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FORM 10-Q

S Quarterly Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Quarterly Period Ended May 1, 2015

£ Transition Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the Transition Period from to

THE TORO COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State of Incorporation)

1-8649
(Commission File Number)

41-0580470
(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

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(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of May 27, 2015 was 55,038,136.

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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Net sales	\$ 826,242	\$ 745,030	\$ 1,300,453	\$ 1,191,011
Cost of sales	544,270	480,490	849,482	762,957
Gross profit	281,972	264,540	450,971	428,054
Selling, general, and administrative expense	143,517	133,661	268,094	256,577
Operating earnings	138,455	130,879	182,877	171,477
Interest expense	(4,768)	(3,683)	(9,484)	(7,436)
Other income, net	2,450	1,920	4,717	3,830
Earnings before income taxes	136,137	129,116	178,110	167,871
Provision for income taxes	42,374	42,030	53,397	54,916
Net earnings	\$ 93,763	\$ 87,086	\$ 124,713	\$ 112,955
Basic net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 1.68	\$ 1.54	\$ 2.23	\$ 1.99
Diluted net earnings per share of common stock	\$ 1.64	\$ 1.51	\$ 2.18	\$ 1.95
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding Basic	55,864	56,493	55,954	56,758
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock outstanding Diluted	57,073	57,773	57,157	58,040

THE TORO COMPANY AND SUBSIDIARIES**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)****(Dollars in thousands)**

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Net earnings	\$ 93,763	\$ 87,086	\$ 124,713	\$ 112,955
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,012	3,388	(7,114)	1,161
Derivative instruments, net of tax of \$(2,598), \$(482), \$(148), and \$360, respectively	(4,117)	(719)	(1,339)	590
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(3,105)	2,669	(8,453)	1,751

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Comprehensive income	\$	90,658	\$	89,755	\$	116,260	\$	114,706
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	October 31, 2014
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 109,295	\$ 129,909	\$ 314,873
Receivables, net	351,602	313,489	158,158
Inventories, net	341,440	302,477	274,603
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	38,210	29,218	33,580
Deferred income taxes	43,202	39,261	42,822
Total current assets	883,749	814,354	824,036
Property, plant, and equipment	790,568	752,044	760,192
Less accumulated depreciation	570,627	559,293	554,997
	219,941	192,751	205,195
Long-term deferred income taxes	26,416	25,942	26,075
Other assets	29,625	27,696	21,429
Goodwill	194,854	91,812	91,851
Other intangible assets, net	124,542	26,691	23,829
Total assets	\$ 1,479,127	\$ 1,179,246	\$ 1,192,415
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current portion of long-term debt	\$ 23,444	\$ 140	\$ 6,640
Short-term debt	24,900		20,818
Accounts payable	256,391	235,971	124,271
Accrued liabilities	314,505	302,515	248,691
Total current liabilities	619,240	538,626	400,420
Long-term debt, less current portion	361,428	223,855	347,316
Deferred revenue	11,244	10,891	10,947
Deferred income taxes		5,969	
Other long-term liabilities	24,211	14,355	25,005
Stockholders' equity:			
Preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, authorized 1,000,000 voting and 850,000 non-voting shares, none issued and outstanding			
Common stock, par value \$1.00 per share, authorized 175,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding 55,264,659 shares as of May 1, 2015, 55,887,096 shares as of May 2, 2014, and 55,678,419 shares as of October 31, 2014	55,265	55,887	55,678
Retained earnings	431,897	340,482	368,754
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(24,158)	(10,819)	(15,705)
Total stockholders' equity	463,004	385,550	408,727
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,479,127	\$ 1,179,246	\$ 1,192,415

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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	Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net earnings	\$ 124,713	\$ 112,955
Adjustments to reconcile net earnings to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Non-cash income from finance affiliate	(3,709)	(3,377)
Provision for depreciation, amortization, and impairment loss	30,613	26,589
Stock-based compensation expense	5,090	5,051
(Increase) decrease in deferred income taxes	(1,107)	136
Other	(47)	(31)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effect of acquisitions:		
Receivables, net	(193,552)	(156,423)
Inventories, net	(56,099)	(62,072)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(5,168)	4,285
Accounts payable, accrued liabilities, deferred revenue, and other long-term liabilities	194,514	150,836
Net cash provided by operating activities	95,248	77,949
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property, plant, and equipment	(27,261)	(32,682)
Proceeds from asset disposals	57	115
Contributions to finance affiliate, net	(4,512)	(4,868)
Acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(198,329)	(715)
Net cash used in investing activities	(230,045)	(38,150)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Repayments of short-term debt	(1,283)	(849)
(Repayments of) increase in long-term debt	(276)	59
Excess tax benefits from stock-based awards	5,057	6,657
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	5,168	4,761
Purchases of Toro common stock	(49,323)	(81,694)
Dividends paid on Toro common stock	(27,975)	(22,670)
Net cash used in financing activities	(68,632)	(93,736)
Effect of exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	(2,149)	853
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(205,578)	(53,084)
Cash and cash equivalents as of the beginning of the fiscal period	314,873	182,993
Cash and cash equivalents as of the end of the fiscal period	\$ 109,295	\$ 129,909
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Debt issued in connection with an acquisition	\$ 31,161	\$

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

May 1, 2015

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and do not include all the information and notes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (U.S. GAAP) for complete financial statements. Unless the context indicates otherwise, the terms "company" and "Toro" refer to The Toro Company and its consolidated subsidiaries. In the opinion of management, the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include all adjustments, consisting primarily of recurring accruals, considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position and results of operations. Since the company's business is seasonal, operating results for the six months ended May 1, 2015 cannot be annualized to determine the expected results for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2015.

The company's fiscal year ends on October 31, and quarterly results are reported based on three-month periods that generally end on the Friday closest to the quarter end. For comparative purposes, however, the company's second and third quarters always include exactly 13 weeks of results so that the quarter end date for these two quarters is not necessarily the Friday closest to the calendar month end.

For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes included in the company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014. The policies described in that report are used for preparing quarterly reports.

Accounting Policies

In preparing the consolidated financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP, management must make decisions that impact the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosures, including disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. Such decisions include the selection of the appropriate accounting principles to be applied and the assumptions on which to base accounting estimates. Estimates are used in determining, among other items, sales promotions and incentives accruals, incentive compensation accruals, inventory valuation, warranty reserves, earn-out liabilities, allowance for doubtful accounts, pension and postretirement accruals, self-insurance accruals, useful lives for tangible and intangible assets, and future cash flows associated with impairment testing for goodwill and other long-lived assets. These estimates and assumptions are based on management's best estimates and judgments at the time they are made. Management evaluates its estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis using historical experience and other factors that management believes to be reasonable under the circumstances, including the current economic environment. Management adjusts such estimates and assumptions when facts and circumstances dictate. As future events and their effects cannot be determined with certainty, actual amounts could differ significantly from those estimated at the time the consolidated financial statements are prepared. Changes in those estimates will be reflected in the consolidated financial statements in future periods.

Acquisition

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On November 14, 2014, during the first quarter of fiscal 2015, the company acquired substantially all of the assets (excluding accounts receivable) of the BOSS® professional snow and ice management business of privately held Northern Star Industries, Inc. Based in Iron Mountain, Michigan, BOSS designs, manufactures, and sells a broad line of snowplows, salt and sand spreaders, and related parts and accessories for light and medium duty trucks, all terrain vehicles (ATVs), utility terrain vehicles (UTVs), skid steers, and front-end loaders. Through this acquisition, the company added another professional contractor brand; a portfolio of counter-seasonal equipment; manufacturing and distribution facilities located in Iron Mountain, Michigan; and a distribution network for these products. Management believes that this acquisition positions the company to strengthen and grow its relationships with professional contractors, municipalities, and other customers by enabling the company to provide them with the innovative, durable equipment and high-quality service they need each season.

The purchase price of this acquisition was \$229.5 million, which included a cash payment of \$198.3 million and issuance of a note payable at fair value of \$31.2 million. The company funded the acquisition with cash on hand, a \$130.0 million term loan, and short-term debt under the company's revolving credit facility.

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The purchase price of this acquisition was accounted for as a business combination using the acquisition method, which requires that, among other things, assets acquired and liabilities assumed, be recorded at their fair value as of the acquisition date using independent appraisals and other analyses. The excess of the consideration transferred over those fair values is recorded as goodwill. The following table presents the allocation of the purchase price to the acquired assets, liabilities, and goodwill.

(Dollars in thousands)	May 1, 2015	
Inventory	\$	14,106
Prepaid expenses		266
Property, plant, and equipment		13,689
Intangible assets		107,700
Goodwill		103,028
Current liabilities		(9,299)
Purchase price	\$	229,490

The goodwill recorded as part of the acquisition primarily reflects the value of the assembled workforce, cost synergies, expected future cash flows, and sales growth from integrating and expanding existing product lines. The preliminary amount of goodwill that is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes is \$101.9 million. The goodwill and intangible assets have been allocated to the Professional segment.

During the first six months of fiscal 2015, the company expensed \$0.3 million of acquisition-related costs, which was recorded in selling, general, and administrative expense. The company also capitalized \$0.4 million of debt issuance costs in other assets related to the \$130.0 million term loan, which will be amortized over the term of the loan.

Operating results for this acquisition have been included in the company's consolidated statements of earnings from the date of acquisition and are reflected in the Professional segment. The acquisition contributed \$16.6 million and \$45.3 million of net sales for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, and had an immaterial impact on net earnings for both the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015. Pro forma results are not presented, as the acquisition was not considered material to the company's consolidated results of operations.

