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ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 – For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

Commission file number 1-13905

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	57-0981653 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700,

Three Lincoln Centre, Dallas, Texas (Address of principal executive offices)	75240-2697 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code (972) 448-1400

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
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Class A common stock

NYSE MKT

(\$0.01 par value per share)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None.

Indicate by check mark:

If the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

If the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

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

Whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate website, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registration was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

If disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. Yes No

Whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

Whether the Registrant is a shell Company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the 1.2 million shares of voting stock held by nonaffiliates of CompX International Inc. as of June 30, 2014 (the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter) approximated \$12.7 million.

As of February 27, 2015, 2,404,107 shares of Class A common stock were outstanding.

Documents incorporated by reference

The information required by Part III is incorporated by reference from the Registrant's definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report.

PART I

ITEM 1. BUSINESS

General

CompX International Inc. (NYSE MKT: CIX), incorporated in Delaware in 1993, is a leading manufacturer of security products used in the recreational transportation, postal, office and institutional furniture, cabinetry, tool storage, healthcare and a variety of other industries. We are also a leading manufacturer of stainless steel exhaust systems, gauges and throttle controls for the recreational marine industry. Our products are principally designed for use in medium to high-end product applications, where design, quality and durability are valued by our customers.

At December 31, 2014, (i) NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) owns 87% of our outstanding common stock, Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) owns 83% of NL's outstanding common stock and a subsidiary of Contran Corporation owns 93% of Valhi's outstanding common stock. As discussed in Note 1 to our Consolidated Financial Statements, Lisa K. Simmons, Serena Simmons Connelly and Annette C. Simmons may be deemed to control Contran, Valhi, NL and us.

Our corporate offices are located at Three Lincoln Centre, 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75240. Our telephone number is (972) 448-1400. We maintain a website at www.compX.com.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to "we," "us," or "our" refer to CompX International Inc. and its subsidiaries taken as a whole.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. Statements in this Annual Report that are not historical facts are forward-looking in nature and represent management's beliefs and assumptions based on currently available information. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of words such as "believes," "intends," "may," "should," "could," "anticipates," "expects" or comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategies or trends. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable, we do not know if these expectations will be correct. Such statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties that could significantly impact expected results. Actual future results could differ materially from those predicted. The factors that could cause actual future results to differ materially from those described herein are the risks and uncertainties discussed in this Annual Report and those described from time to time in our other filings with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Future demand for our products,
- Changes in our raw material and other operating costs (such as zinc, brass and energy costs) and our ability to pass those costs on to our customers or offset them with reductions in other operating costs,
- Price and product competition from low-cost manufacturing sources (such as China),
- The impact of pricing and production decisions,
- Customer and competitor strategies including substitute products,
- Uncertainties associated with the development of new product features,
- Future litigation,
- Potential difficulties in integrating future acquisitions,
- Decisions to sell operating assets other than in the ordinary course of business,
- Environmental matters (such as those requiring emission and discharge standards for existing and new facilities),

- The ultimate outcome of income tax audits, tax settlement initiatives or other tax matters,
- The impact of current or future government regulations (including employee healthcare benefit related regulations),
- Potential difficulties in upgrading or implementing new manufacturing and accounting software systems,
- General global economic and political conditions that introduce instability into the U.S. economy (such as changes in the level of gross domestic product in various regions of the world),
- Operating interruptions (including, but not limited to labor disputes, hazardous chemical leaks, natural disasters, fires, explosions, unscheduled or unplanned downtime, transportation interruptions and cyber attacks); and
- Possible disruption of our business or increases in the cost of doing business resulting from terrorist activities or global conflicts.

Should one or more of these risks materialize or if the consequences worsen, or if the underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results could differ materially from those currently forecasted or expected. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statement whether as a result of changes in information, future events or otherwise.

Industry Overview

We manufacture engineered components that are sold to a variety of industries including recreational transportation (including boats), postal, office and institutional furniture, cabinetry, tool storage, healthcare, gas stations and vending equipment. We continuously seek to diversify into new markets and identify new applications and features for our products, which we believe provide a greater potential for higher rates of earnings growth as well as diversification of risk. See also Item 6 – “Selected Financial Data” and Item 7 – “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.”

