produced for complete seat systems.

Our primary independent competitor in this segment globally is Johnson Controls, Inc. Other competitors in this segment include Faurecia S.A., Toyota Boshoku Corporation, TS Tech Co., Ltd. and Magna International Inc., which have varying market presence depending on the region, country or automotive manufacturer. Peugeot S.A., Toyota Motor Corporation and Honda Motor Co. Ltd. hold equity ownership positions in Faurecia S.A., Toyota Boshoku Corporation and TS Tech Co., Ltd., respectively. Other automotive manufacturers maintain a presence in the seat systems market through wholly owned subsidiaries or in-house operations. In seat components, we compete with the seat systems suppliers identified above, as well as certain suppliers that specialize in particular components.

Technology

We maintain state-of-the-art testing, instrumentation and data analysis capabilities. We own industry-leading seat validation test centers featuring crashworthiness, durability and full acoustic and sound quality testing capabilities.

Together with computer-controlled data acquisition and analysis capabilities, these centers provide precisely controlled laboratory conditions for sophisticated testing of parts, materials and systems. In addition, we incorporate many convenience, comfort and safety features

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into our designs, including advanced whiplash prevention concepts, integrated restraint seat systems and side impact airbags. We also invest in our computer-aided engineering design and computer-aided manufacturing systems. We have developed products and materials to improve comfort and ease of adjustment, promote customization and styling flexibility, increase durability and reliability, enhance safety, expand the usage of environmentally friendly materials and reduce cost and weight. ProActive™ Posture seating uses proprietary MySeat by Lear™ technology powered by our TheraMetric™ analytical process. This process is derived from our research to provide a driver with a seating position that promotes better posture and cumulative wellness benefits. ProActive™ Posture Seating has been endorsed by the American Chiropractic Association, International Chiropractors Association, World Federation of Chiropractic and Loomis Institute of Enzyme Nutrition. Our Lear Crafted Comfort Connect™ and Advanced Comfort Systems™ are adjustable cushions, seat backs and side bolsters which support correct posture and provide improved comfort and appearance. Our Guilford TeXstyle™ fabrics provide customizable fabric engineered to improve the vehicle experience and durability, and our TeXstyle™ Enhance offerings provide a range of secondary embellishment technologies to enhance standard fabrics, enabling unique design within an array of fabric choices. Our proprietary, anti-soiling performance leather finishing technology, Ansole', improves durability and protects against fading. Our head restraints provide improved comfort and safety with adjustability. Our high speed smart fold technology is a regulated high speed folding adjustment mechanism that delivers premium convenience while maintaining leading safety and comfort benefits. Our mini recliners and micro adjust tracks are seat mechanisms, which provide precision movement and facilitate interior packaging space flexibility. Our Dynamic Environmental Comfort Systems™ utilize environmentally friendly materials and offer weight reductions of 30% - 40%, as compared to current foam seat designs. Our SoyFoam™ seats, which are used by multiple global customers, are up to 24% renewable, as compared to non-renewable, petroleum-based foam seats.

For additional factors that may impact our seating segment's business, financial condition, operating results and/or cash flows, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

Electrical Segment

The electrical segment consists of the design, development, engineering, manufacture, assembly and supply of electrical distribution systems, electronic modules and related components and software for light vehicles globally. We are a leader in managing power and distributing signals within the vehicle for traditional vehicle architectures, as well as high power and hybrid electric systems. We have added connectivity software and hardware capabilities that facilitate secure, wireless communication between the vehicle's electrical and electronic architecture and external networks, as well as other vehicles.

Electrical Distribution Systems

Electrical distribution systems are networks of wiring and associated components that route and manage electrical power and electronic signals within a vehicle. Our product offerings allow us to provide the complete electrical distribution system of the vehicle and span four primary product areas: wire harnesses, terminals and connectors, junction boxes and advanced efficiency systems.

Wire harness assemblies are a collection of wiring and terminals and connectors that link all of the various electrical and electronic devices within the vehicle to each other and/or to a power source. Wire harness assemblies are a collection of individual circuits fabricated from raw and insulated wire, which is automatically cut to length and terminated during the manufacturing process. Individual circuits are assembled together on a jig or table, inserted into connectors and wrapped or taped to form wire harness assemblies. The assembly process is labor intensive, and as a result, production is generally performed in low-cost labor sites in Mexico, Honduras, Eastern Europe, Africa, China, the Philippines, Brazil and Thailand.

Terminals and connectors include conductive metal components and connector housings that join wire harness assemblies together at their respective end points or connect devices to wire harness assemblies. Terminals and connectors can vary significantly in size and complexity depending on the amount of power or data being transferred and the number of connections being made at any particular point in the electrical distribution system. Terminals and connectors are currently manufactured in Germany, China, Eastern Europe and the United States.

Junction boxes are centrally located modules within the vehicle that contain fuses and/or relays for circuit and device protection and serve as a connection point for multiple wire harnesses. Junction boxes are manufactured in Mexico, Northern Africa, Europe, China and the Philippines with a proprietary, capital-intensive assembly process using printed circuit boards, a portion of which are purchased from third-party suppliers. Certain materials, particularly certain specialized electronic components, are available from a limited number of suppliers. Proprietary features have been developed to improve the function of these junction boxes in harsh environments, including extreme temperatures and humidity.

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Our advanced efficiency systems group is dedicated to the development of high power and hybrid electrical systems and components, including wiring, terminals and connectors and power electronics. We have products and technologies that enable the varying degrees of powertrain electrification being employed by automotive manufacturers today from mild hybrid vehicles to full electric vehicles. Our products include on-board charging systems, charge cord sets, high voltage electrical distribution systems and battery monitoring technology. Our global center for Advanced Efficiency Systems and high power applications is in Southfield, Michigan with full development capabilities also located in Valls, Spain. We are supplying, or will supply, high voltage components and systems for hybrid and electric vehicles produced by BMW, Daimler, Fiat Chrysler, General Motors, Jaguar Land Rover and Renault-Nissan. We believe that our expertise in high power electrical distribution systems will provide additional growth opportunities going forward and will be beneficial with the entrance of technology and emergent companies focusing on electric or other alternative powertrain designs.

Electronics

In our electrical segment, we also design, develop, engineer and manufacture electronics, which control various functions within the vehicle, as well as develop and integrate the associated software for these electronic modules. Our electronic modules include body control modules, smart junction boxes, gateway modules, wireless control modules, lighting control modules and audio amplifiers. Our engineering and development activities for electronics are in Southfield, Michigan, Santa Rosa, California, Spain, Germany, China and India. We assemble these modules using high-speed surface mount placement equipment in Mexico, China, the Philippines, Morocco, Spain and Germany. Body control modules primarily control vehicle interior functions outside of the vehicle's head unit or infotainment system. Depending on the vehicle's electrical and electronic architecture, these modules can be either highly integrated, consolidating multiple functional controls into a single module, or focus on a specific function, such as seat position and comfort controls or the door zone control module which controls features such as window lift, door lock and power mirrors. As electronic control modules become increasingly centralized and integrated, we developed "smart junction boxes," which are junction boxes augmented with integrated electronic functionality that otherwise would be contained in other body control modules. The integration of functionality in our smart junction boxes eliminates interconnections, increases overall system reliability and can consolidate the number of electronic modules within the vehicle. This can lead to reduced cost and complexity. We believe that our expertise in consolidating functional controls into integrated modules and integrating these modules into the vehicle's electrical and electronic architecture is a competitive strength.

We develop and produce gateway modules, which facilitate secure access to, and communication with, all of the vehicle systems at a central point and translate various signals to facilitate data exchange across vehicle domains. This gateway becomes increasingly important as formerly distinct vehicle systems increasingly must work in concert with one another. We also offer wireless functionality in both integrated and stand-alone modules, which send and receive signals using radio frequency technology. Our wireless systems include passive entry systems, remote keyless entry and dual range/dual function remote keyless entry systems. We are building on both our core gateway and wireless capabilities as we add and develop higher levels of data and signal connectivity in and out of the vehicle.

Our electronics product offerings also include lighting control modules, which provide the electronic control logic and diagnostics for increasingly advanced and complex vehicle lighting systems. We supply LED lighting control systems for vehicle interiors and exteriors. The audio segment includes premium audio amplifiers and complete vehicle sound system development capabilities with advanced audio tuning.

The higher level of complexity and processing power in these electronic control modules is driving rapid increases in software requirements associated with these modules. Accordingly, we continue to build on our knowledge and capabilities in software in order to design and develop more complex and integrated electronic control modules capable of more efficiently managing the distribution of power and data signals through the vehicle.

Connectivity

We are building connectivity capabilities that facilitate secure, wireless communication between the vehicle's systems and external networks, as well as other vehicles. Our connectivity strategy is based on leveraging our expertise in vehicle electrical and electronic architecture design and development, electronic module functional integration,

gateway module data exchange and core wireless signals. We are building capabilities organically through internal investment and through acquisition and partnership. In August 2015, we acquired intellectual property and technology from Autonet Mobile, a Santa Rosa, California- based developer of software and devices for automotive applications. This transaction added technology that directly connects on-board vehicle systems with cloud-based applications using proprietary, secure data exchange capabilities via cellular networks. In November 2015, we acquired Arada Systems Inc., a Troy, Michigan-based automotive technology company that specializes in V2X communications. This transaction added V2X software and hardware solutions utilizing expertise in 5.9

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GHz DSRC and other wireless communications protocols, notably GPS satellite communications. Arada has developed software solutions to permit highly secure V2X communications and defend against cyber-security attacks. These acquisitions, combined with our vehicle electrical and electronic architecture expertise and products, will allow us to offer our customers embedded modules and software that facilitate direct and secure connectivity between the vehicle and external networks. Products that we can offer will include connected gateway modules with an array of features including over-the-air software update capabilities, embedded cellular communication modules, e-Call modules that automatically contact emergency services in the event of a crash and both on-board and roadside DSRC units that facilitate V2X communications.

Financial Summary

A summary of revenues from external customers and other financial information for our electrical segment is shown below. For additional information regarding the operating results of our electrical segment, see Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Results of Operations." For additional information regarding Lear's total sales and long-lived assets by geographic area, as well as customer concentrations, see Note 12, "Segment Reporting," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report. The top five customers of this segment are: Ford, General Motors, Renault-Nissan, Jaguar Land Rover and BMW.

(In millions)	2015	2014	2013
Revenues from external customers	\$4,112.9	\$4,416.7	\$4,215.9
Segment earnings (1)	554.4	556.6	414.3
Depreciation and amortization	99.3	103.3	96.4
Capital expenditures	134.4	138.4	163.4
Total assets	1,572.9	1,609.9	1,658.3

(1) As discussed in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies — Segment Reporting," segment earnings represents pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates, interest expense and other expense.

Competition

We estimate the global target market for our electrical business to be approximately \$70 billion. Our major competitors in electrical distribution systems include Delphi Automotive PLC, Leoni AG, Molex Incorporated (a subsidiary of Koch Industries Inc.), Sumitomo Corporation, TE Connectivity and Yazaki Corporation. Our major competitors in electronic modules, including connectivity solutions, include Continental AG, Delphi Automotive PLC, Denso Corporation and Robert Bosch GmbH.

Technology

The electrical segment is technology driven and typically requires higher investment as a percentage of sales than our seating segment. Our complete electrical distribution system design capabilities, coupled with certain market-leading component technologies, allow access to our customers' development teams, which provides an early indication of our customers' product needs and enables us to develop system design efficiencies. Our ability to design and integrate electronic modules creates a competitive advantage as we support customers with complete electrical architecture development. Our expertise is developed and delivered by over 2,000 engineers across fourteen countries and is led by four global technology centers of excellence in China, Germany, Spain and the United States for each of our major product lines in this segment, which are described below.

In electrical distribution systems, our technology includes expertise in the design and use of alternative conductor materials, such as aluminum, copper-clad steel and other hybrid alloys. Alternative conductor materials can enable the use of ultra small gauge conductors, which reduce the weight and packaging size of electrical distribution systems. We were the first to implement copper-clad steel cabling in series production. We also have developed proprietary manufacturing process technologies, such as our vertical manufacturing system that features three dimensional wire harness assembly boards. Our expertise in terminals and connectors technology facilitates our ability to implement these small gauge and alternative alloy conductors. We have developed advanced capabilities in aluminum terminals and aluminum wire termination, ultra small gauge termination, and high voltage terminals and connectors. We have developed high packaging density in-line connectors and new small gauge terminals that will enable wire gauge reduction and provide our customers with smaller and lower cost solutions. Our high voltage terminals and connectors

are a part of our advanced efficiency systems capabilities, and we have established a leading capability in power density (power per packaging size) that is being adopted by multiple automakers. Our advanced efficiency systems and components for high voltage vehicle applications have achieved industry leading efficiency, packaging and reliability. We have nearly 600 patents and patents pending in advanced efficiency systems.

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In electronics, we are a market leader in smart junction box technology and will begin production of our Automotive News PACE Award winning Solid State Smart Junction Box™ in 2016. We continue to refine our smart junction box technology, including the development of aluminum printed circuit boards. We have developed body control modules with dual core microprocessors that allow body control and gateway functionality in a single module. We are a leader in gateway module technology and have capabilities to enable our gateway and other electronic control modules to efficiently and securely manage the increasing amount of both wired and wireless signals running throughout, as well as within and outside of, the vehicle. We also have developed wireless products, such as lower-cost passive entry systems with improved security using ultra wide band technology and that feature our 2-way remote keyless entry systems that enable the vehicle to provide feedback to the consumer, such as verification that the doors have locked or that the engine has started. In lighting, we have developed advanced technology electronic controls in this area, including a Matrix LED Control System capable of individually dimming and switching on/off up to 100 LEDs. This system enables steerable light beams and other advanced lighting features and can be paired with driver assistance system sensors for functionality, such as automatic high beam management and obstacle highlighting. In audio, we have developed an ethernet / AVB amplifier that facilitates faster processing of digital data at a lower cost. Software remains a critical element of our electrical business. Software capabilities are becoming more important in the management of complex and highly sophisticated electrical architectures. Software within the vehicle is rapidly growing as a key element of technological innovation and a cost effective way to provide new features and functions. We currently employ over 500 software engineers globally and are pursuing expansion of specialized capabilities in vehicle networking, encryption, cyber-security and connectivity protocols. With our acquisition of technology from Autonet Mobile and the purchase of Arada Systems Inc., we have further expanded our software development capabilities with particular expertise in wireless communication software.

For additional factors that may impact our electrical segment's business, financial condition, operating results and/or cash flows, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

Customers

In 2015, Ford and General Motors, two of the largest automotive and light truck manufacturers in the world, accounted for 23% and 20% of our net sales, respectively. In addition, BMW accounted for approximately 10% of our net sales. We supply and have expertise in all vehicle segments of the automotive market. Our sales content tends to be higher on those vehicle platforms and segments which offer more features and functionality. The popularity of particular vehicle platforms and segments varies over time and by regional market. We expect to continue to win new business and grow sales at a greater rate than overall automotive industry production. For further information related to our customers and domestic and foreign sales and operations, see Note 12, "Segment Reporting," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Our customers award business to their suppliers in a number of ways, including the award of complete systems, which allows suppliers either to manufacture components internally or to purchase components from other suppliers at their discretion. Certain of our customers also elect to award certain components directly to component suppliers and independent of the award of the complete system. We have been selectively expanding our component capabilities and investing in manufacturing capacity in low-cost regions in order to maximize our participation in such component sourcing.

Our customers typically award contracts several years before actual production is scheduled to begin. Each year, the automotive manufacturers introduce new models, update existing models and discontinue certain models and, recently, even complete brands. In this process, we may be selected as the supplier on a new model, we may continue as the supplier on an updated model or we may lose a new or updated model to a competitor. Our sales backlog reflects anticipated net sales from formally awarded new programs, less lost and discontinued programs. We measure our sales backlog based on contracts to be executed in the next three years. This measure includes the sales backlog at Eagle Ottawa and excludes the sales backlog at our non-consolidated joint ventures. As of January 2016, our 2016 to 2018 sales backlog is \$2.0 billion, consistent with our 2015 to 2017 sales backlog as of January 2015. Our current sales backlog reflects \$0.8 billion related to 2016 and 75% and 25% related to seating and electrical, respectively. Our current sales backlog assumes volumes based on the independent industry projections of IHS Automotive as of

December 2015 and a Euro exchange rate of \$1.10 / Euro. This sales backlog is generally subject to a number of risks and uncertainties, including vehicle production volumes on new and replacement programs and foreign exchange rates, as well as the timing of production launches and changes in customer development plans. For additional information regarding risks that may affect our sales backlog, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Forward-Looking Statements."

We receive purchase orders from our customers that generally provide for the supply of a customer's annual requirements for a particular vehicle model and assembly plant, or in some cases, for the supply of a customer's requirements for the life of a

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particular vehicle model, rather than for the purchase of a specified quantity of products. Although most purchase orders may be terminated by our customers at any time, such terminations have been minimal and have not had a material impact on our operating results. We are subject to risks that an automotive manufacturer will produce fewer units of a vehicle model than anticipated or that an automotive manufacturer will not award us a replacement program following the life of a vehicle model. To reduce our reliance on any one vehicle model, we produce automotive systems and components for a broad cross-section of both new and established models. However, larger cars and light trucks, as well as vehicle platforms that offer more features and functionality, such as luxury, sport utility and crossover vehicles, typically have more content and, therefore, tend to have a more significant impact on our operating performance. Our net sales for the year ended December 31, 2015, consisted of 13% compact, 47% mid-size, 22% full-size/luxury and 18% full frame and were comprised of 50% cars and 50% light trucks.

Our agreements with our major customers generally provide for an annual productivity price reduction. Historically, cost reductions through product design changes, increased manufacturing productivity and similar programs with our suppliers have generally offset these customer-imposed price reduction requirements. However, raw material, energy and commodity costs can be volatile. Although we have developed and implemented strategies to mitigate the impact of higher raw material, energy and commodity costs, these strategies, together with commercial negotiations with our customers and suppliers, typically offset only a portion of the adverse impact. Certain of these strategies also may limit our opportunities in a declining commodity environment. In addition, we are exposed to increasing market risk associated with fluctuations in foreign exchange as a result of our low-cost footprint and vertical integration strategies. We use derivative financial instruments to reduce our exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. For additional information regarding our foreign exchange and commodity price risk, see Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Financial Condition — Foreign Exchange" and "— Commodity Prices."

Seasonality

Our principal operations are directly related to the automotive industry. Consequently, we may experience seasonal fluctuations to the extent automotive vehicle production slows, such as in the summer months when many customer plants close for model year changeovers, in December when many customer plants close for the holidays and during periods of high vehicle inventory. See Note 14, "Quarterly Financial Data," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Raw Materials

The principal raw materials used in our seat systems, electrical distribution systems and electronics are generally available and obtained from multiple suppliers under various types of supply agreements. Components, such as fabric, foam, leather, seat structures and mechanisms, terminals and connectors and certain other components are either manufactured by us internally or purchased from multiple suppliers under various types of supply agreements. The majority of the steel used in our products is comprised of fabricated components that are integrated into a seat system, such as seat frames, recliner mechanisms, seat tracks and other mechanical components. Therefore, our exposure to changes in steel prices is primarily indirect, through these purchased components. With the exception of certain terminals and connectors, the materials that we use to manufacture wire harness assemblies are substantially purchased from suppliers, including extruded and insulated wire and cable. The majority of our copper purchases are comprised of extruded wire and cable that we integrate into electrical wire harnesses and are generally subject to price index agreements with our customers. We utilize a combination of short-term and long-term supply contracts to purchase key components. We generally retain the right to terminate these agreements if our supplier does not remain competitive in terms of cost, quality, delivery, technology or customer support.

Employees

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, our employment levels worldwide were approximately as follows:

Region	2015	2014
United States and Canada	10,200	9,800
Mexico	46,600	41,000
Central and South America	10,400	11,200

Europe and Africa	47,200	43,200
Asia	21,800	20,000
Total	136,200	125,200

A substantial number of our employees are members of unions or national trade organizations. We have collective bargaining agreements with several North American unions, including the United Auto Workers, Unifor, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and Workers United. Each of our unionized facilities in the United States and Canada has a separate

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collective bargaining agreement with the union that represents the workers at such facility, with each such agreement having an expiration date that is independent of the other agreements. The majority of our employees in Mexico and Europe are members of industrial trade union organizations or confederations within their respective countries. Many of these organizations and confederations operate under national contracts, which are not specific to any one employer. We have occasionally experienced labor disputes at our plants. We have been able to resolve all such labor disputes and believe our relations with our employees are generally good.

See Item 1A, "Risk Factors — A significant labor dispute involving us or one or more of our customers or suppliers or that could otherwise affect our operations could adversely affect our financial performance," and Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Forward-Looking Statements."

Intellectual Property

Worldwide, we have approximately 2,000 patents and patent applications pending. While we believe that our patent portfolio is a valuable asset, no individual patent or group of patents is critical to the success of our business. We also license selected technologies to automotive manufacturers and to other automotive suppliers. We continually strive to identify and implement new technologies for use in the design and development of our products.

Advanced technology development is conducted worldwide at our six advanced technology centers and at our product engineering centers. At these centers, we engineer our products to comply with applicable safety standards, meet quality and durability standards, respond to environmental conditions and conform to customer and consumer requirements. Our global innovation and technology center located in Southfield, Michigan, develops and integrates new concepts and is our central location for consumer research, benchmarking, craftsmanship and industrial design activity.

We have numerous registered trademarks in the United States and in many foreign countries. The most important of these marks include LEAR CORPORATION® (including our stylized version thereof) and LEAR®, which are widely used in connection with our products and services. Our other principal brands include GUILFORD™ and EAGLE OTTAWA®. AVENTINO® leather, LEAR CONNEXUS™ signal and data communications, PROACTIVE POSTURE™ seating, ProTec® active head restraints, SMART JUNCTION BOX™ technology, STRUCSURE™ systems and TeXstyle™ fabrics are some of the other trademarks used in connection with certain of our product lines. We will continue to dedicate resources to engineering and development. Engineering and development costs incurred in connection with the development of new products and manufacturing methods within one year of launch, to the extent not recoverable from our customers, are charged to cost of sales as incurred. Such costs are charged to selling, general and administrative expenses when incurred more than one year prior to launch. Engineering and development costs charged to selling, general and administrative expenses totaled approximately \$127 million, \$102 million and \$108 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Engineering and development costs for which reimbursement is contractually guaranteed by our customers are capitalized. Engineering and development costs capitalized totaled approximately \$194 million, \$232 million and \$202 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Environmental Matters

We are subject to local, state, federal and foreign laws, regulations and ordinances which govern activities or operations that may have adverse environmental effects and which impose liability for clean-up costs resulting from past spills, disposals or other releases of hazardous wastes and environmental compliance. For a description of our outstanding environmental matters and other legal proceedings, see Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

In addition, our customers are subject to significant environmentally focused state, federal and foreign laws and regulations that regulate vehicle emissions, fuel economy and other matters related to the environmental impact of vehicles. To the extent that such laws and regulations ultimately increase or decrease automotive vehicle production, such laws and regulations would likely impact our business. See Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

Furthermore, we currently offer products with environmentally friendly features, and our expertise and capabilities are allowing us to expand our product offerings in this area. We will continue to monitor emerging developments in this

area.

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Joint Ventures and Noncontrolling Interests

We form joint ventures in order to gain entry into new markets, expand our product offerings and broaden our customer base. In particular, we believe that certain joint ventures have provided us, and will continue to provide us, with the opportunity to expand our business relationships with Asian automotive manufacturers, particularly in emerging markets. We also partner with companies having significant local experience in commerce, customs and capacity to reduce our financial risk and enhance our potential for achieving expected financial returns. In some cases, these joint ventures may be located in North America or Europe and used to expand our customer relationships. As of December 31, 2015, we had 24 operating joint ventures located in seven countries. Of these joint ventures, eight are consolidated and sixteen are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Sixteen of the joint ventures operate in Asia, seven operate in North America (including one that is dedicated to serving Asian automotive manufacturers) and one operates in Europe. Net sales of our consolidated joint ventures accounted for approximately 12% of our net sales in 2015. As of December 31, 2015, our investments in non-consolidated joint ventures totaled \$157 million.

A summary of our non-consolidated operating joint ventures, including ownership percentages, is shown below. For further information related to our joint ventures, see Note 5, "Investments in Affiliates and Other Related Party Transactions," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Country	Name	Ownership Percentage
China	Shanghai Lear STEC Automotive Parts Co., Ltd.	55%
China	Beijing BAI Lear Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.	50
China	Beijing Lear Automotive Electronics and Electrical Products Co., Ltd.	50
China	Jiangxi Jiangling Lear Interior Systems Co., Ltd.	50
China	Lear Dongfeng Automotive Seating Co., Ltd.	50
China	Changchun Lear FAWSN Automotive Electrical and Electronics Co., Ltd.	49
China	Changchun Lear FAWSN Automotive Seat Systems Co., Ltd.	49
China	Beijing Lear Dymos Automotive Systems Co., Ltd.	40
Honduras	Honduras Electrical Distribution Systems S. de R.L. de C.V.	49
India	Dymos Lear Automotive India Private Limited	35
Korea	Dong Kwang Lear Yuhan Hoesa	50
Spain	Industrias Cousin Freres, S.L.	50
United States	Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering LLC	49
United States	eLumigen, LLC	30
United States	RevoLaze, LLC	20
United States	HB Polymer Company, LLC	10

ITEM 1A – RISK FACTORS

Our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows may be impacted by a number of factors. In addition to the factors affecting our business identified elsewhere in this Report, the most significant factors affecting our operations include the following:

- Our industry is cyclical and a decline in the production levels of our major customers, particularly with respect to models for which we are a significant supplier, could adversely affect our financial performance.

Our sales are driven by the number of vehicles produced by the automotive manufacturers, which is ultimately dependent on consumer demand for automotive vehicles, and our content per vehicle. The automotive industry is cyclical and sensitive to general economic conditions, including the global credit markets, interest rates, consumer credit and consumer spending and preferences. Automotive sales and production can also be affected by the age of the vehicle fleet and related scrappage rates, labor relations issues, fuel prices, regulatory requirements, government initiatives, trade agreements, the availability and cost of credit, the availability of critical components needed to complete the production of vehicles, restructuring actions of our customers and suppliers, facility closures, increased competition, changing consumer attitudes toward vehicle ownership and usage and other factors.

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Our ability to reduce the risks inherent in certain concentrations of business, and thereby maintain our financial performance in the future, will depend, in part, on our ability to continue to diversify our sales on a customer, product, platform and geographic basis to reflect the market overall. While we are pursuing a strategy of aggressively expanding our sales and operations in Asia, no assurances can be given as to how successful we will be in doing so. As a result, an economic downturn or other adverse industry conditions that result in a decline in the production levels of our major customers, particularly with respect to models for which we are a significant supplier, could reduce our sales and thereby adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

The loss of business with respect to, or the lack of commercial success of, a vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier could adversely affect our financial performance.

Although we receive purchase orders from our customers, these purchase orders generally provide for the supply of a customer's annual requirements for a particular vehicle model and assembly plant, or in some cases, for the supply of a customer's requirements for the life of a particular vehicle model, rather than for the purchase of a specific quantity of products. In addition, it is possible that our customers could elect to manufacture our products internally or increase the extent to which they require us to utilize specific suppliers or materials in the manufacture of our products. The loss of business with respect to, the lack of commercial success of or an increase in directed component sourcing for a vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier could reduce our sales or margins and thereby adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Our inability to achieve product cost reductions which offset customer-imposed price reductions could adversely affect our financial performance.

Downward pricing pressure by automotive manufacturers is a characteristic of the automotive industry. We regularly negotiate contracts and sales prices with our customers. These contracts require us to reduce our prices over the life of a vehicle model and, at the same time, assume significant responsibility for the design, development and engineering of our products. Our financial performance is largely dependent on our ability to achieve product cost reductions through product design enhancement and supply chain management, as well as manufacturing efficiencies and restructuring actions. We also seek to enhance our financial performance by investing in product development, design capabilities and new product initiatives that respond to the needs of our customers and consumers. We continually evaluate operational and strategic alternatives to align our business with the changing needs of our customers and improve our business structure by investing in vertical integration opportunities. Our inability to achieve product cost reductions which offset customer-imposed price reductions could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Increases in the costs and restrictions on the availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components could adversely affect our financial performance.

Raw material, energy and commodity costs can be volatile. Although we have developed and implemented strategies to mitigate the impact of higher raw material, energy and commodity costs, these strategies, together with commercial negotiations with our customers and suppliers, typically offset only a portion of the adverse impact. Certain of these strategies also may limit our opportunities in a declining commodity environment. In addition, the availability of raw materials, commodities and product components fluctuates from time to time due to factors outside of our control. If the costs of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components increase or the availability thereof is restricted, it could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Adverse developments affecting or the financial distress of one or more of our suppliers could adversely affect our financial performance.

We obtain components and other products and services from numerous Tier 2 automotive suppliers and other vendors throughout the world. We are responsible for managing our supply chain, including suppliers that may be the sole sources of products that we require, that our customers direct us to use or that have unique capabilities that would make it difficult and/or expensive to re-source. In certain instances, entire industries may experience short-term capacity constraints. Additionally, our production capacity, and that of our customers and suppliers, may be adversely affected by natural disasters. Any such significant disruption could adversely affect our financial performance. Furthermore, unfavorable economic or industry conditions could result in financial distress within our supply base,

thereby increasing the risk of supply disruption. Although market conditions generally have improved in recent years, uncertainty remains and another economic downturn or other unfavorable industry conditions in one or more of the regions in which we operate could cause a supply disruption and thereby adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

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Our substantial international operations make us vulnerable to risks associated with doing business in foreign countries.

As a result of our global presence, a significant portion of our revenues and expenses are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. We have substantial manufacturing and distribution facilities in many foreign countries, including Mexico and countries in Africa, Asia, Central and South America and Europe. International operations are subject to certain risks inherent in doing business abroad, including:

- exposure to local economic conditions;
- political, economic and civil instability and uncertainty (including acts of terrorism, civil unrest, drug-cartel related and other forms of violence and outbreaks of war);
- labor unrest;
- expropriation and nationalization;
- currency exchange rate fluctuations, currency controls and the ability to economically hedge currencies;
- withholding and other taxes on remittances and other payments by subsidiaries;
- investment restrictions or requirements;
- repatriation restrictions or requirements;
- export and import restrictions and increases in duties and tariffs;
- increases in working capital requirements related to long supply chains; and

global sovereign fiscal matters and creditworthiness, including potential defaults and the related impacts on economic activity, including the possible effects on credit markets, currency values, monetary unions, international treaties and fiscal policies.

Expanding our sales and operations in Asia and our manufacturing operations in lower-cost regions are important elements of our strategy. As a result, our exposure to the risks described above is substantial. The likelihood of such occurrences and their potential effect on us vary from country to country and are unpredictable. However, any such occurrences could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Certain of our operations are conducted through joint ventures which have unique risks.

Certain of our operations, particularly in emerging markets, are conducted through joint ventures. With respect to our joint ventures, we may share ownership and management responsibilities with one or more partners that may not share our goals and objectives. Operating a joint venture requires us to operate the business pursuant to the terms of the agreement that we entered into with our partners, including additional organizational formalities, as well as to share information and decision making. Additional risks associated with joint ventures include one or more partners failing to satisfy contractual obligations, conflicts arising between us and any of our partners, a change in the ownership of any of our partners and our limited ability to control compliance with applicable rules and regulations, including the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and related rules and regulations. Additionally, our ability to sell our interest in a joint venture may be subject to contractual and other limitations. Accordingly, any such occurrences could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

We operate in a highly competitive industry and efforts by our competitors to gain market share could adversely affect our financial performance.

We operate in a highly competitive industry. We and most of our competitors are seeking to expand market share with new and existing customers, including in Asia and other potential high growth regions. Our customers award business based on, among other things, price, quality, service and technology. Our competitors' efforts to grow market share could exert downward pressure on our product pricing and margins. In addition, the success of portions of our business requires us to develop and/or incorporate leading technologies. Such technologies are subject to rapid obsolescence. Our inability to maintain access to these technologies (either through development or licensing) may adversely affect our ability to

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compete. If we are unable to differentiate our products or maintain a low-cost footprint, we may lose market share or be forced to reduce prices, thereby lowering our margins. Any such occurrences could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Our inability to effectively manage the timing, quality and costs of new program launches could adversely affect our financial performance.