Stock-Based Compensation***Stock Option Awards***

Under the company's amended and restated equity and incentive plan, stock options are granted with an exercise price equal to the closing price of the company's common stock on the date of grant, as reported by the New York Stock Exchange. Options are generally granted to executive officers, other employees, and non-employee members of the company's Board of Directors on an annual basis in the first quarter of the company's fiscal year. Options generally vest one-third each year over a three-year period and have a ten-year term. Other options granted to certain non-officer employees vest in full on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant and have a ten-year term. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value is generally recognized for these awards over the vesting period. Stock options granted to officers and other employees are subject to accelerated expensing if the option holder meets the retirement definition set forth in the company's amended and restated equity and incentive plan. In that case, the fair value of the options is expensed in the fiscal year of grant because the option holder must

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be employed as of the end of the fiscal year in which the options are granted in order for the options to vest. Similarly, if a non-employee director has served on the company's Board of Directors for ten full fiscal years or more, the awards vest immediately upon retirement, and therefore, the fair value of the options granted is fully expensed on the date of the grant.

The fair value of each stock option is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes valuation method with the assumptions noted in the table below. The expected life is a significant assumption as it determines the period for which the risk-free interest rate, volatility, and dividend yield must be applied. The expected life is the average length of time in which officers, other employees, and non-employee directors are expected to exercise their stock options, which is primarily based on historical experience. Separate groups of employees that have similar historical exercise behavior are considered separately for valuation purposes. Expected volatilities are based on the movement of the company's common stock over the most recent historical period equivalent to the expected life of the option. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on the U.S. Treasury rate over the expected life at the time of grant. Dividend yield is estimated over the expected life based on the company's historical cash dividends paid, expected future cash dividends and dividend yield, and expected changes in the company's stock price.

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The following table illustrates the assumptions for options granted in the following fiscal periods.

	Fiscal 2015	Fiscal 2014
Expected life of option in years	5.95	6
Expected stock price volatility	29.67%	34.29%
Risk-free interest rate	1.61%	1.92%
Expected dividend yield	1.29%	1.25%
Grant date per share weighted-average fair value	\$16.81	\$18.69

Performance Share Awards

The company grants performance share awards to executive officers and other employees under which they are entitled to receive shares of the company's common stock contingent on the achievement of performance goals of the company and businesses of the company, which are generally measured over a three-year period. The number of shares of common stock a participant receives will be increased (up to 200 percent of target levels) or reduced (down to zero) based on the level of achievement of performance goals and vest at the end of a three-year period. Performance share awards are generally granted on an annual basis in the first quarter of the company's fiscal year. Compensation expense is recognized for these awards on a straight-line basis over the vesting period based on the per share fair value as of the date of grant and the probability of achieving each performance goal. The per share fair value of performance share awards granted during the first quarter of each of fiscal 2015 and 2014 was \$65.68 and \$60.19, respectively. No performance share awards were granted during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 or 2014.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Unit Awards

Under the company's amended and restated equity and incentive plan, restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards are generally granted to certain non-officer employees. Occasionally, restricted stock or restricted stock unit awards may be granted, including to executive officers, in connection with hiring, mid-year promotions, leadership transition, or retention. Restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards generally vest one-third each year over a three-year period, or vest in full on the three-year anniversary of the date of grant. Such awards may have performance-based rather than time-based vesting requirements. Compensation expense equal to the grant date fair value, which is equal to the closing price of the company's common stock on the date of grant multiplied by the number of shares subject to the restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards, is recognized for these awards over the vesting period. The per share weighted-average fair value of restricted stock and restricted stock unit awards granted during the first six months of fiscal 2015 and 2014 was \$63.60 and \$59.59, respectively.

Per Share Data

Reconciliations of basic and diluted weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding are as follows:

Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
May 1,	May 2,	May 1,	May 2,

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(Shares in thousands)	2015	2014	2015	2014
<u>Basic</u>				
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock	55,864	56,493	55,931	56,732
Assumed issuance of contingent shares			23	26
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	55,864	56,493	55,954	56,758
<u>Diluted</u>				
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock and assumed issuance of contingent shares	55,864	56,493	55,954	56,758
Effect of dilutive securities	1,209	1,280	1,203	1,282
Weighted-average number of shares of common stock, assumed issuance of contingent shares, and effect of dilutive securities	57,073	57,773	57,157	58,040

Incremental shares from options, restricted stock, and restricted stock units are computed by the treasury stock method. Options of 268,298 and 272,183 shares during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, respectively, were excluded from the diluted net earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive. For the year-to-date periods through the second quarter of fiscal 2015 and 2014, options of 247,379 and 222,542 shares, respectively, were excluded from the diluted net earnings per share because they were anti-dilutive.

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Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or net realizable value, with cost determined by the last-in, first-out (LIFO) method for most inventories and first-in, first-out (FIFO) method for all other inventories. The company establishes a reserve for excess, slow-moving, and obsolete inventory that is equal to the difference between the cost and estimated net realizable value for that inventory. These reserves are based on a review and comparison of current inventory levels to the planned production, as well as planned and historical sales of the inventory.

Inventories were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	October 31, 2014
Raw materials and work in process	\$ 117,451	\$ 93,932	\$ 95,144
Finished goods and service parts	291,484	273,920	246,954
Total FIFO value	408,935	367,852	342,098
Less: adjustment to LIFO value	67,495	65,375	67,495
Total	\$ 341,440	\$ 302,477	\$ 274,603

Goodwill

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for the first six months of fiscal 2015 were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Professional Segment	Residential Segment	Total
Balance as of October 31, 2014	\$ 80,946	\$ 10,905	\$ 91,851
Goodwill acquired	103,028		103,028
Translation adjustments	(1)	(24)	(25)
Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 183,973	\$ 10,881	\$ 194,854

Other Intangible Assets

The components of other intangible assets were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands) May 1, 2015	Weighted-average Life (Years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Patents	9.9	\$ 15,202	\$ (9,821)	\$ 5,381
Non-compete agreements	5.5	6,932	(5,930)	1,002
Customer-related	19.1	84,606	(8,008)	76,598

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Developed technology	7.6	28,813	(18,853)	9,960
Trade names	19.2	28,715	(1,995)	26,720
Other		800	(800)	
Total amortizable		165,068	(45,407)	119,661
Non-amortizable - trade names		4,881		4,881
Total other intangible assets, net		\$ 169,949	\$ (45,407)	\$ 124,542

October 31, 2014	Weighted-average Life (Years)	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Patents	9.4	\$ 10,711	\$ (8,942)	\$ 1,769
Non-compete agreements	5.4	7,039	(5,315)	1,724
Customer-related	10.7	8,650	(5,517)	3,133
Developed technology	7.6	28,841	(16,869)	11,972
Trade names	5.0	1,515	(1,165)	350
Other		800	(800)	
Total amortizable		57,556	(38,608)	18,948
Non-amortizable - trade names		4,881		4,881
Total other intangible assets, net		\$ 62,437	\$ (38,608)	\$ 23,829

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During the second quarter of fiscal 2015, the company determined certain amortizable intangible assets were impaired based on its assessment that the carrying amount may not be recovered. Based on the company's impairment analysis, the company wrote down \$1.4 million of other intangible assets.

Amortization expense for intangible assets during the first six months of fiscal 2015 was \$5.3 million. Estimated amortization expense for the remainder of fiscal 2015 and succeeding fiscal years is as follows: fiscal 2015 (remainder), \$5.5 million; fiscal 2016, \$10.4 million; fiscal 2017, \$9.5 million; fiscal 2018, \$7.4 million; fiscal 2019, \$6.6 million; and after fiscal 2019, \$80.3 million.

Investment in Joint Venture

In fiscal 2009, the company and TCF Inventory Finance, Inc. (TCFIF), a subsidiary of TCF National Bank, established Red Iron Acceptance, LLC (Red Iron), a joint venture in the form of a Delaware limited liability company that provides inventory financing, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of the company's products in the U.S. and to select distributors of the company's products in Canada. The initial term of Red Iron will continue until October 31, 2017, subject to unlimited automatic two-year extensions thereafter. Either the company or TCFIF may elect not to extend the initial term or any subsequent term by giving one-year notice to the other party. Additionally, in connection with the joint venture, the company and an affiliate of TCFIF entered into an arrangement to provide inventory financing to dealers of the company's products in Canada.

The company owns 45 percent of Red Iron and TCFIF owns 55 percent of Red Iron. The company accounts for its investment in Red Iron under the equity method of accounting. Each of the company and TCFIF contributed a specified amount of the estimated cash required to enable Red Iron to purchase the company's inventory financing receivables and to provide financial support for Red Iron's inventory financing programs. Red Iron borrows the remaining requisite estimated cash utilizing a \$450 million secured revolving credit facility established under a credit agreement between Red Iron and TCFIF. The company's total investment in Red Iron as of May 1, 2015 was \$23.1 million. The company has not guaranteed the outstanding indebtedness of Red Iron. The company has agreed to repurchase products repossessed by Red Iron and the TCFIF Canadian affiliate, up to a maximum aggregate amount of \$7.5 million in a calendar year. In addition, the company has provided recourse to Red Iron for certain outstanding receivables, which amounted to a maximum amount of \$5.4 million as of May 1, 2015.

Under the repurchase agreement between Red Iron and the company, Red Iron provides financing for certain dealers and distributors. These transactions are structured as an advance in the form of a payment by Red Iron to the company on behalf of a distributor or dealer with respect to invoices financed by Red Iron. These payments extinguish the obligation of the dealer or distributor to make payment to the company under the terms of the applicable invoice. Under separate agreements between Red Iron and the dealers and distributors, Red Iron provides loans to the dealers and distributors for the advances paid by Red Iron to the company. The net amount of new receivables financed for dealers and distributors under this arrangement for the six months ended April 30, 2015 and April 30, 2014 was \$711.9 million and \$667.6 million, respectively.