Business Segments

We currently have two operating business segments – Security Products, and Marine Components. For additional information regarding our segments, see “Part II – Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Manufacturing, Operations and Products

Security Products. Our Security Products segment, with one manufacturing facility in Mauldin, South Carolina and one in Grayslake, Illinois shared with Marine Components, manufactures mechanical and electrical cabinet locks and other locking mechanisms used in a variety of applications including ignition systems, mailboxes, file cabinets, desk drawers, tool storage cabinets, vending and gaming machines, high security medical cabinetry, electrical circuit panels, storage compartments and gas station security. We believe we are a North American market leader in the manufacture and sale of cabinet locks and other locking mechanisms. These products include:

- disc tumbler locks which provide moderate security and generally represent the lowest cost lock to produce;
- pin tumbler locking mechanisms which are more costly to produce and are used in applications requiring higher levels of security, including KeSet® and System 64® (which each allow the user to change the keying on a single lock 64 times without removing the lock from its enclosure) and TuBar®; and
- our innovative CompX eLock® and StealthLock® electronic locks which provide stand-alone or networked security and audit trail capability for drug storage and other valuables through the use of a proximity card, magnetic stripe or keypad credentials.

A substantial portion of our Security Products' sales consist of products with specialized adaptations to an individual customer's specifications, some of which are listed above. We also have a standardized product line suitable for many customers, which is offered through a North American distribution network to locksmith distributors and smaller original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs") via our STOCK LOCKS® distribution program.

Marine Components. Our Marine Components segment, with a facility in Neenah, Wisconsin and a facility in Grayslake, Illinois shared with Security Products, manufactures and distributes stainless steel exhaust components, gauges, throttle controls, hardware and accessories primarily for performance and ski/wakeboard boats. Our specialty Marine Component products are high precision components designed to operate within tight tolerances in the highly demanding marine environment. These products include:

- original equipment and aftermarket stainless steel exhaust headers, exhaust pipes, mufflers and other exhaust components;
- high performance gauges such as GPS speedometers and tachometers;
- mechanical and electronic controls and throttles;
- steering wheels and other billet aluminum accessories; and
- dash panels, LED lighting, wire harnesses and other accessories.

For information regarding our three manufacturing and other facilities, see "Item 2 – Properties," including information regarding leased and distribution-only facilities.

Raw Materials

Our primary raw materials are:

- zinc and brass (used in the Security Products segment for the manufacture of locking mechanisms); and
- stainless steel (used primarily in the Marine Components segment for the manufacture of exhaust headers and pipes and other components).

These raw materials are purchased from several suppliers, are readily available from numerous sources and accounted for approximately 10% of our total cost of sales for 2014. Total material costs, including purchased components, represented approximately 49% of our cost of sales in 2014.

We occasionally enter into short-term commodity-related raw material supply arrangements to mitigate the impact of future increases in commodity-related raw material costs. These arrangements generally provide for stated unit prices based upon specified purchase volumes, which help us to stabilize our commodity related raw material costs to a certain extent. We periodically enter into such arrangements for zinc and brass. We expect commodity related raw material prices to remain relatively stable during 2015; however, these raw materials purchased on the spot market are sometimes subject to unanticipated and sudden price increases. Commodity related raw materials purchased outside of these arrangements are sometimes subject to unanticipated and sudden price increases. We generally seek to mitigate the impact of fluctuations in these raw material costs on our margins through improvements in production efficiencies or other operating cost reductions. In the event we are unable to offset raw material cost increases with other cost reductions, it may be difficult to recover those cost increases through increased product selling prices or raw material surcharges due to the competitive nature of the markets served by our products. Consequently, overall operating margins can be affected by commodity related raw material cost pressures. Commodity market prices are cyclical, reflecting overall economic trends, specific developments in consuming industries and speculative investor activities.