In connection with the award of new business, we obligate ourselves to deliver new products and services that are subject to our customers' timing, performance and quality standards. Additionally, as a Tier 1 supplier, we must effectively coordinate the activities of numerous suppliers in order for the program launches of our products to be successful. Given the complexity of new program launches, we may experience difficulties managing product quality, timeliness and associated costs. In addition, new program launches require a significant ramp up of costs; however, our sales related to these new programs generally are dependent upon the timing and success of our customers' introduction of new vehicles. Our inability to effectively manage the timing, quality and costs of these new program launches could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

A significant labor dispute involving us or one or more of our customers or suppliers or that could otherwise affect our operations could adversely affect our financial performance.

A substantial number of our employees and the employees of our largest customers and suppliers are members of industrial trade unions and are employed under the terms of various labor agreements. We have labor agreements covering approximately 62,000 employees globally. In the United States and Canada, each of our unionized facilities has a separate collective bargaining agreement with the union that represents the workers at such facility, with each such agreement having an expiration date that is independent of the other agreements. Labor agreements covering approximately 88% of our unionized work force, including approximately 2% of our unionized workforce in the United States and Canada, are scheduled to expire during 2016. There can be no assurances that future negotiations with the unions will be resolved favorably or that we will not experience a work stoppage or disruption that could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. A labor dispute involving us, any of our customers or suppliers or any other suppliers to our customers or that otherwise affects our operations, or the inability by us, any of our customers or suppliers or any other suppliers to our customers to negotiate, upon the expiration of a labor agreement, an extension of such agreement or a new agreement on satisfactory terms could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. In addition, if any of our significant customers experience a material work stoppage, the customer may halt or limit the purchase of our products. This could require us to shut down or significantly reduce production at facilities relating to such products, which could adversely affect our business and harm our profitability.

Our existing indebtedness and the inability to access capital markets could restrict our business activities or our ability to execute our strategic objectives or adversely affect our financial performance.

As of December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$2.0 billion of outstanding indebtedness, as well as \$1.25 billion available for borrowing under our revolving credit facility. The debt instruments governing our indebtedness contain covenants that may restrict our business activities or our ability to execute our strategic objectives, and our failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our indebtedness. We also lease certain buildings and equipment under non-cancelable lease agreements with terms exceeding one year, which are accounted for as operating leases. Additionally, any downgrade in the ratings that rating agencies assign to us and our debt may ultimately impact our access to capital markets. Our inability to generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy our debt and lease obligations, to refinance our debt obligations or to access capital markets on commercially reasonable terms could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

Significant changes in discount rates, the actual return on pension assets and other factors could adversely affect our financial performance.

Our earnings may be positively or negatively impacted by the amount of income or expense recorded related to our defined benefit plans. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require that income or expense related to the defined benefit plans be calculated at the annual measurement date using actuarial calculations, which reflect certain assumptions. The most significant of these assumptions relate to interest rates, the capital markets and

other economic conditions. These assumptions, as well as the actual value of pension assets at the measurement date, will impact the calculation of pension and other postretirement benefit expense for the year. Although pension expense and pension contributions are not directly related, the key economic indicators that affect pension expense also affect the amount of cash that we will contribute to our pension plans. Because interest rates and the values of these pension assets have fluctuated and will continue to fluctuate in response to changing market conditions, pension and other postretirement

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benefit expense in subsequent periods, the funded status of our pension plans and the future minimum required pension contributions, if any, could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. Impairment charges relating to our goodwill and long-lived assets could adversely affect our financial performance. We regularly monitor our goodwill and long-lived assets for impairment indicators. In conducting our goodwill impairment testing, we may first perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If not, no further goodwill impairment testing is required. If it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, or if we elect not to perform a qualitative assessment of a reporting unit, we then compare the fair value of the reporting unit to the related net book value. If the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. In conducting our impairment analysis of long-lived assets, we compare the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived assets to the related net book values. Changes in economic or operating conditions impacting our estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of our goodwill or long-lived assets. In the event that we determine that our goodwill or long-lived assets are impaired, we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings that could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.

Our failure to execute our strategic objectives could adversely affect our financial performance.

Our financial performance depends, in part, on our ability to successfully execute our strategic objectives. Our objectives are to deliver superior long-term shareholder value by investing in our business to grow and improve our competitive position, while maintaining a strong and flexible balance sheet and returning cash to our shareholders. Various factors, including the industry environment and the other matters described herein and in Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," including "— Forward-Looking Statements," could adversely affect our ability to execute our strategic objectives. These risk factors include our failure to identify suitable opportunities for organic investment and/or acquisitions, our inability to successfully develop such opportunities or complete such acquisitions or our inability to successfully utilize or integrate the investments in our operations. Our failure to execute our strategic objectives could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows. Moreover, there can be no assurances that, even if implemented, our strategic objectives will be successful.

A disruption in our information technology systems, including a disruption related to cybersecurity, could adversely affect our financial performance.

We rely on the accuracy, capacity and security of our information technology systems. Despite the security measures that we have implemented, including those measures related to cybersecurity, our systems could be breached or damaged by computer viruses, natural or man-made incidents or disasters or unauthorized physical or electronic access. A breach could result in business disruption, theft of our intellectual property, trade secrets or customer information and unauthorized access to personnel information. To the extent that our business is interrupted or data is lost, destroyed or inappropriately used or disclosed, such disruptions could adversely affect our competitive position, relationships with our customers, financial condition, operating results and cash flows. In addition, we may be required to incur significant costs to protect against the damage caused by these disruptions or security breaches in the future.

A significant product liability lawsuit, warranty claim or product recall involving us or one of our major customers could adversely affect our financial performance.

In the event that our products fail to perform as expected, whether allegedly due to our fault or that of one of our sub-suppliers, and such failure results in, or is alleged to result in, bodily injury and/or property damage or other losses, we may be subject to product liability lawsuits and other claims or we may be required or requested by our customers to participate in a recall or other corrective action involving such products. We also are a party to agreements with certain of our customers, whereby these customers may pursue claims against us for contribution of all or a portion of the amounts sought in connection with product liability and warranty claims. We carry insurance for certain product liability claims, but such coverage may be limited. We do not maintain insurance for product warranty or recall matters. In addition, we may not be successful in recovering amounts from third parties, including sub-suppliers, in connection with these claims. These types of claims could adversely affect our financial condition,

operating results and cash flows.

• We are involved from time to time in various legal and regulatory proceedings and claims, which could adversely affect our financial performance.

We are involved in various legal and regulatory proceedings and claims that, from time to time, are significant. These are typically claims that arise in the normal course of business including, without limitation, commercial or contractual disputes, including disputes with our customers, suppliers or competitors, intellectual property matters, personal injury

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claims, environmental matters, tax matters, employment matters and antitrust matters. No assurances can be given that such proceedings and claims will not adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

•New laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations could adversely affect our financial performance. We and the automotive industry are subject to a variety of federal, state, local and foreign laws and regulations, including those related to health, safety and environmental matters. Governmental regulations also affect taxes and levies, capital markets, healthcare costs, energy usage, international trade and immigration and other labor issues, all of which may have a direct or indirect effect on our business and the businesses of our customers and suppliers. We cannot predict the substance or impact of pending or future legislation or regulations, or the application thereof. The introduction of new laws or regulations or changes in existing laws or regulations, or the interpretation thereof, could increase the costs of doing business for us or our customers or suppliers or restrict our actions and adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

•We are subject to regulation of our international operations that could adversely affect our financial performance. We are subject to many laws governing our international operations, including those that prohibit improper payments to government officials and restrict where we can do business and what information or products we can supply to certain countries, including but not limited to the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.S. Export Administration Act. Violations of these laws, which are complex and often difficult to interpret and apply, could result in significant criminal penalties or sanctions that could adversely affect our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

•We are required to comply with environmental laws and regulations that could cause us to incur significant costs. Our manufacturing facilities are subject to numerous laws and regulations designed to protect the environment, and we expect that additional requirements with respect to environmental matters will be imposed on us in the future. Material future expenditures may be necessary if compliance standards change or material unknown conditions that require remediation are discovered. Environmental laws could also restrict our ability to expand our facilities or could require us to acquire costly equipment or to incur other significant expenses in connection with our business. If we fail to comply with present and future environmental laws and regulations, we could be subject to future liabilities, which could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

•Developments or assertions by or against us relating to intellectual property rights could adversely affect our financial performance.

We own significant intellectual property, including a large number of patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets, and we are involved in numerous licensing arrangements. Our intellectual property plays an important role in maintaining our competitive position in a number of the markets that we serve. Developments or assertions by or against us relating to intellectual property rights could adversely affect our financial condition, operating results and cash flows.

•Our U.S. net operating loss, capital loss and tax credit carryforwards could be substantially limited if we experience an ownership change as defined in the Internal Revenue Code.

We have significant U.S. net operating loss, capital loss and tax credit carryforwards (collectively, the "Tax Attributes"). Under federal tax laws, we can carry forward and use our Tax Attributes to reduce our future U.S. taxable income and tax liabilities until such Tax Attributes expire in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "IRC"). Section 382 and Section 383 of the IRC provide an annual limitation on our ability to utilize our Tax Attributes, as well as certain built-in-losses, against future U.S. taxable income in the event of a change in ownership, as defined under the IRC. We may experience a change in ownership in the future as a result of changes in our stock ownership that are beyond our control, and any such subsequent changes in ownership for purposes of the IRC could further limit our ability to use our Tax Attributes. Accordingly, any such occurrences could adversely impact our ability to offset future tax liabilities and, therefore, adversely affect our financial condition, net income and cash flow.

ITEM 1B – UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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ITEM 2 – PROPERTIES

As of December 31, 2015, our operations were conducted through 240 facilities, some of which are used for multiple purposes, including 82 just-in-time manufacturing facilities, 112 dedicated component manufacturing facilities, 6 sequencing and distribution sites, 34 administrative/technical support facilities and 6 advanced technology centers, in 36 countries. Our corporate headquarters is located in Southfield, Michigan.

Of our 240 total facilities, which include facilities owned or leased by our consolidated subsidiaries, 98 are owned and 142 are leased with expiration dates ranging from 2016 through 2053. We believe that substantially all of our property and equipment is in good condition and that we have sufficient capacity to meet our current and expected manufacturing and distribution needs. See Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Liquidity and Financial Condition."

SEATING

Argentina	Czech Republic	Indonesia	Mexico (continued)	Slovak Republic	United States
Escobar, BA	Kolin	Cikarang	Panzacola, TL	Presov	Arlington, TX
Ferreyra, CBA	Stribro	Italy	Piedras Negras, CO	Voderady	Auburn Hills, MI
Brazil	France	Caivano, NA	Ramos Arizpe, CO	South Africa	Columbia City, IN
Betim	Cergy	Cassino, FR	Saltillo, CO	East London	Detroit, MI
Caçapava	Feignies	Grugliasco, TO	San Felipe, GU	Port Elizabeth	Duncan, SC
Camaçari	Guipry	Melfi, PZ	San Luis Potosi, SL	Roslyn	Farwell, MI
Joinville	Troisvilles	Pozzo d'Adda, MI	Silao, GO	South Korea	Hammond, IN
Londrina	Germany	Macedonia	Toluca, MX	Gyeongju	Hebron, OH
Pernambuco	Besigheim	Tetovo	Villa Ahumada, CH	Spain	Highland Park, MI
Canada	Bremen	Malaysia	Moldova	Barcelona	Louisville, KY
Ajax, ON	Eisenach	Behrang Stesen	Ungheni	Epila	Kenansville, NC
Whitby, ON	Ginsheim-	Klang	Morocco	Valdemoro	Montgomery, AL
China	Gustavsburg	Mexico	Tangier	Valencia	Morristown, TN
Changchun	Rietberg	Aguascalientes, AG	Poland	Thailand	Pine Grove, PA
Changshu	Sindelfingen	Arteaga, CA	Legnica	Mueang Nakhon	Portage, IN
Chongqing	Wackersdorf	Cuautlancingo, PU	Jaroslaw	Ratchasima	Rochester Hills, MI
Guangzhou	Hungary	Hermosillo, SO	Tychy	Rayong	Roscommon, MI
Hangzhou	Györ	Huamantla, TL	Romania	United Kingdom	Selma, AL
Liuzhou	Szolnok	Juarez, CH	Iasi	Alfreton	Tuscaloosa, AL
Nanjing	India	Leon, GT	Russia	Coventry	Wentzville, MO
Rui'an	Chennai	Mexico City, DF	Kaluga	Redditch	Vietnam
Shanghai	Halol	Monclova, CO	Nizhny Novgorod	Sunderland	Hai Phong City
Shenyang	Nasik	Nuevo Casas	St. Petersburg		
Wuhan	Pune	Grandes, CH			
Wuhu					

ELECTRICAL

Argentina	Czech Republic	Honduras	Morocco	Russia	Thailand
Pacheco, BA	Vyskov	Naco	Kenitra	Volokolamsk	Kabin Buri
Brazil	France	Hungary	Salé Al-Jadida	Serbia	Tunisia
Navegantes	Hordain	Gödöllő	Tangier	Novi Sad	Bir El Bey
China	Sandouville	Gyöngyös	Philippines	South Africa	United States
Chongqing	Germany	India	LapuLapu City	Port Elizabeth	Plymouth, IN
Nanjing	Bersenbrueck	Pune	Poland	Spain	Taylor, MI
Shanghai	Kronach	Mexico	Mielec	Almussafes	Traverse City, MI
Wuhan	Saarlouis	Apodaca, NL	Romania	Valls	

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ADMINISTRATIVE/TECHNICAL

Australia	France	Germany (continued)	Japan	Philippines	United Kingdom
Essendon Fields	Vélizy-	Schwaig-Oberding	Hiroshima	LapuLapu City	Coventry
Brazil	Villacoublay	Sindelfingen	Kariya	Singapore	United States
São Paulo	Germany	Wolfsburg	Nagoya	South Korea	Auburn Hills, MI
China	Cologne	India	Tokyo	Seoul	Detroit, MI
Shanghai	Ginsheim-	Bengaluru	Yokohama	Spain	El Paso, TX
Czech Republic	Gustavsburg	Pune	Mexico	Valls	Santa Rosa, CA
Brno	Korntal-	Italy	Mexico City, DF	Sweden	Southfield, MI
Pilsen	Münchingen	Grugliasco, TO	Netherlands	Gothenburg	Wilmington, NC
	Remscheid		Hilversum		

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ITEM 3 – LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Legal and Environmental Matters

We are involved from time to time in various legal proceedings and claims, including, without limitation, commercial or contractual disputes, product liability claims and environmental and other matters. For a description of risks related to various legal proceedings and claims, see Item 1A, "Risk Factors." For a description of our outstanding material legal proceedings, see Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

ITEM 4 – MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

None.

SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM – EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE COMPANY

The following table sets forth the names, ages and positions of our executive officers. Executive officers are appointed annually by our Board of Directors and serve at the pleasure of our Board.

Name	Age	Position
Shari L. Burgess	57	Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Diversity Officer
Thomas A. DiDonato	57	Senior Vice President, Human Resources
Jay K. Kunkel	56	Senior Vice President and President, Asia-Pacific Operations
Terrence B. Larkin	61	Executive Vice President, Business Development, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
James L. Murawski	64	Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer
Frank C. Orsini	43	Senior Vice President and President, Electrical
Raymond E. Scott	50	Executive Vice President and President, Seating
Matthew J. Simoncini	55	President and Chief Executive Officer
Melvin L. Stephens	60	Senior Vice President, Communications and Corporate & Investor Relations
Jeffrey H. Vanneste	56	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Set forth below is a description of the business experience of each of our executive officers.

Shari L. Burgess Ms. Burgess is the Company's Vice President, Treasurer and Chief Diversity Officer, a position she has held since January 2014. Previously, Ms. Burgess served as the Company's Vice President and Treasurer since August 2002 and in various financial roles since joining the Company in 1992. Prior to joining the Company, Ms. Burgess served as the corporate controller for Victor International Corporation and as an audit manager for Ernst & Young LLP.

Thomas A. DiDonato Mr. DiDonato is the Company's Senior Vice President, Human Resources, a position he has held since April 2012. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. DiDonato served as Executive Vice President, Human Resources for American Eagle Outfitters, Inc. since 2005, Chief People Officer for H.J. Heinz since 2004 and Senior Vice President, Human Resources for Heinz North America since 2001. Earlier experiences include directing human resources for a \$14 billion division of Merck & Co. and heading worldwide staffing for Pepsico. Mr. DiDonato began his career at General Foods Corporation and moved up to manage the personnel at its largest manufacturing facility.

Jay K. Kunkel Mr. Kunkel is the Company's Senior Vice President and President, Asia-Pacific Operations, a position he has held since June 2013. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Kunkel served as President Asia and as a Member of the Automotive Management Board for Continental A.G. since December 2007 and initially joined Continental A.G. in February 2005. Prior to joining Continental A.G., Mr. Kunkel served as a Director for SRP International Group Ltd. and held various positions of increasing responsibility at PricewaterhouseCoopers, Visteon, Mitsubishi and Chrysler.

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Terrence B. Larkin	<p>Mr. Larkin is the Company's Executive Vice President, Business Development, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, a position he has held since November 2011. Mr. Larkin previously served as the Company's Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary since January 2008. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Larkin was a partner since 1986 of Bodman PLC, a Detroit-based law firm. Mr. Larkin served on the executive committee of Bodman PLC and was the chairman of its business law practice group. Mr. Larkin's practice was focused on general corporate, commercial transactions and mergers and acquisitions.</p>
James L. Murawski	<p>Mr. Murawski is the Company's Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief Accounting Officer, a position he has held since September 2015. Mr. Murawski most recently served as the Company's Vice President and Chief Information Officer since 2009. Previously, he served as the Company's Vice President, Operational Finance since 2007, Corporate Controller since 2005 and in various other management positions for the Company since 2003. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Murawski was employed in public accounting at Deloitte & Touche for fourteen years and in financial positions at various other companies.</p>
Frank C. Orsini	<p>Mr. Orsini is the Company's Senior Vice President and President, Electrical, a position he has held since September 2012. Mr. Orsini most recently served as the Company's Vice President and Interim President, Electrical since October 2011. Previously, he served as the Company's Vice President, Operations, Electrical since 2009, Vice President, Sales, Program Management & Manufacturing, Electrical since 2008, Vice President, North America Seating Operations since 2005 and in various other management positions for the Company since 1994.</p>
Raymond E. Scott	<p>Mr. Scott is the Company's Executive Vice President and President, Seating, a position he has held since November 2011. Mr. Scott most recently served as the Company's Senior Vice President and President, Electrical since February 2008. Previously, he served as the Company's Senior Vice President and President, North American Seat Systems Group since August 2006, Senior Vice President and President, North American Customer Group since June 2005, President, European Customer Focused Division since June 2004 and President, General Motors Division since November 2000.</p>
Matthew J. Simoncini	<p>Mr. Simoncini is the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, a position he has held since September 2011. Mr. Simoncini most recently served as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer since 2007. Previously, he served as the Company's Senior Vice President, Finance and Chief Accounting Officer since August 2006, Vice President, Global Finance since February 2006, Vice President of Operational Finance since June 2004, Vice President of Finance — Europe since 2001 and prior to 2001, in various senior financial management positions for the Company and UT Automotive, Inc.</p>
Melvin L. Stephens	<p>Mr. Stephens is the Company's Senior Vice President, Communications and Corporate & Investor Relations, a position he has held since April 2012. Mr. Stephens most recently served as the Company's Senior Vice President, Communications, Human Resources and Investor Relations since September 2009. Previously, he served as the Company's Vice President of Corporate Communications and Investor Relations since January 2002. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Stephens worked for Ford Motor Company for 23 years and held various leadership positions in finance, business planning, corporate strategy, communications, sales and marketing and investor relations.</p>

Jeffrey H. Vanneste

Mr. Vanneste is the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, a position he has held since March 2012. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Vanneste served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer for International Automotive Components Group ("IAC") since January 2011 and as Chief Financial Officer for IAC North America since March 2007. Prior to joining IAC, Mr. Vanneste worked with the Company in positions of increasing responsibility over 15 plus years including: Vice President of Finance, European Operations, Vice President of Corporate Business Planning and Analysis, Vice President of Finance, Seating and Vice President of Finance for the Ford and GM Divisions. Prior to joining the Company in October 1991, he served as the assistant controller for Champagne-Webber, Inc. and as an audit senior for Coopers & Lybrand.

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PART II

ITEM 5 – MARKET FOR THE COMPANY’S COMMON EQUITY,
RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Market Information

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LEA."

The high and low sales prices per share of our common stock, as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, and the amount of our dividend declarations for 2015 and 2014 are shown below:

	Price Range of		Cash
	Common Stock		Dividend
	High	Low	Per Share
2015			
4th Quarter	\$127.00	\$103.20	\$0.25
3rd Quarter	115.81	89.71	0.25
2nd Quarter	118.50	107.80	0.25
1st Quarter	112.67	92.45	0.25
2014			
	Price Range of		Cash
	Common Stock		Dividend
	High	Low	Per Share
4th Quarter	\$99.88	\$75.05	\$0.20
3rd Quarter	103.74	88.22	0.20
2nd Quarter	92.00	79.71	0.20
1st Quarter	84.18	71.57	0.20

Dividends

Our Board of Directors declared quarterly cash dividends of \$0.25 and \$0.20 per share of common stock in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

We currently expect to pay quarterly cash dividends in the future, although such payments are at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon our financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, alternative uses of capital and other factors that our Board of Directors may consider at its discretion. In addition, our amended and restated credit agreement places certain limitations on the payment of cash dividends. See Part II — Item 7, "Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Forward-Looking Statements," and Note 6, "Debt," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Holders of Common Stock

The Transfer Agent and Registrar for our common stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A., located in Canton, Massachusetts. On February 5, 2016, there were 78 registered holders of record of our common stock.

For certain information regarding our equity compensation plans, see Part III — Item 12, "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters — Equity Compensation Plan Information."

Common Stock Share Repurchase Program

Since the first quarter of 2011, our Board of Directors has authorized \$2.9 billion in share repurchases under our common stock share repurchase program. As of December 31, 2015, we have a remaining repurchase authorization of \$512.6 million, which will expire in December 2017.

We may implement our share repurchases through a variety of methods, including open market purchases, accelerated stock repurchase programs and structured repurchase transactions. The extent to which we will repurchase our outstanding common stock and the timing of such repurchases will depend upon our financial condition, prevailing market conditions, alternative uses of capital and other factors. In addition, our amended and restated credit agreement places certain limitations on the

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repurchase of common shares. See Part II — Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Forward-Looking Statements," Note 6, "Debt," and Note 9, "Capital Stock and Equity," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

As of December 31, 2015, we have paid \$2.4 billion in aggregate for repurchases of our outstanding common stock, at an average price of \$68.12 per share, excluding commissions and related fees, since the first quarter of 2011. A summary of the shares of our common stock repurchased during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2015, is shown below:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet be Purchased Under the Program (in millions)
September 27, 2015 through October 31, 2015	67,609	\$123.88	67,609	\$ 608.6
November 1, 2015 through November 28, 2015	367,583	124.19	367,583	562.9
November 29, 2015 through December 31, 2015	405,872	123.96	405,872	512.6
Total	841,064	\$124.05	841,064	\$ 512.6 ⁽¹⁾

(1) Remaining authorization as of December 31, 2015.

Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total stockholder return from December 31, 2010, through December 31, 2015, for our common stock, the S&P 500 Index and a peer group⁽¹⁾ of companies that we have selected for purposes of this comparison. We have assumed that dividends have been reinvested, and the returns of each company in the S&P 500 Index and the peer group have been weighted to reflect relative stock market capitalization. The graph below assumes that \$100 was invested on December 31, 2010, in each of our common stock, the stocks comprising the S&P 500 Index and the stocks comprising the peer group.

	December 31, 2010	December 31, 2011	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015
Lear Corporation	\$100.00	\$81.50	\$97.23	\$169.86	\$207.56	\$262.24
S&P 500	\$100.00	\$102.11	\$118.43	\$156.77	\$178.22	\$180.67
Peer Group ⁽¹⁾	\$100.00	\$79.25	\$93.17	\$153.13	\$168.84	\$149.15

We do not believe that there is a single published industry or line of business index that is appropriate for (1) comparing stockholder returns. As a result, we have selected a peer group comprised of representative independent automotive

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suppliers whose common stock is publicly traded. Our peer group, referenced in the graph above, consists of American Axle & Manufacturing Holdings Inc., BorgWarner Inc., Dana Holding Corporation, Delphi Automotive PLC, Federal-Mogul Holdings Corporation, Gentex Corp., Johnson Controls, Inc., Magna International, Inc., Superior Industries International, Inc., Tenneco Inc. and Visteon Corporation. Visteon Corporation emerged from bankruptcy proceedings in 2010 and has been included in the peer group calculation beginning January 1, 2011. Delphi Automotive PLC completed an initial public offering in 2011 and has been included in the peer group calculation beginning January 1, 2012. TRW Automotive Holdings Corp. was acquired by ZF Friedrichshafen in May 2015 and, accordingly, is not included in the peer group for any period presented.

ITEM 6 – SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following statement of operations, statement of cash flows and balance sheet data were derived from our consolidated financial statements. Our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP. The selected financial data below should be read in conjunction with Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and our consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in this Report.

For the year ended December 31,	2015 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ⁽²⁾	2013 ⁽³⁾	2012 ⁽⁴⁾	2011 ⁽⁵⁾
Statement of Operations: (in millions)					
Net sales	\$18,211.4	\$17,727.3	\$16,234.0	\$14,567.0	\$14,156.5
Gross profit	1,819.8	1,492.8	1,299.7	1,217.5	1,193.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	580.5	529.9	528.7	479.3	485.6
Amortization of intangible assets	52.5	33.7	34.4	33.0	28.0
Interest expense	86.7	67.5	68.4	49.9	39.7
Other expense, net ⁽⁶⁾	68.6	74.3	58.1	6.4	24.2
Consolidated income before provision (benefit) for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	1,031.5	787.4	610.1	648.9	615.7
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	285.5	121.4	192.7	(638.0)	68.8
Equity in net income of affiliates	(49.8)	(36.3)	(38.4)	(30.3)	(23.5)
Consolidated net income	795.8	702.3	455.8	1,317.2	570.4
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	50.3	29.9	24.4	34.4	29.7
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	\$672.4	\$431.4	\$1,282.8	\$540.7
For the year ended December 31,	2015 ⁽¹⁾	2014 ⁽²⁾	2013 ⁽³⁾	2012 ⁽⁴⁾	2011 ⁽⁵⁾
Statement of Operations Data:					
Basic net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.71	\$8.39	\$5.07	\$13.04	\$5.21
Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.59	\$8.23	\$4.99	\$12.85	\$5.08
Weighted average shares outstanding – basic	76,754,270	80,187,516	85,094,889	98,388,228	103,750,223
Weighted average shares outstanding – diluted	77,767,017	81,728,479	86,415,786	99,825,686	106,344,367
Dividends per share	\$1.00	\$0.80	\$0.68	\$0.56	\$0.50
Statement of Cash Flows					
Data: (in millions)					
Cash flows from operating activities	\$1,271.1	\$927.8	\$820.1	\$729.8	\$790.3
Cash flows from investing activities	(965.3)	(780.6)	(403.9)	(687.9)	(303.2)
Cash flows from financing activities	(156.3)	(160.8)	(698.5)	(396.1)	(372.3)
Capital expenditures	485.8	424.7	460.6	458.3	329.5
Other Data (unaudited):					
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges ⁽⁷⁾	9.4x	8.4x	6.8x	8.7x	10.1x

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As of or for the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Balance Sheet Data: (in millions) ⁽⁸⁾					
Current assets	\$5,286.6	\$5,165.6	\$4,735.1	\$4,707.5	\$4,703.7
Total assets	9,405.8	9,113.1	8,303.0	8,164.0	6,969.3
Current liabilities	3,839.6	3,945.1	3,556.0	3,197.8	3,049.2
Long-term debt	1,931.7	1,454.0	1,042.3	616.1	682.7
Equity	3,017.7	3,029.3	3,149.5	3,612.2	2,561.1
Other Data (unaudited):					
Employees at year end	136,200	125,200	122,300	113,400	97,830
North American content per vehicle ⁽⁹⁾	\$443	\$398	\$377	\$370	\$381
North American vehicle production (in millions) ⁽¹⁰⁾	17.5	17.0	16.2	15.4	13.1
European content per vehicle ⁽¹¹⁾	\$314	\$341	\$315	\$283	\$317
European vehicle production (in millions) ⁽¹²⁾	21.5	20.6	19.8	19.6	20.4

2015 results include \$97.2 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$3.9 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$10.9 million of transaction and other related costs, \$15.8 million (1) charge due to an acquisition-related inventory fair value adjustment, \$14.3 million loss on the extinguishment of debt, \$1.8 million loss related to an affiliate and \$43.1 million of net tax benefits primarily related to restructuring charges, debt redemption costs, acquisition costs and various other items.

2014 results include \$115.3 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$0.5 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$5.3 million of transaction costs, \$17.9 million loss on the (2) extinguishment of debt, \$0.8 million of losses related to affiliates and \$149.1 million of net tax benefits primarily related to reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries, reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements, debt redemption costs, restructuring charges and various other items.

2013 results include \$83.8 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$9.2 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$3.0 million of costs related to a proxy contest, \$7.3 million of losses and incremental costs related to the destruction of assets caused by a fire at one of our European production (3) facilities, \$3.6 million loss on the partial extinguishment of debt and \$27.8 million of net tax benefits primarily related to restructuring, net changes in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries, the retroactive reinstatement of the U.S. research and development tax credit by the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, which was signed into law on January 2, 2013, and various other items.

2012 results include \$55.6 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$6.0 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$6.2 million of transaction costs primarily related to advisory services for the acquisition of Guilford Mills, \$10.1 million of fees and expenses related to our capital restructuring and other related matters, (\$41.1) million of insurance recoveries, net of losses and incremental costs, related to the (4) destruction of assets caused by a fire at one of our European production facilities, \$5.1 million of gains related to affiliates, a \$3.7 million loss on the partial extinguishment of debt and \$764.4 million of net tax benefits primarily related to the reversal of a valuation allowance on our deferred tax assets in the United States, as well as changes in valuation allowances in certain foreign countries, reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements and various other items.

2011 results include \$70.9 million of restructuring and related manufacturing inefficiency charges (including \$1.0 million of fixed asset impairment charges), \$19.3 million of fees and expenses related to our capital restructuring and other related matters, \$10.6 million of losses and incremental costs, net of insurance recoveries, related to the (5) destruction of assets caused by a fire at one of our European production facilities, \$5.8 million of gains related to affiliate transactions and \$70.4 million of tax benefits primarily related to the reversal of full valuation allowances on the deferred tax assets of three foreign subsidiaries, as well as restructuring and various other items.

Includes non-income related taxes, foreign exchange gains and losses, gains and losses related to certain derivative (6) instruments and hedging activities, gains and losses on the extinguishment of debt, gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets and other miscellaneous income and expense.

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"Fixed charges" consist of interest on debt, amortization of deferred financing fees and that portion of rental (7) expenses representative of interest. "Earnings" consist of consolidated income before provision (benefit) for income taxes and equity in the undistributed net income of affiliates and fixed charges.

The balance sheet data for 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 has been restated to reflect the presentation of debt issuance costs as a reduction of current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt in conjunction with the 2015 adoption of Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-03, "Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," and ASU 2015-15, "Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with (8) Line-of-Credit Arrangements — Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to Staff Announcement at June 18, 2015 EITF Meeting." In addition, the balance sheet data for 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 has been restated to reflect the presentation of all deferred tax assets and liabilities, as well as related valuation allowances, as non-current in conjunction with the 2015 adoption of ASU 2015-17, "Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes." For further information, see Note 6, "Debt," and Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

"North American content per vehicle" is our net sales in North America divided by total North American vehicle (9) production. Content per vehicle data excludes business conducted through non-consolidated joint ventures. Content per vehicle data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

"North American vehicle production" includes car and light truck production for vehicle weights up to 3.5 tons in (10) the United States, Canada and Mexico as provided by IHS Automotive for 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012 and Ward's Automotive for 2011. Production data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

"European content per vehicle" is our net sales in Europe and Africa divided by total European and (11) African vehicle production. Content per vehicle data excludes business conducted through non-consolidated joint ventures. Content per vehicle data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

"European vehicle production" includes car and light truck production for vehicle weights up to 3.5 tons in (12) Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Bosnia, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Russia, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine and the United Kingdom as provided by IHS Automotive. Production data for 2014 has been updated to reflect actual production levels.

