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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended **October 1, 2017**

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number **1-36597**



Vista Outdoor Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

262 N University Avenue
Farmington, UT

(Address of principal executive offices)

47-1016855
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

84025
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(801) 447-3000**

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

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

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

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

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of November 6, 2017, there were 57,323,841 shares of the registrant's voting common stock outstanding.

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PART I— FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands except per share data)	Quarter ended		Six months ended	
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016
Sales, net	\$ 587,283	\$ 684,312	\$ 1,156,032	\$ 1,314,581
Cost of sales	448,306	498,903	870,497	957,795
Gross profit	138,977	185,409	285,535	356,786
Operating expenses:				
Research and development	7,447	8,150	15,238	15,981
Selling, general, and administrative	106,386	102,723	205,812	207,167
Acquisition claim settlement gain, net	—	(30,027)	—	(30,027)
Goodwill and intangibles impairment	152,320	—	152,320	—
Income (loss) before interest and income taxes	(127,176)	104,563	(87,835)	163,665
Interest expense, net	(12,569)	(10,143)	(24,962)	(22,106)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(139,745)	94,420	(112,797)	141,559
Income tax provision (benefit)	(25,040)	21,196	(14,744)	39,211
Net income (loss)	\$ (114,705)	\$ 73,224	\$ (98,053)	\$ 102,348
Earnings (loss) per common share:				
Basic	\$ (2.01)	\$ 1.23	\$ (1.72)	\$ 1.70
Diluted	\$ (2.01)	\$ 1.22	\$ (1.72)	\$ 1.69
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:				
Basic	57,099	59,710	57,041	60,055
Diluted	57,099	60,055	57,041	60,400
Net income (loss) (from above)	\$ (114,705)	\$ 73,224	\$ (98,053)	\$ 102,348
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:				
Pension and other postretirement benefit liabilities:				
Reclassification of prior service credits for pension and postretirement benefit plans recorded to net income, net of tax benefit of \$29 and \$162, respectively for the quarter ended, and \$192 and \$324, respectively, for the six months ended.	(49)	(274)	(323)	(548)
Reclassification of net actuarial loss for pension and postretirement benefit plans recorded to net income, net of tax expense of \$(293) and \$(734), respectively, for the quarter ended, and \$(959) and \$(1,468), respectively, for the six months ended.	493	1,236	1,615	2,472
Valuation adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit plans, net of tax expense of \$(2,158) and \$0, respectively, for the quarter ended, and \$(4) and \$0, respectively, for the six months ended.	3,633	—	5	—
Change in derivatives, net of tax expense of \$0 and \$0, respectively, for the quarter ended, and \$(14) and \$0, respectively, for the six months ended.	—	—	23	—
Change in cumulative translation adjustment, net of tax expense of \$0 and \$0, respectively, for the quarter ended and \$0 and \$0, respectively, for the six months ended	7,101	255	15,672	(4,544)
Total other comprehensive income (loss)	11,178	1,217	16,992	(2,620)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (103,527)	\$ 74,441	\$ (81,061)	\$ 99,728

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands except share data)	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 50,998	\$ 45,075
Net receivables	502,610	450,715
Net inventories	508,835	562,795
Income tax receivable	15,255	25,658
Other current assets	25,333	25,604
Total current assets	1,103,031	1,109,847
Net property, plant, and equipment	270,711	272,346
Goodwill	721,121	857,631
Net intangible assets	683,737	708,530
Deferred charges and other non-current assets	31,666	28,393
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,810,266</u>	<u>\$ 2,976,747</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,000
Accounts payable	134,845	127,718
Accrued compensation	35,663	33,663
Federal excise tax	25,822	30,082
Other accrued liabilities	135,640	122,926
Total current liabilities	363,970	346,389
Long-term debt	1,012,941	1,089,252
Deferred income tax liabilities	132,664	160,765
Accrued pension and postemployment benefits	58,069	64,230
Other long-term liabilities	69,079	71,046
Total liabilities	1,636,723	1,731,682
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 11 and 14)		
Common stock—\$.01 par value:		
Authorized—500,000,000 shares		
Issued and outstanding — 57,277,977 shares as of October 1, 2017 and 57,014,319 shares as of March 31, 2017	573	571
Additional paid-in capital	1,751,192	1,752,903
Accumulated deficit	(206,086)	(108,033)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(96,000)	(112,992)
Common stock in treasury, at cost — 6,686,462 shares held as of October 1, 2017 and 6,950,120 shares held as of March 31, 2017	(276,136)	(287,384)
Total stockholders' equity	1,173,543	1,245,065
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 2,810,266</u>	<u>\$ 2,976,747</u>

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

(Amounts in thousands)	Six months ended	
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016
Operating Activities:		
Net income (loss)	\$ (98,053)	\$ 102,348
Adjustments to net income (loss) to arrive at cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	27,503	26,993
Amortization of intangible assets	18,253	20,393
Goodwill and intangibles impairment	152,320	—
Amortization of deferred financing costs	1,494	2,823
Deferred income taxes	(29,425)	(11)
Loss on disposal of property, plant, and equipment	83	—
Stock-based compensation	7,325	6,524
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisition of businesses:		
Net receivables	(49,967)	(40,122)
Net inventories	52,337	(73,717)
Accounts payable	11,950	(47,574)
Accrued compensation	(246)	(15,651)
Accrued income taxes	12,028	(4,431)
Federal excise tax	(4,335)	2,895
Pension and other postretirement benefits	(3,840)	1,155
Other assets and liabilities	11,737	28,558
Cash provided by operating activities	109,164	10,183
Investing Activities:		
Capital expenditures	(31,189)	(31,117)
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	—	(458,149)
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant, and equipment	58	66
Cash used for investing activities	(31,131)	(489,200)
Financing Activities:		
Borrowings on line of credit	210,000	290,000
Payments made on line of credit	(270,000)	(130,000)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	307,500
Payments made on long-term debt	(16,000)	(16,000)
Payments made for debt issuance costs	(1,805)	(3,660)
Purchase of treasury shares	—	(64,961)
Deferred payments for acquisitions	—	(7,136)
Proceeds from employee stock compensation plans	4,237	75
Cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(73,568)	375,818
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	1,458	(218)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	5,923	(103,417)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	45,075	151,692
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 50,998	\$ 48,275

Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosures:

Non-cash investing activity:		
Capital expenditures included in accounts payable	\$ 2,386	\$ 2,746
Non-cash financing activity:		
Treasury shares purchased included in other accrued liabilities	\$ —	\$ 2,385

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands except share data)	<u>Common Stock \$.01 Par Value</u>		Additional Paid-In Capital	(Accumulated Deficit) Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Treasury Stock	Total Equity
	Shares	Amount					
Balance, March 31, 2016	60,825,914	\$ 608	\$1,743,371	\$ 166,421	\$ (110,214)	\$ (140,019)	\$ 1,660,167
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	102,348	(2,620)	—	99,728
Exercise of stock options	4,892	—	(147)	—	—	222	75
Restricted stock grants net of forfeitures	(11,173)	—	(271)	—	—	92	(179)
Share-based compensation	—	—	6,524	—	—	—	6,524
Restricted stock vested and shares withheld	4,748	—	(320)	—	—	(423)	(743)
Treasury stock purchased	(1,536,014)	—	—	—	—	(66,567)	(66,567)
Other	5,277	(15)	2,912	—	—	—	2,897
Balance, October 2, 2016	59,293,644	\$ 593	\$1,752,069	\$ 268,769	\$ (112,834)	\$ (206,695)	\$ 1,701,902
Balance, March 31, 2017	57,014,319	\$ 571	\$1,752,903	\$ (108,033)	\$ (112,992)	\$ (287,384)	\$ 1,245,065
Comprehensive income (loss)	—	—	—	(98,053)	16,992	—	(81,061)
Exercise of stock options	265,160	—	(6,734)	—	—	10,971	4,237
Restricted stock grants net of forfeitures	(63,687)	—	251	—	—	(1,633)	(1,382)
Share-based compensation	—	—	7,325	—	—	—	7,325
Restricted stock vested and shares withheld	48,450	—	(2,200)	—	—	1,319	(881)
Employee stock purchase plan	11,109	—	(220)	—	—	459	239
Other	2,626	2	(133)	—	—	132	1
Balance, October 1, 2017	57,277,977	\$ 573	\$1,751,192	\$ (206,086)	\$ (96,000)	\$ (276,136)	\$ 1,173,543

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited)
Three and six months ended October 1, 2017
(Amounts in thousands except share and per share data unless otherwise indicated)

1. Basis of Presentation and Responsibility for Interim Financial Statements

Nature of Operations. Vista Outdoor Inc. (together with our subsidiaries, "we", "our", and "us") is a leading global designer, manufacturer, and marketer of consumer products in the outdoor sports and recreation markets. We operate in two segments, Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports. Vista Outdoor is headquartered in Farmington, Utah and has manufacturing operations and facilities in 13 U.S. States, Canada, Mexico, and Puerto Rico along with international customer service, sales, and sourcing operations in Asia, Australia, Canada, and Europe. Vista Outdoor was incorporated in Delaware in 2014.

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with our consolidated and combined financial statements and notes included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017.

Basis of Presentation. Our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for interim reporting. As permitted under those rules, certain disclosures and other financial information that normally are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States can be condensed or omitted. Our accounting policies are described in the notes to the consolidated and combined financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 ("fiscal 2017"). Management is responsible for the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this document, which are unaudited but, in the opinion of management, include all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of our financial position as of October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, our results of operations for the three and six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, and our cash flows for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016.

New Accounting Pronouncements. On May 28, 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606), which supersedes existing revenue recognition requirements. The new guidance will be effective for the company in the first quarter of our fiscal 2019 (beginning April 1, 2018). We continue to assess the impact of the standard on our financial statements and related disclosures. We currently believe that the financial results from the majority of our businesses will not be impacted; although there could be minor changes to the timing of recognition of revenues related to warranty and certain sales incentive and discount programs. We plan to adopt this standard using the modified retrospective transition method. Under this method, we will recognize the cumulative effect of the changes in retained earnings at the date of adoption, but will not restate prior periods.

On February 25, 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. The new guidance was issued to increase transparency and comparability among companies by reporting most leases on the balance sheet and by expanding disclosure requirements. Based on the current effective dates, the new guidance would apply in the first quarter of our fiscal 2020. We are in the process of evaluating the effect of adoption on our financial statements.

Other than those noted above and in our fiscal 2017 financial statements, there are no other new accounting pronouncements that are expected to have a significant impact on our condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Interest rate swaps—We periodically enter into floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements in order to hedge our forecasted interest payments on our outstanding variable-rate debt. The fair value of those swaps is determined using a pricing model based on observable inputs for similar instruments and other market assumptions. We consider these to be Level 2 instruments. See Note 11, *Long-term Debt*, for additional detail.

Foreign currency derivatives—In order to manage our exposure to foreign currency risk, we periodically utilize foreign currency derivatives, which are considered Level 2 instruments. Foreign currency derivatives are valued based on observable market transactions of spot currency rates and forward currency prices. During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we entered into various foreign currency forward contracts. See Note 3, *Derivative Financial Instruments*, for additional detail. There were no foreign currency derivatives outstanding as of March 31, 2017.

Contingent Consideration—The acquisition-related contingent consideration liability represents the estimated fair value of additional future earn-outs payable for acquisitions of businesses that included earn-out clauses. The valuation of the contingent consideration will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and is based on management estimates and entity-specific assumptions which are considered Level 3 inputs. See Note 5, *Acquisitions*, for further details.

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

	October 1, 2017		March 31, 2017	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Fixed-rate debt	\$ 350,000	\$ 361,396	\$ 350,000	\$ 341,250
Variable-rate debt	707,000	707,000	783,000	783,000

3. Derivative Financial Instruments

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

- commodity prices affecting the cost of raw materials,
- interest rate, and
- foreign exchange risks.

In the normal course of business, these risks are managed through a variety of strategies, including the use of derivative instruments. See Note 11, *Long-term Debt*, for details on our interest rate swaps. Foreign currency exchange contracts are used to hedge forecasted transactions denominated in a foreign currency.