As of April 30, 2015, Red Iron's total assets were \$461.2 million and total liabilities were \$409.8 million.

Warranty Guarantees

The company's products are warranted to ensure customer confidence in design, workmanship, and overall quality. Warranty coverage is for specified periods of time and on select products hours of usage, and generally covers parts, labor, and other expenses for non-maintenance repairs. Warranty coverage generally does not cover operator abuse or improper use. An authorized company distributor or dealer must perform warranty work. Distributors and dealers submit claims for warranty reimbursement and are credited for the cost of repairs, labor, and other expenses as long as the repairs meet prescribed standards. Warranty expense is accrued at the time of sale based on the estimated number of products under warranty, historical average costs incurred to service warranty claims, the trend in the historical ratio of claims to sales, the historical length of time between the sale and resulting warranty claim, and other minor factors. Special warranty reserves are also accrued for major rework campaigns. The company sells extended warranty coverage on select products for a prescribed period after the factory warranty period expires.

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Warranty provisions, claims, and changes in estimates for the first six months of fiscal 2015 and 2014 were as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Beginning balance	\$ 71,080	\$ 72,177
Warranty provisions	23,763	23,422
Warranty claims	(14,992)	(13,861)
Changes in estimates	549	1,278
Ending balance	\$ 80,400	\$ 83,016

Stockholders Equity*Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss*

Components of accumulated other comprehensive loss (AOCL), net of tax, are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	October 31, 2014
Foreign currency translation adjustments	\$ 19,751	\$ 6,549	\$ 12,536
Pension and post-retirement benefits	5,165	3,751	5,266
Derivative instruments	(758)	519	(2,097)
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ 24,158	\$ 10,819	\$ 15,705

The components and activity of AOCL for the first six months of fiscal 2015 are as follows:

(Dollars in thousands)	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension and Postretirement Benefits	Cash Flow Derivative Instruments	Total
Balance as of October 31, 2014	\$ 12,536	\$ 5,266	\$ (2,097)	\$ 15,705
Other comprehensive loss (income) before reclassifications	7,215	(101)	(5,393)	1,721
Amounts reclassified from AOCL			6,732	6,732
Net current period other comprehensive loss (income)	\$ 7,215	\$ (101)	\$ 1,339	\$ 8,453
Balance as of May 1, 2015	\$ 19,751	\$ 5,165	\$ (758)	\$ 24,158

The components and activity of AOCL for the first six months of fiscal 2014 are as follows:

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(Dollars in thousands)	Foreign Currency Translation Adjustments	Pension and Postretirement Benefits	Cash Flow Derivative Instruments	Total
Balance as of October 31, 2013	\$ 7,778	\$ 3,683	\$ 1,109	\$ 12,570
Other comprehensive (income) loss before reclassifications	(1,229)	68	376	(785)
Amounts reclassified from AOCL			(966)	(966)
Net current period other comprehensive (income) loss	\$ (1,229)	\$ 68	\$ (590)	\$ (1,751)
Balance as of May 2, 2014	\$ 6,549	\$ 3,751	\$ 519	\$ 10,819

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The presentation of segment information reflects the manner in which management organizes segments for making operating decisions and assessing performance. On this basis, the company has determined it has three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. The Distribution segment, which consists of company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with the company's corporate activities and elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses that is shown as Other in the following tables due to the insignificance of the segment.

The following table shows the summarized financial information concerning the company's reportable segments:

(Dollars in thousands)

Three months ended May 1, 2015	Professional	Residential	Other	Total
Net sales	\$ 552,774	\$ 267,867	\$ 5,601	\$ 826,242
Intersegment gross sales	17,766	104	(17,870)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	120,815	34,838	(19,516)	136,137

Three months ended May 2, 2014	Professional	Residential	Other	Total
Net sales	\$ 528,561	\$ 210,377	\$ 6,092	\$ 745,030
Intersegment gross sales	14,438	128	(14,566)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	122,367	23,822	(17,073)	129,116

Six months ended May 1, 2015	Professional	Residential	Other	Total
Net sales	\$ 892,480	\$ 402,610	\$ 5,363	\$ 1,300,453
Intersegment gross sales	28,286	188	(28,474)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	176,474	48,565	(46,929)	178,110
Total assets	919,135	261,835	298,157	1,479,127

Six months ended May 2, 2014	Professional	Residential	Other	Total
Net sales	\$ 824,029	\$ 357,947	\$ 9,035	\$ 1,191,011
Intersegment gross sales	19,914	250	(20,164)	
Earnings (loss) before income taxes	169,830	41,956	(43,915)	167,871
Total assets	670,723	238,156	270,367	1,179,246

The following table summarizes the components of the loss before income taxes included in Other shown above:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Corporate expenses	\$ (19,475)	\$ (16,655)	\$ (41,445)	\$ (40,347)
Interest expense, net	(4,768)	(3,683)	(9,484)	(7,436)
Other	4,727	3,265	4,000	3,868
Total	\$ (19,516)	\$ (17,073)	\$ (46,929)	\$ (43,915)

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The company is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales to third party customers, sales and loans to wholly owned foreign subsidiaries, foreign plant operations, and purchases from suppliers. The company actively manages the exposure of its foreign currency exchange rate market risk by entering into various hedging instruments, authorized under company policies that place controls on these activities, with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions. The company's hedging activities primarily involve the use of forward currency contracts, as well as cross currency swaps that are intended to offset intercompany loan exposures. The company uses derivative instruments only in an attempt to limit underlying exposure from foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and to minimize earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes. Decisions on whether to use such contracts are primarily based on the amount of exposure to the currency involved and an assessment of the near-term market value for each currency. The company's policy does not allow the use of derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. The company also made an accounting policy election to use the portfolio exception with respect to measuring counterparty credit risk for derivative instruments, and to measure the fair value of a portfolio of financial assets and financial liabilities on the basis of the net open risk position with each counterparty. The company's primary currency exchange rate exposures are with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, the Japanese yen, the Chinese Renminbi, and the Romanian New Leu against the U.S. dollar, as well as the Romanian New Leu against the Euro.

Cash flow hedges. The company recognizes all derivative instruments as either assets or liabilities at fair value on the consolidated balance sheet and formally documents relationships between cash flow hedging instruments and hedged transactions, as well as its risk-management objective and strategy for undertaking hedge transactions. This process includes linking all derivatives to the forecasted transactions, such as sales to third parties and foreign plant operations. Changes in fair values of outstanding cash flow hedge derivatives, except the ineffective portion, are recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI), until net earnings is affected by the variability of cash flows of the hedged transaction. Gains and losses on the derivative representing either hedge ineffectiveness or hedge components excluded from the assessment of effectiveness are recognized in net earnings. The consolidated statements of earnings classification of effective hedge results is the same as that of the underlying exposure. Results of hedges of sales and foreign plant operations are recorded in net sales and cost of sales, respectively, when the underlying hedged transaction affects net earnings. The maximum amount of time the company hedges its exposure to the variability in future cash flows for forecasted trade sales and purchases is two years. Results of hedges of intercompany loans are recorded in other income, net as an offset to the remeasurement of the foreign loan balance.

The company formally assesses, at a hedge's inception and on an ongoing basis, whether the derivatives that are designated as hedges have been highly effective in offsetting changes in the cash flows of the hedged transactions and whether those derivatives may be expected to remain highly effective in future periods. When it is determined that a derivative is not, or has ceased to be, highly effective as a hedge, the company discontinues hedge accounting prospectively. When the company discontinues hedge accounting because it is no longer probable, but it is still reasonably possible that the forecasted transaction will occur by the end of the originally expected period or within an additional two-month period of time thereafter, the gain or loss on the derivative remains in AOCL and is reclassified to net earnings when the forecasted transaction affects net earnings. However, if it is probable that a forecasted transaction will not occur by the end of the originally specified time period or within an additional two-month period of time thereafter, the gains and losses that were in AOCL are recognized immediately in net earnings. In all situations in which hedge accounting is discontinued and the derivative remains outstanding, the company carries the derivative at its fair value on the consolidated balance sheets, recognizing future changes in the fair value in other income, net. For the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, there were immaterial losses on contracts reclassified into earnings as a result of the discontinuance of cash flow hedges. As of May 1, 2015 and May 2, 2014, the notional amount outstanding of forward contracts designated as cash flow hedges was \$101.8 million and \$95.8 million, respectively. Additionally, as of May 1, 2015 and May 2, 2014, the company had one cross currency interest rate swap instrument outstanding for a fixed pay notional of 36.6 million Romanian New Leu and receive floating notional of 8.5 million Euros.

Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments. The company also enters into foreign currency contracts that include forward currency contracts and cross currency swaps to mitigate the remeasurement of specific assets and liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet. These contracts are not designated as hedging instruments. Accordingly, changes in the fair value of hedges of recorded balance sheet positions, such

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as cash, receivables, payables, intercompany notes, and other various contractual claims to pay or receive foreign currencies other than the functional currency, are recognized immediately in other income, net, on the consolidated statements of earnings together with the transaction gain or loss from the hedged balance sheet position.

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The following table presents the fair value of the company's derivatives and consolidated balance sheet location.