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ITEM 7 – MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Executive Overview

We are a leading Tier 1 supplier to the global automotive industry. We supply seating, electrical distribution systems and electronic modules, as well as related sub-systems, components and software, to virtually every major automotive manufacturer in the world.

We use our product, design and technological expertise, global reach and competitive manufacturing footprint to achieve our financial goals and objectives of continuing to deliver profitable growth (balancing risks and returns), maintaining a strong balance sheet with investment grade credit metrics and consistently returning cash to our shareholders.

Our seating business consists of the design, development, engineering, just-in-time assembly and delivery of complete seat systems, as well as the design, development, engineering and manufacture of all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests. Our electrical business consists of the design, development, engineering and manufacture of complete electrical distribution systems that route electrical signals and manage electrical power within a vehicle. Key components in the electrical distribution system include wiring harnesses, terminals and connectors, junction boxes and high power components for hybrid and electric vehicles. We also design, develop, engineer and manufacture sophisticated electronic control modules that facilitate signal, data and power management within the vehicle. We have added capabilities in wireless communication modules that process various signals to, from and within the vehicle, including cellular, WiFi and GPS.

We serve all of the world's major automotive manufacturers across both our seating and electrical businesses. It is common to have both seating and electrical content on the same and multiple vehicle platforms with a single customer. Our businesses benefit globally from leveraging common operating standards and disciplines, including world-class development and manufacturing processes, as well as common customer support and regional infrastructures. Our core capabilities are shared across component categories, including high-precision manufacturing and assembly with short lead times, management of complex supply chains, global engineering and program management skills and a unique customer-focused culture. Our businesses utilize proprietary, industry-specific processes and standards, leverage common low-cost engineering centers and share centralized operating support functions, such as logistics, supply chain management, quality and health and safety, as well as all major administrative functions.

Industry Overview

Our sales are driven by the number of vehicles produced by the automotive manufacturers, which is ultimately dependent on consumer demand for automotive vehicles, and our content per vehicle. Global automotive industry production volumes improved 3% in 2014 from the prior year and another 2% in 2015 to a record 86.9 million units. North American industry production increased 3% in 2015 to 17.5 million units. European and African industry production increased 5% in 2015 to 21.5 million units. Asian industry production increased 2% in 2015 to 43.8 million units. South American industry production declined 20% in 2015 to 2.9 million units.

Automotive sales and production can be affected by the age of the vehicle fleet and related scrappage rates, labor relations issues, fuel prices, regulatory requirements, government initiatives, trade agreements, the availability and cost of credit, the availability of critical components needed to complete the production of vehicles, restructuring actions of our customers and suppliers, facility closures, increased competition, changing consumer attitudes toward vehicle ownership and usage and other factors. Our operating results are also significantly impacted by the overall commercial success of the vehicle platforms for which we supply particular products, as well as the profitability of the products that we supply for these platforms. The loss of business with respect to any vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier, or a decrease in the production levels of any such models, could adversely affect our operating results. In addition, larger cars and light trucks, as well as vehicle platforms that offer more features and functionality, such as luxury, sport utility and crossover vehicles, typically have more content and, therefore, tend to have a more significant impact on our operating results.

Of our net sales in 2015, North America accounted for approximately 43%, Europe and Africa accounted for approximately 37%, Asia accounted for approximately 18%, and South America accounted for approximately 2%. Our ability to reduce the risks inherent in certain concentrations of business, and thereby maintain our financial performance in the future, will depend, in part, on our ability to continue to diversify our sales on a customer, product, platform and geographic basis to reflect the market overall.

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Key trends which have been specifically affecting our business include automotive manufacturers' utilization of global vehicle platforms, a shift among many automotive manufacturers away from integrated systems to directed component sourcing, increasing demand for luxury and performance features and content in all vehicles and China's emergence as the single largest major automotive market in the world. In addition, three major mega-trends have broadly emerged as major drivers of change and growth in the automotive industry: connectivity, safety and efficiency.

Our strategy is built on addressing these trends and the major imperatives for success as an automotive supplier: quality, cost and efficiency and innovation and technology. We have expanded key component and software capabilities through organic investment and acquisitions to ensure a full complement of the highest quality solutions for our customers. We have restructured, and continue to align, our manufacturing and engineering footprint to attain a leading competitive position globally. We have established or expanded activities in new and growing markets, especially China, in support of our customers' growth and global platform initiatives. These initiatives have helped us achieve our financial goals overall, as well as a more balanced regional, customer and vehicle segment diversification in our business. For further information related to these trends and our strategy, see Part 1 — Item 1, "Business — Industry and Strategy."

Our customers typically require us to reduce our prices over the life of a vehicle model and, at the same time, assume significant responsibility for the design, development and engineering of our products. Our financial performance is largely dependent on our ability to achieve product cost reductions through product design enhancement and supply chain management, as well as manufacturing efficiencies and restructuring actions. We also seek to enhance our financial performance by investing in product development, design capabilities and new product initiatives that respond to the needs of our customers and consumers. We continually evaluate operational and strategic alternatives to improve our business structure and align our business with the changing needs of our customers and major industry trends affecting our business.

Our material cost as a percentage of net sales was 66.6% in 2015, as compared to 67.8% in 2014 and 67.2% in 2013. Raw material, energy and commodity costs can be volatile. We have developed and implemented strategies to mitigate the impact of higher raw material, energy and commodity costs, such as the selective in-sourcing of components, the continued consolidation of our supply base, longer-term purchase commitments, financial hedges for certain commodities and the selective expansion of low-cost country sourcing and engineering, as well as value engineering and product benchmarking. However, these strategies, together with commercial negotiations with our customers and suppliers, typically offset only a portion of the adverse impact. Certain of these strategies also may limit our opportunities in a declining commodity environment. In addition, the availability of raw materials, commodities and product components fluctuates from time to time due to factors outside of our control. If these costs increase or availability is restricted, it could have an adverse impact on our operating results in the foreseeable future. See Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors — Increases in the costs and restrictions on the availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components could adversely affect our financial performance," and "— Forward-Looking Statements."

Financial Measures

In evaluating our financial condition and operating performance, we focus primarily on earnings, operating margins, cash flows and return on invested capital. In addition to maintaining and expanding our business with our existing customers in our more established markets, our expansion plans are focused primarily on emerging markets. Asia, in particular, continues to present significant growth opportunities, as major global automotive manufacturers implement production expansion plans and local automotive manufacturers aggressively expand their operations to meet increasing demand in this region. We currently have sixteen joint ventures with operations in Asia, as well as an additional joint venture in North America dedicated to serving Asian automotive manufacturers. We also have aggressively pursued this strategy by selectively increasing our vertical integration capabilities globally, as well as expanding our component manufacturing capacity in Asia, Brazil, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Northern Africa. Furthermore, we have expanded our low-cost engineering capabilities in India and the Philippines.

Our success in generating cash flow will depend, in part, on our ability to manage working capital effectively. Working capital can be significantly impacted by the timing of cash flows from sales and purchases. Historically, we

generally have been successful in aligning our vendor payment terms with our customer payment terms. However, our ability to continue to do so may be impacted by adverse automotive industry conditions, changes to our customers' payment terms and the financial results of our suppliers, as well as our financial results. In addition, our cash flow is impacted by our ability to manage our inventory and capital spending effectively. We utilize return on invested capital as a measure of the efficiency with which our assets generate earnings. Improvements in our return on invested capital will depend on our ability to maintain an appropriate asset base for our business and to increase productivity and operating efficiency.

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Acquisition

Eagle Ottawa

On January 5, 2015, we completed the acquisition of Everett Smith Group Ltd., the parent of Eagle Ottawa, LLC ("Eagle Ottawa"), the world's leading provider of leather for the automotive industry, with annual sales of approximately \$1 billion (including annual sales to Lear of approximately \$200 million), for approximately \$844 million. Eagle Ottawa was a privately-held company based in Auburn Hills, Michigan and has a reputation for superior quality, product innovation and craftsmanship. This acquisition has further strengthened our global seating business, enhanced our position as the industry leader in luxury and performance automotive seating and complemented our existing capabilities in the design and manufacturing of seat covers.

Other

In 2015, we acquired intellectual property and technology from Autonet Mobile, a developer of software and devices for automotive applications, and completed the acquisition of Arada Systems Inc, an automotive technology company that specializes in vehicle-to-vehicle and vehicle-to-infrastructure communications. These acquisitions have added software and hardware capabilities that will improve connectivity and communication features in vehicles, as well as provide growth opportunities for our electrical segment.

Operational Restructuring

In 2015, we incurred pretax restructuring costs of approximately \$89 million and related manufacturing inefficiency charges of approximately \$8 million. Any future restructuring actions will depend upon market conditions, customer actions and other factors.

For further information, see Note 4, "Restructuring," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Financing Transactions

Senior Notes

In November 2014, we issued \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2025 (the "2025 Notes"). In January 2015, we used \$350 million of the net proceeds from the offering, along with \$500 million in borrowings under the term loan facility (see "— Credit Agreement" below), to finance the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. In March 2015, we used \$250 million of the net proceeds from the offering, along with \$5 million in available cash, to redeem the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of our 8.125% senior unsecured notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes"). In connection with this transaction, we recognized a loss of approximately \$14 million on the extinguishment of debt.

In March 2014, we refinanced certain of our outstanding indebtedness to lower our borrowing costs and extend our debt maturity profile. In March 2014, we issued \$325 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% senior unsecured notes due 2024 (the "2024 Notes") and paid \$327 million to redeem the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of our 7.875% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes") and 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. In connection with these transactions, we recognized losses of approximately \$18 million on the extinguishment of debt.

In January 2013, we issued \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.75% senior unsecured notes due 2023 (the "2023 Notes").

In 2013, we paid \$72 million to redeem 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes and 2020 Notes and recognized a loss of approximately \$4 million on the partial extinguishment of debt.

For further information, see "— Liquidity and Financial Condition — Capitalization — Senior Notes" and Note 6, "Debt," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Credit Agreement

In November 2014, we amended and restated our senior secured credit agreement ("Credit Agreement") to, among other things, increase the borrowing capacity of our revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") from \$1.0 billion to \$1.25 billion, extend the maturity of the facility from January 30, 2018 to November 14, 2019, and establish a \$500 million delayed-draw term loan facility (the "Term Loan Facility"), which matures on January 5, 2020. In January 2015, we borrowed \$500 million under the Term Loan Facility to finance, in part, the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. For further information, see "—

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Liquidity and Financial Condition — Capitalization — Credit Agreement" and Note 6, "Debt," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Share Repurchase Program and Quarterly Cash Dividend

Since the first quarter of 2011, our Board of Directors has authorized \$2.9 billion in share repurchases under our common stock share repurchase program. In 2015, we completed \$487 million of share repurchases and have a remaining repurchase authorization of \$513 million, which will expire on December 31, 2017.

Our Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.25 per share of common stock in 2015.

For further information regarding our common stock share repurchase program and our quarterly dividends, see Item 5, "Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities," "— Liquidity and Financial Condition — Capitalization" and Note 9, "Capital Stock and Equity," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Other Matters

In 2015, we recognized net tax benefits of \$43 million related to restructuring charges, debt redemption costs, acquisition costs and various other items.

In 2014, we recognized net tax benefits of \$111 million primarily related to net reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements and net tax benefits of \$38 million related to debt redemption costs, restructuring charges and various other items.

In 2013, we incurred costs of \$3 million related to a proxy contest and recognized losses and incremental costs totaling \$7 million related to the destruction of assets caused by a fire at one of our European production facilities in the third quarter of 2011.

In 2013, we recognized tax benefits of \$30 million primarily related to reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and tax expense of \$31 million primarily related to increases in valuation allowances in certain other jurisdictions. We also recognized net tax benefits of \$26 million related to restructuring charges and various other items and \$3 million related to the retroactive reinstatement of the U.S. research and development tax credit.

As discussed above, our results for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, reflect the following items (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Costs related to restructuring actions, including manufacturing inefficiencies of \$8 million in 2015, \$8 million in 2014 and \$6 million in 2013	\$97	\$115	\$84
Costs related to proxy contest	—	—	3
Acquisition and other related costs	11	5	—
Acquisition-related inventory fair value adjustment	16	—	—
Losses and incremental costs related to the destruction of assets	—	—	7
Labor-related litigation claims	—	—	7
Losses on extinguishment of debt	14	18	4
Loss related to affiliates, net	2	1	—
Tax benefits, net	(43)	(149)	(28)

For further information regarding these items, see Note 3, "Acquisition," Note 4, "Restructuring," Note 6, "Debt," and Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report. This section includes forward-looking statements that are subject to risks and uncertainties. For further information regarding these and other factors that have had, or may have in the future, a significant impact on our business, financial condition or results of operations, see Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors," and "— Forward-Looking Statements."

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Results of Operations

A summary of our operating results in millions of dollars and as a percentage of net sales is shown below:

For the year ended December 31,	2015			2014			2013		
Net sales									
Seating	\$14,098.5	77.4	%	\$13,310.6	75.1	%	\$12,018.1	74.0	%
Electrical	4,112.9	22.6		4,416.7	24.9		4,215.9	26.0	
Net sales	18,211.4	100.0		17,727.3	100.0		16,234.0	100.0	
Cost of sales	16,391.6	90.0		16,234.5	91.6		14,934.3	92.0	
Gross profit	1,819.8	10.0		1,492.8	8.4		1,299.7	8.0	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	580.5	3.2		529.9	3.0		528.7	3.3	
Amortization of intangible assets	52.5	0.3		33.7	0.2		34.4	0.2	
Interest expense	86.7	0.4		67.5	0.3		68.4	0.4	
Other expense, net	68.6	0.4		74.3	0.4		58.1	0.3	
Provision for income taxes	285.5	1.6		121.4	0.7		192.7	1.2	
Equity in net income of affiliates	(49.8)	(0.3)	)	(36.3)	(0.2)	)	(38.4)	(0.2))
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	50.3	0.3		29.9	0.2		24.4	0.1	
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	4.1	%	\$672.4	3.8	%	\$431.4	2.7	%

Year Ended December 31, 2015, Compared With Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2015 were \$18.2 billion, as compared to \$17.7 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of \$484 million or 3%. The acquisition of Eagle Ottawa, new business in Europe, North America and Asia and higher production volumes on key Lear platforms in North America and Europe positively impacted net sales by \$820 million, \$769 million and \$426 million, respectively. These increases were offset by net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, primarily related to the Euro, which negatively impacted net sales by \$1.5 billion.

(in millions)

	Cost of Sales
2014	\$16,234.5
Material cost	97.1
Labor and other	46.1
Depreciation	13.9
2015	\$16,391.6

Cost of sales in 2015 was \$16.4 billion, as compared to \$16.2 billion in 2014. Net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, primarily related to the Euro, reduced cost of sales by \$1.4 billion. This decrease was more than offset by new business in Europe, North America and Asia, higher production volumes on key Lear platforms in North America and Europe and the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa.

Gross profit and gross margin were \$1.8 billion and 10.0% of net sales in 2015, as compared to \$1.5 billion and 8.4% of net sales in 2014. New business, higher production volumes on key Lear platforms and the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa positively impacted gross profit by \$383 million. The impact of favorable operating performance and the benefit of operational restructuring actions of \$325 million was more than offset by selling price reductions and net foreign exchange fluctuations of \$404 million. These factors had a corresponding impact on gross margin.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, including engineering and development expenses, were \$581 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$530 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, reflecting the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses were 3.2% in 2015, as compared to 3.0% in 2014.

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Engineering and development costs incurred in connection with the development of new products and manufacturing methods more than one year prior to launch, to the extent not recoverable from the customer, are charged to selling, general and administrative expenses as incurred. Such costs totaled \$127 million in 2015, as compared to \$102 million in 2014, reflecting the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. In certain situations, the reimbursement of pre-production engineering and design costs is contractually guaranteed by, and fully recoverable from, our customers and, therefore, is capitalized. We capitalized \$194 million of such costs in 2015, as compared to \$232 million in 2014.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$53 million in 2015 as compared to \$34 million in 2014, reflecting the amortization of intangible assets related to the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa.

Interest expense was \$87 million in 2015 as compared to \$68 million in 2014, primarily reflecting debt incurred to finance the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa, partially offset by the refinancing of certain of our senior notes at lower interest rates.

Other expense, net, which includes non-income related taxes, foreign exchange gains and losses, gains and losses related to certain derivative instruments and hedging activities, gains and losses on the extinguishment of debt, gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets and other miscellaneous income and expense, was \$69 million in 2015, as compared to \$74 million in 2014. In 2015, we recognized a loss of \$14 million related to the redemption of the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. In 2014, we recognized losses of \$18 million related to the redemption of the remaining aggregate principal amount of our 2018 Notes and 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of our 2020 Notes and a gain of \$5 million related to a transaction with an affiliate. Net foreign exchange losses decreased \$7 million between periods.

In 2015, the provision for income taxes was \$286 million, representing an effective tax rate of 27.7% on pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates of \$1,032 million. In 2014, the provision for income taxes was \$121 million, representing an effective tax rate of 15.4% on pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates of \$787 million.

In 2015 and 2014, the provision for income taxes was impacted by the level and mix of earnings among tax jurisdictions. The provision was also impacted by a portion of our restructuring charges and other expenses, for which no tax benefit was provided as the charges were incurred in certain countries for which no tax benefit is likely to be realized due to a history of operating losses in those countries. In 2015, we recognized net tax benefits of \$43 million related to restructuring charges, debt redemption costs, acquisition costs and various other items. In 2014, we recognized net tax benefits of \$111 million primarily related to net reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements and net tax benefits of \$38 million related to debt redemption costs, restructuring charges and various other items. The reduction in valuation allowances includes the reversal of a valuation allowance of \$79 million with respect to the deferred tax assets of our subsidiaries in Spain. During the fourth quarter of 2014, our subsidiaries in Spain became profitable on a three-year cumulative basis and forecasted continued profitability in 2015 and subsequent years. As a result, we concluded that it was more likely than not that the deferred tax assets in Spain would be realized, and therefore, the valuation allowance was no longer necessary. Excluding these items, the effective tax rate in 2015 and 2014 approximated the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% adjusted for income taxes on foreign earnings, losses and remittances, valuation allowances, tax credits, income tax incentives and other permanent items.

For information related to our valuation allowances, see "Other Matters — Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates — Income Taxes."

Equity in net income of affiliates was \$50 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$36 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, reflecting the improved performance of our joint ventures in China.

Net income attributable to Lear was \$746 million, or \$9.59 per diluted share, in 2015, as compared to \$672 million, or \$8.23 per diluted share, in 2014. Net income and diluted net income per share increased for the reasons described above. In addition, diluted net income per share was impacted by the decrease in average shares outstanding between the periods.

Reportable Operating Segments

We have two reportable operating segments: seating, which includes complete seat systems and all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests, and electrical, which includes complete electrical distribution systems, electronic control modules and wireless modules. Key components in the electrical distribution system include wiring harnesses, terminals and connectors, junction boxes and high power components for hybrid and electric vehicles. The financial information presented below is for our two reportable operating segments and our other category for the periods presented. The other category includes unallocated costs related to corporate headquarters, regional headquarters and the elimination of intercompany activities, none of which meets the

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requirements for being classified as an operating segment. Corporate and regional headquarters costs include various support functions, such as information technology, corporate finance, legal, executive administration and human resources. Financial measures regarding each segment's pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates, interest expense and other expense ("segment earnings") and segment earnings divided by net sales ("margin") are not measures of performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). Segment earnings and the related margin are used by management to evaluate the performance of our reportable operating segments. Segment earnings should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for net income attributable to Lear, net cash provided by operating activities or other income statement or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP or as measures of profitability or liquidity. In addition, segment earnings, as we determine it, may not be comparable to related or similarly titled measures reported by other companies. For a reconciliation of consolidated segment earnings to consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates, see Note 12, "Segment Reporting," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Seating –

A summary of financial measures for our seating segment is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	
Net sales	\$14,098.5	\$13,310.6	
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	907.0	655.2	
Margin	6.4	% 4.9	%

(1) See definition above.

Seating net sales were \$14.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$13.3 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014, an increase of \$788 million or 6%. The acquisition of Eagle Ottawa, new business and higher production volumes on key Lear platforms positively impacted net sales by \$820 million, \$617 million and \$362 million, respectively. These increases were partially offset by net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, which negatively impacted net sales by \$1.0 billion. Segment earnings, including restructuring costs, and the related margin on net sales were \$907 million and 6.4% in 2015, as compared to \$655 million and 4.9% in 2014. New business, higher production volumes on key Lear platforms and the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa positively impacted segment earnings by \$256 million. The impact of favorable operating performance and the benefit of operational restructuring actions of \$181 million was more than offset by selling price reductions and net foreign exchange fluctuations.

Electrical –

A summary of financial measures for our electrical segment is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	
Net sales	\$4,112.9	\$4,416.7	
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	554.4	556.6	
Margin	13.5	% 12.6	%

(1) See definition above.

Electrical net sales were \$4.1 billion for the year ended December 31, 2015, as compared to \$4.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014, a decrease of \$304 million or 7%. Net foreign exchange fluctuations negatively impacted net sales by \$452 million. This decrease was partially offset by new business and higher production volumes on key Lear platforms, which positively impacted net sales by \$152 million and \$64 million, respectively. Segment earnings, including restructuring costs, and the related margin on net sales were \$554 million and 13.5% in 2015, as compared to \$557 million and 12.6% in 2014. The impact of improved operating performance, new business and higher production volumes on key Lear platforms of \$167 million was offset by selling price reductions and net foreign exchange fluctuations.

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Other –

A summary of financial measures for our other category, which is not an operating segment, is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014
Net sales	\$—	\$—
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	(274.6	) (282.6
Margin	N/A	N/A

(1) See definition above.

Segment earnings related to our other category were (\$275) million in 2015, as compared (\$283) million in 2014, reflecting favorable performance and the benefit of restructuring actions and net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, partially offset by transaction costs of \$9 million related to the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa.

Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared With Year Ended December 31, 2013

Net sales for the year ended December 31, 2014 were \$17.7 billion, as compared to \$16.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2013, an increase of \$1.5 billion or 9%. New business, primarily in Europe and North America, and improved production volumes on key Lear platforms, primarily in Europe and North America, positively impacted net sales by \$990 million and \$747 million, respectively. These increases were partially offset by net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, principally related to South American currencies, of \$158 million.

(in millions)	Cost of Sales
2013	\$ 14,934.3
Material cost	1,114.1
Labor and other	159.9
Depreciation	26.2
2014	\$ 16,234.5

Cost of sales in 2014 was \$16.2 billion, as compared to \$14.9 billion in 2013. The increase is largely due to the impact of new business, primarily in Europe and North America, and improved production volumes on key Lear platforms, primarily in Europe and North America, partially offset by the impact of net foreign exchange rate fluctuations, principally related to South American currencies.

Gross profit and gross margin were \$1.5 billion and 8.4% of net sales in 2014, as compared to \$1.3 billion and 8.0% of net sales in 2013. Favorable operating performance and the benefit of operational restructuring actions positively impacted gross profit by \$300 million. Gross profit also benefited by \$206 million from the impact of new business and improved production volumes on key Lear platforms. Selling price reductions and the changeover of key Lear platforms in our seating business negatively impacted gross profit by \$287 million. These factors had a corresponding impact on gross margin.

Selling, general and administrative expenses, including engineering and development expenses, were \$530 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$529 million for the year ended December 31, 2013. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses were 3.0% in 2014, as compared to 3.3% in 2013, reflecting the increase in sales.

Engineering and development costs incurred in connection with the development of new products and manufacturing methods more than one year prior to launch, to the extent not recoverable from the customer, are charged to selling, general and administrative expenses as incurred. Such costs totaled \$102 million in 2014, as compared to \$108 million in 2013. In certain situations, the reimbursement of pre-production engineering and design costs is contractually guaranteed by, and fully recoverable from, our customers and, therefore, is capitalized. We capitalized \$232 million of such costs in 2014, as compared to \$202 million in 2013.

Amortization of intangible assets was \$34 million in 2014 and 2013.

Interest expense was \$68 million in 2014 and 2013.

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Other expense, net, which includes non-income related taxes, foreign exchange gains and losses, gains and losses related to certain derivative instruments and hedging activities, gains and losses on the extinguishment of debt, gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets and other miscellaneous income and expense, was \$74 million in 2014, as compared to \$58 million in 2013. In 2014, we recognized a gain of \$5 million related to a transaction with an affiliate and losses of \$18 million related to the redemption of the remaining aggregate principal amount of our 2018 Notes and 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of our 2020 Notes. In 2014, other expense was negatively impacted by increases in non-income related taxes and foreign exchange losses of \$5 million and \$4 million, respectively. In 2013, we recognized losses of \$4 million related to the redemption of 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of our 2018 Notes and 2020 Notes.

In 2014, the provision for income taxes was \$121 million, representing an effective tax rate of 15.4% on pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates of \$787 million. In 2013, the provision for income taxes was \$193 million, representing an effective tax rate of 31.6% on pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates of \$610 million.

In 2014 and 2013, the provision for income taxes was impacted by the level and mix of earnings among tax jurisdictions. The provision was also impacted by a portion of our restructuring charges and other expenses, for which no tax benefit was provided as the charges were incurred in certain countries for which no tax benefit is likely to be realized due to a history of operating losses in those countries. In 2014, we recognized net tax benefits of \$111 million primarily related to net reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements and net tax benefits of \$38 million related to debt redemption costs, restructuring charges and various other items. The reduction in valuation allowances includes the reversal of a valuation allowance of \$79 million with respect to the deferred tax assets of our subsidiaries in Spain. During the fourth quarter of 2014, our subsidiaries in Spain became profitable on a three-year cumulative basis and forecasted continued profitability in 2015 and subsequent years. As a result, we concluded that it was more likely than not that the deferred tax assets in Spain would be realized, and therefore, the valuation allowance was no longer necessary. In 2013, we recognized tax benefits of \$30 million primarily related to reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries and tax expense of \$31 million primarily related to increases in valuation allowances in certain other jurisdictions. We also recognized net tax benefits of \$26 million related to restructuring charges and various other items and \$3 million related to the retroactive reinstatement of the U.S. research and development tax credit. Excluding these items, the effective tax rate in 2014 and 2013 approximated the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% adjusted for income taxes on foreign earnings, losses and remittances, valuation allowances, tax credits, income tax incentives and other permanent items.

For information related to our valuation allowances, see "Other Matters — Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates — Income Taxes."

Equity in net income of affiliates was \$36 million for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$38 million for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Net income attributable to Lear was \$672 million, or \$8.23 per diluted share, in 2014, as compared to \$431 million, or \$4.99 per diluted share, in 2013. Net income and diluted net income per share increased for the reasons described above. In addition, diluted net income per share was impacted by the decrease in average shares between periods.

Reportable Operating Segments

For a description of our reportable operating segments, see "Year Ended December 31, 2015, Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2014 — Reportable Operating Segments" above.

Seating –

A summary of financial measures for our seating segment is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2014	2013	
Net sales	\$13,310.6	\$12,018.1	
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	655.2	576.9	
Margin	4.9	% 4.8	%

(1) See definition above.

Seating net sales were \$13.3 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$12.0 billion for the year ended December 31, 2013, an increase of \$1,293 million or 11%. Improved production volumes on key Lear platforms and new

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business positively impacted net sales by \$721 million and \$671 million, respectively. These increases were partially offset by the impact of net foreign exchange rate fluctuations of \$102 million. Segment earnings, including restructuring costs, and the related margin on net sales were \$655 million and 4.9% in 2014, as compared to \$577 million and 4.8% in 2013. Segment earnings were favorably impacted by \$288 million primarily as a result of favorable operating performance and the benefit of operational restructuring actions, improved production volumes of key Lear platforms and new business. These items were partially offset by \$187 million related to selling price reductions and the changeover of key Lear platforms and \$32 million related to higher restructuring costs.

Electrical –

A summary of financial measures for our electrical segment is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2014	2013		
Net sales	\$4,416.7	\$4,215.9		
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	556.6	414.3		
Margin	12.6	% 9.8		%

(1) See definition above.

Electrical net sales were \$4.4 billion for the year ended December 31, 2014, as compared to \$4.2 billion for the year ended December 31, 2013, an increase of \$201 million or 5%. New business positively impacted net sales by \$319 million. This increase was partially offset by the impact of selling price reductions and net foreign exchange rate fluctuations of \$156 million. Segment earnings, including restructuring costs, and the related margin on net sales were \$557 million and 12.6% in 2014, as compared to \$414 million and 9.8% in 2013. Segment earnings were favorably impacted by \$168 million as a result of improved operating performance. Selling price reductions were partially offset by the impact of new business.

Other –

A summary of financial measures for our other category, which is not an operating segment, is shown below (dollar amounts in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2014	2013		
Net sales	\$—	\$—		
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	(282.6	) (254.6))
Margin	N/A	N/A		

(1) See definition above.

Segment earnings related to our other category were (\$283) million in 2014, as compared to (\$255) million in 2013, reflecting higher incentive compensation expenses related to performance as compared to targets, as well as infrastructure costs to support the growth of our business in emerging markets.

Liquidity and Financial Condition

Our primary liquidity needs are to fund general business requirements, including working capital requirements, capital expenditures, operational restructuring actions and debt service requirements. In addition, we expect to continue to pay quarterly dividends and repurchase shares of our common stock pursuant to our authorized common stock share repurchase program (see Item 5, "Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities"). Our principal sources of liquidity are cash flows from operating activities, borrowings under available credit facilities and our existing cash balance. A substantial portion of our operating income is generated by our subsidiaries. As a result, we are dependent on the earnings and cash flows of and the combination of dividends, royalties, intercompany loan repayments and other distributions and advances from our subsidiaries to provide the funds necessary to meet our obligations. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, cash and cash equivalents of \$664 million and \$715 million, respectively, were held in foreign subsidiaries and can be repatriated, primarily through the repayment of intercompany loans, without creating additional income tax expense. There are no significant restrictions on the ability of our subsidiaries to pay dividends or make other distributions to Lear. For further information regarding potential dividends from our non-U.S. subsidiaries, see "— Adequacy of Liquidity Sources," below and Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

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Cash Flows

Year Ended December 31, 2015, Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2014

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$1,271 million in 2015, as compared to \$928 million in 2014.

Consolidated net income and depreciation and amortization were a source of cash of \$1,144 million and \$1,013 million during 2015 and 2014, respectively, resulting in an incremental increase in operating cash flow of \$130 million between periods. The net change in working capital items was a source of cash of \$58 million in 2015, as compared to a use of cash of \$140 million in 2014, resulting in an incremental increase in operating cash flow of \$198 million between periods.

In 2015, increases in accounts receivable and accounts payable resulted in a use of cash of \$173 million and a source of cash of \$76 million, respectively, primarily reflecting increased working capital to support our sales growth. Changes in accrued liabilities and other resulted in a source of cash of \$151 million, primarily reflecting the timing of payments of accrued liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$965 million in 2015, as compared to \$781 million in 2014. In 2015, we paid cash for the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa of \$465 million, net of cash acquired and use of restricted cash of \$350 million. In 2014, the partial restriction of the cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes for the 2015 financing of the Eagle Ottawa acquisition resulted in a use of cash of \$350 million. In addition, capital spending increased \$61 million between periods. Capital spending in 2016 is estimated at \$525 million.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$156 million in 2015, as compared to \$161 million in 2014. In 2015, we borrowed \$500 million under our Term Loan Facility to finance, in part, the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa and made required principal payments of \$9 million under the Term Loan Facility. In addition, we paid \$5 million to redeem the remaining outstanding 2020 Notes, net of use of restricted cash of \$250 million, and paid \$487 million in aggregate for repurchases of our common stock. In 2014, we issued \$975 million in aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes and 2025 Notes and paid \$327 million to redeem the remaining outstanding 2018 Notes and a portion of the outstanding 2020 Notes. In addition, we paid \$411 million in aggregate to repurchase our common stock, including \$356 million of open market repurchases and \$55 million to settle the accelerated share repurchase ("ASR") program. The partial restriction of the cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes for the 2015 redemption of the remaining outstanding 2020 Notes resulted in a use of cash of \$250 million.

For further information regarding our 2015 and 2014 financing transactions, including the partial restriction of cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes, see "— Capitalization," below and Note 6, "Debt," and Note 9, "Capital Stock and Equity," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Year Ended December 31, 2014, Compared with Year Ended December 31, 2013

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$928 million in 2014, as compared to \$820 million in 2013. The increase reflects higher earnings between periods. The net change in working capital items was a use of cash of \$140 million and \$8 million in 2014 and 2013, respectively, resulting in an incremental decrease in operating cash flow of \$132 million between periods, reflecting the impact of our sales growth and the timing of payments of accrued liabilities. This decrease was partially offset by the changes in other long-term assets and liabilities, which resulted in an incremental increase in operating cash flow of \$60 million between periods.