We entered into various foreign currency forward contracts during the quarter ended October 1, 2017. These contracts are used to hedge forecasted cash receipts from customers denominated in foreign currencies and are designated and qualify as effective cash flow hedges. Ineffectiveness with respect to forecasted customer cash receipts is calculated based on changes in the forward rate until the anticipated cash receipt occurs.

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The fair value of the foreign currency forward contracts is recorded within other assets or liabilities, as appropriate, and the effective portion is reflected in accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL") in the financial statements. The gains or losses on the foreign currency forward contracts are recorded in earnings when we settle the contracts with the counterparty.

As of October 1, 2017, we had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts in place for the following amounts:

	<u>Notional Amount of Currency</u>
Sale of foreign currency:	
Euro	8,025

The derivative gains and losses in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of operations related to foreign currency forward contracts were immaterial. The liability related to the foreign currency forward contracts is immaterial and is recorded as part of other current liabilities.

4. Earnings Per Share

The computation of earnings per share ("EPS") includes Basic EPS computed based upon the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for each period. Diluted EPS is computed based on the weighted average number of common shares and common equivalent shares. Common equivalent shares represent the effect of stock-based awards during each period presented, which, if exercised or earned, would have a dilutive effect on EPS.

In computing EPS for the three and six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, earnings, as reported for each respective period, is divided by:

(in thousands)	<u>Quarter ended</u>		<u>Six months ended</u>	
	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>October 2, 2016</u>	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>October 2, 2016</u>
Basic EPS shares outstanding	57,099	59,710	57,041	60,055
Dilutive effect of stock-based awards	—	345	—	345
Diluted EPS shares outstanding	<u>57,099</u>	<u>60,055</u>	<u>57,041</u>	<u>60,400</u>
Shares excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS because the option exercise/threshold price was greater than the average market price of the common shares	<u>271</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>271</u>	<u>139</u>

Share Repurchases

In fiscal 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$200,000 worth of shares of our common stock, which was completed during fiscal 2017. In fiscal 2017, our Board of Directors then authorized a new share repurchase program of up to \$100,000 worth of our common stock, executable through March 31, 2018, which was completed during fiscal 2017. The purchase authorization allowed for the shares to be purchased from time to time in open market, block purchase, or negotiated transactions, subject to compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The repurchase authorization also allowed us to make repurchases under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. We had no repurchases of shares during the six months ended October 1, 2017. During the three and six months ended October 2, 2016, we repurchased 1,074,489 shares for \$44,290 and 1,536,014 shares for \$66,567, respectively.

5. Acquisitions

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

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Acquisition of Camp Chef

On September 1, 2016, we completed the acquisition of privately owned Logan Outdoor Products, LLC and Peak Trades, LLC ("Camp Chef"), a leading provider of outdoor cooking solutions. Under the terms of the transaction, we paid \$60,000 subject to customary working capital adjustments, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facility. An additional \$4,000 has been deferred and will be paid in equal installments after the first, second and third anniversary of the closing date, and \$10,000 will be payable if incremental growth milestones are met and key members of Camp Chef management continue their employment with us. The \$10,000 will be expensed over the three-year measurement period and paid at each milestone date. The growth milestones were met for the first year. The purchase price allocation was finalized in the second quarter of fiscal 2018. A majority of the goodwill generated in this acquisition will be deductible for tax purposes. Camp Chef is an immaterial acquisition to our company.

Acquisition of Action Sports

On April 1, 2016, we completed the acquisition of BRG Sports Inc.'s Action Sports division, operated by Bell Sports Corp. ("Action Sports"). The acquisition includes brands Bell, Giro, Blackburn, CoPilot, Krash, and Raskullz. Under the terms of the transaction, we paid \$400,000, subject to customary working capital adjustments, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities, and additional contingent consideration payable if incremental profitability growth milestones within the Bell Powersports product line are achieved. We determined a value of the future contingent consideration as of the acquisition date of \$4,272, using a risk-neutral Monte Carlo simulation in an option pricing framework; the total amount paid may differ from this value. The option pricing model requires us to make assumptions including the risk-free rate, expected volatility, profitability growth, and expected life. The risk-free rate is based on U.S. Treasury zero-coupon issues with a remaining term that approximates the expected life assumed at the date of grant. The expected option life is based on the contractual term of the agreement. Expected volatility is based on the average volatility of similar public companies' stock over the past two years. The profitability growth is based on simulated estimates of future performance of the business using a geometric Brownian risk-neutral framework. As of October 1, 2017, the value of the future contingent consideration was \$3,832. The decrease from the original estimate was primarily a result of reduced profitability forecasts over the remainder of the earn-out period.

Action Sports remains headquartered in Scotts Valley, California and operates facilities primarily in the U.S., Canada, and Asia. The acquisition of Action Sports includes more than 600 employees worldwide. The purchase price allocation was finalized in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2017. A portion of the goodwill generated in this acquisition will be deductible for tax purposes.

Current quarter results for acquisitions

For the three and six months ended October 1, 2017, Vista Outdoor recorded sales of approximately \$11,640 and \$32,751, respectively, and gross profit of approximately \$3,428 and \$9,947, respectively, associated with the operations of Camp Chef for periods in which it was not part of Vista Outdoor in the comparable prior periods. Vista Outdoor recorded sales of approximately \$3,599 for both the three and six months ended October 2, 2016 and gross profit of approximately \$711 for both the three and six months ended October 2, 2016 associated with the operations of Camp Chef. The results are reflected in the Outdoor Products segment results.

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Allocation of Consideration Transferred to Net Assets Acquired for Action Sports:

The following amounts represent the final determination of the fair value of identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed for our acquisition of Action Sports. The purchase price allocation was completed during the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

Action Sports Final Purchase Price Allocation:

	April 1, 2016	
Purchase price net of cash acquired:		
Cash paid	\$	400,000
Estimated earn-out value		4,272
Cash received for working capital		(1,289)
Total purchase price		<u>402,983</u>
Fair value of assets acquired:		
Receivables	\$	78,090
Inventories		56,527
Tradename, customer relationship, and technology intangibles		155,100
Property, plant, and equipment		34,114
Other assets		6,425
Total assets		<u>330,256</u>
Fair value of liabilities assumed:		
Accounts payable		30,240
Deferred tax liabilities		43,991
Other liabilities		33,168
Total liabilities		<u>107,399</u>
Net assets acquired		222,857
Goodwill	\$	<u><u>180,126</u></u>

6. Net Receivables

Net receivables are summarized as follows:

	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
Trade receivables	\$ 526,124	\$ 472,233
Other receivables	2,719	3,136
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts and discounts	(26,233)	(24,654)
Net receivables	<u>\$ 502,610</u>	<u>\$ 450,715</u>

As of October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, Walmart represented 15% and 13%, respectively, of the total trade receivables balance. No other customer represented more than 10% of total trade receivables balance as of October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017.

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7. Net Inventories

Net inventories consist of the following:

	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
Raw materials	\$ 105,052	\$ 101,635
Work in process	46,149	51,004
Finished goods	357,634	410,156
Net inventories	<u>\$ 508,835</u>	<u>\$ 562,795</u>

We consider inventories to be long term if they are not expected to be sold within one year. Long-term inventories are presented on the balance sheet net of reserves within deferred charges and other non-current assets and totaled \$28,899 and \$23,504 as of October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, respectively.

8. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

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

	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
Pension and other postretirement benefits	\$ (55,632)	\$ (56,929)
Derivatives	23	—
Cumulative translation adjustment	(40,391)	(56,063)
Total AOCL	<u>\$ (96,000)</u>	<u>\$ (112,992)</u>

The following tables summarize the changes in the balance of AOCL, net of income tax:

	Quarter ended October 1, 2017				Six months ended October 1, 2017			
	Derivatives	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total	Derivatives	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total
Beginning balance in AOCL	\$ 23	\$ (59,709)	\$ (47,492)	\$ (107,178)	\$ —	\$ (56,929)	\$ (56,063)	\$ (112,992)
Net actuarial losses reclassified from AOCL ⁽¹⁾	—	493	—	493	—	1,615	—	1,615
Prior service costs reclassified from AOCL ⁽¹⁾	—	(49)	—	(49)	—	(323)	—	(323)
Valuation adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit plans ⁽²⁾	—	3,633	—	3,633	—	5	—	5
Net increase in fair value of derivatives	—	—	—	—	23	—	—	23
Net change in cumulative translation adjustment	—	—	7,101	7,101	—	—	15,672	15,672
Ending balance in AOCL	<u>\$ 23</u>	<u>\$ (55,632)</u>	<u>\$ (40,391)</u>	<u>\$ (96,000)</u>	<u>\$ 23</u>	<u>\$ (55,632)</u>	<u>\$ (40,391)</u>	<u>\$ (96,000)</u>

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

(2) See Note 12, *Employee Benefit Plans*, for a description of the pension curtailment gain recognized in the quarter ended July 2, 2017.

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	Quarter ended October 2, 2016			Six months ended October 2, 2016		
	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total	Pension and other postretirement benefits	Cumulative translation adjustment	Total
Beginning balance in AOCL	\$ (62,705)	\$ (51,346)	\$ (114,051)	\$ (63,667)	\$ (46,547)	\$ (110,214)
Net actuarial losses reclassified from AOCL ⁽¹⁾	1,236	—	1,236	2,472	—	2,472
Prior service costs reclassified from AOCL ⁽¹⁾	(274)	—	(274)	(548)	—	(548)
Net change in cumulative translation adjustment	—	255	255	—	(4,544)	(4,544)
Ending balance in AOCL	\$ (61,743)	\$ (51,091)	\$ (112,834)	\$ (61,743)	\$ (51,091)	\$ (112,834)

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

9. Goodwill and Net Intangible Assets

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

	Outdoor Products	Shooting Sports	Total
Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 652,896	\$ 204,735	\$ 857,631
Impairment	(143,400)	—	(143,400)
Effect of foreign currency exchange rates	6,520	370	6,890
Balance, October 1, 2017	\$ 516,016	\$ 205,105	\$ 721,121

During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, Vista Outdoor recorded a \$152,320 impairment of goodwill and identifiable intangible assets related to the Hunting and Shooting Accessories and Sports Protection reporting units. The company previously anticipated a return to sales growth in fiscal 2018 for these reporting units. However, during the quarter ended October 1, 2017 the company concluded that the return to growth for these reporting units would take longer than previously anticipated as a result of challenging market conditions that have persisted longer than expected. Both reporting units have been adversely affected by customer bankruptcies and consolidations. We see increased downward pressure on sales and margins due to high inventories persisting in the wholesale channels for our Hunting and Shooting Accessories reporting unit, and due to lower consumer participation rates and reduced retail space for our products in the Sports Protection reporting unit.

As a result, we reduced the projected cash flows for these reporting units to reflect the lower expected sales volume and profit margins. Given the reduction in our internal projections for these reporting units, we determined a triggering event had occurred, which indicated it was more likely than not that the fair values of the reporting units were less than the respective book values.

The fair value of both reporting units was determined using both an income and market approach. The value under the income approach is estimated using a discounted cash flow model that requires us to make significant estimates regarding future revenues and expenses, projected capital expenditures, changes in working capital, and the appropriate discount rate. The estimated value under the income approach is weighted equally against the estimated value under a market approach that reflects the price reasonably expected to be realized from the sale of the reporting unit based on transactions involving comparable companies.

The excess book value over fair value, and resulting goodwill impairment, in our Hunting and Shooting Accessories reporting unit was \$69,734. To determine the fair value under the income approach, we used a discount rate of 8% and a terminal growth rate of 3%. During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we also performed an interim test for indefinite lived tradename impairment and we recorded a \$7,220 impairment related to our Bushnell and Weaver tradenames. We determined the fair value of the indefinite lived tradenames using a royalty rate of 2%.

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The excess book value over fair value, and resulting goodwill impairment, in our Sports Protection reporting unit was \$73,666. To determine the fair value under the income approach, we used a discount rate of 8% and a terminal growth rate of 3%. During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we also performed an interim test for indefinite lived tradename impairment and we recorded a \$1,700 impairment related to our Giro tradename. We determined the fair value of the indefinite lived tradename using a royalty rate of 3%.