(Dollars in thousands)	Asset Derivatives				Liability Derivatives			
	May 1, 2015		May 2, 2014		May 1, 2015		May 2, 2014	
	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments								
Forward currency contracts	Prepaid expenses	\$ 2,865	Prepaid expenses	\$	Accrued liabilities	\$ 1,427	Accrued liabilities	\$ (156)
Cross currency contract	Prepaid expenses		Prepaid expenses		Accrued liabilities	319	Accrued liabilities	295
Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments								
Forward currency contracts	Prepaid expenses	4,965	Prepaid expenses		Accrued liabilities	(442)	Accrued liabilities	2,199
Cross currency contract	Prepaid expenses	2,070	Prepaid expenses		Accrued liabilities		Accrued liabilities	358
Total Derivatives		\$ 9,900		\$		\$ 1,304		\$ 2,696

The following table presents the impact of derivative instruments on the consolidated statements of earnings for the company's derivatives designated as cash flow hedging instruments for the three and six months ended May 1, 2015 and May 2, 2014, respectively.

(Dollars in thousands)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in OCI on Derivatives (Effective Portion)		Location of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income (Effective Portion)	Gain (Loss) Reclassified from AOCL into Income (Effective Portion)		Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Income on Derivatives (Ineffective Portion and Excluded from Effectiveness Testing)	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014		May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014		May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
	For the three months ended							
Forward currency contracts	\$ (4,474)	\$ (1,152)	Net sales	\$ 5,926	\$ (318)	Other income, net	\$ 56	\$ (230)
Forward currency contracts	202	282	Cost of sales	(678)	(15)			
Cross currency contracts	154	148	Other income, net	(194)	(350)			
Total	\$ (4,118)	\$ (722)		\$ 5,054	\$ (683)			
For the six months ended								
Forward currency contracts	\$ (296)	\$ 742	Net sales	\$ 7,930	\$ (771)	Other income, net	\$ 283	\$ (141)
Forward currency contracts	(1,182)	(117)	Cost of sales	(991)	32			
Cross currency contracts	136	(38)	Other income, net	(207)	(227)			
Total	\$ (1,342)	\$ 587		\$ 6,732	\$ (966)			

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As of May 1, 2015, the company expects to reclassify approximately \$2.1 million of gains from AOCL to earnings during the next twelve months.

The following table presents the impact of derivative instruments on the consolidated statements of earnings for the company's derivatives not designated as hedging instruments.

(Dollars in thousands)	Location of Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Earnings	Gain (Loss) Recognized in Net Earnings			
		Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
		May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Forward currency contracts	Other income, net	\$ 3,089	\$ (3,434)	\$ 11,350	\$ (3,027)
Cross currency contracts	Other income, net	167	(192)	1,302	(240)
		\$ 3,256	\$ (3,626)	\$ 12,652	\$ (3,267)

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The company entered into an International Swap Dealers Association (ISDA) Master Agreement with each counterparty that permits the net settlement of amounts owed under their respective contracts. The ISDA Master Agreement is an industry standardized contract that governs all derivative contracts entered into between the company and the respective counterparty. Under these master netting agreements, net settlement generally permits the company or the counterparty to determine the net amount payable or receivable for contracts due on the same date or in the same currency for similar types of derivative transactions. The company records the fair value of its derivative contracts at the net amount in its consolidated balance sheets.

The following tables show the effects of the master netting arrangements on the fair value of the company's derivative contracts that are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets:

(Dollars in thousands) May 1, 2015	Assets			Liabilities		
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Liabilities Offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Assets offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Balance Sheet
Forward currency contracts	\$ 8,370	\$ (540)	\$ 7,830	\$ (1,741)	\$ 756	\$ (985)
Cross currency contracts	2,070		2,070	(319)		(319)
	\$ 10,440	\$ (540)	\$ 9,900	\$ (2,060)	\$ 756	\$ (1,304)

(Dollars in thousands) May 2, 2014	Assets			Liabilities		
	Gross Amounts of Recognized Assets	Gross Liabilities Offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Assets Presented in the Balance Sheet	Gross Amounts of Recognized Liabilities	Gross Assets offset in the Balance Sheet	Net Amounts of Liabilities Presented in the Balance Sheet
Forward currency contracts	\$	\$	\$	\$ (2,650)	\$ 607	\$ (2,043)
Cross currency contracts				(653)		(653)
	\$	\$	\$	\$ (3,303)	\$ 607	\$ (2,696)

Fair Value Measurements

The company categorizes its assets and liabilities into one of three levels based on the assumptions (inputs) used in valuing the asset or liability. Estimates of fair value for financial assets and financial liabilities are based on the framework established in the accounting guidance for fair value measurements. The framework defines fair value, provides guidance for measuring fair value, and requires certain disclosures. The framework discusses valuation techniques such as the market approach (comparable market prices), the income approach (present value of future income or cash flow), and the cost approach (cost to replace the service capacity of an asset or replacement cost). The framework utilizes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value into three broad levels. Level 1 provides the most reliable measure of fair value, while Level 3 generally requires significant management judgment. The three levels are defined as follows:

Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

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Level 2 Observable inputs other than Level 1 prices, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs reflecting management's assumptions about the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability.

Cash balances are valued at their carrying amounts in the consolidated balance sheets, which are reasonable estimates of their fair value due to their short-term nature. Forward currency contracts are valued based on observable market transactions of forward currency prices and spot currency rates as of the reporting date. The fair value of cross currency contracts is determined using discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs such as interest rates and foreign currency exchange rates. In addition, credit valuation adjustments, which consider the impact of any credit enhancements to the contracts, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts, and guarantees, are incorporated in the fair values to account for potential nonperformance risk. The unfunded deferred compensation liability is primarily subject to changes in fixed-income investment contracts based on current yields. For accounts receivable and accounts payable, carrying amounts are a reasonable estimate of fair value given their short-term nature.

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Assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, as of May 1, 2015, May 2, 2014, and October 31, 2014 are summarized below:

(Dollars in thousands)

May 1, 2015	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 109,295	\$ 109,295		
Forward currency contracts	7,830		7,830	
Cross currency contracts	2,070		2,070	
Total assets	\$ 119,195	\$ 109,295	\$ 9,900	
Liabilities:				
Forward currency contracts	\$ 985		\$ 985	
Cross currency contracts	319		319	
Deferred compensation liabilities	1,896		1,896	
Total liabilities	\$ 3,200		\$ 3,200	

May 2, 2014	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 129,909	\$ 129,909		
Total assets	\$ 129,909	\$ 129,909		
Liabilities:				
Forward currency contracts	\$ 2,043		\$ 2,043	
Cross currency contracts	653		653	
Deferred compensation liabilities	2,439		2,439	
Total liabilities	\$ 5,135		\$ 5,135	

October 31, 2014	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 314,873	\$ 314,873		
Forward currency contracts	6,030		6,030	
Cross currency contracts	831		831	
Total assets	\$ 321,734	\$ 314,873	\$ 6,861	
Liabilities:				
Forward currency contracts	\$ 9		\$ 9	
Cross currency contracts	536		536	
Deferred compensation liabilities	2,141		2,141	
Total liabilities	\$ 2,686		\$ 2,686	

The company measures certain assets and liabilities at fair value on a nonrecurring basis. Assets acquired and liabilities assumed as part of acquisitions are measured at fair value. Refer to Acquisition Note for additional information. There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the three and six months ended May 1, 2015 and May 2, 2014, or the twelve months ended October 31, 2014.

Contingencies Litigation

The company is party to litigation in the ordinary course of business. Such matters are generally subject to uncertainties and to outcomes that are not predictable with assurance and that may not be known for extended periods of time. Litigation occasionally involves claims for punitive, as well as compensatory, damages arising out of the use of the company's products. Although the company is self-insured to some extent, the

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company maintains insurance against certain product liability losses. The company is also subject to litigation and administrative and judicial proceedings with respect to claims involving asbestos and the discharge of hazardous substances into the environment. Some of these claims assert damages and liability for personal injury, remedial investigations or clean up and other costs and damages. The company is also typically involved in commercial disputes, employment disputes, and patent litigation cases in which it is asserting or defending against patent infringement claims. To prevent possible infringement of the company's patents by others, the company periodically reviews competitors products. To avoid potential liability with respect to others' patents, the company regularly reviews certain patents issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and foreign patent offices. Management believes these activities help minimize its risk of being a defendant in patent infringement litigation. The company records a liability in its consolidated financial

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statements for costs related to claims, including future legal costs, settlements and judgments, where the company has assessed that a loss is probable and an amount can be reasonably estimated. If the reasonable estimate of a probable loss is a range, the company records the most probable estimate of the loss or the minimum amount when no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other amount. The company discloses a contingent liability even if the liability is not probable or the amount is not estimable, or both, if there is a reasonable possibility that a material loss may have been incurred. In the opinion of management, the amount of liability, if any, with respect to these matters, individually or in the aggregate, will not materially affect its consolidated results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

Subsequent Events

The company evaluated all subsequent events and concluded that no additional subsequent events have occurred that would require recognition in the consolidated financial statements or disclosure in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

Item 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Nature of Operations

The Toro Company is in the business of designing, manufacturing, and marketing professional turf maintenance equipment and services, turf irrigation systems, landscaping equipment and lighting, agricultural micro-irrigation systems, rental and specialty construction equipment, and residential yard and snow thrower products. Beginning in fiscal 2015 with our acquisition of BOSS®, we also design, manufacture, and market professional snow and ice management products. Through this acquisition, we added another professional contractor brand; a portfolio of counter-seasonal equipment; manufacturing and distribution facilities located in Iron Mountain, Michigan; and a distribution network for these products. We sell our products worldwide through a network of distributors, dealers, hardware retailers, home centers, mass retailers, and over the Internet. Our businesses are organized into three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and is shown as Other. We strive to provide innovative, well-built, and dependable products supported by an extensive service network. A significant portion of our revenues has historically been, and we expect will continue to be, attributable to new and enhanced products. We define new products as those introduced in the current and previous two fiscal years.