In 2014, increases in accounts receivable, inventories and accounts payable resulted in a use of cash of \$359 million, a use of cash of \$91 million and a source of cash of \$231 million, respectively, primarily reflecting the impact of our sales growth. Changes in accrued liabilities and other resulted in a source of cash of \$78 million primarily reflecting the timing of payments of accrued liabilities.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$781 million in 2014, as compared to \$404 million in 2013. In 2014, the partial restriction of cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes for the 2015 financing of the Eagle Ottawa acquisition resulted in a use of cash of \$350 million. In 2013, we sold our ownership interest in an equity affiliate for \$50 million. Capital spending decreased \$36 million between periods.

Net cash used in financing activities was \$161 million in 2014, as compared to \$699 million in 2013. In 2014, we issued \$975 million in aggregate principal amount of 2024 Notes and 2025 Notes and paid \$327 million to redeem the remaining outstanding 2018 Notes and a portion of the outstanding 2020 Notes. In addition, we paid \$411 million in

aggregate to repurchase our common stock, including \$356 million of open market repurchases and \$55 million to settle the ASR program. The partial restriction of cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes for the 2015 redemption of the remaining outstanding 2020 Notes resulted in a use of cash of \$250 million. In 2013, we issued \$500 million in aggregate principal

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amount of 2023 Notes and paid \$72 million to redeem a portion of the outstanding 2018 Notes and 2020 Notes. In addition, we paid \$1.0 billion in aggregate to repurchase our common stock, including \$200 million of open market repurchases and \$800 million of repurchases through the ASR program.

For further information regarding our 2014 and 2013 financing transactions, including the partial restriction of cash proceeds from the issuance of the 2025 Notes, see "— Capitalization," below and Note 6, "Debt," and Note 9, "Capital Stock and Equity," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Capitalization

From time to time, we utilize uncommitted credit facilities to fund our capital expenditures and working capital requirements at certain of our foreign subsidiaries, in addition to cash provided by operating activities. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no short-term debt balances outstanding. The availability of uncommitted lines of credit may be affected by our financial performance, credit ratings and other factors.

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2015, our senior notes consist of \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Notes, \$325 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Notes and \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Notes (the 2023 Notes, 2024 Notes and 2025 Notes together, the "Notes").

In November 2014, we issued the 2025 Notes, resulting in net proceeds of \$642 million. In January 2015, we used \$350 million of the net proceeds from the offering, along with \$500 million in borrowings under the Term Loan Facility (see "— Credit Agreement" below), to finance the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. In March 2015, we paid \$255 million (which included \$250 million of the net proceeds from the offering of the 2025 Notes) to redeem the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. In connection with this transaction, we recognized a loss of approximately \$14 million on the extinguishment of debt. The remaining proceeds from the offering were used for general corporate purposes, including the payment of fees and expenses associated with the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa and related financing transactions.

The 2024 Notes were issued in March 2014. The net proceeds from the offering of \$321 million, together with our existing sources of liquidity, were used to redeem the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes (\$280 million) and to redeem 10% of the original aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2020 Notes (\$35 million) at stated redemption prices, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the respective redemption dates. In connection with these transactions, we paid an aggregate of \$327 million and recognized losses of \$18 million on the extinguishment of debt in 2014.

The 2023 Notes were issued in January 2013. The net proceeds from the offering of \$493 million, together with our existing sources of liquidity, were used for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, investments in additional component capabilities and emerging markets, share repurchases under our common stock share repurchase program and the redemption of 10% of the original aggregate principal amount at maturity of each of the 2018 Notes and 2020 Notes (\$70 million in aggregate) at a redemption price equal to 103% of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In connection with these transactions, we paid \$72 million and recognized losses of approximately \$4 million on the partial extinguishment of debt in 2013.

Interest is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year, in the case of the 2023 Notes and 2025 Notes, and March 15 and September 15 of each year, in the case of the 2024 Notes. The 2023 Notes mature on January 15, 2023, the 2024 Notes mature on March 15, 2024, and the 2025 Notes mature on January 15, 2025. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the aggregate carrying value of our senior notes was \$1.5 billion and \$1.7 billion, respectively. The indentures governing the Notes contain certain restrictive covenants and customary events of default. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all covenants under the indentures governing the Notes.

The Notes are senior unsecured obligations. Our obligations under the Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by certain domestic subsidiaries, which are directly or indirectly 100% owned by Lear.

For further information related to the Notes, including information on early redemption, covenants and events of default, see Note 6, "Debt," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

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Credit Agreement

As of December 31, 2015, our Credit Agreement consists of a \$1.25 billion revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility"), which matures on November 14, 2019, and a \$500 million Term Loan Facility, which matures on January 5, 2020. As of December 31, 2015, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility and \$491 million of borrowings outstanding under the Term Loan Facility. In 2015, we made required principal payments of \$9 million under the Term Loan Facility. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

For further information related to the Credit Agreement, including information on pricing, covenants and events of default, see Note 6, "Debt," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report and the amended and restated credit agreement, which has been incorporated by reference as an exhibit to this Report.

Contractual Obligations

The scheduled maturities of the Notes, obligations under the Credit Agreement and the scheduled interest payments on the Notes as of the date of this Report are shown below (in millions). In addition, our lease commitments under non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2015, are shown below (in millions):

	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	Thereafter	Total
Senior notes	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$1,475.0	\$1,475.0
Credit agreement	21.9	34.4	46.9	37.4	350.0	—	490.6
Scheduled interest payments	75.3	75.3	75.3	75.3	75.3	274.1	650.6
Lease commitments	100.9	80.0	74.4	68.2	61.9	71.7	457.1
Total	\$198.1	\$189.7	\$196.6	\$180.9	\$487.2	\$1,820.8	\$3,073.3

We enter into agreements with our customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle's life cycle. Although such agreements do not provide for a specified quantity of products, once we enter into such agreements, we are generally required to fulfill our customers' purchasing requirements for the production life of the vehicle. Prior to being formally awarded a program, we typically work closely with our customers in the early stages of the design and engineering of a vehicle's systems. Failure to complete the design and engineering work related to a vehicle's systems, or to fulfill a customer's contract, could have a material adverse impact on our business.

We also enter into agreements with suppliers to assist us in meeting our customers' production needs. These agreements vary as to duration and quantity commitments. Historically, most have been short-term agreements, which do not provide for minimum purchases, or are requirements-based contracts.

We may be required to make significant cash outlays related to our unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties. However, due to the uncertainty of the timing of future cash flows associated with our unrecognized tax benefits, we are unable to make reasonably reliable estimates of the period of cash settlement, if any, with the respective taxing authorities. Accordingly, unrecognized tax benefits, including interest and penalties, of \$38 million as of December 31, 2015, have been excluded from the contractual obligations table above. For further information related to our unrecognized tax benefits, see Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

We also have minimum funding requirements with respect to our pension obligation. We may elect to make contributions in excess of the minimum funding requirements in response to investment performance or changes in interest rates or when we believe that it is financially advantageous to do so and based on our other cash requirements. Our minimum funding requirements after 2016 will depend on several factors, including investment performance and interest rates. Our minimum funding requirements may also be affected by changes in applicable legal requirements. Our minimum required contributions to our domestic and foreign pension plans, including distributions to participants in certain of our non-qualified defined benefit plans, are expected to be approximately \$10 to \$15 million in 2016. We also have payments due with respect to our postretirement benefit obligation. We do not fund our postretirement benefit obligation. Rather, payments are made as costs are incurred by covered retirees. We expect payments related to our postretirement benefit obligation to be approximately \$7 million in 2016.

We also have a defined contribution retirement program for our salaried employees. Contributions to this program are determined as a percentage of each covered employee's eligible compensation and are expected to be approximately \$20 million in 2016.

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For further information related to our pension and other postretirement benefit plans, see "— Other Matters — Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans" and Note 8, "Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Accounts Receivable Factoring

In 2014, one of our European subsidiaries entered into an uncommitted factoring agreement, which provides for aggregate purchases of specified customer accounts of up to €200 million. As of December 31, 2015, there were no factored receivables outstanding. We cannot provide any assurances that this factoring facility will be available or utilized in the future.

Common Stock Share Repurchase Program

See Item 5, "Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities."

Dividends

See Item 5, "Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities."

Adequacy of Liquidity Sources

As of December 31, 2015, we had approximately \$1.2 billion of cash and cash equivalents on hand and \$1.25 billion in available borrowing capacity under our Revolving Credit Facility. Together with cash provided by operating activities, we believe that this will enable us to meet our liquidity needs to satisfy ordinary course business obligations. In addition, we expect to continue to pay quarterly dividends and repurchase shares of our common stock pursuant to our authorized common stock share repurchase program (see Item 5, "Market for the Company's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities"). Our future financial results and our ability to continue to meet our liquidity needs are subject to, and will be affected by, cash flows from operations, including the impact of restructuring activities, automotive industry conditions, the financial condition of our customers and suppliers and other related factors. Additionally, an economic downturn or reduction in production levels could negatively impact our financial condition. For further discussion of the risks and uncertainties affecting our cash flows from operations and our overall liquidity, see Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors," "— Executive Overview" above and "— Forward-Looking Statements" below.

Market Risk Sensitivity

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to market risks associated with fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices. We manage a portion of these risks through the use of derivative financial instruments in accordance with our policies. We enter into all hedging transactions for periods consistent with the underlying exposures. We do not enter into derivative instruments for trading purposes.

Foreign Exchange

Operating results may be impacted by our buying, selling and financing in currencies other than the functional currency of our operating companies ("transactional exposure"). We may mitigate a portion of this risk by entering into forward foreign exchange, futures and option contracts. The foreign exchange contracts are executed with banks that we believe are creditworthy. Gains and losses related to foreign exchange contracts are deferred where appropriate and included in the measurement of the foreign currency transaction subject to the hedge. Gains and losses incurred related to foreign exchange contracts are generally offset by the direct effects of currency movements on the underlying transactions.

Currently, our most significant foreign currency transactional exposures relate to the Mexican peso, various European currencies, the Thai baht, the Chinese renminbi, the Brazilian real and the Canadian dollar. We have performed a quantitative analysis of our overall currency rate exposure as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. As of December 31, 2015, the potential adverse earnings impact related to net transactional exposures from a hypothetical 10% strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed for a twelve-month period is approximately \$18 million. The potential earnings benefit related to net transactional exposures from a similar strengthening of the Euro relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed for a twelve-month period is approximately \$10 million. As of December 31, 2014, the potential adverse earnings impact related to net

transactional exposures from a hypothetical 10% strengthening of the U.S. dollar relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed for a twelve-month period was approximately \$16 million. The potential adverse earnings impact related to net transactional exposures from a similar strengthening of the Euro relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed for a twelve-month period was approximately \$1 million.

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As of December 31, 2015, foreign exchange contracts representing \$1.8 billion of notional amount were outstanding with maturities of less than twenty-four months. As of December 31, 2015, the fair value of these contracts was approximately (\$51) million. A 10% change in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed would result in a \$38 million change in the aggregate fair value of these contracts. A 10% change in the value of the Euro relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed would result in a \$63 million change in the aggregate fair value of these contracts. As of December 31, 2014, foreign exchange contracts representing \$1.3 billion of notional amount were outstanding with maturities of less than twenty-four months. As of December 31, 2014, the fair value of these contracts was approximately (\$37) million. A 10% change in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed would result in a \$51 million change in the aggregate fair value of these contracts. A 10% change in the value of the Euro relative to all other currencies to which it is exposed would result in a \$34 million change in the aggregate fair value of these contracts.

There are shortcomings inherent in the sensitivity analysis presented. The analysis assumes that all currencies would uniformly strengthen or weaken relative to the U.S. dollar or Euro. In reality, some currencies may strengthen while others may weaken, causing the earnings impact to increase or decrease depending on the currency and the direction of the rate movement.

In addition to the transactional exposure described above, our operating results are impacted by the translation of our foreign operating income into U.S. dollars ("translational exposure"). In 2015, net sales outside of the United States accounted for 77% of our consolidated net sales, although certain non-U.S. sales are U.S. dollar denominated. We do not enter into foreign exchange contracts to mitigate our translational exposure.

Commodity Prices

Raw material, energy and commodity costs can be volatile. We have developed and implemented strategies to mitigate the impact of higher raw material, energy and commodity costs, such as the selective in-sourcing of components, the continued consolidation of our supply base, longer-term purchase commitments, financial hedges for certain commodities and the selective expansion of low-cost country sourcing and engineering, as well as value engineering and product benchmarking. However, these strategies, together with commercial negotiations with our customers and suppliers, typically offset only a portion of the adverse impact. Certain of these strategies also may limit our opportunities in a declining commodity environment. If these costs increase, it could have an adverse impact on our operating results in the foreseeable future. See Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors — Increases in the costs and restrictions on the availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components could adversely affect our financial performance," and "— Forward-Looking Statements."

We have commodity price risk with respect to purchases of certain raw materials, including steel, copper, diesel fuel, chemicals, resins and leather. Our main cost exposures relate to steel and copper. The majority of the steel used in our products is comprised of fabricated components that are integrated into a seat system, such as seat frames, recliner mechanisms, seat tracks and other mechanical components. Therefore, our exposure to changes in steel prices is primarily indirect, through these purchased components. Approximately 91% of our copper purchases are subject to price index agreements with our customers.

For further information related to the financial instruments described above, see Note 13, "Financial Instruments," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Other Matters**Legal and Environmental Matters**

We are involved from time to time in various legal proceedings and claims, including, without limitation, commercial and contractual disputes, product liability claims and environmental and other matters. As of December 31, 2015, we had recorded reserves for pending legal disputes, including commercial disputes and other matters, of \$9 million. In addition, as of December 31, 2015, we had recorded reserves for product liability claims and environmental matters of \$33 million and \$9 million, respectively. Although these reserves were determined in accordance with GAAP, the ultimate outcomes of these matters are inherently uncertain, and actual results may differ significantly from current estimates. For a description of risks related to various legal proceedings and claims, see Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors." For a more complete description of our outstanding material legal proceedings, see Note

11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Significant Accounting Policies and Critical Accounting Estimates

Our significant accounting policies are more fully described in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report. Certain of our accounting policies require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial

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statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. These estimates and assumptions are based on our historical experience, the terms of existing contracts, our evaluation of trends in the industry, information provided by our customers and suppliers and information available from other outside sources, as appropriate. However, these estimates and assumptions are subject to an inherent degree of uncertainty. As a result, actual results in these areas may differ significantly from our estimates.

We consider an accounting estimate to be critical if it requires us to make assumptions about matters that were uncertain at the time the estimate was made and changes in the estimate would have had a significant impact on our consolidated financial position or results of operations.

Pre-Production Costs Related to Long-Term Supply Agreements

We incur pre-production engineering and development ("E&D") and tooling costs related to the products produced for our customers under long-term supply agreements. We expense all pre-production E&D costs for which reimbursement is not contractually guaranteed by the customer. In addition, we expense all pre-production tooling costs related to customer-owned tools for which reimbursement is not contractually guaranteed by the customer or for which we do not have a non-cancelable right to use the tooling.

A change in the commercial arrangements affecting any of our significant programs that would require us to expense E&D or tooling costs that we currently capitalize could have a material adverse impact on our operating results.

Impairment of Goodwill

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had recorded goodwill of \$1,054 million and \$726 million, respectively. Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment on at least an annual basis. Impairment testing is required more often than annually if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment is more likely than not to have occurred. In conducting our annual impairment testing, we may first perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If not, no further goodwill impairment testing is performed. If it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, or if we elect not to perform a qualitative assessment of a reporting unit, we then compare the fair value of the reporting unit to the related net book value. If the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. We conduct our annual impairment testing as of the first day of our fourth quarter. We utilize an income approach to estimate the fair value of each of our reporting units and a market valuation approach to further support this analysis. The income approach is based on projected debt-free cash flow which is discounted to the present value using discount factors that consider the timing and risk of cash flows. We believe that this approach is appropriate because it provides a fair value estimate based upon the reporting unit's expected long-term operating cash flow performance. This approach also mitigates the impact of cyclical trends that occur in the industry. Fair value is estimated using recent automotive industry and specific platform production volume projections, which are based on both third-party and internally developed forecasts, as well as commercial, wage and benefit, inflation and discount rate assumptions. The discount rate used is the value-weighted average of our estimated cost of equity and of debt ("cost of capital") derived using both known and estimated customary market metrics. Our weighted average cost of capital is adjusted by reporting unit to reflect a risk factor, if necessary. Other significant assumptions include terminal value growth rates, terminal value margin rates, future capital expenditures and changes in future working capital requirements. While there are inherent uncertainties related to the assumptions used and to management's application of these assumptions to this analysis, we believe that the income approach provides a reasonable estimate of the fair value of our reporting units. The market valuation approach is used to further support our analysis and is based on recent transactions involving comparable companies.

In 2015, we performed a combination of qualitative and quantitative assessments of our reporting units. All assessments were completed as of the first day of our fourth quarter. The assessments indicated that the fair value of each of the reporting units exceeded its respective carrying value. We do not believe that any of our reporting units is at risk for impairment.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

We monitor our long-lived assets for impairment indicators on an ongoing basis in accordance with GAAP. If impairment indicators exist, we perform the required impairment analysis by comparing the undiscounted cash flows

expected to be generated from the long-lived assets to the related net book values. If the net book value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. An impairment loss is measured as the difference between the net book value and the fair value of the long-lived assets. Fair value is estimated based upon either discounted cash flow analyses or estimated salvage values. Cash flows are estimated using internal budgets based on recent sales data, independent automotive production

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volume estimates and customer commitments, as well as assumptions related to discount rates. Changes in economic or operating conditions impacting these estimates and assumptions could result in the impairment of our long-lived assets.

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, we recognized fixed asset impairment charges of \$4 million, \$1 million and \$9 million, respectively, in conjunction with our restructuring actions, as well as additional fixed asset impairment charges of \$2 million in each year. See Note 4, "Restructuring," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Impairment of Investments in Affiliates

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, we had aggregate investments in affiliates of \$157 million and \$172 million, respectively. We monitor our investments in affiliates for indicators of other-than-temporary declines in value on an ongoing basis in accordance with GAAP. If we determine that an other-than-temporary decline in value has occurred, we recognize an impairment loss, which is measured as the difference between the recorded book value and the fair value of the investment. Fair value is generally determined using an income approach based on discounted cash flows or negotiated transaction values. A deterioration in industry conditions and decline in the operating results of our non-consolidated affiliates could result in the impairment of our investments.

Restructuring

Accruals have been recorded in conjunction with our restructuring actions. These accruals include estimates primarily related to facility consolidations and closures, employment reductions and contract termination costs. Actual costs may vary from these estimates. Restructuring-related accruals are reviewed on a quarterly basis, and changes to restructuring actions are appropriately recognized when identified.

Legal and Other Contingencies

We are involved from time to time in various legal proceedings and claims, including commercial or contractual disputes, product liability claims and environmental and other matters, that arise in the normal course of business. We routinely assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes related to these matters, as well as ranges of probable losses, by consulting with internal personnel principally involved with such matters and with our outside legal counsel handling such matters. We have accrued for estimated losses in accordance with GAAP for those matters where we believe that the likelihood that a loss has occurred is probable and the amount of the loss is reasonably estimable. The determination of the amount of such reserves is based on knowledge and experience with regard to past and current matters and consultation with internal personnel principally involved with such matters and with our outside legal counsel handling such matters. The amount of such reserves may change in the future due to new developments or changes in circumstances. The inherent uncertainty related to the outcome of these matters can result in amounts materially different from any provisions made with respect to their resolution. See Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Pension and Other Postretirement Defined Benefit Plans

We provide certain pension and other postretirement benefits to our employees and retired employees, including pensions, postretirement health care benefits and other postretirement benefits.

Plan assets and obligations are measured using various actuarial assumptions, such as discount rates, rate of compensation increase, mortality rates, turnover rates and health care cost trend rates, which are determined as of the current year measurement date. The measurement of net periodic benefit cost is based on various actuarial assumptions, including discount rates, expected return on plan assets and rate of compensation increase, which are determined as of the prior year measurement date. We review our actuarial assumptions on an annual basis and modify these assumptions when appropriate. As required by GAAP, the effects of the modifications are recorded currently or are amortized over future periods. In 2014, we adopted a new mortality base table and projection scale based on guidance published by the Society of Actuaries, which increased the projected benefit obligation for our U.S. pension and other postretirement benefit obligations by approximately 5% and 6%, respectively.

Approximately 7% of our active workforce is covered by defined benefit pension plans, and less than 1% of our active workforce is covered by other postretirement benefit plans. Pension plans provide benefits based on plan-specific benefit formulas as defined by the applicable plan documents. Postretirement benefit plans generally provide for the

continuation of medical benefits for all eligible employees. We also have contractual arrangements with certain employees which provide for supplemental retirement benefits. In general, our policy is to fund our pension benefit obligation based on legal requirements, tax and liquidity considerations and local practices. We do not fund our postretirement benefit obligation.

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As of December 31, 2015, our projected benefit obligations related to our pension and other postretirement benefit plans were \$1.1 billion and \$115 million, respectively, and our unfunded pension and other postretirement benefit obligations were \$224 million and \$115 million, respectively. These benefit obligations were valued using a weighted average discount rate of 4.4% and 4.2% for domestic pension and other postretirement benefit plans, respectively, and 3.8% and 4.2% for foreign pension and other postretirement benefit plans, respectively. The determination of the discount rate is generally based on an index created from a hypothetical bond portfolio consisting of high-quality fixed income securities with durations that match the timing of expected benefit payments. Changes in the selected discount rate could have a material impact on our projected benefit obligations and the unfunded status of our pension and other postretirement benefit plans. Decreasing the discount rate by 100 basis points would have increased the projected benefit obligations and unfunded status of our pension and other postretirement benefit plans by approximately \$184 million and \$15 million, respectively.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, net periodic pension benefit cost was \$8 million, and net periodic other postretirement benefit cost was \$5 million. In 2015, net periodic pension benefit cost was calculated using a variety of assumptions, including a weighted average discount rate of 4.1% for domestic and 3.6% for foreign plans and an expected return on plan assets of 7.8% for domestic and 6.5% for foreign plans. The expected return on plan assets is determined based on several factors, including adjusted historical returns, historical risk premiums for various asset classes and target asset allocations within the portfolio. Adjustments made to the historical returns are based on recent return experience in the equity and fixed income markets and the belief that deviations from historical returns are likely over the relevant investment horizon. In 2015, net periodic other postretirement benefit cost was calculated using a discount rate of 3.9% for domestic and 4.0% for foreign plans.

Aggregate net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit cost is forecasted to be approximately \$6 million in 2016. This estimate is based on a weighted average discount rate of 4.4% and 3.8% for domestic and foreign pension plans, respectively, and 4.2% for both domestic and foreign other postretirement benefit plans, as well as an expected return on assets of 7.5% and 6.3% for domestic and foreign pension plans, respectively. Actual cost is also dependent on various other factors related to the employees covered by these plans. Adjustments to our actuarial assumptions could have a material adverse impact on our operating results. Decreasing the discount rate by 100 basis points would increase net periodic pension and other postretirement benefit cost by approximately \$4 million and less than \$1 million, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2016. Decreasing the expected return on plan assets by 100 basis points would increase net periodic pension benefit cost by approximately \$9 million for the year ended December 31, 2016.

For further information related to our pension and other postretirement benefit plans, see "— Liquidity and Financial Condition — Capitalization — Contractual Obligations" above and Note 8, "Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Revenue Recognition and Sales Commitments

We enter into agreements with our customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle's life cycle. Although such agreements do not provide for a specified quantity of products, once we enter into such agreements, we are generally required to fulfill our customers' purchasing requirements for the production life of the vehicle. These agreements generally may be terminated by our customers at any time. Historically, terminations of these agreements have been minimal. Sales are generally recorded upon shipment of product to customers and transfer of title under standard commercial terms. In certain instances, we may be committed under existing agreements to supply products to our customers at selling prices which are not sufficient to cover the direct cost to produce such products. In such situations, we recognize losses as they are incurred.

We receive purchase orders from our customers on an annual basis. Generally, each purchase order provides the annual terms, including pricing, related to a particular vehicle model. Purchase orders do not specify quantities. We recognize revenue based on the pricing terms included in our annual purchase orders. We are asked to provide our customers with annual productivity price reductions as part of certain agreements. We accrue for such amounts as a reduction of revenue as our products are shipped to our customers. In addition, we have ongoing adjustments to our pricing arrangements with our customers based on the related content, the cost of our products and other commercial

factors. Such pricing accruals are adjusted as they are settled with our customers.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes in accordance with GAAP. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and tax loss and credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

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Our current and future provision for income taxes is impacted by the initial recognition of and changes in valuation allowances in certain countries. We intend to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. Our future provision for income taxes will include no tax benefit with respect to losses incurred and, except for certain jurisdictions, no tax expense with respect to income generated in these countries until the respective valuation allowances are eliminated. Accordingly, income taxes are impacted by changes in valuation allowances and the mix of earnings among jurisdictions. We evaluate the realizability of our deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis. In completing this evaluation, we consider all available evidence in order to determine whether, based on the weight of the evidence, a valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets is necessary. Such evidence includes historical results, future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences and expectations for future taxable income (exclusive of the reversal of temporary differences and carryforwards), as well as the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies. If, based on the weight of the evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of our deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. As of December 31, 2015, we had a valuation allowance related to tax loss and credit carryforwards and other deferred tax assets of \$35 million in the United States and \$461 million in several international jurisdictions. If operating results improve or decline on a continual basis in a particular jurisdiction, our decision regarding the need for a valuation allowance could change, resulting in either the initial recognition or reversal of a valuation allowance in that jurisdiction, which could have a significant impact on income tax expense in the period recognized and subsequent periods. In determining the provision for income taxes for financial statement purposes, we make certain estimates and judgments, which affect our evaluation of the carrying value of our deferred tax assets, as well as our calculation of certain tax liabilities.

The calculation of our gross unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities includes uncertainties in the application of, and changes in, complex tax regulations in a multitude of jurisdictions across our global operations. We recognize tax benefits and liabilities based on our estimate of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. We adjust these benefits and liabilities based on changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of these uncertainties and the impact of tax audits, the ultimate resolutions may differ significantly from our estimates. For further information, see "— Forward-Looking Statements," and Note 7, "Income Taxes," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

Fair Value Measurements

We measure certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis using unobservable inputs (Level 3 input based on the GAAP fair value hierarchy). For further information on these fair value measurements, see "— Impairment of Goodwill," "— Impairment of Long-Lived Assets," "— Restructuring" and "— Impairment of Investments in Affiliates" above.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. During 2015, there were no material changes in the methods or policies used to establish estimates and assumptions. Other matters subject to estimation and judgment include amounts related to accounts receivable realization, inventory obsolescence, asset impairments, useful lives of fixed and intangible assets, unsettled pricing discussions with customers and suppliers, restructuring accruals, deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income taxes, pension and other postretirement benefit plan assumptions, accruals related to litigation, warranty and environmental remediation costs and self-insurance accruals. Actual results may differ significantly from our estimates.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

For information on the impact of recently issued accounting pronouncements, see Note 15, "Accounting Pronouncements," to the consolidated financial statements included in this Report.

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Forward-Looking Statements

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a safe harbor for forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. The words "will," "may," "designed to," "outlook," "believes," "should," "anticipates," "plans," "expects," "intends," "estimates," "forecasts" and similar expressions identify certain of these forward-looking statements. We also may provide forward-looking statements in oral statements or other written materials released to the public. All such forward-looking statements contained or incorporated in this Report or in any other public statements which address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate may occur in the future, including, without limitation, statements related to business opportunities, awarded sales contracts, sales backlog and ongoing commercial arrangements, or statements expressing views about future operating results, are forward-looking statements. Actual results may differ materially from any or all forward-looking statements made by us. Important factors, risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results to differ materially from anticipated results include, but are not limited to:

- general economic conditions in the markets in which we operate, including changes in interest rates or currency exchange rates;
- currency controls and the ability to economically hedge currencies;
- the financial condition and restructuring actions of our customers and suppliers;
- changes in actual industry vehicle production levels from our current estimates;
 - fluctuations in the production of vehicles or the loss of business with respect to, or the lack of commercial success of, a vehicle model for which we are a significant supplier;
- disruptions in the relationships with our suppliers;
 - labor disputes involving us or our significant customers or suppliers or that otherwise affect us;
- the outcome of customer negotiations and the impact of customer-imposed price reductions;
- the impact and timing of program launch costs and our management of new program launches;
- the costs, timing and success of restructuring actions;
- increases in our warranty, product liability or recall costs;
- risks associated with conducting business in foreign countries;
- the impact of regulations on our foreign operations;
- the operational and financial success of our joint ventures;
- competitive conditions impacting us and our key customers and suppliers;
- disruptions to our information technology systems, including those related to cybersecurity;
- the cost and availability of raw materials, energy, commodities and product components and our ability to mitigate such costs;
- the outcome of legal or regulatory proceedings to which we are or may become a party;
- the impact of pending legislation and regulations or changes in existing federal, state, local or foreign laws or regulations;
- unanticipated changes in cash flow, including our ability to align our vendor payment terms with those of our customers;
- limitations imposed by our existing indebtedness and our ability to access capital markets on commercially reasonable terms;

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• impairment charges initiated by adverse industry or market developments;
• our ability to execute our strategic objectives;
• changes in discount rates and the actual return on pension assets;
• costs associated with compliance with environmental laws and regulations;
• developments or assertions by or against us relating to intellectual property rights;
• our ability to utilize our net operating loss, capital loss and tax credit carryforwards;
• global sovereign fiscal matters and creditworthiness, including potential defaults and the related impacts on economic activity, including the possible effects on credit markets, currency values, monetary unions, international treaties and fiscal policies; and
• other risks, described in Part I — Item 1A, "Risk Factors," as well as the risks and information provided from time to time in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The forward-looking statements in this Report are made as of the date hereof, and we do not assume any obligation to update, amend or clarify them to reflect events, new information or circumstances occurring after the date hereof.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Lear Corporation

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Lear Corporation and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2015. Our audits also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a). 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 Lear Corporation and subsidiaries at December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 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), Lear Corporation's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 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 February 9, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP
Detroit, Michigan
February 9, 2016

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on
Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Lear Corporation

We have audited Lear Corporation and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 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). Lear Corporation 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 Annual 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.