Patents and Trademarks

We hold a number of patents relating to our component products, certain of which we believe to be important to us and our continuing business activity. Patents generally have a term of 20 years, and our patents have remaining terms ranging from less than 1 year to 18 years at December 31, 2014. Our major trademarks and brand names include:

Security Products	Marine Components
CompX [®] Security Products [™]	Custom Marine [®]
National Cabinet Lock [®]	Livorsi [®] Marine
Fort Lock [®]	Livorsi II [®] Marine
Fort [®]	CMI [™] Industrial Mufflers
Timberline [®]	Custom Marine [®] Stainless Exhaust
Chicago Lock [®]	The #1 Choice in Performance Boating [®]
STOCK LOCKS [®]	Mega Rim [®]
KeSet [®]	Race Rim [®]
TuBar [®]	CompX Marine [®]
StealthLock [®]	Vantage View [®]
ACE [®]	GEN-X [®]
ACE [®] II	
CompX eLock [®]	
Lockview [®]	
System 64 [®]	
SlamCAM [®]	
RegulatoR [®]	
CompXpress [®]	
GEM [®]	

Sales, Marketing and Distribution.

A majority of our component sales are direct to large OEM customers through our factory-based sales and marketing professionals supported by engineers working in concert with field salespeople and independent manufacturer's representatives. We select manufacturer's representatives based on special skills in certain markets or relationships with current or potential customers.

In addition to sales to large OEM customers, a significant portion of our Security Products sales are made through distributors. We have a significant North American market share of cabinet lock security product sales as a result of the locksmith distribution channel. We support our locksmith distributor sales with a line of standardized products

used by the largest segments of the marketplace. These products are packaged and merchandised for easy availability and handling by distributors and end users.

In 2014, our ten largest customers, all customers of our Security Products segment, accounted for approximately 47% of our total sales. United States Postal Service and Harley Davidson accounted for approximately 13% and 12%, respectively, of total sales for the year ended December 31, 2014. Overall, our customer base is diverse and the loss of any single customer would not in itself have a material adverse effect on our operations.

Competition

The markets in which we participate are highly competitive. We compete primarily on the basis of product design, including space utilization and aesthetic factors, product quality and durability, price, on-time delivery, service and technical support. We focus our efforts on the middle and high-end segments of the market, where product design, quality, durability and service are valued by the customer. Our Security Products segment competes against a number of domestic and foreign manufacturers. Our Marine Components segment competes with small domestic manufacturers and is minimally affected by foreign competitors.

Regulatory and Environmental Matters

Our operations are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to the use, storage, handling, generation, transportation, treatment, emission, discharge, disposal, remediation of and exposure to hazardous and non-hazardous substances, materials and wastes (“Environmental Laws”). Our operations also are subject to federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to worker health and safety. We believe we are in substantial compliance with all such laws and regulations. To date, the costs of maintaining compliance with such laws and regulations have not significantly impacted our results. We currently do not anticipate any significant costs or expenses relating to such matters; however, it is possible future laws and regulations may require us to incur significant additional expenditures.

Discontinued Operations

On December 28, 2012, we completed the sale of our Furniture Components segment. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Employees

As of December 31, 2014, we employed 532 people, all in the United States. We believe our labor relations are good at all of our facilities.

Available Information

Our fiscal year end is always the Sunday closest to December 31, and our operations are reported on a 52 or 53-week fiscal year. We furnish our stockholders with annual reports containing audited financial statements. In addition, we file annual, quarterly and current reports; proxy and information statements; and other information with the SEC. We also make our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all related amendments, available free of charge through our website at www.compx.com as soon as reasonably practical after they have been filed with the SEC. We also provide to anyone, without charge, copies of the documents upon written request. Requests should be directed to the attention of the Corporate Secretary at our address on the cover page of this Form 10-K.

Additional information, including our Audit Committee Charter, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and our Corporate Governance Guidelines, can also be found on our website. Information contained on our website is not a part of this Annual Report.