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A) should be read in conjunction with the MD&A included in Part II, Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014. This discussion contains various Forward-Looking Statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and we refer readers to the section titled Forward-Looking Information located at the end of Part I, Item 2 of this report for more information.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Overview

Our results for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 were positive with a net sales increase of 10.9 percent and a net earnings increase of 7.7 percent, each as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2014. Year-to-date net earnings increased 10.4 percent in fiscal 2015 compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year on a net sales increase of 9.2 percent. Residential segment net sales were significantly up, by 27.3 percent and 12.5 percent for our second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods last fiscal year, driven by strong shipments and demand for our newly introduced riding and walk power mower products and expanded product placement, partially offset by unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Professional segment net sales increased 4.6 percent and 8.3 percent for our second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods last fiscal year. The acquisition of the BOSS business resulted in incremental net sales for our professional segment of \$16.6 million and \$45.3 million for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively. Professional segment net sales were also up due to continued growth and demand for our innovative landscape contractor products and higher worldwide shipments of golf and grounds equipment, partially offset by a decrease in sales of micro-irrigation and residential/commercial irrigation products, as well as unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations that hindered our sales growth for both the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015. Our overall international net sales were down 4.7 percent and 5.1 percent for our second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods last fiscal year due to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates.

Our net earnings growth in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 was primarily attributable to leveraging selling, general, and administrative (SG&A) costs over higher sales volumes and a decline in our effective tax rate mainly due to the retroactive re-enactment of the domestic research tax credit in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 for calendar year

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2014. However, our net earnings were hampered by a decrease in our gross margin rate and an increase in interest expense. We increased our second quarter cash dividend by 25 percent to \$0.25 per share compared to the \$0.20 per share quarterly cash dividend paid in the second quarter of fiscal 2014.

Our overall financial condition remains strong. Inventory levels increased \$39.0 million, or 12.9 percent, as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 due to incremental inventory of \$23.3 million from the acquisition of the BOSS business and increased work in process inventory mainly due to the timing of production at certain key production facilities in anticipation of strong demand. Receivables also increased \$38.1 million, or 12.2 percent, due to higher sales volumes and the addition of receivables from the acquisition of the BOSS business, which was partially offset by a decrease in international receivables primarily due to lower foreign currency exchange rates. Field inventory levels were also up as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 primarily due to strong sales of new products we introduced and anticipated retail demand in the second half of fiscal 2015.

Our new multi-year initiative, Destination PRIME, begins our journey into our second century. Similar to our previous Destination 2014 initiative, this new three-year initiative is intended to help us drive revenue and earnings growth and further improve productivity, while also continuing our century-long commitment to innovation, relationships, and excellence. Through our Destination PRIME initiative, we will strive to achieve our goals by pursuing a progression of annual milestones. Each fiscal year we will set forth organic revenue growth and operating earnings goals, while continuing to focus on the progress we made through our previous initiatives, such as working capital. Our organic revenue growth goal is to achieve five percent or more of organic revenue growth each fiscal year during this initiative. We define organic revenue growth as the increase in net sales, less net sales from acquisitions that occurred in the current fiscal year. Our operating earnings goal is to raise operating earnings as a percentage of net sales to more than 13 percent by the end of fiscal 2017. Additionally, our working capital goal is to drive down average net working capital as a percentage of net sales to less than 13 percent by the end of fiscal 2017. We define average net working capital as accounts receivable plus inventory less trade payables as a percentage of net sales for a twelve month period.

Net Earnings

Net earnings for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 were \$93.8 million, or \$1.64 per diluted share, compared to \$87.1 million, or \$1.51 per diluted share, for the second quarter of fiscal 2014, resulting in a net earnings per diluted share increase of 8.6 percent. Year-to-date net earnings in fiscal 2015 were \$124.7 million, or \$2.18 per diluted share, compared to \$113.0 million, or \$1.95 per diluted share, in the same comparable period last fiscal year, resulting in a net earnings per diluted share increase of 11.8 percent. The primary factors contributing to our earnings improvements were leveraging SG&A costs over higher sales volumes and a decline in the effective tax rate, somewhat offset by a decrease in gross margin rates and an increase in interest expense. In addition, second quarter and year-to-date fiscal 2015 net earnings per diluted share were benefited by approximately \$0.02 per share and \$0.03 per share, respectively, compared to the same periods in fiscal 2014, as a result of reduced shares outstanding from repurchases of our common stock.

The following table summarizes the major operating costs and other income as a percentage of net sales:

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	(65.9)	(64.5)	(65.3)	(64.1)

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Gross margin	34.1	35.5	34.7	35.9
SG&A expense	(17.3)	(17.9)	(20.6)	(21.5)
Operating earnings	16.8	17.6	14.1	14.4
Interest expense	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.7)	(0.6)
Other income, net	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3
Provision for income taxes	(5.2)	(5.6)	(4.1)	(4.6)
Net earnings	11.3%	11.7%	9.6%	9.5%

Net Sales

Worldwide consolidated net sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 were \$826.2 million, up 10.9 percent compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2014. For the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015, net sales were \$1.3 billion, up 9.2 percent from the same period in the prior fiscal year. Residential segment net sales were up 27.3 percent and 12.5 percent for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. The sales increases in both periods for the residential segment were largely due to higher shipments from strong retail demand for our new platform of zero-

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turn riding mowers and walk power mowers, as well as expanded product placement for these new innovative products. However, these net sales increases were somewhat offset by unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Worldwide professional segment net sales were up 4.6 percent and 8.3 percent for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. The acquisition of the BOSS business added \$16.6 million and \$45.3 million of net sales for the professional segment in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively. Our professional segment sales were also positively impacted by higher shipments of landscape contractor equipment and golf and grounds equipment due to continued strong demand for our innovative product offerings and newly introduced products. Partially offsetting the sales growth in both the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 compared to the same periods last fiscal year were unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations, lower sales of micro-irrigation products, which was primarily due to foreign currency exchange rate changes and continued adverse political and economic conditions in certain key international regions, and a decrease in sales of residential/commercial irrigation products mainly due to poor weather conditions in key markets.

Net sales for our other segment were down by \$0.5 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 and \$3.7 million for the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015 compared to the same periods last fiscal year due to an increase in sales that are eliminated from higher shipments to our company-owned distribution companies, partially offset by higher sales volumes at our company-owned distributors. International net sales were down, by 4.7 percent and 5.1 percent, for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year due primarily to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates resulted in a reduction of our net sales of approximately \$13.6 million and \$18.7 million for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively. Field inventory levels were up as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 primarily due to strong sales of new products we introduced and anticipated retail demand in the second half of fiscal 2015.

Gross Profit

As a percentage of net sales, gross profit for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased 140 basis points to 34.1 percent compared to 35.5 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2014. Gross profit as a percent of net sales for the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015 decreased 120 basis points to 34.7 percent compared to 35.9 percent for the year-to-date period of fiscal 2014. The decrease for the second quarter comparison was due to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and a higher proportion of residential segment sales that carry lower average gross margins than our professional segment. For the year-to-date period, our gross profit decrease was also primarily attributable to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and the purchase accounting impact of the incremental charge for the sale of inventory that was written-up to fair value as a result of the acquisition of the BOSS business.

Selling, General, and Administrative Expense

SG&A expense increased \$9.9 million, or 7.4 percent, for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2014 and increased \$11.5 million, or 4.5 percent, for the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015 compared to the year-to-date period of fiscal 2014. As a percentage of net sales, SG&A expense decreased 60 basis points and 90 basis points for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. These decreases as a percentage of net sales were largely due to leveraging SG&A expense over higher sales volumes and lower incentive compensation expense, partially offset by incremental SG&A costs from the acquisition of the BOSS business.

Interest Expense

Interest expense for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased \$1.1 million, or 29.4 percent, and \$2.0 million, or 27.5 percent, respectively, compared to the same periods last fiscal year due to higher levels of debt as a result of borrowings that were used to pay the purchase price for the BOSS business.

Other Income, Net

Other income, net for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased \$0.5 million and \$0.9 million, respectively, compared to the same periods last fiscal year primarily due to a decrease in foreign currency exchange rate losses and higher earnings from our equity investment in Red Iron.

Provision for Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 was 31.1 percent compared to 32.6 percent in the second quarter of 2014. This decline was mainly due to higher earnings in lower tax jurisdictions. The effective tax rate for the year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 and 2014 was 30.0 percent and 32.7 percent, respectively. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the year-to-date comparison was primarily the result of the benefit in the first quarter of fiscal 2015 for the retroactive re-enactment of the domestic research tax credit for calendar year 2014, as well as higher earnings in lower tax jurisdictions.

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As described previously, we operate in three reportable business segments: Professional, Residential, and Distribution. Our Distribution segment, which consists of our company-owned domestic distributorships, has been combined with our corporate activities and elimination of intersegment revenues and expenses that is shown as Other in the following tables. Operating earnings for our Professional and Residential segments are defined as operating earnings plus other income, net. Operating loss for Other includes operating earnings (loss), corporate activities, other income, net, and interest expense.