We evaluated our other reporting units and concluded that it was not more likely than not that the book values of the reporting units exceeded their fair values. However, we estimate that the excess of fair value over book value in our Outdoor Recreation and Firearms reporting units is less than 5%. Should the challenging retail environment last longer or be deeper than currently expected, if new product developments do not succeed, or if the discount rate were to increase, it is possible that the estimated fair value of these other reporting units could fall below their book value, which could necessitate further impairment of the goodwill and other intangible assets. We will continue to assess our reporting units for potential triggering events and will perform our annual impairment test as of the first day of the fourth quarter each year.

The goodwill recorded within the Outdoor Products segment is presented net of \$545,106 of accumulated impairment losses, of which \$47,791 was recorded prior to fiscal 2015 and \$353,915 was recorded in fiscal 2017. The goodwill recorded within the Shooting Sports segment is presented net of \$41,020 of accumulated impairment losses, which were recorded prior to fiscal 2015. The remeasurement of goodwill and intangible assets is classified as a Level 3 fair value assessment as described in Note 2, *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, due to the significance of unobservable inputs developed using company-specific information.

Net intangible assets other than goodwill consisted of the following:

	October 1, 2017			March 31, 2017		
	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Total	Gross carrying amount	Accumulated amortization	Total
Trade names	\$ 106,159	\$ (20,925)	\$ 85,234	\$ 106,159	\$ (17,048)	\$ 89,111
Patented technology	19,066	(8,229)	10,837	19,066	(7,703)	11,363
Customer relationships and other	374,242	(92,623)	281,619	371,099	(78,010)	293,089
Total	499,467	(121,777)	377,690	496,324	(102,761)	393,563
Non-amortizing trade names	306,047	—	306,047	314,967	—	314,967
Net intangible assets	\$ 805,514	\$ (121,777)	\$ 683,737	\$ 811,291	\$ (102,761)	\$ 708,530

The amortizable assets in the table above are being amortized using a straight-line method over a weighted average remaining period of approximately 12.4 years. The amount of amortizing tradename and technology intangible assets for the Outdoor Products segment is presented net of a \$61,054 impairment charge recorded in fiscal 2017. The amount of non-amortizing tradename intangible assets in the Outdoor Products segment is presented net of \$8,920 and \$34,230 of impairment losses recorded in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2017, respectively; and, the amount of non-amortizing tradename intangible assets in the Shooting Sports segment is presented net of \$11,200 of impairment losses recorded in fiscal 2015. Amortization expense for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 was \$9,143 and \$10,287, respectively, and for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 was \$18,253 and \$20,393, respectively.

As of October 1, 2017, we expect amortization expense related to these assets to be as follows:

Remainder of fiscal 2018	\$ 18,444
Fiscal 2019	34,144
Fiscal 2020	33,317
Fiscal 2021	33,301
Fiscal 2022	33,293
Thereafter	225,191
Total	\$ 377,690

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10. Other Current and Non-current Liabilities

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

	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
Other current liabilities:		
Accrual for in-transit inventory	\$ 27,800	\$ 17,505
Rebate	26,381	19,325
Other	81,459	86,096
Total other current liabilities	<u>\$ 135,640</u>	<u>\$ 122,926</u>
Other non-current liabilities:		
Non-current portion of accrued income tax liability	\$ 34,410	\$ 32,842
Other	34,669	38,204
Total other non-current liabilities	<u>\$ 69,079</u>	<u>\$ 71,046</u>

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

Balance, March 31, 2017	\$ 10,014
Payments made	(2,361)
Warranties issued	2,249
Changes related to preexisting warranties	170
Balance, October 1, 2017	<u>\$ 10,072</u>

11. Long-term Debt

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

	October 1, 2017	March 31, 2017
Credit Agreement:		
Term Loan	\$ 592,000	\$ 608,000
Revolving Credit Facility	115,000	175,000
Total principal amount of Credit Agreement	707,000	783,000
5.875% Senior Notes	350,000	350,000
Principal amount of long-term debt	1,057,000	1,133,000
Less: unamortized deferred financing costs	(12,059)	(11,748)
Carrying amount of long-term debt	1,044,941	1,121,252
Less: current portion	(32,000)	(32,000)
Carrying amount of long-term debt, excluding current portion	<u>\$ 1,012,941</u>	<u>\$ 1,089,252</u>

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Credit Agreement

On April 1, 2016, we entered into an Amended and Restated Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"), which replaced our 2014 Credit Agreement. The Credit Agreement is comprised of a Term A Loan of \$640,000 and a \$400,000 Revolving Credit Facility, both of which mature on April 1, 2021. The Term A Loan is subject to quarterly principal payments of \$8,000, with the remaining balance due on April 1, 2021. Substantially all domestic tangible and intangible assets of Vista Outdoor and our subsidiaries, as well as the tangible and intangible assets of Advanced Arrow S. de R.L. de C.V. and Hydrosport, S. de R.L. de C.V., are pledged as collateral under the Credit Agreement. Borrowings under the Credit Agreement bear interest at a rate equal to either the sum of a base rate plus a specified margin or the sum of a Eurodollar rate plus a specified margin. Each margin is based on our consolidated leverage ratio, as defined in the Credit Agreement, and based on the ratio in effect as of October 1, 2017, the base rate margin was 1.25% and the Eurodollar margin was 2.25%. The weighted average interest rate for our borrowings under the Credit Agreement as of October 1, 2017 was 3.49%, excluding the impact of the interest rate swaps that are discussed below. We pay a commitment fee on the unused portion of the Revolving Credit Facility based on our consolidated leverage ratio, and based on the current ratio, this fee is 0.40%. As of October 1, 2017, we had \$115,000 in borrowings against our \$400,000 Revolving Credit Facility and had outstanding letters of credit of \$25,637, which reduced amounts available on the Revolving Credit Facility to \$259,363. Debt issuance costs of approximately \$14,000 are being amortized over the term of the Credit Agreement.

In December 2014, we entered into a credit agreement (the "2014 Credit Agreement"), which was comprised of a Term A Loan of \$350,000 and a Revolving Credit Facility of \$400,000, both of which were to mature on February 9, 2020. During the quarter ended July 3, 2016, we refinanced this agreement as noted above. In connection with this transaction, we wrote off \$1,521 of unamortized deferred debt issuance costs.

During the quarter ended July 2, 2017, we entered into an amendment to the Credit Agreement (the "Amendment") to amend, among other things, certain financial covenants. The Amendment provides that the Consolidated Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) must not exceed 4.75 to 1.00 through the fiscal quarter ending December 30, 2018, 4.25 to 1.00 from the fiscal quarter ending March 31, 2019 through December 29, 2019; and 4.00 to 1.00 thereafter. The Amendment also provides that the Consolidated Senior Secured Leverage Ratio (as defined in the Credit Agreement) must not exceed 3.50 to 1.00 through the fiscal quarter ending December 30, 2018, and 3.00 to 1.00 thereafter. In addition, the limitation on Restricted Payments (as defined in the Credit Agreement) was amended. Also amended were the rates at which borrowings under the Revolving Credit Facility and Term A Loan bear interest and the commitment fee for unused commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility, all of which vary depending on our Consolidated Leverage Ratio. Debt issuance costs related to the Amendment of approximately \$1,800 are being amortized over the remaining term of the Credit Agreement.

5.875% Notes

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

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Rank and Guarantees

The Credit Agreement obligations are guaranteed on a secured basis, jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and by Advanced Arrow S. de R.L. de C.V. and Hydrosport, S. de R.L. de C.V.. Vista Outdoor (the parent company issuer) has no independent assets or operations. We own 100% of all of these guarantor subsidiaries. The 5.875% Notes are senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with any future senior unsecured indebtedness and senior in right of payment to any future subordinated indebtedness. The 5.875% Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed, jointly and severally, by our existing and future domestic subsidiaries that guarantee indebtedness under our Credit Agreement or that guarantee certain of our other indebtedness, or indebtedness of any subsidiary guarantor, in an aggregate principal amount in excess of \$50,000. These guarantees are senior unsecured obligations of the applicable subsidiary guarantors. The guarantee by any subsidiary guarantor of our obligations in respect of the 5.875% Notes will be released in any of the following circumstances:

- if, as a result of the sale of its capital stock, such subsidiary guarantor ceases to be a restricted subsidiary;
- if such subsidiary guarantor is designated as an “Unrestricted Subsidiary;”
- upon defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the 5.875% Notes; or
- if such subsidiary guarantor has been released from its guarantees of indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and all capital markets debt securities.

Interest Rate Swaps

During the quarter ended July 2, 2017, we entered into floating-to-fixed interest rate swap agreements in order to hedge our forecasted interest payments on our outstanding variable-rate debt. As of October 1, 2017, we had the following cash flow hedge interest rate swaps in place:

	Notional	Fair Value	Pay Fixed	Receive Floating	Maturity Date
Non-amortizing swap	\$ 100,000	\$ 105	1.519%	1.235%	June 2019
Non-amortizing swap	100,000	184	1.629%	1.235%	June 2020

The amount to be paid or received under these swaps is recorded as an adjustment to interest expense. The asset related to the swaps is recorded as part of other current assets.

Cash Paid for Interest on Debt

Cash paid for interest on debt, including commitment fees, for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 totaled \$22,888 and \$21,629, respectively.

12. Employee Benefit Plans

During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we recognized an aggregate net expense for employee benefit plans of \$5,859 compared to \$1,690 in the quarter ended October 2, 2016. The increase was primarily due to additional expense recognized in the current quarter as a result of benefits for retiring executives which had an impact of \$5,912, partially offset by lower amortization of previously unrecognized losses and lower service costs.

For the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, we recognized an aggregate net expense for employee benefit plans of \$1,507 and \$3,381, respectively. The decrease was primarily due to the pension curtailment gain recognized in the first quarter of fiscal 2018, as discussed below and lower service costs as a result of the curtailment, offset by the additional expense during the quarter ended October 1, 2017 as a result of benefits for retiring executives.

Employer Contributions. During the six months ended October 1, 2017, we made the legally required contribution of \$5,600 directly to the pension trust, and no contributions to our other postretirement benefit plans. We made no distributions directly to retirees under the non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan. During the six months ended October 2, 2016, we contributed \$2,200 directly to the pension trust, made no contributions to our other postretirement benefit plans, and made distributions of \$12 to retirees under the non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plan. We expect to make \$3,200 in additional contributions directly to the pension trust, and we expect to contribute approximately \$159 to our other

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postretirement benefit plans, and distribute approximately \$11,125 directly to retirees under our non-qualified supplemental executive retirement plans, during the remainder of fiscal 2018.

Pension Curtailment. In June 2017, we announced changes to our qualified and non-qualified defined benefit pension plans. The benefits under the affected plans are determined by a cash balance formula that provides participating employees with an annual “pay credit” as a percentage of their eligible pay based on their age and eligible service. The curtailment is effective July 31, 2017, with employees receiving a pro-rated pay credit for 2017 and no future pay credits beginning in 2018. However, a participating employee’s benefit will continue to grow based on annual interest credits applied to the employee’s cash balance account until commencement of the employee’s benefit. As a result of the changes, we recognized a one-time gain of \$5,783 during the quarter ended July 2, 2017.

13. Income Taxes

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

The income tax provisions for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 represent effective tax rates of 17.9% and 22.4%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year quarter is primarily caused by the nondeductible goodwill impairment charge in the current quarter partially offset by the prior year nontaxable acquisition claim settlement gain and the true-up of prior year tax returns resulting in larger than expected carryforwards to our tax return. The effective tax rates for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 were lower than the statutory rates primarily because of the impact of the goodwill impairment in the current period and the acquisition claim settlement gain in the prior period, respectively.

The income tax provisions for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 represent effective tax rates of 13.1% and 27.7%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year period is primarily caused by the nondeductible goodwill impairment charge in the current quarter partially offset by the prior year nontaxable acquisition claim settlement gain and the true-up of prior year tax returns resulting in larger than expected carryforwards to our tax return. The effective tax rates for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 were lower than the statutory rates primarily because of the impact of the goodwill impairment in the current period and the acquisition claim settlement gain in the prior period, respectively.