As indicated in the accompanying Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, management's assessment of and conclusion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting did not include the internal controls of Everett Smith Group, Ltd. ("Eagle Ottawa"), which is included in the 2015 consolidated financial statements of Lear Corporation and subsidiaries and constituted 11% of total assets as of December 31, 2015, and 5% of net sales for the year then ended. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting of Lear Corporation and subsidiaries also did not include an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting of Eagle Ottawa. In our opinion, Lear Corporation and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 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 2015 consolidated financial statements of Lear Corporation and subsidiaries, and our report dated February 9, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Detroit, Michigan

February 9, 2016

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CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except share data)

December 31,	2015	2014
Assets		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,196.6	\$1,094.1
Accounts receivable	2,590.0	2,471.7
Inventories	947.6	853.7
Other	552.4	746.1
Total current assets	5,286.6	5,165.6
Long-Term Assets:		
Property, plant and equipment, net	1,826.5	1,624.7
Goodwill	1,053.8	726.2
Other	1,238.9	1,596.6
Total long-term assets	4,119.2	3,947.5
Total assets	\$9,405.8	\$9,113.1
Liabilities and Equity		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and drafts	\$2,504.4	\$2,525.3
Accrued liabilities	1,312.1	1,179.3
Current portion of long-term debt	23.1	240.5
Total current liabilities	3,839.6	3,945.1
Long-Term Liabilities:		
Long-term debt	1,931.7	1,454.0
Other	616.8	684.7
Total long-term liabilities	2,548.5	2,138.7
Equity:		
Preferred stock, 100,000,000 shares authorized (including 10,896,250 shares of Series A convertible preferred stock authorized); no shares outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value, 300,000,000 shares authorized; 80,563,291 shares issued as of December 31, 2015 and 2014	0.8	0.8
Additional paid-in capital	1,451.9	1,475.2
Common stock held in treasury, 6,099,078 and 2,541,306 shares as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, at cost	(623.0)	(176.9)
Retained earnings	2,827.8	2,161.7
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(730.1)	(502.0)
Lear Corporation stockholders' equity	2,927.4	2,958.8
Noncontrolling interests	90.3	70.5
Equity	3,017.7	3,029.3
Total liabilities and equity	\$9,405.8	\$9,113.1

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated balance sheets.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In millions, except share and per share data)

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013	
Net sales	\$18,211.4	\$17,727.3	\$16,234.0	
Cost of sales	16,391.6	16,234.5	14,934.3	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	580.5	529.9	528.7	
Amortization of intangible assets	52.5	33.7	34.4	
Interest expense	86.7	67.5	68.4	
Other expense, net	68.6	74.3	58.1	
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	1,031.5	787.4	610.1	
Provision for income taxes	285.5	121.4	192.7	
Equity in net income of affiliates	(49.8) (36.3) (38.4)
Consolidated net income	795.8	702.3	455.8	
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	50.3	29.9	24.4	
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	\$672.4	\$431.4	
Basic net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.71	\$8.39	\$5.07	
Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.59	\$8.23	\$4.99	
Average common shares outstanding	76,754,270	80,187,516	85,094,889	
Average diluted shares outstanding	77,767,017	81,728,479	86,415,786	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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LEAR CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In millions)

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Consolidated net income	\$795.8	\$702.3	\$455.8
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Defined benefit plan adjustments	24.6	(114.7	) 145.4
Derivative instruments and hedging activities	(5.5	) (27.9	) (8.0
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(251.1	) (195.2	) (1.2
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	(232.0	) (337.8	) 136.2
Consolidated comprehensive income	563.8	364.5	592.0
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	46.4	28.0	25.9
Comprehensive income attributable to Lear	\$517.4	\$336.5	\$566.1

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

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LEAR CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY
(In millions, except share data)

	Preferred Stock	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Common Stock Held in Treasury	Retained Earnings
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$—	\$1.1	\$2,155.7	\$(517.9)	\$2,149.0
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income	—	—	—	—	431.4
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	431.4
Issuance of 195,974 shares of common stock related to exercises of warrants	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	59.4	(4.1)	—
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	0.1	—	—
Issuances of 207,468 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$45.11 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation	—	—	(9.4)	9.4	—
Repurchases of 15,533,758 shares of common stock at an average price of \$54.08 per share	—	—	(160.0)	(840.1)	—
Retirement of 20,000,000 shares held in treasury at average price of \$49.53 per share	—	(0.2)	(389.7)	990.6	(600.7)
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	—	(59.4)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—
Acquisition of outstanding noncontrolling interests	—	—	(3.2)	—	—
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$—	\$0.9	\$1,652.9	\$(362.1)	\$1,920.3
Comprehensive income (loss):					
Net income	—	—	—	—	672.4
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	672.4
Issuance of 205,526 shares of common stock related to exercises of warrants	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	70.7	(22.4)	—
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	0.9	—	—
Issuances of 868,746 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$50.19 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation	—	—	(43.6)	43.6	—
Repurchases of 3,805,114 shares of common stock at an average price of \$93.52 per share	—	—	(55.5)	(355.9)	—
Retirement of 8,000,000 shares held in treasury at average price of \$64.98 per share	—	(0.1)	(155.9)	519.9	(363.9)
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	—	(67.1)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—
Acquisition of outstanding noncontrolling interests	—	—	5.7	—	—
Sale of controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$—	\$0.8	\$1,475.2	\$(176.9)	\$2,161.7
Comprehensive income (loss):					

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Net income	—	—	—	—	745.5
Other comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	—
Total comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	—	745.5
Stock-based compensation	—	—	65.7	(50.2) —
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	2.5	—	—
Issuances of 807,015 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$113.38 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation	—	—	(91.5	) 91.5	—
Repurchases of 4,366,365 shares of common stock at an average price of \$111.62 per share	—	—	—	(487.4) —
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	—	(79.4)
Dividends declared to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	—
Sale of controlling interest	—	—	—	—	—
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$—	\$0.8	\$1,451.9	\$(623.0) \$2,827.8

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(In millions, except share data)

	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss, net of tax					
	Defined Benefit Plans	Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Lear Corporation Stockholder Equity	Non-controlling Interests	Equity
Balance at December 31, 2012	\$ (249.9)	\$ 2.7	\$ (53.6)	\$ 3,487.1	\$ 125.1	\$ 3,612.2
Comprehensive income (loss):						
Net income	—	—	—	431.4	24.4	455.8
Other comprehensive income (loss)	145.4	(8.0)	(2.7)	134.7	1.5	136.2
Total comprehensive income (loss)	145.4	(8.0)	(2.7)	566.1	25.9	592.0
Issuance of 195,974 shares of common stock related to exercises of warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	55.3	—	55.3
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	—	0.1	—	0.1
Issuances of 207,468 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$45.11 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchases of 15,533,758 shares of common stock at an average price of \$54.08 per share	—	—	—	(1,000.1)	—	(1,000.1)
Retirement of 20,000,000 shares held in treasury at average price of \$49.53 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	(59.4)	—	(59.4)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	(44.0)	(44.0)
Acquisition of outstanding noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	(3.2)	(3.4)	(6.6)
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$ (104.5)	\$ (5.3)	\$ (56.3)	\$ 3,045.9	\$ 103.6	\$ 3,149.5
Comprehensive income (loss):						
Net income	—	—	—	672.4	29.9	702.3
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(114.7)	(27.9)	(193.3)	(335.9)	(1.9)	(337.8)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	(114.7)	(27.9)	(193.3)	336.5	28.0	364.5
Issuance of 205,526 shares of common stock related to exercises of warrants	—	—	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	48.3	—	48.3
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	—	0.9	—	0.9
	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Issuances of 868,746 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$50.19 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation						
Repurchases of 3,805,114 shares of common stock at an average price of \$93.52 per share	—	—	—	(411.4)	—	(411.4)
Retirement of 8,000,000 shares held in treasury at average price of \$64.98 per share	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	(67.1)	—	(67.1)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	(25.9)	(25.9)
Acquisition of outstanding noncontrolling interests				5.7	(23.7)	(18.0)
Sale of controlling interest	—	—	—	—	(11.5)	(11.5)
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ (219.2)	\$ (33.2)	\$ (249.6)	\$2,958.8	\$ 70.5	\$3,029.3
Comprehensive income (loss):						
Net income	—	—	—	745.5	50.3	795.8
Other comprehensive income (loss)	24.6	(5.5)	(247.2)	(228.1)	(3.9)	(232.0)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	24.6	(5.5)	(247.2)	517.4	46.4	563.8
Stock-based compensation	—	—	—	15.5	—	15.5
Excess tax benefits related to stock-based compensation	—	—	—	2.5	—	2.5
Issuances of 807,015 shares held in treasury at an average price of \$113.38 per share in settlement of stock-based compensation	—	—	—	—	—	—
Repurchases of 4,366,365 shares of common stock at an average price of \$111.62 per share	—	—	—	(487.4)	—	(487.4)
Dividends declared to Lear Corporation stockholders	—	—	—	(79.4)	—	(79.4)
Dividends declared to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	(29.3)	(29.3)
Additions to noncontrolling interests	—	—	—	—	2.7	2.7
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ (194.6)	\$ (38.7)	\$ (496.8)	\$2,927.4	\$ 90.3	\$3,017.7

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In millions)

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013	
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:				
Consolidated net income	\$795.8	\$702.3	\$455.8	
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided by operating activities –				
Equity in net income of affiliates	(49.8) (36.3) (38.4)
Loss on extinguishment of debt	14.3	17.9	3.6	
Fixed asset impairment charges	5.7	2.6	11.1	
Deferred tax provision (benefit)	48.6	(58.0	) 45.4
Depreciation and amortization	347.8	310.9	285.5	
Stock-based compensation	65.7	70.7	59.4	
Net change in recoverable customer engineering, development and tooling	(57.8	) 7.6	3.2
Net change in working capital items (see below)	58.0	(140.2) (8.2)
Changes in other long-term liabilities	(20.2) 5.4	(25.6)
Changes in other long-term assets	44.3	41.4	12.9	
Other, net	18.7	3.5	15.4	
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,271.1	927.8	820.1	
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(485.8) (424.7) (460.6)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired and use of \$350 million restricted cash in 2015 (see non-cash investing activities below) (Note 3)	(499.2) —	—	
Cash restricted for use - acquisition of Eagle Ottawa	—	(350.0) —	
Insurance proceeds	—	—	7.1	
Other, net	19.7	(5.9	) 49.6
Net cash used in investing activities	(965.3) (780.6) (403.9)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:				
Credit agreement borrowings	500.0	—	—	
Credit agreement repayments	(9.4) —	—	
Proceeds from the issuance of senior notes	—	975.0	500.0	
Repurchase of senior notes, net of use of \$250 million restricted cash in 2015 (see non-cash financing activities below) (Note 6)	(5.0) (327.1) (72.1)
Payment of debt issuance and other financing costs	—	(18.1) (13.4)
Cash restricted for use - repurchase of senior notes	—	(250.0) —	
Repurchase of common stock	(487.4) (411.4) (1,000.1)
Dividends paid to Lear Corporation stockholders	(78.5) (65.3) (58.4)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	(27.8) (25.9) (44.0)
Other, net	(48.2) (38.0) (10.5)
Net cash used in financing activities	(156.3) (160.8) (698.5)
Effect of foreign currency translation	(47.0	) (30.0	) 17.8
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	102.5	(43.6) (264.5)
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of Beginning of Period	1,094.1	1,137.7	1,402.2	
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of End of Period	\$1,196.6	\$1,094.1	\$1,137.7	
Changes in Working Capital Items:				
Accounts receivable	\$(173.4) \$(358.7) \$(239.6)

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Inventories	4.1	(91.2) (102.0)
Accounts payable (including \$45.7 million of cash paid in 2015 in conjunction with the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa to settle pre-existing accounts payable)	76.2	231.3	189.5	
Accrued liabilities and other	151.1	78.4	143.9	
Net change in working capital items	\$58.0	\$(140.2	) \$(8.2)
Supplementary Disclosure:				
Cash paid for interest	\$85.6	\$70.7	\$64.2	
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds received of \$11.9 million in 2015, \$24.0 million in 2014 and \$12.6 million in 2013	\$218.7	\$154.6	\$152.9	
Non-cash Investing Activities:				
Cash restricted for use - acquisition of Eagle Ottawa	\$(350.0) \$—	\$—	
Non-cash Financing Activities:				
Cash restricted for use - repurchase of senior notes	\$(250.0) \$—	\$—	

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(1) Basis of Presentation

Lear Corporation ("Lear," and together with its consolidated subsidiaries, the "Company") and its affiliates design and manufacture automotive seating and electrical distribution systems and related components. The Company's main customers are automotive original equipment manufacturers. The Company operates facilities worldwide.

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Lear, a Delaware corporation, and the wholly owned and less than wholly owned subsidiaries controlled by Lear.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Consolidation

Lear consolidates all entities, including variable interest entities, in which it has a controlling financial interest. Investments in affiliates in which Lear does not have control, but does have the ability to exercise significant influence over operating and financial policies, are accounted for under the equity method (Note 5, "Investments in Affiliates and Other Related Party Transactions").

Fiscal Period Reporting

The Company's annual financial results are reported on a calendar year basis, and quarterly interim results are reported using a thirteen week reporting calendar.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments with original maturities of ninety days or less.

Accounts Receivable

The Company records accounts receivable as title is transferred to its customers. The Company's customers are the world's major automotive manufacturers. The Company records accounts receivable reserves for known collectibility issues, as such issues relate to specific transactions or customer balances. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, accounts receivable are reflected net of reserves of \$34.4 million and \$27.5 million, respectively. The Company writes off accounts receivable when it becomes apparent, based upon age or customer circumstances, that such amounts will not be collected. Generally, the Company does not require collateral for its accounts receivable.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Cost is determined using the first-in, first-out method. Finished goods and work-in-process inventories include material, labor and manufacturing overhead costs. The Company records reserves for inventory in excess of production and/or forecasted requirements and for obsolete inventory in production and service inventories. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, inventories are reflected net of reserves of \$101.3 million and \$95.1 million, respectively. A summary of inventories is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Raw materials	\$706.8	\$668.3
Work-in-process	90.2	45.6
Finished goods	150.6	139.8
Inventories	\$947.6	\$853.7

Pre-Production Costs Related to Long-Term Supply Agreements

The Company incurs pre-production engineering and development ("E&D") and tooling costs related to the products produced for its customers under long-term supply agreements. The Company expenses all pre-production E&D costs for which reimbursement is not contractually guaranteed by the customer. In addition, the Company expenses all pre-production tooling costs related to customer-owned tools for which reimbursement is not contractually guaranteed by the customer or for which the Company does not have a non-cancelable right to use the tooling. During 2015 and 2014, the Company capitalized \$193.7 million and \$232.3 million, respectively, of pre-production E&D costs for which reimbursement is contractually guaranteed by the customer. During 2015 and 2014, the Company also capitalized \$121.0 million and \$177.7 million, respectively, of pre-

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production tooling costs related to customer-owned tools for which reimbursement is contractually guaranteed by the customer or for which the Company has a non-cancelable right to use the tooling. These amounts are included in other current and long-term assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. During 2015 and 2014, the Company collected \$266.4 million and \$395.8 million, respectively, of cash related to E&D and tooling costs.

The classification of recoverable customer E&D and tooling costs related to long-term supply agreements is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Current	\$162.0	\$121.1
Long-term	53.7	47.6
Recoverable customer E&D and tooling	\$215.7	\$168.7

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost. Costs associated with the repair and maintenance of the Company's property, plant and equipment are expensed as incurred. Costs associated with improvements which extend the life, increase the capacity or improve the efficiency or safety of the Company's property, plant and equipment are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related asset. Depreciable property is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets, using principally the straight-line method as follows:

Buildings and improvements	10 to 40 years
Machinery and equipment	5 to 10 years

A summary of property, plant and equipment is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Land	\$97.9	\$105.2
Buildings and improvements	560.4	523.5
Machinery and equipment	2,125.8	1,847.0
Construction in progress	274.9	186.9
Total property, plant and equipment	3,059.0	2,662.6
Less – accumulated depreciation	(1,232.5	) (1,037.9
Net property, plant and equipment	\$1,826.5	\$1,624.7

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, depreciation expense was \$295.3 million, \$277.2 million and \$251.1 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, capital expenditures recorded in accounts payable totaled \$117.7 million, \$112.8 million and \$98.9 million, respectively.

Impairment of Goodwill

Goodwill is not amortized but is tested for impairment on at least an annual basis. Impairment testing is required more often than annually if an event or circumstance indicates that an impairment is more likely than not to have occurred. In conducting its annual impairment testing, the Company may first perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If not, no further goodwill impairment testing is required. If it is more likely than not that a reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount, or if the Company elects not to perform a qualitative assessment of a reporting unit, the Company then compares the fair value of the reporting unit to the related net book value. If the net book value of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. The Company conducts its annual impairment testing as of the first day of its fourth quarter.

The Company utilizes an income approach to estimate the fair value of each of its reporting units and a market valuation approach to further support this analysis. The income approach is based on projected debt-free cash flow which is discounted to the present value using discount factors that consider the timing and risk of cash flows. The Company believes that this approach is appropriate because it provides a fair value estimate based upon the reporting unit's expected long-term operating cash flow performance. This approach also mitigates the impact of cyclical trends

that occur in the industry. Fair value is

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estimated using recent automotive industry and specific platform production volume projections, which are based on both third-party and internally developed forecasts, as well as commercial, wage and benefit, inflation and discount rate assumptions. The discount rate used is the value-weighted average of the Company's estimated cost of equity and of debt ("cost of capital") derived using both known and estimated customary market metrics. The Company's weighted average cost of capital is adjusted by reporting unit to reflect a risk factor, if necessary. Other significant assumptions include terminal value growth rates, terminal value margin rates, future capital expenditures and changes in future working capital requirements. While there are inherent uncertainties related to the assumptions used and to management's application of these assumptions to this analysis, the Company believes that the income approach provides a reasonable estimate of the fair value of its reporting units. The market valuation approach is used to further support the Company's analysis and is based on recent transactions involving comparable companies.

In 2015, the Company performed a combination of qualitative and quantitative assessments of its reporting units. All assessments were completed as of the first day of the Company's fourth quarter. The assessments indicated that the fair value of each of the reporting units exceeded its respective carrying value. The Company does not believe that any of its reporting units is at risk for impairment.

A summary of the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for each of the periods in the two years ended December 31, 2015, is shown below (in millions):

	Seating	Electrical	Total
Balance as of December 31, 2013	\$757.2	\$—	\$757.2
Foreign currency translation and other	(31.0	) —	(31.0
Balance as of December 31, 2014	726.2	—	726.2
Acquisitions	343.7	27.0	370.7
Foreign currency translation and other	(43.1	) —	(43.1
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$1,026.8	\$27.0	\$1,053.8

Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consist primarily of certain intangible assets recorded in connection with the adoption of fresh-start accounting in 2009 and the acquisitions of Guilford Mills in 2012 and Everett Smith Group, Ltd., the parent company of Eagle Ottawa, LLC, in 2015 (Note 3, "Acquisition"). These intangible assets were recorded at their estimated fair value, based on independent appraisals, as of the transaction or acquisition date. The technology intangible asset includes the Company's proprietary patents. The value assigned to technology intangibles is based on the royalty savings method, which applies a hypothetical royalty rate to projected revenues attributable to the identified technologies. Royalty rates were determined based primarily on analysis of market information. The customer-based intangible asset includes the Company's established relationships with its customers and the ability of these customers to generate future economic profits for the Company. The value assigned to customer-based intangibles is based on the present value of future earnings attributable to the asset group after recognition of required returns to other contributory assets. A summary of intangible assets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, is shown below (in millions):

	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Weighted Average Useful Life (years)
Technology	\$31.1	\$(19.4	) \$11.7	7.7
Customer-based	406.0	(172.4	) 233.6	8.8
Other	10.9	—	10.9	5.7
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$448.0	\$(191.8	) \$256.2	8.7
	Gross Carrying Value	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Value	Weighted Average Useful Life (years)
Technology	\$31.4	\$(16.3) \$15.1	9.0

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Customer-based	214.9	(137.5) 77.4	8.2
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$246.3	\$(153.8) \$92.5	8.4

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Excluding the impact of any future acquisitions, the Company's estimated annual amortization expense for the five succeeding years is shown below (in millions):

Year	Expense
2016	\$49.7
2017	30.5
2018	28.7
2019	28.4
2020	26.6

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

The Company monitors its long-lived assets for impairment indicators on an ongoing basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). If impairment indicators exist, the Company performs the required impairment analysis by comparing the undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated from the long-lived assets to the related net book values. If the net book value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows, an impairment loss is measured and recognized. An impairment loss is measured as the difference between the net book value and the fair value of the long-lived assets. Fair value is estimated based upon either discounted cash flow analyses or estimated salvage values. Cash flows are estimated using internal budgets based on recent sales data, independent automotive production volume estimates and customer commitments, as well as assumptions related to discount rates.

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized fixed asset impairment charges of \$3.9 million, \$0.5 million and \$9.2 million, respectively, in conjunction with its restructuring actions (Note 4, "Restructuring"), as well as additional fixed asset impairment charges of \$1.8 million, \$2.1 million and \$1.9 million, respectively.

Fixed asset impairment charges are recorded in cost of sales in the accompanying consolidated statements of income for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013.

Impairment of Investments in Affiliates

The Company monitors its investments in affiliates for indicators of other-than-temporary declines in value on an ongoing basis in accordance with GAAP. If the Company determines that an other-than-temporary decline in value has occurred, it recognizes an impairment loss, which is measured as the difference between the recorded book value and the fair value of the investment. Fair value is generally determined using an income approach based on discounted cash flows or negotiated transaction values.

Revenue Recognition and Sales Commitments

The Company enters into agreements with its customers to produce products at the beginning of a vehicle's life cycle. Although such agreements do not provide for a specified quantity of products, once the Company enters into such agreements, the Company is generally required to fulfill its customers' purchasing requirements for the production life of the vehicle. These agreements generally may be terminated by the Company's customers at any time. Historically, terminations of these agreements have been minimal. Sales are generally recorded upon shipment of product to customers and transfer of title under standard commercial terms. In certain instances, the Company may be committed under existing agreements to supply products to its customers at selling prices which are not sufficient to cover the direct cost to produce such products. In such situations, the Company recognizes losses as they are incurred.

The Company receives purchase orders from its customers on an annual basis. Generally, each purchase order provides the annual terms, including pricing, related to a particular vehicle model. Purchase orders do not specify quantities. The Company recognizes revenue based on the pricing terms included in its annual purchase orders. The Company is asked to provide its customers with annual price reductions as part of certain agreements. The Company accrues for such amounts as a reduction of revenue as its products are shipped to its customers. In addition, the Company has ongoing adjustments to its pricing arrangements with its customers based on the related content, the cost of its products and other commercial factors. Such pricing accruals are adjusted as they are settled with the Company's

customers.

Amounts billed to customers related to shipping and handling costs are included in net sales in the consolidated statements of income. Shipping and handling costs are included in cost of sales in the consolidated statements of income.

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Cost of Sales and Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

Cost of sales includes material, labor and overhead costs associated with the manufacture and distribution of the Company's products. Distribution costs include inbound freight costs, purchasing and receiving costs, inspection costs, warehousing costs and other costs of the Company's distribution network. Selling, general and administrative expenses include selling, engineering and development and administrative costs not directly associated with the manufacture and distribution of the Company's products.

Restructuring Costs

Restructuring costs include employee termination benefits, fixed asset impairment charges and contract termination costs, as well as other incremental costs resulting from the restructuring actions. These incremental costs principally include equipment and personnel relocation costs. The Company also incurs incremental manufacturing inefficiency costs at the operating locations impacted by the restructuring actions during the related restructuring implementation period. Restructuring costs are recognized in the Company's consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Generally, charges are recorded as restructuring actions are approved and/or implemented.

Engineering and Development

Costs incurred in connection with the development of new products and manufacturing methods within one year of launch, to the extent not recoverable from the Company's customers, are charged to cost of sales as incurred. Such costs are charged to selling, general and administrative expenses when incurred more than one year prior to launch. Engineering and development costs charged to selling, general and administrative expenses totaled \$126.8 million, \$102.0 million and \$108.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Other Expense, Net

Other expense, net includes non-income related taxes, foreign exchange gains and losses, gains and losses related to certain derivative instruments and hedging activities, gains and losses on the extinguishment of debt (Note 6, "Debt"), gains and losses on the disposal of fixed assets (Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies") and other miscellaneous income and expense. A summary of other expense, net is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Other expense	\$71.4	\$82.4	\$59.9
Other income	(2.8	) (8.1	) (1.8
Other expense, net	\$68.6	\$74.3	\$58.1

Income Taxes

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and tax loss and credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The Company's current and future provision for income taxes is impacted by the initial recognition of and changes in valuation allowances in certain countries. The Company intends to maintain these allowances until it is more likely than not that the deferred tax assets will be realized. The Company's future provision for income taxes will include no tax benefit with respect to losses incurred and, except for certain jurisdictions, no tax expense with respect to income generated in these countries until the respective valuation allowances are eliminated. Accordingly, income taxes are impacted by changes in valuation allowances and the mix of earnings among jurisdictions. The Company evaluates the realizability of its deferred tax assets on a quarterly basis. In completing this evaluation, the Company considers all available evidence in order to determine whether, based on the weight of the evidence, a valuation allowance for its deferred tax assets is necessary. Such evidence includes historical results, future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences and expectations for future taxable income (exclusive of the reversal of temporary differences and carryforwards), as well as the implementation of feasible and prudent tax planning strategies. If, based on the weight of the evidence, it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the Company's deferred tax assets will not be realized, a valuation allowance is recorded. If operating results improve or decline on a continual basis in a particular

jurisdiction, the Company's decision regarding the need for a valuation allowance could change, resulting in either the initial recognition or reversal of a valuation allowance in that jurisdiction, which could have a significant impact on income tax expense in the period recognized and subsequent periods. In determining the provision for income taxes for financial statement

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purposes, the Company makes certain estimates and judgments, which affect its evaluation of the carrying value of its deferred tax assets, as well as its calculation of certain tax liabilities.

The calculation of the Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits and liabilities includes uncertainties in the application of, and changes in, complex tax regulations in a multitude of jurisdictions across its global operations. The Company recognizes tax benefits and liabilities based on its estimates of whether, and the extent to which, additional taxes will be due. The Company adjusts these benefits and liabilities based on changing facts and circumstances; however, due to the complexity of these uncertainties and the impact of tax audits, the ultimate resolutions may differ significantly from the Company's estimates.

Foreign Currency Translation

Assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries that use a functional currency other than the U.S. dollar are translated into U.S. dollars at the foreign exchange rates in effect at the end of the period. Revenues and expenses of foreign subsidiaries are translated into U.S. dollars using an average of the foreign exchange rates in effect during the period. Translation adjustments that arise from translating a foreign subsidiary's financial statements from the functional currency to the U.S. dollar are reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheets. Transaction gains and losses that arise from foreign exchange rate fluctuations on transactions denominated in a currency other than the functional currency, except certain long-term intercompany transactions, are included in the consolidated statements of income as incurred. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, other expense, net includes net foreign currency transaction losses of \$28.5 million, \$32.1 million and \$28.3 million, respectively.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company measures stock-based employee compensation expense at fair value in accordance with GAAP and recognizes such expense over the vesting period of the stock-based employee awards.

Net Income Per Share Attributable to Lear

Basic net income per share attributable to Lear is computed using the two-class method by dividing net income attributable to Lear, after deducting undistributed earnings allocated to participating securities, by the average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Common shares issuable upon the satisfaction of certain conditions pursuant to a contractual agreement are considered common shares outstanding and are included in the computation of basic net income per share attributable to Lear.

Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear is computed using the treasury stock method by dividing net income attributable to Lear by the average number of common shares outstanding, including the dilutive effect of common stock equivalents using the average share price during the period.

A summary of information used to compute basic net income per share attributable to Lear is shown below (in millions, except share and per share data):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	\$672.4	\$431.4
Average common shares outstanding	76,754,270	80,187,516	85,094,889
Basic net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.71	\$8.39	\$5.07

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A summary of information used to compute diluted net income per share attributable to Lear is shown below (in millions, except share and per share data):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	\$672.4	\$431.4
Average common shares outstanding	76,754,270	80,187,516	85,094,889
Dilutive effect of common stock equivalents	1,012,747	1,540,963	1,320,897
Average diluted shares outstanding	77,767,017	81,728,479	86,415,786
Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear	\$9.59	\$8.23	\$4.99

Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income is defined as all changes in the Company's net assets except changes resulting from transactions with stockholders. It differs from net income in that certain items recorded in equity are included in comprehensive income.

A summary of changes in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Defined benefit plans:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$(219.2)	\$(104.5)	\$(249.9)
Reclassification adjustments (net of tax expense of \$1.4 million, \$— million and \$4.4 million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	4.2	0.1	11.0
Other comprehensive income (loss) recognized during the period (net of tax benefit (expense) of (\$6.9) million, \$56.5 million and (\$65.7) million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	20.4	(114.8)	134.4
Balance at end of year	\$(194.6)	\$(219.2)	\$(104.5)
Derivative instruments and hedging activities:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$(33.2)	\$(5.3)	\$2.7
Reclassification adjustments (net of tax benefit (expense) of (\$14.9) million, \$1.8 million and \$11.3 million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	23.7	(6.4)	(20.9)
Other comprehensive income (loss) recognized during the period (net of tax benefit (expense) of \$18.4 million, \$13.0 million and (\$6.0) million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	(29.2)	(21.5)	12.9
Balance at end of year	\$(38.7)	\$(33.2)	\$(5.3)
Cumulative translation adjustments:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$(249.6)	\$(56.3)	\$(53.6)
Other comprehensive loss recognized during the period (net of tax benefit (expense) of \$6.0 million, \$7.4 million and (\$0.5) million in 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	(247.2)	(193.3)	(2.7)
Balance at end of year	\$(496.8)	\$(249.6)	\$(56.3)

Other comprehensive loss related to cumulative translation adjustments includes pretax income (loss) related to intercompany transactions for which settlement is not planned or anticipated in the foreseeable future of (\$10.7) million, (\$18.7) million and \$4.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Product Warranty

Product warranty reserves are recorded when liability is probable and related amounts are reasonably estimable.

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Segment Reporting

The Company has two reportable operating segments: seating, which includes complete seat systems and all major seat components, including seat covers and surface materials such as leather and fabric, seat structures and mechanisms, seat foam and headrests, and electrical, which includes complete electrical distribution systems, electronic control modules and wireless modules. Key components in the electrical distribution system include wiring harnesses, terminals and connectors, junction boxes and high power components for hybrid and electric vehicles. The other category includes unallocated costs related to corporate headquarters, regional headquarters and the elimination of intercompany activities, none of which meets the requirements for being classified as an operating segment.

Each of the Company's operating segments reports its results from operations and makes its requests for capital expenditures directly to the chief operating decision-making group. The economic performance of each operating segment is driven primarily by automotive production volumes in the geographic regions in which it operates, as well as by the success of the vehicle platforms for which it supplies products. Also, each operating segment operates in the competitive Tier 1 automotive supplier environment and is continually working with its customers to manage costs and improve quality. The Company's production processes generally make use of hourly labor, dedicated facilities, sequential manufacturing and assembly processes and commodity raw materials.

The Company evaluates the performance of its operating segments based primarily on (i) revenues from external customers, (ii) pretax income before equity in net income of affiliates, interest expense and other expense, ("segment earnings") and (iii) cash flows, being defined as segment earnings less capital expenditures plus depreciation and amortization.

The accounting policies of the Company's operating segments are the same as those described in this note to the consolidated financial statements.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company has used derivative financial instruments, including forwards, futures, options, swaps and other derivative contracts, to reduce the effects of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices and the resulting variability of the Company's operating results. The Company is not a party to leveraged derivatives.

The Company's derivative financial instruments are subject to master netting arrangements that provide for the net settlement of contracts, by counterparty, in the event of default or termination. On the date that a derivative contract is entered into, the Company designates the derivative as either (1) a hedge of the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment (a fair value hedge), (2) a hedge of the exposure of a forecasted transaction or of the variability in the cash flows of a recognized asset or liability (a cash flow hedge) or (3) a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation (a net investment hedge).

For a fair value hedge, both the effective and ineffective portions of the change in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income on the same line as the gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk. For a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheet. When the underlying hedged transaction is realized, the gain or loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss is recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income on the same line as the gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk. For a net investment hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded in cumulative translation adjustment, which is a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheet. In addition, for both cash flow and net investment hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative that are excluded from the Company's effectiveness assessments and the ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income as other expense, net.

The Company formally documents its hedge relationships, including the identification of the hedging instruments and the related hedged items, as well as its risk management objectives and strategies for undertaking the hedge transaction. Derivatives are recorded at fair value in other current and long-term assets and other current and

long-term liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet. The Company also formally assesses, both at inception and at least quarterly thereafter, whether a derivative used in a hedging transaction is highly effective in offsetting changes in either the fair value or the cash flows of the hedged item. When it is determined that a derivative ceases to be highly effective, the Company discontinues hedge accounting.

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Use of Estimates

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of the date of the consolidated financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. During 2015, there were no material changes in the methods or policies used to establish estimates and assumptions. Other matters subject to estimation and judgment include amounts related to accounts receivable realization, inventory obsolescence, asset impairments, useful lives of fixed and intangible assets and unsettled pricing discussions with customers and suppliers (Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies"); acquisitions (Note 3, "Acquisition"); restructuring accruals (Note 4, "Restructuring"); deferred tax asset valuation allowances and income taxes (Note 7, "Income Taxes"); pension and other postretirement benefit plan assumptions (Note 8, "Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans"); accruals related to litigation, warranty and environmental remediation costs (Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies"); and self-insurance accruals. Actual results may differ significantly from the Company's estimates.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in prior years' financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation used in the year ended December 31, 2015.