The following table summarizes net sales by segment:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Professional	\$ 552,774	\$ 528,561	\$ 24,213	4.6%
Residential	267,867	210,377	57,490	27.3
Other	5,601	6,092	(491)	(8.1)
Total*	\$ 826,242	\$ 745,030	\$ 81,212	10.9%
* Includes international sales of:	\$ 195,384	\$ 205,117	\$ (9,733)	(4.7)%

(Dollars in thousands)	Six Months Ended			
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Professional	\$ 892,480	\$ 824,029	\$ 68,451	8.3%
Residential	402,610	357,947	44,663	12.5
Other	5,363	9,035	(3,672)	(40.6)
Total*	\$ 1,300,453	\$ 1,191,011	\$ 109,442	9.2%
* Includes international sales of:	\$ 338,285	\$ 356,380	\$ (18,095)	(5.1)%

The following table summarizes segment earnings (loss) before income taxes:

(Dollars in thousands)	Three Months Ended			
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Professional	\$ 120,815	\$ 122,367	\$ (1,552)	(1.3)%
Residential	34,838	23,822	11,016	46.2
Other	(19,516)	(17,073)	(2,443)	(14.3)
Total	\$ 136,137	\$ 129,116	\$ 7,021	5.4%

(Dollars in thousands)	Six Months Ended			
	May 1, 2015	May 2, 2014	\$ Change	% Change
Professional	\$ 176,474	\$ 169,830	\$ 6,644	3.9%

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Residential		48,565		41,956		6,609		15.8
Other		(46,929)		(43,915)		(3,014)		(6.9)
Total	\$	178,110	\$	167,871	\$	10,239		6.1%

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Professional

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the professional segment in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased 4.6 percent and 8.3 percent, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. The acquisition of the BOSS business added \$16.6 million and \$45.3 million of net sales for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015, respectively. Sales and demand of landscape contractor equipment were also up for the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 compared to the same periods last fiscal year as contractors continued to invest capital in our new turf management and productivity-enhancing product offerings. Professional segment sales were also positively impacted by increased shipments of our golf and grounds equipment due to worldwide demand for our innovative product offerings and the successful introduction of new products. However, sales growth in both the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 were hampered by the impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Sales of micro-irrigation products declined due to foreign currency exchange rate changes, as well as continued adverse political and economic conditions in certain key international regions, and residential/commercial irrigation products decreased mainly due to poor weather conditions in key markets.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the professional segment in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 decreased slightly by 1.3 percent compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2014 and decreased to 21.9 percent as a percentage of net sales in the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to 23.2 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2014. These declines were due to lower gross margins primarily from unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and incremental SG&A costs from the acquisition of the BOSS business. For the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015, professional segment operating earnings increased 3.9 percent compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year mainly due to higher sales volumes. However, as a percentage of net sales, professional segment operating earnings decreased to 19.8 percent for the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015 compared to 20.6 percent in the same period last fiscal year. This decrease was due to lower gross margins primarily from the impact of unfavorable currency exchange rate fluctuations and the purchase accounting impact of the acquisition of the BOSS business, as previously discussed, partially offset by leveraging SG&A costs over higher sales volumes and lower warranty expense.

Residential

Net Sales. Worldwide net sales for the residential segment in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased 27.3 percent and 12.5 percent, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. These sales increases were largely due to higher shipments from strong retail demand and additional product placement for our new platform of zero-turn riding mowers. Sales of walk power mowers also increased due to enhanced product placement and increased demand for our new product offerings, including our new all-wheel drive model. However, these net sales increases were somewhat offset by unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations.

Operating Earnings. Operating earnings for the residential segment in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased 46.2 percent and 15.8 percent, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. Expressed as a percentage of net sales, residential segment operating margin increased to 13.0 percent from 11.3 percent in the second quarter of fiscal 2014, and fiscal 2015 year-to-date residential segment operating margin increased to 12.1 percent compared to 11.7 percent in the same period last fiscal year. The operating earnings increase for the second quarter and year-to-date comparisons was largely due to leveraging SG&A costs over higher sales volumes, somewhat offset by lower gross margins mainly due to unfavorable foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations and increased manufacturing expenses.

Other

Net Sales. Net sales for the other segment include sales from our wholly owned domestic distribution companies less sales from the professional and residential segments to those distribution companies. The other segment net sales for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 slightly decreased by \$0.5 million compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2014. For the year-to-date period of fiscal 2015, the other segment net sales decreased \$3.7 million compared to the same period in the prior fiscal year due to an increase in sales that are eliminated from higher shipments to our company-owned distribution companies, partially offset by higher sales volumes at our company-owned distributors.

Operating Losses. Operating losses for the other segment in the second quarter and year-to-date periods of fiscal 2015 increased \$2.4 million and \$3.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in the prior fiscal year. The higher operating losses were primarily attributable to an increase in the elimination of gross profit previously recorded with respect to sales of our products to our wholly owned distribution companies and an increase in interest expense related to debt issued in connection with the acquisition of the BOSS business, partially offset by a decline in incentive compensation expense.

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FINANCIAL POSITION

Working Capital

In fiscal 2015, we plan to continue to place emphasis on improving asset utilization with a focus on reducing the amount of working capital in the supply chain, adjusting production plans, and maintaining or improving order replenishment and service levels to end users. Our average net working capital as a percentage of net sales for the twelve months ended May 1, 2015 was 15.6 percent compared to 15.5 percent for the twelve months ended May 2, 2014.

Inventory levels were up \$39.0 million, or 12.9 percent, as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 due to incremental inventory of \$23.3 million from the acquisition of the BOSS business and increased work in process inventory due to timing of production at certain key production facilities in anticipation of strong demand. Receivables as of the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2015 increased \$38.1 million, or 12.2 percent, compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 as a result of higher sales volumes and incremental receivables from the acquisition of the BOSS business, which was partially offset by a decrease in international receivables due primarily to lower foreign currency exchange rates. Our average days sales outstanding for receivables decreased to 34.3 days based on sales for the last twelve months ended May 1, 2015, compared to 35.5 days for the twelve months ended May 2, 2014. In addition, accounts payable increased as of the end of our second quarter of fiscal 2015 compared to the end of the second quarter of fiscal 2014 by \$20.4 million, or 8.7 percent, due to recent purchases of commodities and components.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our businesses are seasonally working capital intensive and require funding for purchases of raw materials used in production, replacement parts inventory, payroll and other administrative costs, capital expenditures, establishment of new facilities, expansion and renovation of existing facilities, as well as for financing receivables from customers that are not financed with Red Iron. We believe that anticipated cash generated from operations, together with our long-term debt, bank credit lines, and cash on hand, will provide us with adequate liquidity to meet our anticipated operating requirements. We believe that the funds available through existing financing arrangements and forecasted cash flows will be sufficient to provide the necessary capital resources for our anticipated working capital needs, capital expenditures, investments, debt repayments, quarterly cash dividend payments, and stock repurchases for at least the next twelve months.

Our Board of Directors approved a cash dividend of \$0.25 per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2015 that was paid on April 13, 2015. This was an increase of 25 percent over our cash dividend of \$0.20 per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2014.

Cash Flow. We historically use more operating cash in the first half of our fiscal year than the second half of our fiscal year due to the seasonality of our business. Cash provided by operating activities for the first six months of fiscal 2015 increased \$17.3 million, or 22.2 percent, compared to the first six months of fiscal 2014 mainly due to higher net earnings. Cash used for investing activities increased \$191.9 million during the first six months of fiscal 2015 compared to the first six months of fiscal 2014 due to cash utilized for the acquisition of the BOSS business, partially offset by lower purchases of property, plant, and equipment. Cash used for financing activities for the first six months of fiscal 2015 decreased \$25.1 million compared to the first six months of fiscal 2014 mainly due to lower amounts of cash utilized for share repurchases, partially offset by an increase in cash dividends paid on our stock.

Credit Lines and Other Capital Resources. Our businesses are seasonal, with accounts receivable balances historically increasing between January and April, as a result of typically higher sales volumes and extended payment terms made available to our customers, and typically decreasing between May and December when payments are received. The seasonality of production and shipments causes our working capital requirements to fluctuate during the year. Seasonal cash requirements are financed from operations, cash on hand, and with short-term financing arrangements, including our \$150.0 million unsecured senior five-year revolving credit facility that expires in October 2019. Included in our \$150.0 million revolving credit facility is a \$20.0 million sublimit for standby letters of credit and a \$20.0 million sublimit for swingline loans. At our election, and with the approval of the named borrowers on the revolving credit facility, the aggregate maximum principal amount available under the facility may be increased by an amount up to \$100.0 million in aggregate. Funds are available under the revolving credit facility for working capital, capital expenditures, and other lawful purposes, including, but not limited to, acquisitions and stock repurchases. Interest expense on this credit line is determined based on a LIBOR rate (or other rates quoted by the Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A.) plus a basis point spread defined in the credit agreement. In addition, our non-U.S. operations maintain short-term lines of credit in the aggregate amount of approximately \$8.9 million. These facilities bear interest at various rates depending on the rates in their respective countries of operation. As of May 1, 2015, we had \$20.0 million outstanding short-term debt under these lines of credit compared to no outstanding short-term debt as of May 2, 2014. As of May 1, 2015, we had \$8.0 million of outstanding letters of credit and \$130.9 million of unutilized availability under our credit agreements. In addition, we had \$4.9 million in short-term debt for certain receivables we provided recourse to Red Iron as of May 1, 2015.

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As of May 1, 2015, we had \$384.9 million outstanding in long-term debt that includes \$100.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 7.8% debentures due June 15, 2027 and \$125.0 million in aggregate principal amount of 6.625% senior notes due May 1, 2037. In late fiscal 2014 as part of our renewed credit facility, we also obtained a \$130.0 million term loan for cash required to close the acquisition of the BOSS business early in fiscal 2015. The term loan bears interest based on a LIBOR rate (or other rates quoted by the Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A.) plus a basis point spread defined in the credit agreement. The term loan can be repaid in part or in full at any time without penalty, but in any event must be paid in full by October 2019. On November 14, 2014, we issued a \$30.0 million in aggregate principal note to the former owners of the BOSS business that we acquired.