The general public may read and copy any materials we file with the SEC at the SEC’s Public Reference Room at 100 F. Street, NE, Washington, DC 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. We are an electronic filer. The SEC maintains an Internet website at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding issuers, such as us, that file electronically with the SEC.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Listed below are certain risk factors associated with us and our businesses. In addition to the potential effect of these risk factors discussed below, any risk factor which could result in reduced earnings or operating losses, or reduced liquidity, could in turn adversely affect our ability to service our liabilities or pay dividends on our common stock or adversely affect the quoted market prices for our securities.

Many of the markets in which we operate are mature and highly competitive resulting in pricing pressure and the need to continuously reduce costs.

Many of the markets we serve are highly competitive, with a number of competitors offering similar products. We focus our efforts on the middle and high-end segment of the market where we feel that we can compete due to the importance of product design, quality and durability to the customer. However, our ability to

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effectively compete is impacted by a number of factors. The occurrence of any of these factors could result in reduced earnings or operating losses.

- Competitors may be able to drive down prices for our products beyond our ability to adjust costs because their costs are lower than ours, especially products sourced from Asia.
- Competitors' financial, technological and other resources may be greater than our resources, which may enable them to more effectively withstand changes in market conditions.
- Competitors may be able to respond more quickly than we can to new or emerging technologies and changes in customer requirements.
- Consolidation of our competitors or customers in any of the markets in which we compete may result in reduced demand for our products.
- New competitors could emerge by modifying their existing production facilities to manufacture products that compete with our products.
- We may not be able to sustain a cost structure that enables us to be competitive.
- Customers may no longer value our product design, quality or durability over the lower cost products of our competitors.

Our development of innovative features for current products is critical to sustaining and growing our sales.

Historically, our ability to provide value-added custom engineered products that address requirements of technology and space utilization has been a key element of our success. We spend a significant amount of time and effort to refine, improve and adapt our existing products for new customers and applications. Since expenditures for these types of activities are not considered research and development expense under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"), the amount of our research and development expenditures, which is not significant, is not indicative of the overall effort involved in the development of new product features. The introduction of new product features requires the coordination of the design, manufacturing and marketing of the new product features with current and potential customers. The ability to coordinate these activities with current and potential customers may be affected by factors beyond our control. While we will continue to emphasize the introduction of innovative new product features that target customer-specific opportunities, we do not know if any new product features we introduce will achieve the same degree of success that we have achieved with our existing products. Introduction of new product features typically requires us to increase production volume on a timely basis while maintaining product quality. Manufacturers often encounter difficulties in increasing production volumes, including delays, quality control problems and shortages of qualified personnel or raw materials. As we attempt to introduce new product features in the future, we do not know if we will be able to increase production volume without encountering these or other problems, which might negatively impact our financial condition or results of operations.

Future acquisitions could subject us to a number of operational risks.

A key component of our strategy is to grow and diversify our business through targeted acquisitions. Our ability to successfully execute this component of our strategy entails a number of risks, including:

- the identification of suitable growth opportunities;
- an inaccurate assessment of acquired liabilities that were undisclosed or not properly disclosed;
- the entry into markets in which we may have limited or no experience;
- the diversion of management's attention from our core businesses;
- the potential loss of key employees or customers of the acquired businesses;
- the potential of not identifying that acquired products infringe on the intellectual property rights of others;

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- difficulties in realizing projected efficiencies, synergies and cost savings; and
 - an increase in our indebtedness and a limitation in our ability to access additional capital when needed.
- Higher costs of our commodity related raw materials may decrease our liquidity.

Certain of the raw materials used in our products are commodities that are subject to significant fluctuations in price in response to world-wide supply and demand as well as speculative investor activity. Zinc and brass are the principal raw materials used in the manufacture of security products. Stainless steel tubing is the major raw material used in the manufacture of marine exhaust systems. These raw materials are purchased from several suppliers and are generally readily available from numerous sources. We occasionally enter into short-term raw material supply arrangements to mitigate the impact of future increases in commodity-related raw material costs. Materials purchased outside of these arrangements are sometimes subject to unanticipated and sudden price increases. Should our vendors not be able to meet their contractual obligations or should we be otherwise unable to obtain necessary raw materials, we may incur higher costs for raw materials or may be required to reduce production levels, either of which may decrease our liquidity as we may be unable to offset the higher costs with increases in our selling prices or reductions in other operating costs.