(3) Acquisition

Eagle Ottawa

On January 5, 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of 100% of the outstanding equity interests of Everett Smith Group, Ltd., the parent company of Eagle Ottawa, LLC ("Eagle Ottawa"). Eagle Ottawa is a leading provider of leather for the automotive industry, with annual sales of approximately \$1 billion, including annual sales to Lear of approximately \$200 million. The purchase price of \$843.9 million (net of purchase price adjustments received in the second quarter of 2015 of \$8.0 million) consists of cash paid of \$815.3 million, net of cash acquired, and contingent consideration of \$28.6 million. In addition, the Company incurred transaction costs related to advisory services of \$8.6 million, which were expensed as incurred and are recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statement of income for the year ended December 31, 2015. The acquisition was financed with \$350 million of restricted cash proceeds from the Company's offering of \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2025 at a stated coupon rate of 5.25% in November 2014 and borrowings under a \$500 million delayed-draw term loan facility ("Term Loan Facility") established in November 2014 under the Company's amended and restated senior secured credit agreement (the "Credit Agreement") (Note 6, "Debt"). The Eagle Ottawa acquisition was accounted for as a business combination, and accordingly, the assets acquired and liabilities assumed are included in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015. The operating results and cash flows of Eagle Ottawa are included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements from the date of acquisition and in the Company's seating segment. The purchase price and related allocation are shown below (in millions):

Purchase price paid, net of cash acquired	\$815.3
Acquisition date contingent consideration	28.6
Net purchase price	\$843.9
Property, plant and equipment	\$142.4
Other assets purchased and liabilities assumed, net	146.5
Goodwill	343.7
Intangible assets	211.3
Purchase price allocation	\$843.9

Contingent consideration represents the discounted value of estimated amounts due to the seller pending the resolution of certain tax matters. As of the acquisition date, the undiscounted value of estimated contingent consideration was

\$32.0 million. In the third quarter of 2015, the Company paid \$3.9 million of the contingent consideration, which is reflected as cash used in financing activities in the accompanying consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015 .

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Recognized goodwill is attributable to the assembled workforce, expected synergies and other intangible assets that do not qualify for separate recognition.

Intangible assets consist of amounts recognized for the fair value of customer-based assets and were based on an independent appraisal. Customer-based assets include Eagle Ottawa's established relationships with its customers and the ability of these customers to generate future economic profits for the Company. It is currently estimated that these intangible assets have a weighted average useful life of approximately ten years.

As of the acquisition date, the Company had amounts payable to Eagle Ottawa of \$45.7 million for purchases of raw materials. As a result of the acquisition, these amounts payable were effectively settled at carrying value, which approximated fair value. The purchase price paid to the former owner excludes cash paid to settle this pre-existing relationship.

The pro-forma effects of this acquisition would not materially impact the Company's reported results for any period presented.

For further information on acquired assets measured at fair value, see Note 13, "Financial Instruments."

(4) Restructuring

In 2015, the Company recorded charges of \$88.8 million in connection with its restructuring actions. These charges consist of \$68.4 million recorded as cost of sales, \$18.4 million recorded as selling, general and administrative expenses and \$2.0 million recorded as other expense, net. The restructuring charges consist of employee termination benefits of \$70.0 million, asset impairment charges of \$3.9 million, a pension benefit plan curtailment loss of \$7.7 million and other contract termination costs of \$1.7 million, as well as other related costs of \$5.5 million. Employee termination benefits were recorded based on existing union and employee contracts, statutory requirements, completed negotiations and Company policy. Asset impairment charges relate to the disposal of buildings, leasehold improvements and machinery and equipment with carrying values of \$3.9 million in excess of related estimated fair values. The Company expects to incur approximately \$25 million of additional restructuring costs related to activities initiated as of December 31, 2015, and expects that the components of such costs will be consistent with its historical experience. Any future restructuring actions will depend upon market conditions, customer actions and other factors. A summary of 2015 activity, excluding the pension benefit plan curtailment loss of \$7.7 million, is shown below (in millions):

	Accrual as of January 1, 2015	2015 Charges	Utilization		Accrual as of December 31, 2015
			Cash	Non-cash	
Employee termination benefits	\$45.1	\$70.0	\$(48.6)	) \$—	\$66.5
Asset impairments	—	3.9	—	) (3.9)) —
Contract termination costs	5.1	1.7	(1.5)	) —	5.3
Other related costs	—	5.5	(3.5)	) (2.0)) —
Total	\$50.2	\$81.1	\$(53.6)	) \$(5.9)	) \$71.8

In 2014, the Company recorded charges of \$107.0 million in connection with its restructuring actions. These charges consist of \$86.8 million recorded as cost of sales, \$19.2 million recorded as selling, general and administrative expenses and \$1.0 million recorded as other expense, net. The restructuring charges consist of employee termination benefits of \$88.6 million, asset impairment charges of \$0.5 million and contract termination costs of \$0.5 million, as well as other related costs of \$17.4 million. Employee termination benefits were recorded based on existing union and employee contracts, statutory requirements, completed negotiations and Company policy. Asset impairment charges relate to the disposal of buildings, leasehold improvements and machinery and equipment with carrying values of \$0.5 million in excess of related estimated fair values.

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A summary of 2014 activity is shown below (in millions):

	Accrual as of	2014	Utilization		Accrual as of
	January 1, 2014	Charges	Cash	Non-cash	December 31, 2014
Employee termination benefits	\$38.7	\$88.6	\$(82.2)	) \$—	\$45.1
Asset impairments	—	0.5	—	) (0.5)) —
Contract termination costs	5.6	0.5	(1.0)	) —	5.1
Other related costs	—	17.4	(17.4)) —	—
Total	\$44.3	\$107.0	\$(100.6)	) \$(0.5)	) \$50.2

In 2013, the Company recorded charges of \$77.9 million in connection with its restructuring actions. These charges consist of \$52.6 million recorded as cost of sales and \$25.3 million recorded as selling, general and administrative expenses. The restructuring charges consist of employee termination benefits of \$54.1 million, asset impairment charges of \$9.2 million and contract termination costs of \$2.8 million, as well as other related costs of \$11.8 million. Employee termination benefits were recorded based on existing union and employee contracts, statutory requirements, completed negotiations and Company policy. Asset impairment charges relate to the disposal of buildings, leasehold improvements and machinery and equipment with carrying values of \$9.2 million in excess of related estimated fair values. Contract termination costs include a pension benefit plan settlement loss of \$2.5 million and other various costs of \$0.3 million.

A summary of 2013 activity, excluding the pension benefit plan settlement loss of \$2.5 million, is shown below (in millions):

	Accrual as of	2013	Utilization		Accrual as of
	January 1, 2013	Charges	Cash	Non-cash	December 31, 2013
Employee termination benefits	\$38.5	\$54.1	\$(53.9)	) \$—	\$38.7
Asset impairments	—	9.2	—	) (9.2)) —
Contract termination costs	5.7	0.3	(0.4)) —	5.6
Other related costs	—	11.8	(11.8)) —	—
Total	\$44.2	\$75.4	\$(66.1)) \$(9.2)) \$44.3

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(5) Investments in Affiliates and Other Related Party Transactions

The Company's beneficial ownership in affiliates accounted for under the equity method is shown below:

December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Shanghai Lear STEC Automotive Parts Co., Ltd. (China)	55%	55%	55%
Beijing BAI Lear Automotive Systems Co., Ltd. (China)	50	50	50
Beijing Lear Automotive Electronics and Electrical Products Co., Ltd. (China)	50	50	50
Dong Kwang Lear Yuhan Hoesa (Korea)	50	50	50
Industrias Cousin Freres, S.L. (Spain)	50	50	50
Jiangxi Jiangling Lear Interior Systems Co., Ltd. (China)	50	50	50
Lear Dongfeng Automotive Seating Co., Ltd. (China)	50	50	50
Changchun Lear FAWSN Automotive Electrical and Electronics Co., Ltd. (China)	49	49	49
Changchun Lear FAWSN Automotive Seat Systems Co., Ltd. (China)	49	49	49
Honduras Electrical Distribution Systems S. de R.L. de C.V. (Honduras)	49	49	49
Kyungshin-Lear Sales and Engineering LLC	49	49	49
Beijing Lear Dymos Automotive Systems Co., Ltd. (China)	40	40	40
Dymos Lear Automotive India Private Limited (India)	35	35	35
eLumigen, LLC	30	30	15
RevoLaze, LLC	20	20	20
HB Polymer Company, LLC	10	10	10
Tacle Seating USA, LLC	—	—	49

Summarized group financial information for affiliates accounted for under the equity method as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, is shown below (unaudited; in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Balance sheet data:		
Current assets	\$977.7	\$909.3
Non-current assets	211.5	179.1
Current liabilities	823.2	723.4
Non-current liabilities	34.2	10.8
For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014
Income statement data:		
Net sales	\$2,087.8	\$2,074.4
Gross profit	155.5	123.4
Income before provision for income taxes	127.4	112.3
Net income attributable to affiliates	96.0	85.6

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's aggregate investment in affiliates was \$156.5 million and \$171.5 million, respectively. In addition, the Company had receivables due from affiliates, including notes and advances, of \$95.5 million and \$101.0 million and payables due to affiliates of \$7.7 million and \$5.7 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

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A summary of transactions with affiliates and other related parties is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Sales to affiliates	\$198.5	\$292.5	\$235.0
Purchases from affiliates	26.3	32.1	41.5
Management and other fees for services provided to affiliates	36.8	26.9	22.3
Dividends received from affiliates	54.1	25.0	17.6

The Company's investment in Shanghai Lear STEC Automotive Parts Co., Ltd. is accounted for under the equity method as the result of certain approval rights granted to the minority shareholders, including approval of the annual budget, business plan and the appointment or dismissal of management. The Company's investments in eLumigen, LLC and HB Polymer Company, LLC are accounted for under the equity method as the Company's interests in these entities are similar to partnership interests.

2014

In April 2014, the Company sold its 49% ownership interest in Tacle Seating USA, LLC. The Company did not recognize a significant gain or loss related to this transaction. Also in 2014, the Company acquired an additional ownership interest in eLumigen, LLC, thereby increasing its ownership interest to 30% from 15%.

2013

In March 2013, the Company completed the sale of its 22.88% ownership interest in International Automotive Components Group North America, LLC for net proceeds of \$49.6 million. The Company did not recognize a significant gain or loss related to this transaction. Also in 2013, the Company established investments in RevoLaze, LLC, eLumigen, LLC and HB Polymer Company, LLC.

(6) Debt**Short-Term Borrowings**

The Company utilizes uncommitted lines of credit as needed for its short-term working capital fluctuations. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had lines of credit from banks totaling \$10.0 million and \$5.3 million, respectively, of which no amounts were outstanding and all of which were unused and available, subject to certain restrictions imposed by the indentures governing the Notes and the Credit Agreement.

Long-Term Debt

A summary of long-term debt, net of unamortized debt issuance costs, and the related weighted average interest rates is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015				2014			
Debt Instrument	Long-Term Debt	Debt Issuance Costs ⁽¹⁾	Long-Term Debt, Net	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Long-Term Debt	Debt Issuance Costs ⁽¹⁾	Long-Term Debt, Net	Weighted Average Interest Rate
Credit Agreement — Term Loan Facility	\$490.6	\$(2.2)	\$ 488.4	1.78%	\$—	\$(2.7)	\$(2.7)	N/A
8.125% Senior Notes due 2020	—	—	—	N/A	243.7	(3.2)	240.5	8.25%
4.75% Senior Notes due 2023	500.0	(5.5)	494.5	4.75%	500.0	(6.4)	493.6	4.75%
5.375% Senior Notes due 2024	325.0	(3.2)	321.8	5.375%	325.0	(3.6)	321.4	5.375%
5.25% Senior Notes due 2025	650.0	(7.5)	642.5	5.25%	650.0	(8.3)	641.7	5.25%
Other	7.6	—	7.6	N/A	—	—	—	N/A
	\$1,973.2	\$(18.4)	1,954.8		\$1,718.7	\$(24.2)	1,694.5	
Less — Current portion			(23.1)				(240.5)	
Long-term debt			\$ 1,931.7				\$ 1,454.0	

(1) Unamortized portion

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In 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-03, "Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs," and ASU 2015-15, "Interest — Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements — Amendments to SEC Paragraphs Pursuant to Staff Announcement at June 18, 2015 EITF Meeting." These updates require the presentation of debt issuance costs as a direct reduction of the debt liability rather than as an asset. The Company adopted the provisions of these updates in 2015 and retroactively applied the new presentation requirements to outstanding unamortized debt issuance costs for all periods presented. Accordingly, \$3.2 million and \$21.0 million of unamortized debt issuance costs have been reclassified from other current and long-term assets, respectively, and are presented as reductions of current portion of long-term debt and long-term debt, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014. In accordance with the provisions of ASU 2015-15, unamortized debt issuance costs related to the Company's revolving credit facility remain classified as other long-term assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2015, the Company's senior notes consist of \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2023 at a stated coupon rate of 4.75% (the "2023 Notes"), \$325 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2024 at a stated coupon rate of 5.375% (the "2024 Notes") and \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of senior unsecured notes due 2025 at a stated coupon rate of 5.25% (the "2025 Notes" and together with the 2023 Notes and 2024 Notes, the "Notes").

2023 Notes

The 2023 Notes were issued in January 2013 and mature on January 15, 2023. Interest is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year. The 2023 Notes were offered and sold in a private transaction to qualified institutional buyers under Rule 144A and, outside of the United States, pursuant to Regulation S of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"). In accordance with the registration rights agreement entered into at the time of the issuance of the 2023 Notes, the Company completed an exchange offer to exchange the 2023 Notes for substantially identical notes registered under the Securities Act in the second quarter of 2014. The proceeds from the offering of \$500 million, net of related issuance costs of \$7.4 million, together with the Company's existing sources of liquidity, were used for general corporate purposes, including, without limitation, the redemption of \$70 million in aggregate principal amount of the Company's 7.875% senior unsecured notes due 2018 (the "2018 Notes") and the 8.125% senior unsecured notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes"), investments in additional component capabilities and emerging markets and share repurchases under the Company's common stock share repurchase program (Note 9, "Capital Stock and Equity"). In connection with the partial redemption of the 2018 Notes and 2020 Notes, the Company paid \$72.1 million and recognized a loss of \$3.6 million on the partial extinguishment of debt in the year ended December 31, 2013.

The Company may redeem the 2023 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after January 15, 2018, at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

Twelve-Month Period Commencing January 15,	2023 Notes
2018	102.375%
2019	101.583%
2020	100.792%
2021 and thereafter	100.000%

Prior to January 15, 2018, the Company may redeem the 2023 Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus a "make-whole" premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date.

2024 Notes

The 2024 Notes were issued in March 2014 and mature on March 15, 2024. Interest is payable on March 15 and September 15 of each year. The proceeds from the offering of \$325 million, net of related issuance costs of \$3.9 million, together with existing cash on hand, were used to redeem the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes (\$280 million) and to redeem 10% of the original aggregate principal amount at maturity of the 2020 Notes (\$35 million) at stated redemption prices, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the respective redemption dates. In connection with these transactions,

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the Company paid an aggregate of \$327.1 million and recognized losses of \$17.5 million on the extinguishment of debt in the year ended December 31, 2014.

The Company may redeem the 2024 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after March 15, 2019, at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

Twelve-Month Period Commencing March 15,	2024 Notes
2019	102.688%
2020	101.792%
2021	100.896%
2022 and thereafter	100.000%

Prior to March 15, 2017, the Company may redeem up to 35% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Notes, in an amount not to exceed the amount of net cash proceeds of one or more equity offerings, at a redemption price equal to 105.375% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, provided that at least 65% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2024 Notes remains outstanding after the redemption and any such redemption is made within 90 days after the closing of such equity offering. Prior to March 15, 2019, the Company may redeem the 2024 Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus a "make-whole" premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date.

2025 Notes

The 2025 Notes were issued in November 2014 and mature on January 15, 2025. Interest is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year. Of the \$650 million of proceeds from the offering, net of related issuance costs of \$8.4 million, \$250 million was restricted for the redemption of the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes (\$245 million) and \$350 million was restricted to finance, in part, the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa (Note 3, "Acquisition"). Cash proceeds restricted for redemption of the 2020 Notes and the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa were recorded in other current assets and other long-term assets, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014. In January 2015, the Company used \$350 million of restricted cash proceeds from the offering, along with \$500 million in borrowings under the Term Loan Facility (see "— Credit Agreement" below), to finance the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. In March 2015, the Company redeemed the 2020 Notes at a price equal to 104.063% of the principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In connection with this transaction, the Company paid \$255.0 million, including \$250 million of restricted cash proceeds from the offering, and recognized a loss of \$14.3 million on the extinguishment of debt in the year ended December 31, 2015. The use of restricted cash for the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa and the redemption of the 2020 Notes is reflected as non-cash investing and financing activities, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated statement of cash flows for the year ended December 31, 2015. The remaining proceeds from the offering were used for general corporate purposes, including the payment of fees and expenses associated with the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa and related financing transactions.

The Company may redeem the 2025 Notes, in whole or in part, on or after January 15, 2020, at the redemption prices set forth below, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date.

Twelve-Month Period Commencing January 15,	2025 Notes
2020	102.625%
2021	101.750%
2022	100.875%
2023 and thereafter	100.000%

Prior to January 15, 2018, the Company may redeem up to 40% of the aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Notes, in an amount not to exceed the amount of net cash proceeds of one or more equity offerings, at a redemption price equal to 105.25% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, provided that at least 50% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2025 Notes remains outstanding after the

redemption and any such redemption is made within 120 days after the closing of such equity offering. Prior to January 15, 2020, the Company may redeem the 2025 Notes, in whole or in part, at a redemption price equal to 100% of the aggregate principal amount thereof, plus a "make-whole" premium as of, and accrued and unpaid interest to, the redemption date.

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Guarantees

The Notes are senior unsecured obligations. The Company's obligations under the Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, on a senior unsecured basis by certain domestic subsidiaries, which are directly or indirectly 100% owned by Lear (Note 16, "Supplemental Guarantor Consolidating Financial Statements").

Covenants

Subject to certain exceptions, the indentures governing the Notes contain restrictive covenants that, among other things, limit the ability of the Company to: (i) create or permit certain liens and (ii) consolidate or merge or sell all or substantially all of the Company's assets. In addition, the indentures governing the 2023 Notes and 2024 Notes limit the ability of the Company to enter into sale and leaseback transactions. The indentures governing the Notes also provide for customary events of default.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the indentures governing the Notes.

Credit Agreement

In November 2014, the Company amended and restated its Credit Agreement to, among other things, increase the borrowing capacity of the revolving credit facility (the "Revolving Credit Facility") from \$1.0 billion to \$1.25 billion, extend the maturity date from January 30, 2018 to November 14, 2019, and establish the \$500 million Term Loan Facility, which matures on January 5, 2020. In connection with this transaction, the Company paid related issuance costs of \$5.8 million and recorded a loss on the extinguishment of debt of \$0.4 million. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no borrowings outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility. In 2015 and 2014, aggregate borrowings and repayments under the Revolving Credit Facility were \$48.0 million and \$22.0 million, respectively. In January 2015, the Company borrowed \$500 million under the Term Loan Facility to finance, in part, the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa. In 2015, the Company made required principal payments of \$9.4 million under the Term Loan Facility. Advances under the Revolving Credit Facility generally bear interest at a variable rate per annum equal to (i) the Eurocurrency Rate (as defined) plus an adjustable margin of 1.0% to 2.25% based on the Company's corporate rating (1.25% as of December 31, 2015), payable on the last day of each applicable interest period but in no event less frequently than quarterly, or (ii) the Adjusted Base Rate (as defined) plus an adjustable margin of 0.0% to 1.25% based on the Company's corporate rating (0.25% as of December 31, 2015), payable quarterly. A facility fee, which ranges from 0.25% to 0.50% of the total amount committed under the Revolving Credit Facility, is payable quarterly. Loans under the Term Loan Facility generally bear interest at a variable rate per annum equal to (i) the Eurocurrency Rate (as defined) plus an adjustable margin of 1.25% to 2.25% based on the Company's corporate rating (1.375% as of December 31, 2015), payable on the last day of each applicable interest period but in no event less frequently than quarterly, or (ii) the Adjusted Base Rate (as defined) plus an adjustable margin of 0.25% to 1.25% based on the Company's corporate rating (0.375% as of December 31, 2015), payable quarterly.

The Company's obligations under the Revolving Credit Facility are guaranteed, jointly and severally on a first priority basis, by certain domestic subsidiaries, which are directly or indirectly 100% owned by Lear (Note 16, "Supplemental Guarantor Consolidating Financial Statements").

The Credit Agreement contains various customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company, including, without limitation, (i) covenants regarding maximum leverage and minimum interest coverage, (ii) limitations on fundamental changes involving the Company or its subsidiaries and (iii) limitations on indebtedness, liens, investments and restricted payments. As of December 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

Other

As of December 31, 2015, other long-term debt consists of amounts outstanding under capital leases.

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Scheduled Maturities

As of December 31, 2015, scheduled maturities related to the Credit Agreement for the five succeeding years, as of the date of this Report, are shown below (in millions):

2016	\$21.9
2017	34.4
2018	46.9
2019	37.4
2020	350.0

(7) Income Taxes

A summary of consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates and the components of provision for income taxes is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates:			
Domestic	\$344.7	\$228.0	\$218.5
Foreign	686.8	559.4	391.6
	\$1,031.5	\$787.4	\$610.1
Domestic provision for income taxes:			
Current provision	\$45.4	\$24.3	\$16.8
Deferred provision	55.0	47.0	64.9
Total domestic provision	100.4	71.3	81.7
Foreign provision for income taxes:			
Current provision	191.5	155.1	130.5
Deferred benefit	(6.4)	(105.0)	(19.5)
Total foreign provision	185.1	50.1	111.0
Provision for income taxes	\$285.5	\$121.4	\$192.7

The domestic provision includes withholding taxes related to dividends and royalties paid by the Company's foreign subsidiaries, as well as state and local taxes. In 2015, 2014 and 2013, the foreign deferred benefit includes the benefit of prior unrecognized net operating loss carryforwards of \$1.7 million, \$10.0 million and \$4.1 million, respectively.

A summary of the differences between the provision for income taxes calculated at the United States federal statutory income tax rate of 35% and the consolidated provision for income taxes is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates multiplied by the United States federal statutory income tax rate	\$361.0	\$275.6	\$213.5
Differences in income taxes on foreign earnings, losses and remittances	(79.2)	(47.8)	(38.7)
Valuation allowance adjustments	24.6	(74.2)	0.2
Tax credits	(5.7)	(0.7)	(16.4)
Tax audits and assessments	0.7	(12.8)	2.7
Other	(15.9)	(18.7)	31.4
Provision for income taxes	\$285.5	\$121.4	\$192.7

For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, income in foreign jurisdictions with tax holidays was \$72.2 million, \$57.6 million and \$73.7 million, respectively. Such tax holidays generally expire from 2016 through 2027.

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Deferred income taxes represent temporary differences in the recognition of certain items for financial reporting and income tax purposes. A summary of the components of the net deferred income tax asset is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Deferred income tax assets:		
Tax loss carryforwards	\$559.8	\$588.9
Tax credit carryforwards	326.0	419.0
Retirement benefit plans	100.6	119.8
Accrued liabilities	131.8	136.7
Self-insurance reserves	7.8	8.6
Current asset basis differences	42.9	38.7
Long-term asset basis differences	(88.6	) (48.7
Deferred compensation	58.0	48.3
Recoverable customer engineering, development and tooling	(9.5	) (12.1
Undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries	(50.6	) (54.2
Derivative instruments and hedging activities	16.0	12.5
Other	1.9	1.4
	1,096.1	1,258.9
Valuation allowance	(495.7	) (508.5
Net deferred income tax asset	\$600.4	\$750.4

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the valuation allowance with respect to the Company's deferred tax assets was \$495.7 million and \$508.5 million, respectively, a net decrease of \$12.8 million.

Concluding that a valuation allowance is not required is difficult when there is significant negative evidence, such as cumulative losses in recent years, which is objective and verifiable. When measuring cumulative losses in recent years, the Company uses a rolling three-year period of pretax book income, adjusted for permanent differences between book and taxable income and certain other items. As of December 31, 2015, the Company continues to maintain a valuation allowance of \$35.0 million with respect to certain U.S. deferred tax assets that, due to their nature, are not likely to be realized. In addition, the Company continues to maintain a valuation allowance of \$460.7 million with respect to its deferred tax assets in several international jurisdictions.

The classification of the net deferred income tax asset is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Long-term deferred income tax assets	\$646.0	\$804.2
Long-term deferred income tax liabilities	(45.6	) (53.8
Net deferred income tax asset	\$600.4	\$750.4

Deferred income taxes have not been provided on \$1.7 billion of certain undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries as such amounts are considered to be permanently reinvested. It is not practicable to determine the unrecognized deferred tax liability on these earnings because the actual tax liability on these earnings, if any, is dependent on circumstances existing when remittance occurs.

In 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-17, "Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes," which requires all deferred tax assets and liabilities, as well as related valuation allowances, to be classified as non-current rather than as current and non-current based on the classification of the related assets and liabilities. The Company adopted the provisions of this update in 2015. Accordingly, \$210.8 million, \$9.5 million and \$3.4 million of deferred taxes have been reclassified from other current assets, accrued liabilities and other long-term liabilities, respectively, to other long-term assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014.

As of December 31, 2015, the Company had tax loss carryforwards of \$2.0 billion. Of the total tax loss carryforwards, \$1.8 billion have no expiration date, and \$217.0 million expire between 2016 and 2035. In addition, the Company had tax credit carryforwards of \$371.5 million, comprised principally of U.S. foreign tax credits, research and

development credits and

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investment tax credits that generally expire between 2016 and 2035. As of December 31, 2015, the deferred tax asset related to domestic tax credit carryforwards is lower than the actual amount reported on the Company's domestic tax returns by approximately \$45.4 million. This difference is the result of tax deductions in excess of financial statement amounts for stock-based compensation. When these amounts are realized, the Company will record the tax benefit as an increase to additional paid in capital.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits were \$30.4 million and \$39.7 million (excluding interest and penalties), respectively, all of which, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate. The gross unrecognized tax benefits are recorded in other long-term liabilities.

A summary of the changes in gross unrecognized tax benefits is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of period	\$39.7	\$45.2	\$34.4
Additions based on tax positions related to current year	5.0	5.6	5.0
Additions (reductions) based on tax positions related to prior years	(0.2)	(1.8)	14.3
Settlements	(12.3)	(6.5)	(6.7)
Statute expirations	(0.6)	—	(0.8)
Foreign currency translation	(1.2)	(2.8)	(1.0)
Balance at end of period	\$30.4	\$39.7	\$45.2

The Company recognizes interest and penalties with respect to unrecognized tax benefits as income tax expense. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had recorded gross reserves of \$7.5 million and \$6.1 million (excluding federal benefit of \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014), respectively, related to interest and penalties, of which \$7.4 million and \$6.1 million, respectively, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate.

The Company operates in multiple jurisdictions throughout the world, and its tax returns are periodically audited or subject to review by both domestic and foreign tax authorities. During the next twelve months, it is reasonably possible that, as a result of audit settlements, the conclusion of current examinations and the expiration of the statute of limitations in multiple jurisdictions, the Company may decrease the amount of its gross unrecognized tax benefits by approximately \$1.0 million, all of which, if recognized, would affect the Company's effective tax rate. The gross unrecognized tax benefits subject to potential decrease involve issues related to transfer pricing and various other tax items in multiple jurisdictions. However, as a result of ongoing examinations, tax proceedings in certain countries, additions to the gross unrecognized tax benefits for positions taken and interest and penalties, if any, arising in 2016, it is not possible to estimate the potential net increase or decrease to the Company's gross unrecognized tax benefits during the next twelve months.

The Company considers its significant tax jurisdictions to include China, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Mexico, Poland, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. The Company or its subsidiaries generally remain subject to income tax examination in certain U.S. state and local jurisdictions for years after 2009. Further, the Company or its subsidiaries remain subject to income tax examination in Mexico and Spain for years after 2006, in Hungary and Poland for years after 2009, in Germany and Italy generally for years after 2010, in China and the United Kingdom for years after 2011 and in the United States generally for years after 2014.

Legislation

In December 2015, the Protecting Americans from Tax Hike ("PATH") Act of 2015 was enacted, which retroactively extended various business and individual tax provisions, including the Research & Development Tax Credit. In 2015, the impact of the PATH Act was not significant to the Company.

In January 2013, the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 was enacted, which retroactively reinstated and extended various tax provisions applicable to the Company, including the Research & Development Tax Credit. In 2013, the Company recognized a tax benefit of \$3.4 million, which reduced the Company's effective tax rate.

(8) Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans

The Company has noncontributory defined benefit pension plans covering certain domestic employees and certain employees in foreign countries, principally Canada. The Company's salaried pension plans provide benefits based on final average earnings

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formulas. The Company's hourly pension plans provide benefits under flat benefit and cash balance formulas. The Company also has contractual arrangements with certain employees which provide for supplemental retirement benefits. In general, the Company's policy is to fund its pension benefit obligation based on legal requirements, tax and liquidity considerations and local practices.

The Company has postretirement benefit plans covering certain domestic and Canadian employees. The Company's postretirement benefit plans generally provide for the continuation of medical benefits for all eligible employees who complete a specified number of years of service and retire from the Company at age 55 or older. The Company does not fund its postretirement benefit obligation. Rather, payments are made as costs are incurred by covered retirees.

Obligations and Funded Status

A reconciliation of the change in benefit obligation and the change in plan assets for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, is shown below (in millions):

	Pension		December 31, 2014		Other Postretirement		December 31, 2014	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Change in benefit obligation:								
Benefit obligation at beginning of period	\$717.8	\$493.0	\$586.7	\$459.5	\$83.3	\$46.8	\$91.6	\$42.4
Service cost	4.7	8.4	3.7	8.8	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.9
Interest cost	28.7	16.2	28.5	20.4	3.1	1.7	4.0	2.0
Actuarial (gain) loss	(42.5)	(12.4)	119.8	66.5	(3.1)	(1.2)	(8.0)	6.9
Benefits paid	(22.1)	(19.9)	(20.9)	(22.4)	(4.6)	(2.2)	(4.5)	(2.6)
Curtailment	—	6.5	—	—	—	(2.8)	—	—
Special termination benefits	—	—	—	—	—	0.8	—	0.8
Translation adjustment	—	(64.4)	—	(39.8)	—	(7.3)	—	(3.6)
Benefit obligation at end of period	\$686.6	\$427.4	\$717.8	\$493.0	\$78.9	\$36.5	\$83.3	\$46.8
	Pension		December 31, 2014		Other Postretirement		December 31, 2014	
	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Change in plan assets:								
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of period	\$519.2	\$415.1	\$503.5	\$417.0	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Actual return on plan assets	(3.7)	19.5	34.2	40.7	—	—	—	—
Employer contributions	28.7	13.9	2.4	15.2	4.6	2.2	4.5	2.6
Benefits paid	(22.1)	(19.9)	(20.9)	(22.4)	(4.6)	(2.2)	(4.5)	(2.6)
Translation adjustment	—	(60.4)	—	(35.4)	—	—	—	—
Fair value of plan assets at end of period	\$522.1	\$368.2	\$519.2	\$415.1	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Funded status	\$(164.5)	\$(59.2)	\$(198.6)	\$(77.9)	\$(78.9)	\$(36.5)	\$(83.3)	\$(46.8)

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	Pension				Other Postretirement			
	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheet:								
Other long-term assets	\$—	\$43.7	\$—	\$45.5	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Accrued liabilities	(2.5)	(3.4)	(2.5)	(3.0)	(5.1)	(1.6)	(5.1)	(2.0)
Other long-term liabilities	(162.0)	(99.5)	(196.1)	(120.4)	(73.8)	(34.9)	(78.2)	(44.8)

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the accumulated benefit obligation for all of the Company's pension plans was \$1,099.2 million and \$1,192.7 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the majority of the Company's pension plans had accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets. The projected benefit obligation, the accumulated benefit obligation and the fair value of plan assets of pension plans with accumulated benefit obligations in excess of plan assets were \$874.4 million, \$859.5 million and \$607.0 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2015, and \$930.4 million, \$912.5 million and \$608.5 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2014.

Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Pretax amounts recognized in other comprehensive income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, are shown below (in millions):

	Pension				Other Postretirement			
	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Actuarial gains (losses) recognized:								
Reclassification adjustments	\$2.6	\$4.1	\$(0.3)	\$1.4	\$(1.2)	\$0.5	\$(0.7)	\$0.1
Actuarial gain (loss) arising during the period	(0.4)	7.3	(123.6)	(53.4)	3.1	3.9	8.0	(6.9)
Prior service credit recognized:								
Reclassification adjustments	—	—	—	—	—	(0.4)	—	(0.4)
Translation adjustment	—	12.8	—	4.5	—	1.2	—	0.2
	\$2.2	\$24.2	\$(123.9)	\$(47.5)	\$1.9	\$5.2	\$7.3	\$(7.0)

In addition, the Company recognized tax benefits (expense) in other comprehensive income (loss) related to its defined benefit plans of (\$8.3) million, \$56.5 million and (\$70.1) million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Pretax amounts recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss not yet recognized in net periodic benefit cost (credit) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are shown below (in millions):

	Pension				Other Postretirement			
	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014		December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Net unrecognized actuarial gain (loss)	\$(135.9)	\$(73.4)	\$(138.1)	\$(97.6)	\$13.6	\$(5.4)	\$11.7	\$(11.3)
Prior service credit	—	—	—	—	—	1.2	—	1.9
	\$(135.9)	\$(73.4)	\$(138.1)	\$(97.6)	\$13.6	\$(4.2)	\$11.7	\$(9.4)

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Pretax amounts recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31, 2015, that are expected to be recognized as components of net periodic benefit cost (credit) in the year ending December 31, 2016, are shown below (in millions):

	Pension		Other Postretirement	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Net unrecognized actuarial loss	\$(2.7)	) \$(3.1)	) \$(1.2)	) \$(0.2)
Prior service credit	—	—	—	0.3
	\$(2.7)	) \$(3.1)	) \$(1.2)	) \$0.1

Net Periodic Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Cost (Credit)

The components of the Company's net periodic pension benefit cost (credit) are shown below (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2015		2014		2013	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Pension						
Service cost	\$4.7	\$8.4	\$3.7	\$8.8	\$2.9	\$10.2
Interest cost	28.7	16.2	28.5	20.4	26.2	20.7
Expected return on plan assets	(39.4)	) (25.7)	) (38.1)	) (27.0)	) (32.4)	) (25.1)
Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss	2.6	4.1	(0.3)	) 1.3	4.1	6.4
Curtailment loss	—	7.7	—	—	—	—
Settlement loss	0.2	—	0.1	—	—	2.5
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$(3.2)	) \$10.7	) \$(6.1)	) \$3.5	) \$0.8	) \$14.7

The components of the Company's net periodic other postretirement benefit cost (credit) are shown below (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,					
	2015		2014		2013	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
Other Postretirement						
Service cost	\$0.2	\$0.7	\$0.2	\$0.9	\$0.1	\$1.1
Interest cost	3.1	1.7	4.0	2.0	3.6	2.0
Amortization of actuarial (gain) loss	(1.2)	) 0.5	) (0.7)	) 0.1	) (0.1)	) 0.3
Amortization of prior service credit	—	(0.4)	—	(0.4)	—	(0.4)
Special termination benefits	—	0.8	—	0.8	—	0.7
Settlement gain	—	—	—	—	—	(5.9)
Net periodic benefit cost (credit)	\$2.1	\$3.3	\$3.5	\$3.4	\$3.6	\$(2.2)

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Company recognized a pension curtailment loss of \$7.7 million, and for the year ended December 31, 2013, the Company recognized a pension settlement loss of \$2.5 million related to its restructuring actions (Note 4, "Restructuring").

Assumptions

The weighted average actuarial assumptions used in determining the benefit obligations are shown below:

	Pension		Other Postretirement	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
December 31,				
Discount rate:				
Domestic plans	4.4%	4.1%	4.2%	3.9%
Foreign plans	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%	4.0%
Rate of compensation increase:				
Foreign plans	3.3%	3.1%	N/A	N/A

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The weighted average actuarial assumptions used in determining the net periodic benefit cost (credit) are shown below:

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013	
Pension				
Discount rate:				
Domestic plans	4.1	% 5.0	% 4.1	%
Foreign plans	3.6	% 4.7	% 4.3	%
Expected return on plan assets:				
Domestic plans	7.8	% 7.8	% 8.0	%
Foreign plans	6.5	% 6.7	% 6.7	%
Rate of compensation increase:				
Foreign plans	3.1	% 3.4	% 4.8	%
Other postretirement				
Discount rate:				
Domestic plans	3.9	% 4.5	% 3.7	%
Foreign plans	4.0	% 5.0	% 4.4	%

The expected return on plan assets is determined based on several factors, including adjusted historical returns, historical risk premiums for various asset classes and target asset allocations within the portfolio. Adjustments made to the historical returns are based on recent return experience in the equity and fixed income markets and the belief that deviations from historical returns are likely over the relevant investment horizon.

Assumed healthcare cost trend rates have a significant effect on the amounts reported for the postretirement benefit plans. A 1% increase in the assumed rate of healthcare cost increases each year would increase the postretirement benefit obligation by \$16.0 million as of December 31, 2015, and increase the net periodic postretirement benefit cost by \$1.0 million for the year then ended. A 1% decrease in the assumed rate of healthcare cost increases each year would decrease the postretirement benefit obligation by \$13.2 million as of December 31, 2015, and decrease the net periodic postretirement benefit cost by \$0.7 million for the year then ended.

For the measurement of postretirement benefit obligation as of December 31, 2015, domestic healthcare costs were assumed to increase 6.7% in 2016, grading down over time to 4.5% in 2021. Foreign healthcare costs were assumed to increase 5.3% in 2016, grading down over time to 4.5% in 2031 on a weighted average basis.

Plan Assets

With the exception of alternative investments, plan assets are valued at fair value using a market approach and observable inputs, such as quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 and Level 2 inputs based on the GAAP fair value hierarchy). Alternative investments are valued at fair value based on net asset per share or unit provided for each investment fund (Level 2 input based on the GAAP fair value hierarchy). For further information on the GAAP fair value hierarchy, see Note 13, "Financial Instruments."

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The Company's pension plan assets by asset category are shown below (in millions). Pension plan assets for the foreign plans relate to the Company's pension plans primarily in Canada and the United Kingdom.

December 31,	2015	2014
Equity securities:		
Domestic plans	\$302.2	\$317.7
Foreign plans	211.5	238.9
Debt securities:		
Domestic plans	130.8	137.9
Foreign plans	115.2	136.8
Alternative investments:		
Domestic plans	53.0	53.7
Foreign plans	34.0	33.1
Cash and other:		
Domestic plans	36.1	9.9
Foreign plans	7.5	6.3

The Company's investment policies incorporate an asset allocation strategy that emphasizes the long-term growth of capital. The Company believes that this strategy is consistent with the long-term nature of plan liabilities and ultimate cash needs of the plans. For the domestic portfolio, the Company targets an equity allocation of 50% — 75% of plan assets, a fixed income allocation of 15% — 40%, an alternative investment allocation of 0% — 30% and a cash allocation of 0% — 10%. For the foreign portfolio, the Company targets an equity allocation of 45% — 65% of plan assets, a fixed income allocation of 30% — 40%, an alternative investment allocation of 0% — 20% and a cash allocation of 0% — 10%. Differences in the target allocations of the domestic and foreign portfolios are reflective of differences in the underlying plan liabilities. Diversification within the investment portfolios is pursued by asset class and investment management style. The investment portfolios are reviewed on a quarterly basis to maintain the desired asset allocations, given the market performance of the asset classes and investment management styles.

The Company utilizes investment management firms to manage these assets in accordance with the Company's investment policies. Excluding alternative investments, mutual funds and ETFs, retained investment managers are provided investment guidelines that indicate prohibited assets, which include commodities contracts, futures contracts, options, venture capital, real estate, interest-only or principal-only strips and investments in the Company's own debt or equity. Derivative instruments are also prohibited without the specific approval of the Company. Investment managers are limited in the maximum size of individual security holdings and the maximum exposure to any one industry relative to the total portfolio. Fixed income managers are provided further investment guidelines that indicate minimum credit ratings for debt securities and limitations on weighted average maturity and portfolio duration.

The Company evaluates investment manager performance against market indices which the Company believes are appropriate to the investment management style for which the investment manager has been retained. The Company's investment policies incorporate an investment goal of aggregate portfolio returns which exceed the returns of the appropriate market indices by a reasonable spread over the relevant investment horizon.

Contributions

The Company's minimum required contributions to its domestic and foreign pension plans are expected to be approximately \$10 to \$15 million in 2016. The Company may elect to make contributions in excess of minimum funding requirements in response to investment performance or changes in interest rates or when the Company believes that it is financially advantageous to do so and based on its other cash requirements. The Company's minimum funding requirements after 2016 will depend on several factors, including investment performance and interest rates. The Company's minimum funding requirements may also be affected by changes in applicable legal requirements.

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Benefit Payments

As of December 31, 2015, the Company's estimate of expected benefit payments, excluding expected settlements relating to its restructuring actions, in each of the five succeeding years and in the aggregate for the five years thereafter are shown below (in millions):

Year	Pension		Other Postretirement	
	U.S.	Foreign	U.S.	Foreign
2016	\$25.9	\$27.3	\$5.2	\$1.7
2017	26.7	22.8	5.3	1.5
2018	27.8	18.8	5.4	1.5
2019	29.4	19.0	5.5	1.6
2020	31.0	19.7	5.5	1.7
Five years thereafter	173.1	109.5	26.4	9.8

Multi-Employer Pension Plans

The Company currently participates in two multi-employer pension plans, the U.A.W. Labor-Management Group Pension Plan and UNITE Here National Retirement Fund, for certain of its employees. Contributions to these plans are based on three collective bargaining agreements. Two of the agreements expire on July 1, 2016, and one expires on April 24, 2020. Detailed information related to these plans is shown below (amounts in millions):

Employer Identification Number	Pension Protection Act				Contributions to Multiemployer Pension Plans		
	Zone Status		FIP/RP	Surcharge	Year Ended December 31, 2015	Year Ended December 31, 2014	Year Ended December 31, 2013
	December 31, 2015 Certification	December 31, 2014 Certification					
516099782-001	Green	Green	No	No	\$ 0.5	\$ 0.6	\$ 0.4
13-6130178	Red	Red	Yes	Yes	0.3	0.3	0.2

Defined Contribution Plan

The Company also sponsors defined contribution plans and participates in government-sponsored programs in certain foreign countries. Contributions are determined as a percentage of each covered employee's salary. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the aggregate cost of the defined contribution pension plans was \$13.3 million, \$12.0 million and \$11.1 million, respectively.

The Company also has a defined contribution retirement program for its salaried employees. Contributions to this program are determined as a percentage of each covered employee's eligible compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company recorded expense of \$19.4 million, \$17.8 million and \$16.4 million, respectively, related to this program.

(9) Capital Stock and Equity

Common Stock

The Company is authorized to issue up to 300,000,000 shares of Common Stock. The Company's Common Stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LEA" and has the following rights and privileges:

Voting Rights – All shares of the Company's common stock have identical rights and privileges. With limited exceptions, holders of common stock are entitled to one vote for each outstanding share of common stock held of record by each stockholder on all matters properly submitted for the vote of the Company's stockholders.

Dividend Rights – Subject to applicable law, any contractual restrictions and the rights of the holders of outstanding preferred stock, if any, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably such dividends and other distributions that the Company's Board of Directors, in its discretion, declares from time to time.

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Liquidation Rights – Upon the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the Company, subject to the rights of the holders of outstanding preferred stock, if any, holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably the assets of the Company available for distribution to the Company's stockholders in proportion to the number of shares of common stock held by each stockholder.

Conversion, Redemption and Preemptive Rights – Holders of common stock have no conversion, redemption, sinking fund, preemptive, subscription or similar rights.

Common Stock Share Repurchase Program

Since the first quarter of 2011, the Company's Board of Directors has authorized \$2.9 billion in share repurchases under its common stock share repurchase program. As of December 31, 2015, the Company has paid \$2.4 billion in aggregate for repurchases of its common stock, at an average price of \$68.12 per share, excluding commissions and related fees.

On April 25, 2013, the Company entered into an accelerated stock repurchase ("ASR") agreement with a third-party financial institution to repurchase \$800 million of the Company's common stock. In the second quarter of 2013, the Company paid \$800 million to the financial institution, using cash on-hand, and received an initial delivery of 11,862,836 shares. This initial share delivery represented 80% of the ASR transaction's value at the then-current price of \$53.95 per share. These shares have been included in common stock held in treasury as of the applicable delivery date. The ultimate number of shares repurchased and the final price paid per share under the ASR transaction was determined based on the daily volume weighted average price of the Company's common stock during the term of the ASR agreement, less an agreed upon discount. On March 31, 2014, the ASR agreement ended, and the initial delivery of 11,862,836 shares exceeded the ultimate number of shares repurchased under the ASR transaction by 658,903 shares. Under the terms of the ASR agreement, the Company had the contractual right to deliver either shares or cash equal to the value of those shares to the financial institution. The Company elected to settle the ASR transaction in cash and as a result, paid \$55.5 million in the second quarter of 2014. Inclusive of the settlement, 11,862,836 shares were repurchased under the ASR transaction for \$855.5 million, or an average price of \$72.11 per share.

In 2015, the Company paid \$487.4 million in aggregate for repurchases of its common stock (4,366,365 shares repurchased at an average purchase price of \$111.62 per share, excluding commissions). In 2014, the Company paid \$411.4 million in aggregate for repurchases of its common stock, including \$355.9 million of open market purchases (3,805,114 shares repurchased at an average purchase price of \$93.52 per share, excluding commissions) and \$55.5 million to settle the ASR transaction. In 2013, the Company paid \$1.0 billion in aggregate for repurchases of its common stock (15,533,758 shares repurchased, including the initial delivery of shares representing 80% of the ASR transaction's original value, at an average purchase price of \$54.08 per share, excluding commissions).

The Company has a remaining repurchase authorization of \$512.6 million under its current common stock share repurchase program, which will expire on December 31, 2017. The Company may implement these share repurchases through a variety of methods, including open market purchases, accelerated stock repurchase programs and structured repurchase transactions. The extent to which the Company will repurchase its outstanding common stock and the timing of such repurchases will depend upon its financial condition, prevailing market conditions, alternative uses of capital and other factors. In addition, the Company's Credit Agreement places certain limitations on the Company's ability to repurchase its common stock.

In addition to shares repurchased under the Company's common stock share repurchase program described above, the Company classified shares withheld from the settlement of the Company's restricted stock unit awards to cover minimum tax withholding requirements as common stock held in treasury in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

In 2014 and 2013, the Company's Board of Directors approved the retirement of 8 million shares and 20 million shares, respectively, of common stock held in treasury. These retired shares are reflected as authorized, but not issued, in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. The 2014 retirement of shares held in treasury resulted in a reduction in common stock, additional paid-in capital and retained earnings of \$0.1

million, \$155.9 million and \$363.9 million, respectively. These reductions were offset by a corresponding reduction in shares held in treasury of \$519.9 million. The 2013 retirement of shares held in treasury resulted in a reduction in common stock, additional paid-in capital and retained earnings of \$0.2 million, \$389.7 million and \$600.7 million, respectively. These reductions were offset by a corresponding reduction in shares held in treasury of \$990.6 million. Accordingly, there was no effect on stockholders' equity as a result of these transactions.

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(11) Commitments and Contingencies

Legal and Other Contingencies

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had recorded reserves for pending legal disputes, including commercial disputes and other matters, of \$9.2 million and \$11.9 million, respectively. Such reserves reflect amounts recognized in accordance with GAAP and typically exclude the cost of legal representation. Product liability and warranty reserves are recorded separately from legal reserves, as described below.

Beginning on October 5, 2011, several plaintiffs filed putative class action complaints in several United States federal district courts against the Company and several other global suppliers of automotive wire harnesses alleging violations of federal and state antitrust and related laws. Plaintiffs purport to be direct and indirect purchasers of automotive wire harnesses supplied by the Company and/or the other defendants during the relevant period. The complaints allege that the defendants conspired to fix prices at which automotive wire harnesses were sold and that this had an anticompetitive effect upon interstate commerce in the United States. The complaints further allege that defendants fraudulently concealed their alleged conspiracy. The plaintiffs in these proceedings seek injunctive relief and recovery of an unspecified amount of damages, as well as costs and expenses relating to the proceedings, including attorneys' fees. On February 7, 2012, the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation entered an order transferring and coordinating the various civil actions (the "Consolidated Cases"), for pretrial purposes, into one proceeding in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Michigan (the "District Court").

In order to avoid the costs and distraction of continuing to litigate the Consolidated Cases, the Company entered into settlement agreements with the plaintiffs in the Consolidated Cases on May 5, 2014 (the "Settlement Agreements"), under which the class plaintiffs in the Consolidated Cases will release the Company from all claims, demands, actions, suits and causes of action. The Settlement Agreements contain no admission by the Company of any wrongdoing, and the Company maintains that it violated no laws in connection with these matters. Because the conduct alleged by the class plaintiffs overwhelmingly relates to periods prior to the Company's emergence from bankruptcy proceedings in 2009, the Settlement Agreements provide that the aggregate settlement amount of \$8.75 million will consist of \$370,263 in cash contributed by the Company with the remainder paid in outstanding common stock and warrants of the Company held in the bankruptcy reserve established under the Company's plan of reorganization.

The Settlement Agreements were approved by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York on May 27, 2014, and preliminarily approved, on the record in open court, by the District Court on July 1, 2014. The Settlement Agreement between the Company and the class of direct purchasers received the final approval of the District Court on December 3, 2014. The Settlement Agreement between the Company and the class of auto dealers received the final approval of the District Court on December 7, 2015. The Settlement Agreement between the Company and the class of end-payor purchasers remains subject to the final approval of the District Court, which will be decided following the provision of notice to purported class members and a hearing to confirm the fairness of the settlement.

Commercial Disputes

The Company is involved from time to time in legal proceedings and claims, including, without limitation, commercial or contractual disputes with its customers, suppliers and competitors. These disputes vary in nature and are usually resolved by negotiations between the parties.

Product Liability and Warranty Matters

In the event that use of the Company's products results in, or is alleged to result in, bodily injury and/or property damage or other losses, the Company may be subject to product liability lawsuits and other claims. Such lawsuits generally seek compensatory damages, punitive damages and attorneys' fees and costs. In addition, if any of the Company's products are, or are alleged to be, defective, the Company may be required or requested by its customers to participate in a recall or other corrective action involving such products. Certain of the Company's customers have asserted claims against the Company for costs related to recalls or other corrective actions involving its products. The Company can provide no assurances that it will not experience material claims in the future or that it will not incur

significant costs to defend such claims.

In addition, the Company is a party to agreements with certain of its customers, whereby these customers may pursue claims against the Company for contribution of all or a portion of the amounts sought in connection with product liability and warranty claims.

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In certain instances, allegedly defective products may be supplied by Tier 2 suppliers. The Company may seek recovery from its suppliers of materials or services included within the Company's products that are associated with product liability and warranty claims. The Company carries insurance for certain legal matters, including product liability claims, but such coverage may be limited. The Company does not maintain insurance for product warranty or recall matters. Future dispositions with respect to the Company's product liability claims that were subject to compromise under the Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceedings will be satisfied out of a common stock and warrant reserve established for that purpose.

The Company records product warranty reserves when liability is probable and related amounts are reasonably estimable.

A summary of the changes in reserves for product liability and warranty claims for each of the periods in the two years ended December 31, 2015, is shown below (in millions):

Balance as of January 1, 2014	\$28.3	
Expense, net, including changes in estimates	11.4	
Settlements	(9.3))
Foreign currency translation and other	(1.5))
Balance as of December 31, 2014	28.9	
Expense, net, including changes in estimates	15.4	
Settlements	(10.0))
Foreign currency translation and other	(1.3))
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$33.0	

Environmental Matters

The Company is subject to local, state, federal and foreign laws, regulations and ordinances which govern activities or operations that may have adverse environmental effects and which impose liability for clean-up costs resulting from past spills, disposals or other releases of hazardous wastes and environmental compliance. The Company's policy is to comply with all applicable environmental laws and to maintain an environmental management program based on ISO 14001 to ensure compliance with this standard. However, the Company currently is, has been and in the future may become the subject of formal or informal enforcement actions or procedures.

The Company has been named as a potentially responsible party at several third-party landfill sites and is engaged in the cleanup of hazardous waste at certain sites owned, leased or operated by the Company, including several properties acquired in its 1999 acquisition of UT Automotive, Inc. ("UT Automotive"). Certain present and former properties of UT Automotive are subject to environmental liabilities which may be significant. The Company obtained agreements and indemnities with respect to certain environmental liabilities from United Technologies Corporation ("UTC") in connection with the Company's acquisition of UT Automotive. UTC manages and directly funds these environmental liabilities pursuant to its agreements and indemnities with the Company.

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company had recorded environmental reserves of \$9.1 million and \$4.8 million, respectively. The Company does not believe that the environmental liabilities associated with its current and former properties will have a material adverse impact on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows; however, no assurances can be given in this regard.

Other Matters

The Company is involved from time to time in various other legal proceedings and claims, including, without limitation, intellectual property matters, tax claims and employment matters. Although the outcome of any legal matter cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company does not believe that any of the other legal proceedings or claims in which the Company is currently involved, either individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse impact on its business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. However, no assurances can be given in this regard.

Although the Company records reserves for legal disputes, product liability and warranty claims and environmental and other matters in accordance with GAAP, the ultimate outcomes of these matters are inherently uncertain. Actual results may differ significantly from current estimates.

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Employees

Approximately 46% of the Company's employees are members of industrial trade unions and are employed under the terms of various labor agreements. Labor agreements covering approximately 88% of the Company's unionized workforce of approximately 62,000 employees, including approximately 2% of the Company's unionized workforce in the United States and Canada, are scheduled to expire in 2016. Management does not anticipate any significant difficulties with respect to the renewal of these agreements.

Lease Commitments

A summary of lease commitments as of December 31, 2015, under non-cancelable operating leases with terms exceeding one year is shown below (in millions):

2016	\$100.9
2017	80.0
2018	74.4
2019	68.2
2020	61.9
Thereafter	71.7
Total	\$457.1

The Company's operating leases cover principally buildings and transportation equipment. Rent expense was \$126.2 million, \$128.1 million and \$117.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

(12) Segment Reporting

A summary of revenues from external customers and other financial information by reportable operating segment is shown below (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31, 2015			Consolidated
	Seating	Electrical	Other	
Revenues from external customers	\$14,098.5	\$4,112.9	\$—	\$18,211.4
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	907.0	554.4	(274.6)	) 1,186.8
Depreciation and amortization	239.3	99.3	9.2	347.8
Capital expenditures	317.2	134.4	34.2	485.8
Total assets	5,780.7	1,572.9	2,052.2	9,405.8
	Year Ended December 31, 2014			Consolidated
	Seating	Electrical	Other	
Revenues from external customers	\$13,310.6	\$4,416.7	\$—	\$17,727.3
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	655.2	556.6	(282.6)	) 929.2
Depreciation and amortization	199.8	103.3	7.8	310.9
Capital expenditures	268.9	138.4	17.4	424.7
Total assets	4,855.6	1,609.9	2,647.6	9,113.1
	Year Ended December 31, 2013			Consolidated
	Seating	Electrical	Other	
Revenues from external customers	\$12,018.1	\$4,215.9	\$—	\$16,234.0
Segment earnings ⁽¹⁾	576.9	414.3	(254.6)	) 736.6
Depreciation and amortization	181.3	96.4	7.8	285.5
Capital expenditures	288.5	163.4	8.7	460.6

(1) See definition in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies — Segment Reporting."

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For the year ended December 31, 2015, segment earnings include restructuring charges of \$60.8 million, \$13.9 million and \$12.1 million in the seating and electrical segments and in the other category, respectively (Note 4, "Restructuring").

For the year ended December 31, 2014, segment earnings include restructuring charges of \$84.0 million, \$10.3 million and \$12.7 million in the seating and electrical segments and in the other category, respectively (Note 4, "Restructuring").

For the year ended December 31, 2013, segment earnings include restructuring charges of \$54.8 million, \$13.1 million and \$10.0 million in the seating and electrical segments and in the other category, respectively (Note 4, "Restructuring").

A reconciliation of segment earnings to consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Segment earnings	\$1,461.4	\$1,211.8	\$991.2
Corporate and regional headquarters and elimination of intercompany activity ("Other")	(274.6	) (282.6	) (254.6
Consolidated income before interest, other expense, provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	1,186.8	929.2	736.6
Interest expense	86.7	67.5	68.4
Other expense, net	68.6	74.3	58.1
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates	\$1,031.5	\$787.4	\$610.1

Revenues from external customers and tangible long-lived assets for each of the geographic areas in which the Company operates is shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Revenues from external customers:			
United States	\$4,252.3	\$3,708.4	\$3,046.0
Mexico	2,777.3	2,373.9	2,225.9
China	2,141.9	2,092.9	1,842.9
Germany	1,987.3	2,327.7	2,204.6
Other countries	7,052.6	7,224.4	6,914.6
Total	\$18,211.4	\$17,727.3	\$16,234.0
December 31,	2015	2014	
Tangible long-lived assets:			
United States		\$337.1	\$274.1
Mexico		374.6	293.3
China		244.7	179.8
Germany		129.9	140.6
Other countries		740.2	736.9
Total		\$1,826.5	\$1,624.7

The following is a summary of the percentage of revenues from major customers:

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Ford	22.5%	20.6%	21.9%
General Motors	20.0%	22.0%	21.9%
BMW	10.5%	11.1%	10.0%

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In addition, a portion of the Company's remaining revenues are from the above automotive manufacturing companies through various other automotive suppliers.

(13) Financial Instruments

Debt Instruments

The carrying values of the Company's debt instruments vary from their fair values. The fair values were determined by reference to the quoted market prices of these securities (Level 2 input based on the GAAP fair value hierarchy). The estimated fair value, as well as the carrying value, of the Company's debt instruments are shown below (in millions):

December 31	2015	2014
Estimated aggregate fair value	\$1,992.3	\$1,749.3
Aggregate carrying value	1,965.6	1,718.7

Accounts Receivable Factoring

In 2014, one of the Company's European subsidiaries entered into an uncommitted factoring agreement, which provides for aggregate purchases of specified customer accounts of up to €200 million. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no factored receivables outstanding. The Company cannot provide any assurances that this factoring facility will be available or utilized in the future.

Marketable Equity Securities

Included in other current assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are \$23.0 million and \$18.0 million, respectively, of marketable equity securities, which the Company accounts for under the fair value option. Accordingly, unrealized gains and losses arising from changes in the fair value of the marketable equity securities are recognized in the consolidated statement of income as a component of other expense, net. The fair value of the marketable equity securities is determined by reference to quoted market prices in active markets (Level 1 input based on the GAAP fair value hierarchy).

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

The Company has used derivative financial instruments, including forwards, futures, options, swaps and other derivative contracts to reduce the effects of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, interest rates and commodity prices and the resulting variability of the Company's operating results. The Company is not a party to leveraged derivatives. The Company's derivative financial instruments are subject to master netting arrangements that provide for the net settlement of contracts, by counterparty, in the event of default or termination. On the date that a derivative contract is entered into, the Company designates the derivative as either (1) a hedge of the exposure to changes in the fair value of a recognized asset or liability or of an unrecognized firm commitment (a fair value hedge), (2) a hedge of the exposure of a forecasted transaction or of the variability in the cash flows of a recognized asset or liability (a cash flow hedge) or (3) a hedge of a net investment in a foreign operation (a net investment hedge).

For a fair value hedge, both the effective and ineffective portions of the change in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income on the same line as the gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk. For a cash flow hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheet. When the underlying hedged transaction is realized, the gain or loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss is recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income on the same line as the gain or loss on the hedged item attributable to the hedged risk. For a net investment hedge, the effective portion of the change in the fair value of the derivative is recorded in cumulative translation adjustment, which is a component of accumulated other comprehensive loss in the consolidated balance sheet. In addition, for both cash flow and net investment hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative that are excluded from the Company's effectiveness assessments and the ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative are recorded in earnings and reflected in the consolidated statement of income as other expense, net.

Foreign exchange

The Company uses forwards, swaps and other derivative contracts to reduce the effects of fluctuations in foreign exchange rates on known foreign currency exposures. Gains and losses on the derivative instruments are intended to offset gains and losses on

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the hedged transaction in an effort to reduce exposure to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates. The principal currencies hedged by the Company include the Mexican peso, various European currencies, the Thai baht, the Canadian dollar and the Chinese renminbi.

The notional values and estimated fair values of the Company's foreign currency derivative contracts are shown below (in millions, except for maturities):

December 31	2015	2014
Foreign currency contracts designated as cash flow hedges:		
Notional amount	\$1,394.6	\$1,160.9
Fair value	\$(46.4	) \$(37.7
Outstanding maturities in months, not to exceed	24	24
Contracts not designated as hedging instruments:		
Notional amount	\$423.4	\$170.1
Fair value	\$(4.5	) \$1.1
Outstanding maturities in months, not to exceed	12	12
Combined notional amount	\$1,818.0	\$1,331.0

Foreign currency derivative contracts that did not qualify for hedge accounting consist principally of hedges of cash transactions, intercompany loans and certain other balance sheet exposures.

The fair value of outstanding foreign currency derivative contracts and the related classification in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Contracts qualifying for hedge accounting:		
Other current assets	\$8.2	\$6.8
Other long-term assets	0.3	0.1
Other current liabilities	(51.5	) (38.5
Other long-term liabilities	(3.4	) (6.1
	(46.4	) (37.7
Contracts not qualifying for hedge accounting:		
Other current assets	3.6	2.1
Other current liabilities	(8.1	) (1.0
	(4.5	) 1.1
	\$(50.9	) \$(36.6

Pretax amounts related to foreign currency derivative contracts that were recognized in and reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss are shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Contracts qualifying for hedge accounting:			
Gains (losses) recognized in accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$(47.3	) \$(36.0	) \$18.8
(Gains) losses reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	38.6	(8.2) (32.2
Other comprehensive loss	\$(8.7) \$(44.2) \$(13.4

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Pretax gains (losses) reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to net sales and cost of sales are shown below (in millions):

For the year ended December 31,	2015	2014	2013
Net sales	\$3.7	\$1.2	\$3.9
Cost of sales	(42.3	) 7.0	28.3
	\$(38.6	) \$8.2	\$32.2

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss - Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, net pretax losses of approximately \$46.4 million and \$37.7 million, respectively, related to the Company's derivative instruments and hedging activities were recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss. During the next twelve month period, the Company expects to reclassify into earnings net losses of approximately \$43.3 million recorded in accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31, 2015. Such losses will be reclassified at the time that the underlying hedged transactions are realized. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, amounts recognized in the accompanying consolidated statements of income related to changes in the fair value of cash flow and fair value hedges excluded from the Company's effectiveness assessments and the ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of cash flow and fair value hedges were not material. In addition, the Company recognized tax benefits of \$3.5 million, \$14.8 million and \$5.3 million in other comprehensive income (loss) related to its derivative instruments and hedging activities for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Fair Value Measurements

GAAP provides that fair value is an exit price, defined as a market-based measurement that represents the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. Fair value measurements are based on one or more of the following three valuation techniques:

Market: This approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

Income: This approach uses valuation techniques to convert future amounts to a single present value amount based on current market expectations.

Cost: This approach is based on the amount that would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

Further, GAAP prioritizes the inputs and assumptions used in the valuation techniques described above into a three-tier fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1: Observable inputs, such as quoted market prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that are accessible at the measurement date.

Level 2: Inputs, other than quoted market prices included in Level 1, that are observable either directly or indirectly for the asset or liability.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs that reflect the entity's own assumptions about the exit price of the asset or liability. Unobservable inputs may be used if there is little or no market data for the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The Company discloses fair value measurements and the related valuation techniques and fair value hierarchy level for its assets and liabilities that are measured or disclosed at fair value.

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Items Measured at Fair Value on a Recurring Basis

Fair value measurements and the related valuation techniques and fair value hierarchy level for the Company's assets and liabilities measured or disclosed at fair value on a recurring basis as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, are shown below (in millions):

	December 31, 2015					
	Frequency	Asset (Liability)	Valuation Technique	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Foreign currency derivative contracts	Recurring	\$(50.9)	Market / Income	\$—	\$(50.9)	\$—
Marketable equity securities	Recurring	23.0	Market	23.0	—	—
	December 31, 2014					
	Frequency	Asset (Liability)	Valuation Technique	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Foreign currency derivative contracts	Recurring	\$(36.6)	Market / Income	\$—	\$(36.6)	\$—
Marketable equity securities	Recurring	18.0	Market	18.0	—	—

The Company determines the fair value of its derivative contracts using quoted market prices to calculate the forward values and then discounts such forward values to the present value. The discount rates used are based on quoted bank deposit or swap interest rates. If a derivative contract is in a net liability position, the Company adjusts these discount rates, if required, by an estimate of the credit spread that would be applied by market participants purchasing these contracts from the Company's counterparties. To estimate this credit spread, the Company uses significant assumptions and factors other than quoted market rates, which would result in the classification of its derivative liabilities within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no derivative contracts that were classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. In addition, there were no transfers in or out of Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy during 2015 and 2014.