Our revolving and term loan credit facility contains standard covenants, including, without limitation, financial covenants, such as the maintenance of minimum interest coverage and maximum debt to earnings ratios; and negative covenants, which among other things, limit loans and investments, disposition of assets, consolidations and mergers, transactions with affiliates, restricted payments, contingent obligations, liens, and other matters customarily restricted in such agreements. Most of these restrictions are subject to certain minimum thresholds and exceptions. Under the revolving credit facility, we are not limited in the amount for payments of cash dividends and stock repurchases as long as our debt to earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) ratio from the previous quarter compliance certificate is less than or equal to 3.25, provided that immediately after giving effect of any such proposed action, no default or event of default would exist. As of May 1, 2015, we were not limited in the amount for payments of cash dividends and stock repurchases. We were in compliance with all covenants related to our credit agreement for our revolving credit facility as of May 1, 2015, and we expect to be in compliance with all covenants during the remainder of fiscal 2015. If we were out of compliance with any debt covenant required by this credit agreement following the applicable cure period, the banks could terminate their commitments unless we could negotiate a covenant waiver from the banks. In addition, our long-term senior notes, debentures, term loan, and any amounts outstanding under the revolving credit facility could become due and payable if we were unable to obtain a covenant waiver or refinance our short-term debt under our credit agreement. If our credit rating falls below investment grade and/or our average debt to EBITDA ratio rises above 1.50, the basis point spread over LIBOR (or other rates quoted by the Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A.) we currently pay on outstanding debt under the credit agreement would increase. However, the credit commitment could not be cancelled by the banks based solely on a ratings downgrade. Our debt rating for long-term unsecured senior, non-credit enhanced debt was unchanged during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 by Standard and Poor's Ratings Group at BBB and by Moody's Investors Service at Baa3.

Customer Financing Arrangements and Contractual Obligations

Our Red Iron joint venture with TCFIF provides inventory financing, including floor plan and open accounts receivable financing, to distributors and dealers of our products in the U.S. and to select distributors of our products in Canada to enable our distributors and dealers to carry representative inventories of our products. Some independent international dealers continue to finance their products with a third party finance company. This third party financing company purchased \$11.3 million of receivables from us during the first six months of fiscal 2015. As of May 1, 2015, \$8.6 million of receivables financed by a third party financing company, excluding Red Iron, were outstanding. See our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K for further details regarding our customer financing arrangements and contractual obligations.

Inflation

We are subject to the effects of inflation, deflation, and changing prices. In the first six months of fiscal 2015, average prices paid for commodities and components we purchase were slightly lower compared to the average prices paid for commodities and components in the first six months of fiscal 2014. We intend to continue to closely follow prices of commodities and components that affect our product lines, and we anticipate average prices paid for some commodities and components to be slightly lower for the remainder of fiscal 2015 as compared to fiscal 2014. Historically, we have mitigated, and we currently expect to continue to mitigate, commodity price increases, in part, by collaborating with suppliers, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on

some of our products, all as appropriate.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

See our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014 for a discussion of our critical accounting policies.

New Accounting Pronouncements to be Adopted

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers that updates the principles for recognizing revenue. The core principle of the guidance is

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that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The guidance provides a five-step analysis of transactions to determine when and how revenue is recognized. The guidance also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. We will adopt this guidance on November 1, 2017, as required. The guidance permits the use of either a retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We have not yet selected a transition method and are currently evaluating the impact of the amended guidance on our existing revenue recognition policies and procedures.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation (Topic 810), which amends certain requirements for determining whether a variable interest entity must be consolidated. The amended guidance will become effective for us commencing in the first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this amended guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs. This guidance requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of the related debt liability. The amended guidance will become effective for us commencing in the first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We do not anticipate the adoption of this guidance to have a material impact on our consolidated financial position.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05, Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement. This amended guidance requires customers to determine whether or not an arrangement contains a software license element. If the arrangement contains a software element, the related fees paid should be accounted for as an acquisition of a software license. If the arrangement does not contain a software license, it is accounted for as a service contract. The amended guidance will become effective for us commencing in the first quarter of 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently evaluating the impact of this amended guidance on our consolidated financial statements.

No new accounting pronouncement that has been issued but not yet effective for us during the second quarter of fiscal 2015 has had or is expected to have a material impact on our consolidated financial statements.

Forward-Looking Information

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains not only historical information, but also forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (Securities Act), and Section 21E under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (Exchange Act), and that are subject to the safe harbor created by those sections. In addition, we or others on our behalf may make forward-looking statements from time to time in oral presentations, including telephone conferences and/or web casts open to the public, in press releases or reports, on our web sites or otherwise. Statements that are not historical are forward-looking and reflect expectations and assumptions. Forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations of future events, and often can be identified in this report and elsewhere by using words such as expect, strive, looking ahead, outlook, guidance, forecast, goal, optimistic, anticipate, continue, plan, estimate, project, believe, should, could, will, would, possible, may, likely, intend, can, seek, and similar expressions or future dates. Our forward-looking statements generally relate to our future performance, including our anticipated operating results, liquidity requirements, and financial condition; our business strategies and goals; and the effect of laws, rules, regulations, new accounting pronouncements, and outstanding litigation on our business and future performance.

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Forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those projected or implied. The following are some of the factors known to us that could cause our actual results to differ materially from what we have anticipated in our forward-looking statements:

- Economic conditions and outlook in the United States and in other countries in which we conduct business could adversely affect our net sales and earnings, which include but are not limited to recessionary conditions; slow or negative economic growth rates; the impact of U.S. federal debt, state debt and sovereign debt defaults and austerity measures by certain European countries; slow down or reductions in levels of golf course development, renovation, and improvement; golf course closures; reduced levels of home ownership, construction, and sales; home foreclosures; negative consumer confidence; reduced consumer spending levels resulting from tax increases or other factors; prolonged high unemployment rates; higher commodity and component costs and fuel prices; inflationary or deflationary pressures; reduced credit availability or unfavorable credit terms for our distributors, dealers, and end-user customers; higher short-term, mortgage, and other interest rates; and general economic and political conditions and expectations.
- Weather conditions, including unfavorable weather conditions exacerbated by global climate changes or otherwise, may reduce demand for some of our products and adversely affect our net sales and operating results, or may affect the timing of demand for some of our products and may adversely affect net sales and operating results in subsequent periods.
- Fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates could result in declines in our reported net sales and net earnings.

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- Increases in the cost, or disruption in the availability, of raw materials, components, and parts containing various commodities that we purchase, such as steel, aluminum, petroleum and natural gas-based resins, linerboard, copper, lead, rubber, engines, transmissions, transaxles, hydraulics, electric motors, and other commodities and components, and increases in our other costs of doing business, such as transportation costs. Further, we could experience delays in receiving materials required to manufacture our products and delays in shipping products to our customers, which may adversely affect net sales and operating results.
- Our professional segment net sales are dependent upon certain factors, including golf course revenues and the amount of investment in golf course renovations and improvements; the level of new golf course development and golf course closures; the level of homeowners who outsource their lawn care; the level of residential and commercial construction; continued acceptance of and demand for micro-irrigation solutions for agricultural markets; the integration of the BOSS business into our professional portfolio; demand for our products in the rental and specialty construction market; availability of cash or credit to professional segment customers on acceptable terms to finance new product purchases; and the amount of government revenues, budget, and spending levels for grounds maintenance equipment.
- Our residential segment net sales are dependent upon consumers buying our products at dealers, mass retailers, and home centers, such as The Home Depot, Inc., the amount of product placement at retailers, consumer confidence and spending levels, and changing buying patterns of customers.
- Our business and operating results are subject to the inventory management decisions of our distribution channel customers. Any adjustments in the carrying amount of inventories by our distribution channel customers may impact our inventory management and working capital goals as well as operating results.
- We face intense competition in all of our product lines with numerous manufacturers, including from some competitors that have larger operations and financial resources than us. We may not be able to compete effectively against competitors' actions, which could harm our business and operating results.
- A significant percentage of our consolidated net sales are generated outside of the United States, and we intend to continue to expand our international operations. Our international operations also require significant management attention and financial resources, expose us to difficulties presented by international economic, political, legal, accounting, and business factors; and may not be successful or produce desired levels of net sales. In addition, a portion of our international net sales are financed by third parties. The termination of our agreements with these third parties, any material change to the terms of our agreements with these third parties or in the availability or terms of credit offered to our international customers by these third parties, or any delay in securing replacement credit sources, could adversely affect our sales and operating results.
- If we are unable to continue to enhance existing products and develop and market new products that respond to customer needs and preferences and achieve market acceptance, or if we experience unforeseen product quality or other problems in the development, production, or use of new and existing products, we may experience a decrease in demand for our products, and our business could suffer.
- We intend to grow our business in part through additional acquisitions and alliances, stronger customer relations, and new joint ventures and partnerships, all of which are risky and could harm our business, particularly if we are not able to successfully integrate such acquisitions and alliances, joint ventures, and partnerships. In the first quarter of fiscal 2015, we acquired the BOSS business. If this acquisition, previous or future acquisitions do not produce the expected results or integration into our operations take more time than expected, our business could be harmed. We cannot guarantee previous or future acquisitions, alliances, joint ventures or partnerships will in fact produce any benefits.
- Our reliance upon patents, trademark laws, and contractual provisions to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient to protect our intellectual property from others who may sell similar products. Our products may infringe the proprietary rights of others.
- We manufacture our products at and distribute our products from several locations in the United States and internationally. Any disruption at any of these facilities or our inability to cost-effectively expand existing facilities, open and manage new facilities, and/or move production between manufacturing facilities could adversely affect our business and operating results.
- Our business, properties, and products are subject to governmental regulation with which compliance may require us to incur expenses or modify our products or operations and non-compliance may result in harm to our reputation and/or expose us to penalties. Governmental