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

Prior to the Spin-Off, Orbital ATK or one of its subsidiaries filed income tax returns in the U.S. federal and various U.S. state jurisdictions which included Vista Outdoor. In addition, certain of our subsidiaries filed income tax returns in foreign jurisdictions. After the Spin-Off we are filing income tax returns in the U.S. federal, foreign and various U.S. state jurisdictions. With a few exceptions, Orbital ATK and its subsidiaries and Vista are no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or foreign income tax examinations by tax authorities prior to 2010. The IRS has completed the audits of Orbital ATK through fiscal 2014 and is currently auditing Orbital ATK’s tax return for fiscal 2015. The IRS is also currently auditing our tax return for the period that begins after the Spin-Off (February 9, 2015) and ends on March 31, 2015. We believe appropriate provisions for all outstanding issues relating to our portion of these returns have been made for all remaining open years in all jurisdictions.

Although the timing and outcome of audit settlements are uncertain, it is reasonably possible that a \$2,688 reduction of the uncertain tax benefits will occur in the next 12 months. The settlement of these unrecognized tax benefits could result in earnings from \$0 to \$1,779.

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14. Contingencies

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

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

We have been identified as a potentially responsible party (“PRP”), along with other parties, in regulatory agency actions associated with hazardous waste sites. As a PRP, we may be required to pay a share of the costs of the investigation and clean-up of these sites. While uncertainties exist with respect to the amounts and timing of the ultimate environmental liabilities, based on currently available information, we have concluded that these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not have a material adverse effect on our operating results, financial condition, or cash flows. We have recorded a liability for environmental remediation of \$747 and \$750 as of October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2017, respectively.

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

15. Condensed Consolidating Financial Statements

The 5.875% Notes are guaranteed on an unsecured basis, jointly and severally and fully and unconditionally by substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries and by Advanced Arrow S. de R.L. de C.V. and Hydrosport, S. de R.L. de C.V.

The parent company has no independent assets or operations. All of these guarantor subsidiaries are 100% owned by Vista Outdoor. These guarantees are senior or senior subordinated obligations, as applicable, of the applicable subsidiary guarantors. In conjunction with the registration of the 5.875% Notes the consolidating financial information of the guarantor and non-guarantor subsidiaries is presented on the following pages.

The guarantee by any subsidiary guarantor of our obligations in respect of the 5.875% Notes will be released in any of the following circumstances:

- if, as a result of the sale of its capital stock, such subsidiary guarantor ceases to be a restricted subsidiary;
- if such subsidiary guarantor is designated as an “Unrestricted Subsidiary;”
- upon defeasance or satisfaction and discharge of the 5.875% Notes; or
- if such subsidiary guarantor has been released from its guarantees of indebtedness under the Credit Agreement and all capital markets debt securities.

Within the last four fiscal quarters, the domestic subsidiaries included in our two most recent acquisitions (Action Sports and Camp Chef) were added to the list of guarantors of our 5.875% Notes. As a result, we revised the prior period guarantors and non-guarantors financial statements presented as if the new guarantor structure (as of the balance sheet date) existed for all periods presented.

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
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(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	Quarter ended October 1, 2017				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Sales, net	\$ —	\$ 554,352	\$ 54,545	\$ (21,614)	\$ 587,283
Cost of sales	—	432,828	37,362	(21,884)	448,306
Gross profit	—	121,524	17,183	270	138,977
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	—	7,447	—	—	7,447
Selling, general, and administrative	—	94,229	12,157	—	106,386
Goodwill and intangibles impairment	—	102,320	50,000	—	152,320
Income (loss) before interest and income taxes	—	(82,472)	(44,974)	270	(127,176)
Equity in income of subsidiaries	(106,789)	(47,138)	—	153,927	—
Interest expense, net	(12,569)	—	—	—	(12,569)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(119,358)	(129,610)	(44,974)	154,197	(139,745)
Income tax provision (benefit)	(4,653)	(22,821)	2,336	98	(25,040)
Net income (loss)	\$ (114,705)	\$ (106,789)	\$ (47,310)	\$ 154,099	\$ (114,705)
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:					
Net income (loss) (from above)	\$ (114,705)	\$ (106,789)	\$ (47,310)	\$ 154,099	\$ (114,705)
Total other comprehensive income	11,178	11,178	7,101	(18,279)	11,178
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ (103,527)	\$ (95,611)	\$ (40,209)	\$ 135,820	\$ (103,527)

(Amounts in thousands)	Quarter ended October 2, 2016				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Sales, net	\$ —	\$ 658,092	\$ 57,066	\$ (30,846)	\$ 684,312
Cost of sales	—	495,560	34,167	(30,824)	498,903
Gross profit	—	162,532	22,899	(22)	185,409
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	—	8,201	(51)	—	8,150
Selling, general, and administrative	—	87,376	15,347	—	102,723
Acquisition claim settlement gain, net	(30,027)	—	—	—	(30,027)
Income before interest and income taxes	30,027	66,955	7,603	(22)	104,563
Equity in income of subsidiaries	49,536	4,856	—	(54,392)	—
Interest expense, net	(10,143)	—	—	—	(10,143)
Income before income taxes	69,420	71,811	7,603	(54,414)	94,420
Income tax provision (benefit)	(3,804)	22,275	2,727	(2)	21,196
Net income	\$ 73,224	\$ 49,536	\$ 4,876	\$ (54,412)	\$ 73,224
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:					
Net income (from above)	\$ 73,224	\$ 49,536	\$ 4,876	\$ (54,412)	\$ 73,224
Total other comprehensive income	1,217	1,217	255	(1,472)	1,217
Comprehensive income	\$ 74,441	\$ 50,753	\$ 5,131	\$ (55,884)	\$ 74,441

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(Amounts in thousands except share and per share data unless otherwise indicated)

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(unaudited)

	Six months ended October 1, 2017				
(Amounts in thousands)	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Sales, net	\$ —	\$ 1,093,911	\$ 105,242	\$ (43,121)	\$ 1,156,032
Cost of sales	—	843,785	70,591	(43,879)	870,497
Gross profit	—	250,126	34,651	758	285,535
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	—	15,238	—	—	15,238
Selling, general, and administrative	—	181,526	24,286	—	205,812
Goodwill and intangibles impairment	—	102,320	50,000	—	152,320
Income (loss) before interest and income taxes	—	(48,958)	(39,635)	758	(87,835)
Equity in income of subsidiaries	(82,390)	(43,173)	—	125,563	—
Interest expense, net	(24,962)	—	—	—	(24,962)
Income (loss) before income taxes	(107,352)	(92,131)	(39,635)	126,321	(112,797)
Income tax provision (benefit)	(9,299)	(9,741)	4,043	253	(14,744)
Net income (loss)	\$ (98,053)	\$ (82,390)	\$ (43,678)	\$ 126,068	\$ (98,053)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:					
Net income (loss) (from above)	\$ (98,053)	\$ (82,390)	\$ (43,678)	\$ 126,068	\$ (98,053)
Total other comprehensive income	16,992	16,992	15,672	(32,664)	16,992
Comprehensive loss	\$ (81,061)	\$ (65,398)	\$ (28,006)	\$ 93,404	\$ (81,061)

	Six months ended October 2, 2016				
(Amounts in thousands)	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Sales, net	\$ —	\$ 1,257,406	\$ 111,660	\$ (54,485)	\$ 1,314,581
Cost of sales	—	941,109	70,909	(54,223)	957,795
Gross profit	—	316,297	40,751	(262)	356,786
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	—	16,032	(51)	—	15,981
Selling, general, and administrative	—	177,992	29,175	—	207,167
Acquisition claim settlement gain, net	(30,027)	—	—	—	(30,027)
Income before interest and income taxes	30,027	122,273	11,627	(262)	163,665
Equity in income of subsidiaries	86,136	7,316	—	(93,452)	—
Interest expense, net	(22,106)	—	—	—	(22,106)
Income before income taxes	94,057	129,589	11,627	(93,714)	141,559
Income tax provision (benefit)	(8,291)	43,453	4,134	(85)	39,211
Net income	\$ 102,348	\$ 86,136	\$ 7,493	\$ (93,629)	\$ 102,348
Other comprehensive income, net of tax:					
Net income (from above)	102,348	86,136	7,493	(93,629)	102,348
Total other comprehensive loss	(2,620)	(2,620)	(4,544)	7,164	(2,620)
Comprehensive income	\$ 99,728	\$ 83,516	\$ 2,949	\$ (86,465)	\$ 99,728

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(Amounts in thousands except share and per share data unless otherwise indicated)

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	October 1, 2017				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 21,296	\$ 29,702	\$ —	\$ 50,998
Net receivables	—	458,867	43,743	—	502,610
Due from affiliates, current	—	2,032	—	(2,032)	—
Net inventories	—	453,456	59,631	(4,252)	508,835
Income tax receivable	—	12,182	—	3,073	15,255
Other current assets	—	22,646	2,687	—	25,333
Total current assets	—	970,479	135,763	(3,211)	1,103,031
Net property, plant, and equipment	—	261,264	9,447	—	270,711
Investment in subsidiaries	2,409,529	162,574	—	(2,572,103)	—
Goodwill	—	656,498	64,623	—	721,121
Net intangible assets	—	650,841	32,896	—	683,737
Long-term due from affiliates	—	232,055	—	(232,055)	—
Deferred charges and other non-current assets	—	25,080	6,586	—	31,666
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,409,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,958,791</u>	<u>\$ 249,315</u>	<u>\$ (2,807,369)</u>	<u>\$ 2,810,266</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 32,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 32,000
Accounts payable	—	123,073	11,772	—	134,845
Due to affiliates, current	—	—	2,032	(2,032)	—
Accrued compensation	—	32,213	3,450	—	35,663
Accrued income taxes	—	—	142	(142)	—
Federal excise tax	—	24,269	1,553	—	25,822
Other accrued liabilities	—	119,900	15,740	—	135,640
Total current liabilities	32,000	299,455	34,689	(2,174)	363,970
Long-term debt	1,012,941	—	—	—	1,012,941
Deferred income tax liabilities	—	123,112	7,896	1,656	132,664
Accrued pension and postemployment benefits	—	58,069	—	—	58,069
Long-term due to affiliates	191,045	—	41,010	(232,055)	—
Other long-term liabilities	—	67,834	1,245	—	69,079
Total liabilities	1,235,986	548,470	84,840	(232,573)	1,636,723
Equity					
Total stockholders' equity	1,173,543	2,410,321	164,475	(2,574,796)	1,173,543
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	<u>\$ 2,409,529</u>	<u>\$ 2,958,791</u>	<u>\$ 249,315</u>	<u>\$ (2,807,369)</u>	<u>\$ 2,810,266</u>

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (continued)

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	March 31, 2017				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
ASSETS					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$ 23,027	\$ 22,048	\$ —	\$ 45,075
Net receivables	—	409,177	41,538	—	450,715
Due from affiliates, current	—	1,787	—	(1,787)	—
Net inventories	—	510,754	57,050	(5,009)	562,795
Income tax receivable	—	22,394	1,303	1,961	25,658
Other current assets	—	23,177	2,427	—	25,604
Total current assets	—	990,316	124,366	(4,835)	1,109,847
Net property, plant, and equipment	—	262,711	9,635	—	272,346
Investment in subsidiaries	2,552,948	196,547	—	(2,749,495)	—
Goodwill	—	749,898	107,733	—	857,631
Net intangible assets	—	676,576	31,954	—	708,530
Long-term due from affiliates	—	230,669	—	(230,669)	—
Deferred charges and other non-current assets	—	23,482	4,911	—	28,393
Total assets	\$ 2,552,948	\$ 3,130,199	\$ 278,599	\$ (2,984,999)	\$ 2,976,747
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 32,000	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 32,000
Accounts payable	—	117,650	10,068	—	127,718
Due to affiliates, current	—	—	1,787	(1,787)	—
Accrued compensation	—	30,173	3,490	—	33,663
Federal excise tax	—	29,042	1,040	—	30,082
Other accrued liabilities	—	110,321	12,605	—	122,926
Total current liabilities	32,000	287,186	28,990	(1,787)	346,389
Long-term debt	1,089,252	—	—	—	1,089,252
Deferred income tax liabilities	—	153,636	6,979	150	160,765
Accrued pension and postemployment benefits	—	64,230	—	—	64,230
Long-term due to affiliates	186,631	—	44,038	(230,669)	—
Other long-term liabilities	—	69,384	1,662	—	71,046
Total liabilities	1,307,883	574,436	81,669	(232,306)	1,731,682
Equity					
Total stockholders' equity	1,245,065	2,555,763	196,930	(2,752,693)	1,245,065
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 2,552,948	\$ 3,130,199	\$ 278,599	\$ (2,984,999)	\$ 2,976,747