For further information on fair value measurements and the Company's defined benefit pension plan assets, see Note 8, "Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans."

Items Measured at Fair Value on a Non-recurring Basis

The Company measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a non-recurring basis, which are not included in the table above. As these non-recurring fair value measurements are generally determined using unobservable inputs, these fair value measurements are classified within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. As a result of the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa in 2015, Level 3 fair value estimates related to property, plant and equipment of \$142.4 million, intangible assets of \$211.3 million and contingent consideration of \$25.0 million are recorded in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2015 (Note 3, "Acquisition"). Fair value estimates of property, plant and equipment were based on independent appraisals, giving consideration to the highest and best use of the assets. Key assumptions used in the appraisals were based on a combination of market and cost approaches, as appropriate. Fair value estimates of customer-based intangible assets were based on the present value of future earnings attributable to the asset group after recognition of required returns to other contributory assets. Fair value estimates of contingent consideration were based on an income approach. As of December 31, 2014, there were no significant assets or liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis.

For further information on assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis, see Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," and Note 4, "Restructuring."

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(14) Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited)

(In millions, except per share data)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended			
	March 28, 2015	June 27, 2015	September 26, 2015	December 31, 2015
Net sales	\$4,521.4	\$4,635.1	\$4,330.3	\$4,724.6
Gross profit	425.7	450.2	453.2	490.7
Consolidated net income	156.7	192.9	193.3	252.9
Net income attributable to Lear	147.3	181.9	181.0	235.3
Basic net income per share attributable to Lear	1.88	2.35	2.37	3.13
Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear	1.86	2.33	2.34	3.07

In the first quarter of 2015, the Company recognized a loss of \$14.3 million related to the redemption of the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. In the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2015, the Company recognized \$14.0 million, \$15.8 million, \$2.2 million and \$11.1 million of net tax benefits, respectively, primarily related to restructuring charges, debt redemption costs, acquisition costs and various other items.

	Thirteen Weeks Ended			
	March 29, 2014	June 28, 2014	September 27, 2014	December 31, 2014
Net sales	\$4,359.8	\$4,585.1	\$4,232.7	\$4,549.7
Gross profit	360.5	379.1	361.2	392.0
Consolidated net income	128.6	157.8	147.9	268.0
Net income attributable to Lear	122.0	148.5	140.1	261.8
Basic net income per share attributable to Lear	1.50	1.84	1.75	3.32
Diluted net income per share attributable to Lear	1.47	1.81	1.72	3.24

In the first quarter of 2014, the Company recognized losses of \$17.5 million related to the redemption of the remaining outstanding aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Notes and 10% of the original aggregate principal amount of the 2020 Notes. In the first, second, third and fourth quarters of 2014, the Company recognized \$15.4 million, \$17.9 million, \$6.9 million and \$108.9 million of net tax benefits, respectively, primarily related to net reductions in valuation allowances with respect to the deferred tax assets of certain foreign subsidiaries, reductions in tax reserves due to audit settlements, debt redemption costs, restructuring charges and various other items.

For further information, see Note 7, "Income Taxes," and Note 11, "Commitments and Contingencies."

(15) Accounting Pronouncements

Discontinued Operations

The FASB issued ASU 2014-08, "Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity," which amends ASC 205, "Presentation of Financial Statements," and ASC 360, "Property, Plant and Equipment." The provisions of this update change the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as a discontinued operation and modifies existing disclosure requirements. The provisions of this update were effective as of January 1, 2015. The effects of adoption were not significant.

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Revenue Recognition

The FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)," which amends existing revenue recognition guidance and requires additional financial statement disclosures. The provisions of this update were to be effective as of January 1, 2017; however, in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date," which defers the effective date to January 1, 2018. The provisions of this update may be applied through a full retrospective or a modified retrospective approach. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this update.

Going Concern

The FASB issued ASU 2014-15, "Presentation of Financial Statements — Going Concern," which will require management to make a going concern assessment for 24 months after the financial statement date. Previously, this assessment was made by the external auditors. The provisions of this update are effective as of December 31, 2016, and are not expected to significantly impact the Company.

Extraordinary Items

The FASB issued ASU 2015-01, "Income Statement — Extraordinary and Unusual Items," which eliminates the concept of extraordinary items. The provisions of this update are effective as of January 1, 2016, and are not expected to significantly impact the Company.

Consolidation

The FASB issued ASU 2015-02, "Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis," which provides guidance related to the application of both the variable interest and voting interest consolidation models. The provisions of this update are effective as of January 1, 2016. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this update.

Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs

For further information, see Note 6, "Debt."

Inventory

The FASB issued ASU 2015-11, "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory," which requires entities to measure inventory at the lower of cost or net realizable value rather than at the lower of cost or market. The provisions of this update are effective as of January 1, 2017 (with early adoption permitted) and are not expected to significantly impact the Company.

Business Combinations

The FASB issued ASU 2015-16, "Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments," which eliminates the requirement for an acquirer in a business combination to account for measurement-period adjustments retrospectively. The provisions of this update are effective as of January 1, 2016 and are not expected to significantly impact the Company.

Deferred Taxes

For further information, see Note 7, "Income Taxes."

Financial Instruments

The FASB issued ASU 2016-01, "Recognition and Measurement of Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities," which requires the fair value measurement of investments in equity securities and other ownership interests that do not result in consolidation and are not accounted for under the equity method. Such ownership interests include interests in investments in partnerships, unincorporated joint ventures and limited liability companies. The provisions of this update contain a practicability exception for qualifying investments and are effective as of January 1, 2018 (with early adoption permitted). The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this update.

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(16) Supplemental Guarantor Consolidating Financial Statements

(in millions)	December 31, 2015		Non-guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
	Lear	Guarantors			
Assets					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$526.4	\$0.3	\$669.9	\$—	\$1,196.6
Accounts receivable	46.4	534.5	2,009.1	—	2,590.0
Inventories	4.0	407.0	536.6	—	947.6
Intercompany accounts	45.9	79.5	—	(125.4)) —
Other	114.0	25.8	412.6	—	552.4
Total current assets	736.7	1,047.1	3,628.2	(125.4)	) 5,286.6
Long-Term Assets:					
Property, plant and equipment, net	134.2	417.6	1,274.7	—	1,826.5
Goodwill	39.9	651.3	362.6	—	1,053.8
Investments in subsidiaries	3,101.3	2,139.4	—	(5,240.7)) —
Intercompany loans receivable	904.1	184.5	245.1	(1,333.7)) —
Other	566.3	203.9	493.8	(25.1)	) 1,238.9
Total long-term assets	4,745.8	3,596.7	2,376.2	(6,599.5)	) 4,119.2
Total assets	\$5,482.5	\$4,643.8	\$6,004.4	\$(6,724.9)	) \$9,405.8
Liabilities and Equity					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and drafts	\$78.0	\$681.2	\$1,745.2	\$—	\$2,504.4
Accrued liabilities	144.0	277.0	891.1	—	1,312.1
Intercompany accounts	—	—	125.4	(125.4)) —
Current portion of long-term debt	21.9	—	1.2	—	23.1
Total current liabilities	243.9	958.2	2,762.9	(125.4)	) 3,839.6
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Long-term debt	1,925.3	—	6.4	—	1,931.7
Intercompany loans payable	221.6	650.1	462.0	(1,333.7)) —
Other	164.3	164.9	312.7	(25.1)	) 616.8
Total long-term liabilities	2,311.2	815.0	781.1	(1,358.8)	) 2,548.5
Equity:					
Lear Corporation stockholders' equity	2,927.4	2,870.6	2,370.1	(5,240.7)	) 2,927.4
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	90.3	—	90.3
Equity	2,927.4	2,870.6	2,460.4	(5,240.7)) 3,017.7
Total liabilities and equity	\$5,482.5	\$4,643.8	\$6,004.4	\$(6,724.9)) \$9,405.8

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(in millions)	December 31, 2014				Consolidated
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-guarantors	Eliminations	
Assets					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$377.8	\$—	\$716.3	\$—	\$1,094.1
Accounts receivable	53.9	459.0	1,958.8	—	2,471.7
Inventories	1.8	348.1	503.8	—	853.7
Intercompany accounts, net	49.6	40.7	—	(90.3)) —
Other	325.2	24.2	396.7	—	746.1
Total current assets	808.3	872.0	3,575.6	(90.3)	) 5,165.6
Long-Term Assets:					
Property, plant and equipment, net	106.4	334.5	1,183.8	—	1,624.7
Goodwill	23.5	401.0	301.7	—	726.2
Investments in subsidiaries	2,010.6	1,815.7	—	(3,826.3)) —
Intercompany loans receivable	1,268.1	168.6	212.6	(1,649.3)) —
Other	996.3	93.7	532.6	(26.0)	) 1,596.6
Total long-term assets	4,404.9	2,813.5	2,230.7	(5,501.6)	) 3,947.5
Total assets	\$5,213.2	\$3,685.5	\$5,806.3	\$(5,591.9)	) \$9,113.1
Liabilities and Equity					
Current Liabilities:					
Accounts payable and drafts	\$91.1	\$687.7	\$1,746.5	\$—	\$2,525.3
Accrued liabilities	138.1	203.9	837.3	—	1,179.3
Intercompany accounts, net	—	—	90.3	(90.3)) —
Current portion of long-term debt	240.5	—	—	—	240.5
Total current liabilities	469.7	891.6	2,674.1	(90.3)	) 3,945.1
Long-Term Liabilities:					
Long-term debt	1,454.0	—	—	—	1,454.0
Intercompany loans payable	138.9	698.8	811.6	(1,649.3)) —
Other	191.8	173.8	345.1	(26.0)	) 684.7
Total long-term liabilities	1,784.7	872.6	1,156.7	(1,675.3)	) 2,138.7
Equity:					
Lear Corporation stockholders' equity	2,958.8	1,921.3	1,905.0	(3,826.3)	) 2,958.8
Noncontrolling interests	—	—	70.5	—	70.5
Equity	2,958.8	1,921.3	1,975.5	(3,826.3)) 3,029.3
Total liabilities and equity	\$5,213.2	\$3,685.5	\$5,806.3	\$(5,591.9)) \$9,113.1

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(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2015				
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$427.2	\$8,231.3	\$14,793.6	\$(5,240.7)	\$18,211.4
Cost of sales	619.4	7,409.1	13,603.8	(5,240.7)	16,391.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	262.7	59.0	258.8	—	580.5
Intercompany operating (income) expense, net	(348.5)	209.9	138.6	—	—
Amortization of intangible assets	1.9	20.7	29.9	—	52.5
Interest expense	70.4	25.5	(9.2)	—	86.7
Other expense, net	25.9	0.9	41.8	—	68.6
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates and subsidiaries	(204.6)	506.2	729.9	—	1,031.5
Provision for income taxes	(86.7)	188.0	184.2	—	285.5
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.7	(0.9)	(49.6)	—	(49.8)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(864.1)	(395.1)	—	1,259.2	—
Consolidated net income	745.5	714.2	595.3	(1,259.2)	795.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	50.3	—	50.3
Net income attributable to Lear	\$745.5	\$714.2	\$545.0	\$(1,259.2)	\$745.5
Consolidated comprehensive income	\$517.4	\$699.3	\$368.1	\$(1,021.0)	\$563.8
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	46.4	—	46.4
Comprehensive income attributable to Lear	\$517.4	\$699.3	\$321.7	\$(1,021.0)	\$517.4
	Year Ended December 31, 2014				
(in millions)	Lear	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$467.1	\$7,086.4	\$14,996.5	\$(4,822.7)	\$17,727.3
Cost of sales	662.7	6,468.6	13,925.9	(4,822.7)	16,234.5
Selling, general and administrative expenses	227.3	36.4	266.2	—	529.9
Intercompany operating (income) expense, net	(448.2)	287.2	161.0	—	—
Amortization of intangible assets	1.7	4.7	27.3	—	33.7
Interest expense	49.0	24.9	(6.4)	—	67.5
Other expense, net	26.5	1.0	46.8	—	74.3
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates and subsidiaries	(51.9)	263.6	575.7	—	787.4
Provision for income taxes	(21.6)	93.3	49.7	—	121.4
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.4	(1.5)	(35.2)	—	(36.3)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(703.1)	(390.3)	—	1,093.4	—
Consolidated net income	672.4	562.1	561.2	(1,093.4)	702.3
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	29.9	—	29.9

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Net income attributable to Lear	\$672.4	\$562.1	\$531.3	\$(1,093.4)	\$672.4
Consolidated comprehensive income	\$336.5	\$502.1	\$320.4	\$(794.5)	\$364.5
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	28.0	—	28.0
Comprehensive income attributable to Lear	\$336.5	\$502.1	\$292.4	\$(794.5)	\$336.5

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(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2013				
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net sales	\$449.0	\$6,261.1	\$14,042.2	\$(4,518.3)	\$16,234.0
Cost of sales	643.6	5,629.5	13,179.5	(4,518.3)	14,934.3
Selling, general and administrative expenses	211.4	20.6	296.7	—	528.7
Intercompany operating (income) expense, net	(395.4)	292.4	103.0	—	—
Amortization of intangible assets	1.7	4.7	28.0	—	34.4
Interest expense	52.0	19.3	(2.9)	—	68.4
Other expense, net	6.5	7.6	44.0	—	58.1
Consolidated income before provision for income taxes and equity in net income of affiliates and subsidiaries	(70.8)	287.0	393.9	—	610.1
Provision for income taxes	(33.9)	113.6	113.0	—	192.7
Equity in net income of affiliates	0.7	(2.0)	(37.1)	—	(38.4)
Equity in net income of subsidiaries	(469.0)	(138.2)	—	607.2	—
Consolidated net income	431.4	313.6	318.0	(607.2)	455.8
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	24.4	—	24.4
Net income attributable to Lear	\$431.4	\$313.6	\$293.6	\$(607.2)	\$431.4
Consolidated comprehensive income	\$566.1	\$340.8	\$379.0	\$(693.9)	\$592.0
Less: Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests	—	—	25.9	—	25.9
Comprehensive income attributable to Lear	\$566.1	\$340.8	\$353.1	\$(693.9)	\$566.1

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(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2015				Consolidated
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-guarantors	Eliminations	
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 142.2	\$ 385.1	\$ 900.1	\$(156.3)	) \$ 1,271.1
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(43.2)	) (116.8)	) (325.8)	) —	(485.8)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired and use of \$350 million restricted cash (see non-cash investing activities below) (Note 3)	(521.1)	) 1.2	20.7	—	(499.2)
Intercompany transactions	626.5	(15.9)	) (32.5)	) (578.1)) —
Other, net	(7.6)	) 8.4	18.9	—	19.7
Net cash used in investing activities	54.6	(123.1)	) (318.7)	) (578.1)	) (965.3)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Credit agreement borrowings	500.0	—	—	—	500.0
Credit agreement repayments	(9.4)	) —	—	—	(9.4)
Repurchase of senior notes, net of use of \$250 million restricted cash (see non-cash financing activities below) (Note 6)	(5.0)	) —	—	—	(5.0)
Repurchase of common stock	(487.4)	) —	—	—	(487.4)
Dividends paid to Lear Corporation stockholders	(78.5)	) —	—	—	(78.5)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	(27.8)	) —	(27.8)
Change in intercompany accounts	82.7	(261.7)	) (555.4)	) 734.4	—
Other, net	(50.6)	) —	2.4	—	(48.2)
Net cash used in financing activities	(48.2)	) (261.7)	) (580.8)	) 734.4	(156.3)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	—	(47.0)	) —	(47.0)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	148.6	0.3	(46.4)	) —	102.5
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of Beginning of Period	377.8	—	716.3	—	1,094.1
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of End of Period	\$ 526.4	\$ 0.3	\$ 669.9	\$ —	\$ 1,196.6
Non-cash Investing Activities					
Cash restricted for use - acquisition of Eagle Ottawa	\$(350.0)	) \$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$(350.0)
Non-cash Financing Activities					
Cash restricted for use - repurchase of senior notes	\$(250.0)) \$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$(250.0)

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(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2014				
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 165.4	\$ 177.5	\$ 597.5	\$(12.6)	\$ 927.8
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(25.6)	(88.2)	(310.9)	—	(424.7)
Cash restricted for use - acquisition of Eagle Ottawa	(350.0)	—	—	—	(350.0)
Intercompany transactions	352.5	(38.9)	(46.3)	(267.3)	—
Other, net	(6.8)	15.1	(14.2)	—	(5.9)
Net cash used in investing activities	(29.9)	(112.0)	(371.4)	(267.3)	(780.6)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Proceeds from the issuance of senior notes	975.0	—	—	—	975.0
Repurchase of senior notes	(327.1)	—	—	—	(327.1)
Payment of debt issuance and other financing costs	(18.1)	—	—	—	(18.1)
Cash restricted for use - repurchase of senior notes	(250.0)	—	—	—	(250.0)
Repurchase of common stock	(411.4)	—	—	—	(411.4)
Dividends paid to Lear Corporation stockholders	(65.3)	—	—	—	(65.3)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	(25.9)	—	(25.9)
Intercompany transactions	15.9	(65.6)	(230.2)	279.9	—
Other, net	(20.2)	—	(17.8)	—	(38.0)
Net cash used in financing activities	(101.2)	(65.6)	(273.9)	279.9	(160.8)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	—	(30.0)	—	(30.0)
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	34.3	(0.1)	(77.8)	—	(43.6)
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of Beginning of Period	343.5	0.1	794.1	—	1,137.7
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of End of Period	\$ 377.8	\$ —	\$ 716.3	\$ —	\$ 1,094.1

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(in millions)	Year Ended December 31, 2013				
	Lear	Guarantors	Non-guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 174.3	\$ 226.0	\$ 480.1	\$(60.3)	) \$ 820.1
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:					
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(17.9)	) (110.6)	) (332.1)	) —	(460.6)
Insurance proceeds	—	—	7.1	—	7.1
Intercompany transactions	304.1	(2.4)	) 1,090.9	(1,392.6)) —
Other, net	43.0	3.8	2.8	—	49.6
Net cash used in investing activities	329.2	(109.2)	) 768.7	(1,392.6)	) (403.9)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:					
Proceeds from the issuance of senior notes	500.0	—	—	—	500.0
Repurchase of senior notes	(72.1)	) —	—	—	(72.1)
Payment of debt issuance and other financing costs	(13.4)	) —	—	—	(13.4)
Repurchase of common stock	(1,000.1)	) —	—	—	(1,000.1)
Dividends paid to Lear Corporation stockholders	(58.4)	) —	—	—	(58.4)
Dividends paid to noncontrolling interests	—	—	(44.0)	) —	(44.0)
Change in intercompany accounts	6.5	(116.8)	) (1,342.6)	) 1,452.9	—
Other, net	(3.9)	) —	(6.6)	) —	(10.5)
Net cash used in financing activities	(641.4)	) (116.8)	) (1,393.2)	) 1,452.9	(698.5)
Effect of foreign currency translation	—	—	17.8	—	17.8
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(137.9)	) —	(126.6)	) —	(264.5)
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of Beginning of Period	481.4	0.1	920.7	—	1,402.2
Cash and Cash Equivalents as of End of Period	\$ 343.5	\$ 0.1	\$ 794.1	\$ —	\$ 1,137.7

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Lear Corporation and Subsidiaries

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

(16) Supplemental Guarantor Consolidating Financial Statements

Basis of Presentation — Certain of the Company's domestic 100% owned subsidiaries (the "Guarantors") have jointly and severally unconditionally guaranteed, on a senior unsecured basis, the performance and the full and punctual payment when due, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise, of the Company's obligations under the Credit Agreement and the indentures governing the Notes, including the Company's obligations to pay principal, premium, if any, and interest with respect to the Notes. The Notes consist of \$500 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.75% senior unsecured notes due 2023, \$325 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.375% senior unsecured notes due 2024 and \$650 million in aggregate principal amount of 5.25% senior unsecured notes due 2025. The Guarantors include Eagle Ottawa North America, LLC, Guilford Mills, Inc., Lear Corporation EEDS and Interiors, Lear Mexican Seating Corporation and Lear Operations Corporation. In lieu of providing separate financial statements for the Guarantors, the Company has included the supplemental guarantor consolidating financial statements above. These financial statements reflect the Guarantors listed above for all periods presented.

Management does not believe that separate financial statements of the Guarantors are material to investors. Therefore, separate financial statements and other disclosures concerning the Guarantors are not presented.

The supplemental guarantor consolidating financial statements have been restated to reflect certain changes to the equity investments of the Guarantors in 2014 and 2013.

Distributions — There are no significant restrictions on the ability of the Guarantors to make distributions to the Company.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses — Corporate and division selling, general and administrative expenses are allocated to the operating subsidiaries based on various factors, which estimate usage of particular corporate and division functions, and in certain instances, other relevant factors, such as the revenues or the number of employees of the Company's subsidiaries. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, \$124.2 million, \$121.8 million and \$111.5 million, respectively, of selling, general and administrative expenses were allocated from Lear.

Long-Term Debt of Lear and the Guarantors — A summary of long-term debt of Lear and the Guarantors on a combined basis is shown below (in millions):

December 31,	2015	2014
Senior notes	\$ 1,947.2	\$ 1,694.5
Less — Current portion	(21.9) (240.5
Long-term debt	\$ 1,925.3	\$ 1,454.0

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LEAR CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
 SCHEDULE II – VALUATION AND QUALIFYING ACCOUNTS

(In millions)

	Balance as of Beginning of Period	Additions	Retirements	Other Changes	Balance as of End of Period
For the year ended December 31, 2015					
Valuation of accounts deducted from related assets:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 27.5	\$14.1	\$(4.5)	\$(2.7)	\$34.4
Allowance for deferred tax assets	508.5	51.9	(25.9)	(38.8)	495.7
Total	\$ 536.0	\$66.0	\$(30.4)	\$(41.5)	\$530.1
	Balance as of Beginning of Period	Additions	Retirements	Other Changes	Balance as of End of Period
For the year ended December 31, 2014					
Valuation of accounts deducted from related assets:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 34.5	\$7.6	\$(10.0)	\$(4.6)	\$27.5
Allowance for deferred tax assets	642.6	41.3	(117.0)	(58.4)	508.5
Total	\$ 677.1	\$48.9	\$(127.0)	\$(63.0)	\$536.0
	Balance as of Beginning of Period	Additions	Retirements	Other Changes	Balance as of End of Period
For the year ended December 31, 2013					
Valuation of accounts deducted from related assets:					
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 35.4	\$11.8	\$(13.9)	\$1.2	\$34.5
Allowance for deferred tax assets	628.2	54.9	(55.5)	15.0	642.6
Total	\$ 663.6	\$66.7	\$(69.4)	\$16.2	\$677.1

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

None.

ITEM 9A – CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

(a) Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this Report. The Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives. 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. Based on the evaluation described above, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to provide reasonable assurance that the desired control objectives were achieved as of the end of the period covered by this Report.

(b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The Company's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f). Under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer along with the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, the Company conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework). In January 2015, the Company completed the acquisition of Everett Smith Group, Ltd. ("Eagle Ottawa") and is currently integrating Eagle Ottawa into its operations, compliance programs and internal control processes. As permitted by Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") rules and regulations, the Company has excluded Eagle Ottawa from management's evaluation of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015. Eagle Ottawa constituted 11% of the Company's total assets as of December 31, 2015, and 5% of the Company's net sales for the year then ended. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2015.

(c) Attestation Report of the Registered Public Accounting Firm

The attestation report of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting is set forth in Item 8, "Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," under the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and incorporated herein by reference.

(d) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Excluding the impact of the acquisition of Eagle Ottawa, there was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 2015, that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Company is currently integrating Eagle Ottawa into its operations, compliance programs and internal control processes. As permitted by SEC rules and regulations, the Company has excluded Eagle Ottawa from management's evaluation of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015.

ITEM 9B – OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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PART III

ITEM 10 – DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by Item 10 regarding our directors and corporate governance matters is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Election of Directors" and "Directors and Corporate Governance." The information required by Item 10 regarding our executive officers appears as a supplementary item following Item 4 under Part I of this Report. The information required by Item 10 regarding compliance with section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement section entitled "Directors and Corporate Governance — Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance." Code of Ethics

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our executive officers, including our Principal Executive Officer, our Principal Financial Officer and our Principal Accounting Officer. This code of ethics is entitled "Specific Provisions for Executive Officers" within our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which can be found on our website at <http://www.lear.com>. We will post any amendment to or waiver from the provisions of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to the executive officers above on the same website and will provide it to shareholders free of charge upon written request by contacting Lear Corporation at 21557 Telegraph Road, Southfield, Michigan 48033, Attention: Investor Relations.

ITEM 11 – EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Directors and Corporate Governance — Director Compensation," "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," "Executive Compensation," "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation" and "Compensation Committee Report." Notwithstanding anything indicating the contrary set forth in this Report, the "Compensation Committee Report" section of the Proxy Statement shall be deemed to be "furnished" not "filed" for purposes of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

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

Except as set forth herein, the information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement section entitled "Directors and Corporate Governance — Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners, Directors and Management."

Equity Compensation Plan Information

As of December 31, 2015	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (a)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights (b)	Number of securities available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (a)) (c)
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	2,939,085	(1) \$—	(2) 3,662,993
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	2,939,085	\$—	3,662,993

Includes 708,749 of outstanding restricted stock units and 2,230,336 of outstanding performance shares.

(1) Outstanding performance shares are reflected at the maximum possible payout that may be earned during the relevant performance periods.

(2) Reflects outstanding restricted stock units and performance shares at a weighted average price of zero.

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

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement sections entitled "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions" and "Directors and Corporate Governance — Independence of Directors."

ITEM 14 – PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated by reference herein to the Proxy Statement section entitled "Fees of Independent Accountants."

PART IV

ITEM 15 – EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULE

The following documents are filed as part of this Form 10-K.

1. Consolidated Financial Statements:

Reports of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2015 and 2014

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Equity for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

2. Financial Statement Schedule:

Schedule II — Valuation and Qualifying Accounts

All other financial statement schedules are omitted because such schedules are not required or the information required has been presented in the aforementioned financial statements.

3. The exhibits listed on the "Index to Exhibits" on pages 109 through 111 are filed with this Form 10-K or incorporated by reference as set forth below.

(b) The exhibits listed on the "Index to Exhibits" on pages 109 through 111 are filed with this Form 10-K or incorporated by reference as set forth below.

(c) Additional Financial Statement Schedules

None.

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on February 9, 2016.

Lear Corporation

By: /s/ Matthew J. Simoncini
Matthew J. Simoncini
President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director (Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of Lear Corporation and in the capacities indicated on February 9, 2016.

/s/ Matthew J. Simoncini /s/ Kathleen A. Ligocki
Matthew J. Simoncini Kathleen A. Ligocki
President and Chief Executive Officer and a a Director
Director
(Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Jeffrey H. Vanneste /s/ Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.
Jeffrey H. Vanneste Conrad L. Mallett, Jr.
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer a Director
(Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ James L. Murawski /s/ Donald L. Runkle
James L. Murawski Donald L. Runkle
Vice President, Corporate Controller and Chief a Director
Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ Richard H. Bott /s/ Gregory C. Smith
Richard H. Bott Gregory C. Smith
a Director a Director

/s/ Thomas P. Capo /s/ Henry D.G. Wallace
Thomas P. Capo Henry D.G. Wallace
a Director Non-Executive Chairman of the Board of Directors
and a Director

/s/ Jonathan F. Foster
Jonathan F. Foster
a Director

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Index to Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Exhibit
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2009).
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2009).
3.3	Certificate of Designations of Series A Convertible Participating Preferred Stock of the Company, as filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware on November 9, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2009).
4.1	Warrant Agreement by and between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Warrant Agent, dated as of November 9, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 9, 2009).
4.2	Indenture, dated March 26, 2010, among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 23, 2010).
4.3	First Supplemental Indenture, dated March 26, 2010, among the Company, the subsidiary guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 23, 2010).
4.4	Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 15, 2012, by and among Lear Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012).
4.5	Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of January 17, 2013, by and among Lear Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 14, 2013).
4.6	Registration Rights Agreement, dated as of January 17, 2013, by and among the Company and each of the other parties thereto (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated January 14, 2013).
4.7	Fourth Supplemental Indenture, dated as of March 14, 2014, by and among Lear Corporation, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated March 11, 2014).
4.8	Fifth Supplemental Indenture, dated November 21, 2014, among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 21, 2014).

- 4.9 Sixth Supplemental Indenture, dated June 25, 2015, among the Company, the Subsidiary Guarantors party thereto and The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A., as Trustee (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 27, 2015).
- 10.1 Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 14, 2014, among the Company, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 14, 2014).
- 10.2 * Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan, amended and restated effective January 1, 2014 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013).
- 10.3 * Lear Corporation Pension Equalization Program, as amended through August 15, 2003 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004).
- 10.4 * First Amendment to the Lear Corporation Pension Equalization Program, dated as of December 21, 2006 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.45 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2006).

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10.5	*	Second Amendment to the Lear Corporation Pension Equalization Program, dated as of May 9, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.49 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007).
10.6	*	Third Amendment to the Lear Corporation Pension Equalization Program, effective as of December 18, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated December 18, 2007).
**10.7	*	Lear Corporation Outside Directors Compensation Plan, amended and restated effective January 1, 2016.
10.8	*	Lear Corporation Outside Directors Compensation Plan – Form of Retainer and Stock Grant Deferral Elections (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011).
10.9	*	Form of 2014 Restricted Stock Unit Terms and Conditions under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2011).
10.10	*	Form of Performance Share Terms and Conditions under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 2, 2011).
**10.11	*	Form of 2016 Restricted Stock Unit Terms and Conditions under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan.
**10.12	*	Form of 2016 Performance Share Terms and Conditions under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan.
10.13	*	Lear Corporation Salaried Retirement Restoration Program (f/k/a Lear Corporation PSP Excess Plan), amended and restated effective January 1, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 14, 2012).
**10.14	*	Form of Restricted Stock Unit "Career Shares" Award Agreement under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan.
10.15	*	Form of 2013 Restricted Stock Unit Terms and Conditions under the Lear Corporation 2009 Long-Term Stock Incentive Plan (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 30, 2013).
10.16	*	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated as of August 9, 2011, between the Company and Matthew J. Simoncini (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended October 1, 2011).
10.17	*	Employment Agreement, dated March 15, 2012, between the Company and Jeffrey H. Vanneste (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2012).

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- 10.18 * Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 12, 2012, between the Company and Frank C. Orsini (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 29, 2012).
- 10.19 * Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 11, 2013, between the Company and Raymond E. Scott (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2013).
- 10.20 * Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 11, 2013, between the Company and Terrence B. Larkin (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2013).
- 10.21 * Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, dated September 11, 2013, between the Company and Melvin L. Stephens (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 28, 2013).
- 10.22 Agreement, dated April 1, 2013, by and among Lear Corporation, Marcato, L.P., Marcato II, L.P., Marcato International Master Fund, Ltd., Marcato Capital Management LLC, Oskie Master Fund, LP and Oskie Capital Management, LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 1, 2013).
- 10.23 Letter Agreement Re: Accelerated Share Repurchase between Citibank, N.A. and Lear Corporation, dated April 25, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated April 25, 2013).

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10.24	*	Lear Corporation Annual Incentive Plan (Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2014) (incorporated by reference to Appendix B to the Company's definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 1, 2014).
10.25	*	First Amendment to the Lear Corporation Salaried Retirement Restoration Program (as amended and restated effective January 1, 2013 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014).
10.26		First Amendment, dated August 20, 2015, to the Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 14, 2014, among the Company, the lenders party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 26, 2015).
**12.1		Computation of ratios of earnings to fixed charges.
**21.1		List of subsidiaries of the Company.
**23.1		Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
**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.
**32.1		Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
**32.2		Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.1		Debtors' First Amended Joint Plan of Reorganization Under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code dated September 18, 2009 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K dated November 5, 2009).
***101.INS		XBRL Instance Document.
***101.SCH		XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
***101.CAL		XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
***101.LAB		XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
***101.PRE		XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
***101.DEF		XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

* Compensatory plan or arrangement.
 ** Filed herewith.
 *** Submitted electronically with the Report.