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regulation may also adversely affect the demand for some of our products and our operating results. In addition, changes in laws and regulations also may adversely affect our operating results, including, (i) taxation and tax policy changes, tax rate changes, new tax laws, revised tax law interpretations, or expiration of the domestic research tax credit, which individually or in combination may cause our effective tax rate to increase, or (ii) healthcare laws or regulations, which may cause us to incur higher employee healthcare and other costs.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency has adopted increasingly stringent engine emission regulations, including Tier 4 emission requirements applicable to diesel engines in specified horsepower ranges that are used in some of our products. Beginning January 1, 2013, such requirements expanded to additional horsepower categories and, accordingly, apply to more of our products. We have implemented plans to achieve substantial compliance with Tier 4 diesel engine emission

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requirements for most of the horsepower categories affected and are implementing plans for other horsepower categories. These plans are subject to many variables including, among others, the ability of our suppliers to provide compliant engines on a timely basis or our ability to meet our production schedule. If we are unable to successfully execute such plans, our ability to sell our products into the market may be inhibited, which could adversely affect our competitive position and financial results. To the extent in which we are able to implement price increases to cover or partially offset costs related to research, development, engineering, and other expenses to design Tier 4 diesel engine compliant products in the form of price increases to our customers, and/or our competitors implement different strategies with respect to compliance with Tier 4 diesel engine emission requirements, we may experience lower market demand for our products that may, ultimately, adversely affect our profit margins, net sales, and overall financial results. Alternatively, if our competitors implement different strategies with respect to compliance with Tier 4 requirements that, either in the short term or over the long term, enable them to limit price increases, introduce product modifications that gain widespread market acceptance, or otherwise changing customer preferences and buying patterns in ways that we do not currently anticipate, we may experience lower market demand for our products that may, ultimately, adversely affect our net sales, profit margins, and overall financial results.

- Climate change and climate change regulations may adversely impact our operations.
- We are required to comply with conflict minerals rules promulgated by the SEC, which has imposed costs on us and raised reputational and other risks. We have, and we expect that we will continue to, incur additional costs and expenses, which may be significant in order to comply with these rules. Since our supply chain is complex, ultimately we may not be able to sufficiently verify the origin of the conflict minerals used in our products through the due diligence procedures that we implement or we may identify through our due diligence procedures that some or all of the conflict minerals in our products are sourced from covered regions, which may adversely affect our reputation with our customers, shareholders, and other stakeholders.
- Costs of complying with the various environmental laws related to our ownership and/or lease of real property, such as clean-up costs and liability that may be associated with certain hazardous waste disposal activities, could adversely affect our financial condition and operating results.
- Legislative enactments could impact the competitive landscape within our markets and affect demand for our products.
- We operate in many different jurisdictions and we could be adversely affected by violations of the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and similar worldwide anti-corruption laws. The continued expansion of our international operations could increase the risk of violations of these laws in the future.
- Management information systems are critical to our business. If our information systems or those of our business partners or third party service providers fail to adequately perform, or if we, our business partners or third party service providers experience an interruption in their operation, including by theft, loss or damage from unauthorized access, security breaches, natural or man-made disasters, cyber attacks, computer viruses, power loss or other disruptive events, our business, reputation, financial condition, and operating results could be adversely affected.
- We are subject to product liability claims, product quality issues, and other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our business, reputation, operating results, or financial condition.
- If we are unable to retain our key employees, and attract and retain other qualified personnel, we may not be able to meet strategic objectives and our business could suffer.
- As a result of our financing joint venture with TCFIF, we are dependent upon the joint venture to provide competitive inventory financing programs, including floor plan and open account receivable financing, to certain distributors and dealers of our products. Any material change in the availability or terms of credit offered to our customers by the joint venture, challenges or delays in transferring new distributors and dealers from any business we might acquire to this financing platform, any termination or disruption of our joint venture relationship or any delay in securing replacement credit sources could adversely affect our net sales and operating results.
- The terms of our credit arrangements and the indentures governing our senior notes and debentures could limit our ability to conduct our business, take advantage of business opportunities, and respond to changing business, market, and economic conditions. Additionally, we are

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subject to counterparty risk in our credit arrangements. If we are unable to comply with the terms of our credit arrangements and indentures, especially the financial covenants, our credit arrangements could be terminated and our senior notes, debentures, term loan, and any amounts outstanding under our revolving credit facility could become due and payable.

- We are expanding and renovating our corporate facilities and could experience disruptions to our operations in connection with such efforts.
- Our business is subject to a number of other factors that may adversely affect our operating results, financial condition, or business, such as: our ability to achieve the revenue growth, operating earnings, and working capital goals of our Destination PRIME initiative; natural or man-made disasters or global pandemics that may result in shortages of raw materials and components, higher fuel and commodity costs, delays in shipments to customers, and increases in insurance premiums; financial viability of our distributors and dealers, changes in distributor ownership, changes in channel distribution of our

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products, relationships with our distribution channel partners, our success in partnering with new dealers, and our customers' ability to pay amounts owed to us; a decline in retail sales or financial difficulties of our distributors or dealers, which would cause us to repurchase financed product; and the threat of terrorist acts and war that may result in heightened security and higher costs for import and export shipments of components or finished goods, reduced leisure travel, and contraction of the U.S. and world economies.

For more information regarding these and other uncertainties and factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from what we have anticipated in our forward-looking statements or otherwise could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, or operating results, see our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors.

All forward-looking statements included in this report are expressly qualified in their entirety by the foregoing cautionary statements. We caution readers not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statement which speaks only as of the date made and to recognize that forward-looking statements are predictions of future results, which may not occur as anticipated. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements and from historical results, due to the risks and uncertainties described above, the risks described in our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Part I, Item 1A, Risk Factors, as well as others that we may consider immaterial or do not anticipate at this time. The foregoing risks and uncertainties are not exclusive and further information concerning the company and our businesses, including factors that potentially could materially affect our financial results or condition, may emerge from time to time. We undertake no obligation to update forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors or assumptions affecting such forward-looking statements. We advise you, however, to consult any further disclosures we make on related subjects in our future Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K we file with or furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Item 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to market risk stemming from changes in foreign currency exchange rates, interest rates, and commodity prices. We are also exposed to equity market risk pertaining to the trading price of our common stock. Changes in these factors could cause fluctuations in our earnings and cash flows. See further discussion on these market risks below.

Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk. In the normal course of business, we actively manage the exposure of our foreign currency exchange rate market risk by entering into various hedging instruments, authorized under company policies that place controls on these activities, with counterparties that are highly rated financial institutions. Our hedging activities involve primarily the use of forward currency contracts. We also utilize cross currency swaps to offset intercompany loan exposures. We use derivative instruments only in an attempt to limit underlying exposure from currency fluctuations and to minimize earnings and cash flow volatility associated with foreign currency exchange rate changes and not for trading purposes. We are exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk arising from transactions in the normal course of business, such as sales to third party customers, sales and loans to wholly owned foreign subsidiaries, foreign plant operations, and purchases from suppliers. Because our products are manufactured or sourced primarily from the United States and Mexico, a stronger U.S. dollar and Mexican peso generally have a negative impact on our results from operations, while a weaker dollar and peso generally have a positive effect. Our primary foreign currency exchange rate exposures are with the Euro, the Australian dollar, the Canadian dollar, the British pound, the Mexican peso, the Japanese yen, the Chinese Renminbi, and the Romanian New Leu against the U.S. dollar, as well as the Romanian New Leu against the Euro.

We enter into various contracts, primarily forward contracts that change in value as foreign currency exchange rates change, to protect the value of existing foreign currency assets, liabilities, anticipated sales, and probable commitments. Decisions on whether to use such contracts are made

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based on the amount of exposures to the currency involved and an assessment of the near-term market value for each currency. Worldwide foreign currency exchange rate exposures are reviewed monthly. The gains and losses on these contracts offset changes in values of the related exposures. Therefore, changes in values of these hedge instruments are highly correlated with changes in market values of underlying hedged items both at inception of the hedge and over the life of the hedge contract. Additional information regarding gains and losses on our derivative instruments is presented in the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited) in Item 1 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, in the section entitled Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities.

The following foreign currency exchange contracts held by us have maturity dates in fiscal 2015 through 2017. All items are non-trading and stated in U.S. dollars. Some derivative instruments we enter into do not meet the cash flow hedging criteria; therefore, changes in fair value are recorded in other income, net.

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The average contracted rate, notional amount, pre-tax value of derivative instruments in accumulated other comprehensive loss, and fair value impact of derivative instruments in other income, net as of and for the fiscal period ended May 1, 2015 were as follows:

Dollars in thousands (except average contracted rate)	Average Contracted Rate	Notional Amount	Value in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Fair Value Impact (Loss) Gain
Buy US dollar/Sell Australian dollar	0.8250	\$ 38,832.1	\$ 1,199.9	\$ 1,650.1
Buy US dollar/Sell Canadian dollar	1.1904	17,624.6	294.4	818.1
Buy US dollar/Sell Euro	1.1916	109,170.2	3,231.4	9,872.7
Buy US dollar/Sell British pound	1.5642	28,233.3	92.0	1,017.0
Buy Euro/Sell US dollar	1.1130	7,637.3		2,070.1
Buy Mexican peso/Sell US dollar	14.5781	19,824.2	(1,824.0)	(1,044.9)
Buy Euro/Sell Romanian New Leu	4.4109	9,455.6	(319.2)	(319.1)