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	Six months ended October 1, 2017				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating Activities:					
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ (14,168)	\$ 109,225	\$ 14,107	\$ —	\$ 109,164
Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(30,802)	(387)	—	(31,189)
Due from affiliates	—	(80,185)	—	80,185	—
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant, and equipment	—	31	27	—	58
Cash provided by (used for) investing activities	—	(110,956)	(360)	80,185	(31,131)
Financing Activities:					
Due to (from) affiliates	87,736	—	(7,551)	(80,185)	—
Borrowings on line of credit	210,000	—	—	—	210,000
Payments made on line of credit	(270,000)	—	—	—	(270,000)
Payments made on long-term debt	(16,000)	—	—	—	(16,000)
Payments made for debt issuance costs	(1,805)	—	—	—	(1,805)
Proceeds from employee stock compensation plans	4,237	—	—	—	4,237
Cash provided by (used for) financing activities	14,168	—	(7,551)	(80,185)	(73,568)
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	—	—	1,458	—	1,458
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	—	(1,731)	7,654	—	5,923
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	23,027	22,048	—	45,075
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ —	\$ 21,296	\$ 29,702	\$ —	\$ 50,998

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (continued)

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VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
(unaudited)

(Amounts in thousands)	Six months ended October 2, 2016				
	Parent Issuer	Guarantors	Non-Guarantors	Eliminations	Consolidated
Operating Activities:					
Cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$ 17,524	\$ (2,518)	\$ (4,823)	\$ —	\$ 10,183
Investing Activities:					
Capital expenditures	—	(30,418)	(699)	—	(31,117)
Due from affiliates	—	(77,482)	—	77,482	—
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(465,684)	7,149	386	—	(458,149)
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant, and equipment	—	22	44	—	66
Cash used for investing activities	(465,684)	(100,729)	(269)	77,482	(489,200)
Financing Activities:					
Due to (from) affiliates	72,342	—	5,140	(77,482)	—
Borrowings on line of credit	290,000	—	—	—	290,000
Payments made on line of credit	(130,000)	—	—	—	(130,000)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	307,500	—	—	—	307,500
Payments made on long-term debt	(16,000)	—	—	—	(16,000)
Payments made for debt issuance costs	(3,660)	—	—	—	(3,660)
Purchase of treasury shares	(64,961)	—	—	—	(64,961)
Deferred payments for acquisitions	(7,136)	—	—	—	(7,136)
Proceeds from employee stock compensation plans	75	—	—	—	75
Cash provided by financing activities	448,160	—	5,140	(77,482)	375,818
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	—	—	(218)	—	(218)
(Decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	—	(103,247)	(170)	—	(103,417)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	—	133,503	18,189	—	151,692
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ —	\$ 30,256	\$ 18,019	\$ —	\$ 48,275

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NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (unaudited) (continued)

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16. Operating Segment Information

We operate our business structure within two operating segments, which are defined based on the reporting and review process used by the chief operating decision maker, our Chief Executive Officer. Management reviews the operating segments based on net sales and gross profit. Certain significant selling and general and administrative expenses are not allocated to the segments. In addition, certain significant asset balances are not readily identifiable with individual segments and therefore cannot be allocated. It is impractical to report revenues from external customers by product category due to certain significant sales deductions including volume rebates and discounts that are not attributed to product categories. Each segment is described below:

- Outdoor Products, which generated approximately 50% of our external sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017. The Outdoor Products product lines are action sports, archery/hunting accessories, camping, global eyewear and sport protection products, golf, hydration products, optics, shooting accessories, tactical products and water sports. Action sports includes helmets, goggles, and accessories for cycling, snow sports, action sports and powersports. Archery/hunting accessories include high-performance hunting arrows, game calls, hunting blinds, game cameras and waterfowl decoys. Camping products include our outdoor cooking solutions. Eyewear and sport protection products include safety and protective eyewear, as well as fashion and sports eyewear. Golf products include laser rangefinders. Hydration products include hydration packs and water bottles. Optics products include binoculars, riflescopes and telescopes. Shooting accessories products include reloading equipment, clay targets, and premium gun care products. Tactical products include holsters, duty gear, bags and packs. Water sports products include stand up paddle boards.
- Shooting Sports, which generated approximately 50% of our external sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017. Shooting Sports product lines include centerfire ammunition, rimfire ammunition, shotshell ammunition, reloading components, and firearms.

Walmart contributed 15% of our sales in both the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016. No other single customer contributed 10% or more of our sales in the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016.

The following summarizes our results by segment:

	Quarter ended		Six months ended	
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016
Sales to external customers:				
Outdoor Products	\$ 291,628	\$ 320,716	\$ 581,611	\$ 608,181
Shooting Sports	295,655	363,596	574,421	706,400
Total sales to external customers	\$ 587,283	\$ 684,312	\$ 1,156,032	\$ 1,314,581
Gross Profit				
Outdoor Products	\$ 75,608	\$ 83,760	\$ 152,118	\$ 164,657
Shooting Sports	63,341	101,616	133,659	192,450
Corporate	28	33	(242)	(321)
Total gross profit	\$ 138,977	\$ 185,409	\$ 285,535	\$ 356,786

The sales above exclude intercompany sales between Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports of \$1,391 and \$633 for the quarter ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, respectively.

The sales above exclude intercompany sales between Outdoor Products and Shooting Sports of \$2,252 and \$1,750 for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, respectively.

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17. Subsequent Events

The Board of Directors elected Christopher T. Metz to serve as the company's Chief Executive Officer effective October 9, 2017. He will also serve as a member of the Board of Directors.

On November 9, 2017 the company announced that its Board of Directors has named Michael Callahan to serve as chairman.

On November 9, 2017 the company announced its intention to sell the Bollé, Serengeti, and Cébé brands in the Sports Protection business. The sale of these brands is expected to take place over the next few quarters.

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

(Dollar amounts in thousands unless otherwise indicated)

Forward-Looking Information is Subject to Risk and Uncertainty

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

- general economic and business conditions in the United States and our other markets, including employment levels, consumer confidence and spending, the conditions in the retail environment, and other economic conditions affecting demand for our products and the financial health of our customers;
- our ability to attract and retain key personnel and maintain and grow our relationships with customers, suppliers and other business partners;
- our ability to adapt our products to changes in technology, the marketplace and customer preferences, including our ability to respond to shifting preferences of the end consumer from brick and mortar retail to online retail;
- our ability to maintain and enhance brand recognition and reputation;
- reductions, unexpected changes in or our inability to accurately forecast demand for ammunition, firearms or other outdoor sports and recreation products;
- risks associated with our sales to significant customers, including unexpected cancellations, delays and other changes to purchase orders;
- supplier capacity constraints, production disruptions or quality or price issues affecting our operating costs;
- our competitive environment;
- risks associated with compliance and diversification into international and commercial markets;
- the supply, availability and costs of raw materials and components;
- increases in commodity, energy and production costs;
- changes in laws, rules and regulations relating to our business, such as federal and state firearms and ammunition regulations;
- our ability to execute our long-term growth strategy, including our ability to complete and realize expected benefits from acquisitions and integrate acquired businesses;
- our ability to take advantage of growth opportunities in international and commercial markets;
- foreign currency exchange rates and fluctuations in those rates;
- the outcome of contingencies, including with respect to litigation and other proceedings relating to intellectual property, product liability, warranty liability, personal injury and environmental remediation;
- risks associated with cybersecurity and other industrial and physical security threats;
- capital market volatility and the availability of financing;
- changes to accounting standards or policies; and
- changes in tax rules or pronouncements.

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This list of factors is not exhaustive, and new factors may emerge or changes to the foregoing factors may occur that would impact our business. We undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements. A more detailed description of risk factors can be found in Part 1, Item 1A, Risk Factors, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017. Additional information regarding these factors may be contained in our subsequent filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including Forms 10-Q and 8-K. All such risk factors are difficult to predict, contain material uncertainties that may affect actual results, and may be beyond our control.

Executive Summary

We serve the outdoor sports and recreation markets through a diverse portfolio of over 50 well-recognized brands that provide consumers with a wide range of performance-driven, high-quality and innovative products, including sporting ammunition and firearms, outdoor accessories, outdoor cooking solutions, outdoor sports optics, golf rangefinders, performance eyewear, protection for certain action sports, hydration products, and stand up paddle boards. We serve a broad range of end consumers, including outdoor enthusiasts, hunters and recreational shooters, athletes, as well as law enforcement and military professionals. Our products are sold through a wide variety of mass, specialty and independent retailers and distributors, such as Amazon, Bass Pro Shops, Big Rock Sports, Cabela's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Grofa, Recreational Equipment, Inc., Sports South, Sportsman's Warehouse, Target, United Sporting Company, and Walmart. We also sell certain of our products directly to consumers through the relevant brand's website. We have a scalable, integrated portfolio of brands that allows us to leverage our deep customer knowledge, product development and innovation, supply chain and distribution, and sales and marketing functions across product categories to better serve our retail partners and end users.

As of October 1, 2017, we operated in two business segments. These operating segments are defined based on the reporting and review process used by the chief operating decision maker, Vista Outdoor's Chief Executive Officer. As of October 1, 2017, Vista Outdoor's two operating segments were:

- Outdoor Products, which generated approximately 50% of our external sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017. The Outdoor Products product lines are action sports, archery/hunting accessories, camping, global eyewear and sport protection products, golf, hydration products, optics, shooting accessories, tactical products and water sports. Action sports includes helmets, goggles, and accessories for cycling, snow sports, action sports and powersports. Archery/hunting accessories include high-performance hunting arrows, game calls, hunting blinds, game cameras and waterfowl decoys. Camping products include our outdoor cooking solutions. Eyewear and sport protection products include safety and protective eyewear, as well as fashion and sports eyewear. Golf products include laser rangefinders. Hydration products include hydration packs and water bottles. Optics products include binoculars, riflescopes and telescopes. Shooting accessories products include reloading equipment, clay targets, and premium gun care products. Tactical products include holsters, duty gear, bags and packs. Water sports products include stand up paddle boards.
- Shooting Sports, which generated approximately 50% of our external sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017. Shooting Sports product lines include centerfire ammunition, rimfire ammunition, shotshell ammunition, reloading components, and firearms.

Financial Highlights and Notable Events

Certain notable events or activities affecting our fiscal 2018 financial results included the following:

Financial highlights for the quarter ended October 1, 2017

- Quarterly sales were \$587,283 and \$684,312 for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, respectively. The decrease in sales was driven principally by a decrease of \$67,941 in the Shooting Sports segment for the reasons described below. A challenging retail market drove a decrease in organic sales in the Outdoor Products segment that was partially offset by an increase of \$11,640 due to the acquisition of Camp Chef.
- Gross profit was \$138,977 and \$185,409 for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016, respectively. Gross profit decreased in the current quarter for both segments as a result of lower sales volume, additional promotional activity and unfavorable mix, primarily related to centerfire ammunition and firearms, partially offset by the profit impact of \$3,428 due to the acquisition of Camp Chef.
- A \$152,320 pre-tax impairment charge (\$143,400 impairment to goodwill and \$8,920 impairment to identifiable intangible assets) was recorded during the fiscal quarter.
- The decrease in the current quarter's tax rate to 17.9% from 22.4% in the quarter ended October 2, 2016 is primarily caused by the nondeductible goodwill impairment charge in the current quarter partially offset by the prior year

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nontaxable acquisition claim settlement gain and the true-up of prior year tax returns resulting in larger than expected carryforwards to our tax return.

Outlook

Outdoor Recreation Industry

The outdoor recreation industry represents a large and growing focus area of our business. During the past and current fiscal year, we have seen a challenging retail environment as evidenced by recent bankruptcies and consolidation of certain of our customers. This challenging retail environment has been driven by a shift in consumer preferences to online platforms, as well as other market pressures that resulted in a deeper discounting of our products and higher channel inventory levels. These market pressures became particularly pronounced during the latter half of the third fiscal quarter of fiscal 2017 and have continued throughout fiscal 2018 longer than previously anticipated. Based on the current economic conditions and the sluggish retail environment in our market, we expect these conditions to continue throughout fiscal 2018. Given these market conditions, we are taking appropriate actions to lower our inventory levels by reducing certain purchases of sourced products and output of manufactured products across both operating segments. We believe the fragmented nature of the outdoor recreation industry, combined with retail and consumer overlap with our existing businesses, present attractive growth opportunities. We hold a strong competitive position in the market-place, and we intend to further differentiate our brands through focused R&D and marketing investments including increased use of social media and revamping our brand websites as we strive to become our customers' brand of choice in their respective outdoor recreation activities. Growing market share will continue to be a focus as we execute our strategy of market segmentation by brand and channel and we anticipate introducing new products to accomplish this. We are continuing to expand our e-commerce presence to capitalize on the ongoing shift by consumers to online shopping and are leveraging the experience from our recent acquisitions to drive growth across business-to-business, dot com, dropship, and direct-to-consumer channels.

Shooting Sports Industry

Shooting sports related products currently represent just under half of our sales. We design, develop, manufacture, and source ammunition, long guns and related equipment products. Among these categories, we derive the largest portion of our sales from ammunition, which is a consumable, repeat purchase product. During late fiscal 2015 and 2016, firearms and ammunition sales experienced an increase as more individuals entered the market and certain public and political events provided focus on the industry. During the later months of fiscal 2017 and continuing into fiscal 2018, we believe the market has softened due to developments in the political environment. The Shooting Sports industry historically has been a cyclical business with previous market declines lasting 12–24 months. Given these market conditions, we are taking actions to lower our inventory levels by reducing certain purchases of sourced products and output of manufactured product across both operating segments. We believe we are well-positioned to succeed in a difficult shooting sports market, given our scale and global operating platform, which we believe is difficult to replicate in the highly regulated and capital intensive ammunition manufacturing sector.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our critical accounting policies are described in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017. We believe our critical accounting policies are those related to:

- revenue recognition,
- allowance for doubtful accounts,
- inventories,
- income taxes,
- acquisitions, and
- accounting for goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles.

The accounting policies used in preparing our interim fiscal 2018 consolidated financial statements are the same as those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Accounting for goodwill and indefinite lived intangibles:

During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, Vista Outdoor recorded a \$152,320 impairment of goodwill and identifiable intangible assets related to the Hunting and Shooting Accessories and Sports Protection reporting units. The company previously anticipated a return to sales growth in fiscal 2018 for these reporting units. However, during the quarter ended October 1, 2017 the company concluded that the return to growth for these reporting units would take longer than previously anticipated as a result of challenging market conditions that have persisted longer than expected. Both reporting units have been adversely affected by customer bankruptcies and consolidations. We see increased downward pressure on sales and margins due to high inventories persisting in the wholesale channels for our Hunting and Shooting Accessories reporting unit, and due to lower consumer participation rates and reduced retail space for our products in the Sports Protection reporting unit.

As a result, we reduced the projected cash flows for these reporting units to reflect the lower expected sales volume and profit margins. Given the reduction in our internal projections for these reporting units, we determined a triggering event had occurred, which indicated it was more likely than not that the fair values of the reporting units were less than the respective book values.

The fair value of both reporting units was determined using both an income and market approach. The value under the income approach is estimated using a discounted cash flow model that requires us to make significant estimates regarding future revenues and expenses, projected capital expenditures, changes in working capital, and the appropriate discount rate. The estimated value under the income approach is weighted equally against the estimated value under a market approach that reflects the price reasonably expected to be realized from the sale of the reporting unit based on transactions involving comparable companies.

The excess book value over fair value, and resulting goodwill impairment, in our Hunting and Shooting Accessories reporting unit was \$69,734. To determine the fair value under the income approach, we used a discount rate of 8% and a terminal growth rate of 3%. During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we also performed an interim test for indefinite lived tradename impairment and we recorded a \$7,220 impairment related to our Bushnell and Weaver tradenames. We determined the fair value of the indefinite lived tradenames using a royalty rate of 2%.

The excess book value over fair value, and resulting goodwill impairment, in our Sports Protection reporting unit was \$73,666. To determine the fair value under the income approach, we used a discount rate of 8% and a terminal growth rate of 3%. During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, we also performed an interim test for indefinite lived tradename impairment and we recorded a \$1,700 impairment related to our Giro tradename. We determined the fair value of the indefinite lived tradename using a royalty rate of 3%.

We evaluated our other reporting units and concluded that it was not more likely than not that the book values of the reporting units exceeded their fair values. However, we estimate that the excess of fair value over book value in our Outdoor Recreation and Firearms reporting units is less than 5%. Should the challenging retail environment last longer or be deeper than currently expected, if new product developments do not succeed, or if the discount rate were to increase, it is possible that the estimated fair value of these other reporting units could fall below their book value, which could necessitate further impairment of the goodwill and other intangible assets. We will continue to assess our reporting units for potential triggering events and will perform our annual impairment test as of the first day of the fourth quarter each year.

Results of Operations

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

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

Acquisitions

We had no acquisitions during the six months ended October 1, 2017 and the following acquisitions during fiscal 2017:

- *Camp Chef*—On September 1, 2016, we completed the acquisition of privately owned Logan Outdoor Products, LLC and Peak Trades, LLC ("Camp Chef"), a leading provider of outdoor cooking solutions. Under the terms of the transaction, we paid \$60,000, subject to customary working capital adjustments, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facility. An additional \$4,000 has been deferred and will be paid in equal installments on the

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first, second and third anniversary of the closing date and \$10,000 will be payable if incremental profitability growth milestones are met and key members of Camp Chef management continue their employment with us. The \$10,000 will be expensed over the measurement period and paid at each milestone date.

- *Action Sports*—On April 1, 2016, we completed the acquisition of BRG Sports Inc.'s Action Sports division, operated by Bell Sports Corp. ("Action Sports"). The acquisition includes brands Bell, Giro, Blackburn, CoPilot, Krash, and Raskullz. Under the terms of the transaction, we paid \$400,000, subject to customary working capital adjustments, utilizing cash on hand and borrowings under our existing credit facilities, and additional contingent consideration payable if incremental profitability growth milestones within the Bell Powersports product line are achieved. We determined a value of the future contingent consideration as of the acquisition date of \$4,272 utilizing the Black Scholes option pricing model; the total amount paid may differ from this value. Action Sports remains headquartered in Scotts Valley, California and operates facilities in the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia. The acquisition of Action Sports added more than 600 employees worldwide.

Sales

Walmart contributed 15% of our sales in both the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016. No other single customer contributed 10% or more of our sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016.

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

	Quarter ended				Six months ended			
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change
Outdoor Products	\$ 291,628	\$ 320,716	\$ (29,088)	(9.1)%	\$ 581,611	\$ 608,181	\$ (26,570)	(4.4)%
Shooting Sports	295,655	363,596	(67,941)	(18.7)%	574,421	706,400	(131,979)	(18.7)%
Total external sales	\$ 587,283	\$ 684,312	\$ (97,029)	(14.2)%	\$ 1,156,032	\$ 1,314,581	\$ (158,549)	(12.1)%

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

Quarter Ended

Outdoor Products. The decrease in sales was driven by lower organic sales across most product lines as a result of a challenging retail environment, partially offset by additional sales of \$11,640 from the acquisition of Camp Chef.

Shooting Sports. The decrease in sales was driven by lower demand in the market for ammunition and firearms across most product lines, primarily for centerfire ammunition and firearms.

Six Months Ended

Outdoor Products. The decrease in sales was driven by lower organic sales across most product lines as a result of a challenging retail environment, partially offset by sales of \$32,752 from the acquisition of Camp Chef.

Shooting Sports. The decrease in sales was driven by lower demand in the market for ammunition and firearms across most product lines, primarily for centerfire ammunition and firearms.

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Cost of Sales and Gross Profit

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

	Quarter ended				Six months ended			
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change
Cost of sales								
Outdoor Products	\$ 216,020	\$ 236,956	\$ (20,936)	(8.8)%	\$ 429,493	\$ 443,524	\$ (14,031)	(3.2)%
Shooting Sports	232,314	261,980	(29,666)	(11.3)%	440,762	513,950	(73,188)	(14.2)%
Corporate	(28)	(33)	5	(15.2)%	242	321	(79)	(24.6)%
Total cost of sales	<u>\$ 448,306</u>	<u>\$ 498,903</u>	<u>\$ (50,597)</u>	(10.1)%	<u>\$ 870,497</u>	<u>\$ 957,795</u>	<u>\$ (87,298)</u>	(9.1)%

	Quarter ended				Six months ended			
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change
Gross profit								
Outdoor Products	\$ 75,608	\$ 83,760	\$ (8,152)	(9.7)%	\$ 152,118	\$ 164,657	\$ (12,539)	(7.6)%
Shooting Sports	63,341	101,616	(38,275)	(37.7)%	133,659	192,450	(58,791)	(30.5)%
Corporate	28	33	(5)	(15.2)%	(242)	(321)	79	(24.6)%
Total gross profit	<u>\$ 138,977</u>	<u>\$ 185,409</u>	<u>\$ (46,432)</u>	(25.0)%	<u>\$ 285,535</u>	<u>\$ 356,786</u>	<u>\$ (71,251)</u>	(20.0)%

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

Quarter Ended

Outdoor Products. The decrease in gross profit was driven by lower sales due to the challenging retail environment, unfavorable changes in product mix, and increased promotional activity across various product lines, partially offset by the profit impact of \$3,428 due to the acquisition of Camp Chef.

Shooting Sports. The decrease in gross profit was primarily caused by the lower sales volume described above, additional promotional activity and unfavorable changes in product mix.

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

Six Months Ended

Outdoor Products. The decrease in gross profit was driven by lower sales and unfavorable changes in product mix, partially offset by the profit impact of \$9,947 due to the acquisition of Camp Chef.

Shooting Sports. The decrease in gross profit was primarily driven by the volume decrease noted above, additional promotional activities, and unfavorable changes in product mix.

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

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Operating Expenses

	Quarter ended					Six months ended				
	October 1, 2017	As a % of Sales	October 2, 2016	As a % of Sales	\$ Change	October 1, 2017	As a % of Sales	October 2, 2016	As a % of Sales	\$ Change
Research and development	\$ 7,447	1.3%	\$ 8,150	1.2 %	\$ (703)	\$ 15,238	1.3%	\$ 15,981	1.2 %	\$ (743)
Selling, general, and administrative	106,386	18.1%	102,723	15.0 %	3,663	205,812	17.8%	207,167	15.8 %	(1,355)
Acquisition claim settlement gain, net	—	—%	(30,027)	(4.4)%	30,027	—	—%	(30,027)	(2.3)%	30,027
Goodwill and intangibles impairment	152,320	25.9%	—	—%	152,320	152,320	13.2%	—	—%	152,320
Total operating expenses	\$ 266,153	45.3%	\$ 80,846	11.8 %	\$ 185,307	\$ 373,370	32.3%	\$ 193,121	14.7 %	\$ 180,249

Quarter Ended

Operating expenses increased \$185,307 primarily due to a goodwill and intangibles impairment charge, a one-time gain in the prior-year period as a result of the settlement of claims related to the Bushnell acquisition, and additional general and administrative expenses related to the compensation of retiring executives in the current fiscal quarter.

Six Months Ended

Operating expenses increased by \$180,249 from the prior-year period primarily due to a goodwill and intangibles impairment charge and a one-time gain recorded as a result of the settlement of claims related to the Bushnell acquisition, partially offset by lower selling, general, and administrative expenses driven by the favorable impact of the pension curtailment in the quarter ended July 2, 2017.

Net Interest Expense

	Quarter ended				Six months ended			
	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change	October 1, 2017	October 2, 2016	\$ Change	% Change
Interest Expense	\$ 12,569	\$ 10,143	\$ 2,426	23.9%	\$ 24,962	\$ 22,106	\$ 2,856	12.9%

Quarter Ended

The increase was due to a higher average interest rate, partially offset by a decrease in our average debt balance.

Six Months Ended

The increase was due to a higher average interest rate and an increase in our average debt balance, partially offset by the lack of the write-off of deferred financing costs that was recorded in the prior year.

Income Tax Provision

	Quarter ended					Six months ended				
	October 1, 2017	Effective Rate	October 2, 2016	Effective Rate	\$ Change	October 1, 2017	Effective Rate	October 2, 2016	Effective Rate	\$ Change
Income taxes	\$ (25,040)	17.9%	\$ 21,196	22.4%	\$(46,236)	\$ (14,744)	13.1%	\$ 39,211	27.7%	\$(53,955)

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

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Quarter Ended

The income tax provisions for the quarters ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 represent effective tax rates of 17.9% and 22.4%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year quarter is primarily caused by the nondeductible goodwill impairment charge in the current quarter partially offset by the prior year nontaxable acquisition claim settlement gain and the true-up of prior year tax returns resulting in larger than expected carryforwards to our tax return.

Six Months Ended

The income tax provisions for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 represent effective tax rates of 13.1% and 27.7%, respectively. The decrease in the rate from the prior year period is primarily caused by the nondeductible goodwill impairment charge in the current quarter partially offset by the prior year nontaxable acquisition claim settlement gain and the true-up of prior year tax returns resulting in larger than expected carryforwards to our tax return.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

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

Cash Flow Summary

Our cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, as reflected in the unaudited condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016 are summarized as follows:

	<u>October 1, 2017</u>	<u>October 2, 2016</u>
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 109,164	\$ 10,183
Cash used for investing activities	(31,131)	(489,200)
Cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(73,568)	375,818
Effect of foreign exchange rate fluctuations on cash	1,458	(218)
Net cash flows	<u>\$ 5,923</u>	<u>\$ (103,417)</u>

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities was \$109,164 in the six months ended October 1, 2017 compared to cash provided of \$10,183 in the prior year period, a change of \$98,981. The change from the prior year period was primarily a result of favorable changes in working capital balances. The change in working capital was driven primarily by planned reductions in inventories and the timing of supplier payments.

Investing Activities

Cash used for investing activities was \$31,131 compared to \$489,200 in the prior year period, a change of \$458,069. The change is driven by the acquisition of Action Sports and Camp Chef in the prior period.

Financing Activities

Cash used for financing activities was \$73,568 in the current period, compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$375,818 in the prior year period, a change of \$449,386. This change was primarily driven by cash from the issuance of long-term debt of \$307,500 in the prior period, the purchase of treasury shares of \$64,961 in the prior period, and the net borrowings on the revolving credit facility of \$160,000 in the prior period, partially offset by net repayments on the revolving credit facility of \$60,000 in the current period.

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Liquidity

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

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

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

Long-Term Debt and Credit Agreement

As of October 1, 2017, our indebtedness consisted of the following:

	October 1, 2017
Credit Agreement:	
Term Loan	\$ 592,000
Revolving Credit Facility	115,000
Total principal amount of Credit Agreement	707,000
5.875% Senior Notes	350,000
Principal amount of long-term debt	1,057,000
Less: Unamortized deferred financing costs	(12,059)
Carrying amount of long-term debt	1,044,941
Less: current portion	(32,000)
Carrying amount of long-term debt, excluding current portion	<u>\$ 1,012,941</u>

Our total debt (current portion of debt and long-term debt) as a percentage of total capitalization (total debt and stockholders' equity) was 47.4% as of October 1, 2017.

See Note 11, *Long-term Debt*, to the condensed consolidated financial statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a detailed discussion of the 5.875% Notes and the Credit Agreement.

Covenants

Credit Agreement

Our Credit Agreement imposes restrictions on us, including limitations on our ability to incur additional debt, enter into capital leases, grant liens, pay dividends and make certain other payments, sell assets, make loans and investments, or merge or consolidate with or into another entity. In addition, the Credit Agreement limits our ability to enter into sale-and-leaseback transactions. The Credit Agreement allows us to make unlimited "restricted payments" (as defined in the Credit Agreement), which, among other items, allows payments for future share repurchases and dividends, as long as we maintain a certain amount of liquidity and maintain certain debt limits. When those requirements are not met, the limit under the Credit Agreement is equal to \$150,000 plus proceeds of any equity issuances plus 50% of net income since April 1, 2017.

The Credit Agreement contains covenants that require us to maintain a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio, as well as a consolidated leverage ratio and a consolidated senior leverage ratio (all of which are defined in the Credit Agreement) below certain thresholds. Our financial covenant ratios as of October 1, 2017 were as follows:

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	Interest Coverage Ratio*	Total Leverage Ratio†	Senior Leverage Ratio†
Requirement	3.00	4.75	3.50
Actual	6.08	3.95	2.64

* Not to be below the required financial ratio

† Not to exceed the required financial ratio

The Total Leverage Ratio is the sum of our total debt plus financial letters of credit and surety bonds, net of up to \$75,000 of cash, divided by Covenant EBITDA (which includes adjustments for items such as non-recurring or extraordinary items, non-cash charges related to stock-based compensation, and intangible asset impairment charges, as well as inclusion of EBITDA of acquired companies on a pro forma basis) for the past four fiscal quarters. The Senior Leverage Ratio is the sum of our senior debt plus financial letters of credit and surety bonds, in each case secured by liens on any of our or our subsidiaries' property or assets, net of up to \$75,000 of cash, divided by Covenant EBITDA for the past four fiscal quarters. The Interest Coverage Ratio is Covenant EBITDA divided by pro forma interest expense (excluding amortization or write-off of deferred financing costs).

5.875% Notes

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

The Credit Agreement and the indenture governing the 5.875% Notes contain cross-default provisions so that non-compliance with the covenants within one debt agreement could cause a default under other debt agreements as well. As of October 1, 2017, we were in compliance with the covenants and expect to be in compliance for the foreseeable future. However, our business, financial position and results of operations are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including some that may be beyond our control, and we cannot provide any assurance that we will be able to comply with all such financial covenants in the future. For example, during periods in which we experience declines in net income, we may not be able to comply with such financial covenants. Any failure to comply with the restrictions in the Credit Agreement may prevent us from drawing under the Revolving Credit Facility and may result in an event of default under the Credit Agreement, which default may allow the creditors to accelerate the related indebtedness and proceed against the collateral that secures the indebtedness. We may not have sufficient liquidity to repay the indebtedness in such circumstances.

Share Repurchases

In fiscal 2015, our Board of Directors authorized a share repurchase program of up to \$200,000 worth of shares of our common stock, which was completed during fiscal 2017. Our Board of Directors then authorized a new share repurchase program of up to \$100,000 worth of shares of our common stock, executable through March 31, 2018, which was completed during fiscal 2017.

We made no share repurchases during the six months ended October 1, 2017. During the six months ended October 2, 2016, we repurchased 1,536,014 shares for \$66,567.

Any additional repurchases would be subject to approval of a new share repurchase program, market conditions, and our compliance with our debt covenants, as described above.

Other Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Other than the additional debt noted previously, there have been no material changes with respect to the contractual obligations and commitments or off-balance sheet arrangements described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2017.

Contingencies

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

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

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

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

New Accounting Pronouncements

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

Dependence on Key Customers; Concentration of Credit

The loss of any key customer and our inability to replace revenues provided by a key customer may have a material adverse effect on our business and financial condition. Walmart contributed 15% of our sales in both the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016. No other single customer contributed 10% or more of our sales in the six months ended October 1, 2017 and October 2, 2016.

If a key customer fails to meet payment obligations, our operating results and financial condition could be adversely affected.

Inflation and Commodity Price Risk

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

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

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates. To mitigate the risks from interest rate exposure, we may enter into hedging transactions, mainly interest rate swaps, through derivative financial instruments that have been authorized pursuant to corporate policies. We may use derivatives to hedge certain interest rate, foreign currency exchange rate, and commodity price risks, but do not use derivative financial instruments for trading or other speculative purposes. Additional information regarding the financial instruments is contained in Note 2, *Fair Value of Financial Instruments*, to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Our objective in managing exposure to changes in interest rates is to limit the impact of such changes on earnings and cash flow.

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

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

In addition, sales and expenses of our non-U.S. businesses are also translated into U.S. dollars for reporting purposes and the strengthening or weakening of the U.S. dollar could result in unfavorable translation effects.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of October 1, 2017, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) and have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. These disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports we file or submit is accumulated and communicated to management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

During the quarter ended October 1, 2017, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II—OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

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

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

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

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

While we attempt to identify, manage and mitigate risks and uncertainties associated with our business to the extent practical under the circumstances, some level of risk and uncertainty will always be present. Item 1A of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2017 describes the known material risks and uncertainties associated with our business. These risks and uncertainties have the potential to materially affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, projected results, and future prospects.

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

Not applicable.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

Not applicable.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

Because this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is being filed within four business days from the date of the earliest reportable event, the information appearing in this Item 5 is intended to satisfy the Company's disclosure obligations under Items 5.02 and 9.01 of Form 8-K.

On November 7, 2017, the Board of Directors of Vista Outdoor elected Michael Callahan, the Company's current Interim Chairman, to serve as Chairman effective November 7, 2017.

On November 7, 2017, and effective November 20, 2017, Vista Outdoor promoted Dave Allen, the current President, Outdoor Products, to Group President, Outdoor Products. The Company also promoted, effective November 20, 2017, its Senior Vice President of Sales, Jason Vanderbrink and Vice President, Firearms, Albert Kasper, to President, Ammunition and President, Firearms, respectively. Bob Keller, Vista Outdoor's President, Shooting Sports will be leaving the Company on November 17, 2017. Mr. Vanderbrink will temporarily continue to serve in his prior sales role as the company evaluates its organizational structure for sales, marketing and product development. There are no family relationships or transactions in which Messrs. Allen, Vanderbrink or Kasper have an interest requiring disclosure under Items 401(d) or 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Messrs. Allen, Vanderbrink and Kasper will participate in the Company's Income Security Plan and Executive Severance Plan to the same extent as the Company's other executives. The Income Security Plan provides for severance payments under certain circumstances following a change-in-control of the Company and the Executive Severance Plan

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provides benefits and payments to the Company's executives upon termination of their employment with the Company. The foregoing description of the Income Security Plan and Executive Severance Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Income Security Plan and Executive Severance Plan (Exhibits 10.2 and 10.3 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2015, respectively).

David Allen

Mr. Allen, 46, has served as Vista Outdoor's President, Outdoor Products since January 2017. Prior to that, he served as the Company's Senior Vice President (SVP), Sales, since May 2016. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Allen previously served as the President of Coleman USA, an outdoor equipment manufacturer ("Coleman") owned by the Jarden Corporation, a consumer products company ("Jarden"), from October 2013 until joining the Company. He also served as the SVP for Sales and Marketing in the Americas for Coleman from March 2012 to October 2013, and as SVP and General Manager for the Walmart and Sam's Customer Team for Jarden's Outdoor Solutions segment from February 2011 to March 2012, and has held domestic and international leadership positions with Alberto Culver and Unilever.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Allen to the position of Group President, Outdoor Products, the Company entered into an offer letter agreement with Mr. Allen (the "Allen Offer Letter") on November 7, 2017. The Allen Offer Letter provides that Mr. Allen will be an employee "at will" and includes his expected compensation package. Pursuant to the Allen Offer Letter, Mr. Allen will receive an annual base salary of \$440,000 and target annual cash incentive compensation of 65% of his base salary. In addition, the Allen Offer Letter provides that Mr. Allen's annual long-term equity incentive award target will be 110% of his base salary. The Allen Offer Letter also provides a one-time, cash award to be paid in a lump sum on November 7, 2019, subject to certain requirements described therein including continued employment.

The Allen Offer Letter does not provide for any payments or benefits in the event of a termination of Mr. Allen's employment.

The foregoing description of the Allen Offer Letter does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Offer Letter (Exhibit 10.1 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), which is incorporated herein by reference.

Jason Vanderbrink

Mr. Vanderbrink, 40, has served as the Company's SVP, Sales, since January 2017. He joined Vista Outdoor's sales organization in 2005, and has held roles with increasing responsibility, including Vice President, Retail Sales for all of the Company's brands from 2013 to January 2017 and Director of Sales from 2010 to 2013. Mr. Vanderbrink collectively has more than 17 years of experience in the outdoor industry, including five years with The Cullerton Company.

In connection with the appointment of Mr. Vanderbrink to the position of President, Ammunition, the Company entered into an offer letter agreement with Mr. Vanderbrink (the "Vanderbrink Offer Letter") on November 7, 2017 that provides a one-time, cash award to be paid in a lump sum on November 7, 2019, subject to certain requirements described therein including continued employment. The foregoing description of the Vanderbrink Offer Letter does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Offer Letter (Exhibit 10.2 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q), which is incorporated herein by reference.

The Vanderbrink Offer Letter does not provide for any payments or benefits in the event of a termination of Mr. Vanderbrink's employment.

Albert Kasper

Mr. Kasper, 60, has served as the Company's Vice President, Firearms since June 2013. From 2001 to 2013, Mr. Kasper served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Savage Sports Corporation, prior to ATK's 2013 acquisition of Caliber Company (parent company of Savage). Mr. Kasper joined Savage in 1996 as its Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining Savage, he worked as a Group Controller and Operations Manager for The Conair Group, Inc. in Pittsburgh and an Operations Manager for divisions of Danaher and United Technologies Corporation.

Mr. Kasper currently serves on the board of several for-profit companies (Weiler Corp., Pet Edge Inc., W.F. Young, Inc. and Bowtech, Inc.) and non-profit companies (Junior Achievement and The East Longmeadow Educational Endowment). He has been teaching Entrepreneurship at East Longmeadow High School for the past 12 years and is an adjunct professor, teaching several courses in the Elms College MBA program.

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The Company did not enter into or amend a material plan, contract or arrangement with Mr. Kasper, nor did he receive any grant or award in connection with his appointment to the role of President, Firearms.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit (and document from which incorporated by reference, if applicable)</u>
<u>2.1*</u>	<u>Transaction Agreement, dated as of April 28, 2014, among Alliant Techsystems Inc., Vista SpinCo Inc., Vista Merger Sub Inc. and Orbital Sciences Corporation (Exhibit 2.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form 10, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 13, 2014).</u>
<u>2.2*+</u>	<u>Transition Services Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Inc. and Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 2.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>2.3*+</u>	<u>Ammunition Products Supply Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC and Federal Cartridge Company (Exhibit 2.3 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>2.4*+</u>	<u>Powder Products Supply Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Operations LLC and Federal Cartridge Company (Exhibit 2.4 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>2.5*+</u>	<u>Tax Matters Agreement, dated as of February 9, 2015, among Alliant Techsystems Inc. and Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 2.5 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>3.1*</u>	<u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 3.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>3.2*</u>	<u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 3.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>4.1*</u>	<u>Specimen Common Stock Certificate of Vista Outdoor Inc. (Exhibit 4.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 10, 2014).</u>
<u>4.2*</u>	<u>Indenture, dated as of August 11, 2015, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).</u>
<u>4.3*</u>	<u>Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 11, 2015, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).</u>
<u>4.4*</u>	<u>Form of 5.875% Senior Note due 2023 (included as Exhibit A to the Supplemental Indenture filed as Exhibit 4.2 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2015).</u>
<u>4.5*</u>	<u>Second Supplemental Indenture, dated as of August 9, 2016, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.3 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-4, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 11, 2016).</u>
<u>4.6*</u>	<u>Third Supplemental Indenture, dated as of December 2, 2016, among Vista Outdoor Inc., the subsidiaries of Vista Outdoor Inc. party thereto and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (Exhibit 4.6 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 9, 2017).</u>
<u>10.1</u>	<u>Offer Letter between Vista Outdoor Inc. and David Allen.</u>
<u>10.2</u>	<u>Offer Letter between Vista Outdoor Inc. and Jason Vanderbrink.</u>
<u>10.3*</u>	<u>Offer Letter between Vista Outdoor Inc. and Christopher Metz (Exhibit 10.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2017).</u>
<u>10.4*</u>	<u>Waiver and General Release Agreement, dated as of July 10, 2017 between Vista Outdoor Inc. and Mark W. DeYoung (Exhibit 10.1 to Vista Outdoor Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 10, 2017).</u>
<u>31.1</u>	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer.</u>
<u>31.2</u>	<u>Certification of Chief Financial Officer.</u>
<u>32</u>	<u>Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.</u>
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.

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101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

* Incorporated by reference.

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

† Pursuant to a request for confidential treatment, confidential portions of this Exhibit have been redacted and have been filed separately with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SIGNATURES

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

Date: November 9, 2017

VISTA OUTDOOR INC.
By: /s/ Stephen M. Nolan
Name: Stephen M. Nolan
Title: *Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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

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Section 2: EX-10.1 (EXHIBIT 10.1)



November 6, 2017

Dear Dave,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to confirm your promotion to **Group President, Outdoor Products**, reporting to me. Effective, November 20, 2017, your annual base salary will increase from \$400,000 to **\$440,000** per year, paid biweekly. You will also move from a Band 16 to a **Band 17** in our executive compensation structure. As a result, your target annual incentive will increase from 55% to **65%** of base salary, with a maximum payout of up to 130% of base salary. Annual incentive payments are not guaranteed and will be based on fiscal year end results of Vista Outdoor, as well as your personal performance. Your annual incentive payment for Fiscal Year 2018 will be prorated based on the number of days under each incentive target during the fiscal year. Your paid time off and benefits will remain the same.

As a Band 17 executive, you will continue to be eligible to participate Vista Outdoor's long term (equity) incentive plan as a part of your annual compensation package, with your target incentive increasing from 100% to **110%** of your base salary beginning in Fiscal Year 2019. The timing, amount, form and terms of your annual equity grants are determined by the Management Development and Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors, in its sole discretion. Your award will be subject to the applicable terms and conditions of the Vista Outdoor long term incentive plan, your award agreement and the other materials provided to you through E*Trade Financial, our stock plan administrator, at the time you accept your grants.

Below is a chart that summarizes the compensation changes described above in this letter:

Compensation Type	Current	New	% Incr.
Base	\$400,000	\$440,000	10%
Target Bonus \$	\$220,000 (55%)	\$286,000 (65%)	30%
LTI \$	\$400,000 (100%)	\$484,000 (110%)	21%
Total Direct Compensation	\$1,020,000	\$1,210,000	19%

Additionally, you will receive a one-time, cash award totaling **\$500,000** (Cash Award), which will be paid in a lump sum on the second anniversary of your acceptance this agreement. The period between your acceptance of the Cash Award and the second anniversary of such acceptance is referred to in this letter as the “Award Period.” The award will be subject to applicable withholdings and deductions and paid to you on a regular payroll date within 30 days of such anniversary date.

Payment of the Cash Award is subject to your continued employment, in good standing, with Vista Outdoor on the payment date. If your employment is terminated by Vista Outdoor without Cause, then you will be eligible only for a pro-rated payment of the Cash Award, based on the number of days you were actively employed by Vista Outdoor during the Award Period. Any such pro-rated payment will be made to you on a regular payroll date within 30 days following such termination. For purposes of this letter, “Cause” means: (i) your failure to

perform your duties of employment; (ii) your engaging in any act of dishonesty, wrongdoing or moral turpitude or violation of Vista Outdoor's Code of Conduct or other applicable company policy or rule; (iii) your breach of your duty of loyalty; or (iv) your failure to comply with any confidentiality, non-solicitation or non-compete agreement with Vista Outdoor or other obligations you have to protect Vista Outdoor or Vista Outdoor customer trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information. If you are terminated for Cause before the Cash Award payment date, then you will forfeit the entire Cash Award.

The terms of this employment offer do not constitute an employment agreement; your pay and benefits will follow Vista Outdoor's compensation and benefits programs which are subject to change. Vista Outdoor reserves the right, in its discretion, to modify or terminate its compensation and benefits programs at any time, including without limitation adjusting any bonus or equity targets, grants or payouts for performance or other reasons.

Dave, we are truly excited to extend this promotion to you and look forward to the continued contributions you will make at Vista Outdoor. To confirm acceptance of this promotion, please sign, date and return to me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Metz

Chris Metz
Chief Executive Officer

Accepted:

/s/ David Allen

/ 11/7/2017

David Allen

Date

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Section 3: EX-10.2 (EXHIBIT 10.2)



November 6, 2017

Dear Jason,

Congratulations! It is my pleasure to confirm your promotion to **President, Ammunition**, effective November 20, 2017, reporting to me. The position is located in Anoka, MN and this offer is contingent upon your relocation to the area as soon as possible. To help you transition to your new home, we are offering you our Home Owner Relocation Package. The attached program summary and repayment agreement describe the details of the relocation program. Your base salary, incentives and benefits will remain the same.

Additionally, you will receive a one-time, cash award totaling **\$250,000** (Cash Award), which will be paid in a lump sum on the second anniversary of your acceptance this agreement. The period between your acceptance of the Cash Award and the second anniversary of such acceptance is referred to in this letter as the "Award Period." The award will be subject to applicable withholdings and deductions and paid to you on a regular payroll date within 30 days of such anniversary date.

Payment of the Cash Award is subject to your continued employment, in good standing, with Vista Outdoor on the payment date. If your employment is terminated by Vista Outdoor without Cause, then you will be eligible only for a pro-rated payment of the Cash

Award, based on the number of days you were actively employed by Vista Outdoor during the Award Period. Any such pro-rated payment will be made to you on a regular payroll date within 30 days following such termination. For purposes of this letter, "Cause" means: (i) your failure to perform your duties of employment; (ii) your engaging in any act of dishonesty, wrongdoing or moral turpitude or violation of Vista Outdoor's Code of Conduct or other applicable company policy or rule; (iii) your breach of your duty of loyalty; or (iv) your failure to comply with any confidentiality, non-solicitation or non-compete agreement with Vista Outdoor or other obligations you have to protect Vista Outdoor or Vista Outdoor customer trade secrets or confidential or proprietary information. If you are terminated for Cause before the Cash Award payment date, then you will forfeit the entire Cash Award.

The terms of this employment offer do not constitute an employment agreement; your pay and benefits will follow Vista Outdoor's compensation and benefits programs which are subject to change. Vista Outdoor reserves the right, in its discretion, to modify or terminate its compensation and benefits programs at any time, including without limitation adjusting any bonus or equity targets, grants or payouts for performance or other reasons.

Jason, we are truly excited to extend this promotion to you and look forward to the continued contributions you will make at Vista Outdoor. To confirm acceptance of this promotion, please sign, date and return to me.

Sincerely,

/s/ Chris Metz

Chris Metz
Chief Executive Officer

Accepted:

/s/ Jason Vanderbrink

Jason Vanderbrink

/ 11/7/2017

Date

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Section 4: EX-31.1 (EXHIBIT 31.1)

Exhibit 31.1

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Christopher T. Metz, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vista Outdoor Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and

- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017

By: /s/ Christopher T. Metz
Name: Christopher T. Metz
Title: *Chief Executive Officer*

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Section 5: EX-31.2 (EXHIBIT 31.2)

Exhibit 31.2

CERTIFICATION OF CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 302 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

I, Stephen M. Nolan, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Vista Outdoor Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: November 9, 2017

By: /s/ Stephen M. Nolan
Name: Stephen M. Nolan
Title: *Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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Section 6: EX-32 (EXHIBIT 32)

Exhibit 32

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

We, Christopher T. Metz, Chief Executive Officer, and Stephen M. Nolan, Chief Financial Officer, of Vista Outdoor Inc. (the "Company"), certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to our knowledge:

- (1) the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended October 1, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) the information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company as of the dates and for the periods expressed in the Report.

Dated: November 9, 2017

By: /s/ Christopher T. Metz
Name: Christopher T. Metz
Title: *Chief Executive Officer*

By: /s/ Stephen M. Nolan
Name: Stephen M. Nolan
Title: *Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*

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