Failure to protect our intellectual property rights or claims by others that we infringe their intellectual property rights could substantially harm our business.

We rely on patent, trademark and trade secret laws in the United States and similar laws in other countries to establish and maintain our intellectual property rights in our technology and designs. Despite these measures, any of our intellectual property rights could be challenged, invalidated, circumvented or misappropriated. Others may independently discover our trade secrets and proprietary information, and in such cases we could not assert any trade secret rights against such parties. Further, we do not know if any of our pending trademark or patent applications will be approved. Costly and time-consuming litigation could be necessary to enforce and determine the scope of our intellectual property rights. In addition, the laws of certain countries do not protect intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. Therefore, in certain jurisdictions, we may be unable to protect our technology and designs adequately against unauthorized third party use, which could adversely affect our competitive position.

Third parties may claim that we or our customers are infringing upon their intellectual property rights. Even if we believe that such claims are without merit, they can be time-consuming and costly to defend and distract our management's and technical staff's attention and resources. Claims of intellectual property infringement also might require us to redesign affected technology, enter into costly settlement or license agreements or pay costly damage awards, or face a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting us from marketing or selling certain of our technology. If we cannot or do not license the infringed technology on reasonable pricing terms or at all, or substitute similar technology from another source, our business could be adversely impacted.

Global climate change legislation could negatively impact our financial results or limit our ability to operate our businesses.

All of our production facilities are located in the United States and we believe all of our production facilities are in substantial compliance with applicable environmental laws. Legislation has been passed, or proposed legislation is being considered, to limit green house gases through various means, including emissions permits and/or energy taxes. To date the climate change legislation in effect has not had a material adverse effect on our financial results. However, if green house gas legislation were to be enacted, it could negatively impact our future results from operations through increased costs of production, particularly as it relates to our energy requirements. If such increased costs of production were to materialize, we may be unable to pass price increases onto our customers to compensate for increased production costs, which may decrease our liquidity, operating income and results of operations.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

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ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

Our principal executive offices are located in leased space at 5430 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240. The following table sets forth the location, size and business operating segment for each of our operating facilities.

Facility Name	Business		Size (square feet)
	Segment	Location	
Owned Facilities:			
National ⁽¹⁾	SP	Mauldin, SC	198,000
Grayslake ⁽¹⁾	SP/MC	Grayslake, IL	120,000
Custom ⁽²⁾	MC	Neenah, WI	95,000

Leased Facilities:

Distribution Center	SP/MC	Rancho Cucamonga, CA	11,500
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SP – Security Products business segment

MC – Marine Components business segment

⁽¹⁾ ISO-9001 registered facilities

⁽²⁾ ISO-9002 registered facility

We believe all of our facilities are well maintained and satisfactory for their intended purposes.

ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

We are involved, from time to time, in various environmental, contractual, product liability, patent (or intellectual property) and other claims and disputes incidental to our business. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. We currently believe that the disposition of all claims and disputes, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

Common Stock and Dividends. Our Class A common stock is listed and traded on the NYSE MKT (symbol: CIX). As of February 27, 2015, there were approximately 17 holders of record of CompX Class A common stock. The following table sets forth the high and low closing sales prices per share for our Class A common stock for the periods indicated, according to Bloomberg, and dividends paid during each period. On February 27, 2015, the closing price per share of our Class A common stock was \$11.29.

	High	Low	Dividends paid
Year ended December 31, 2013			
First Quarter	\$15.72	\$12.65	\$.125
Second Quarter	13.96	11.00	.05
Third Quarter	18.60	13.04	.05
Fourth Quarter	15.40	11.84	.05
Year ended December 31, 2014			
First Quarter	\$14.95	\$10.06	\$.05
Second Quarter	11.70	9.20	.05
Third Quarter	11.50	9.83	.05
Fourth Quarter	12.55	10.10	.05
January 1, 2015 through February 27, 2015	\$12.13	\$10.55	\$ -

We paid regular quarterly dividends of \$.125 per share during 2012 and the first quarter of 2013. Beginning in the second quarter of 2013, we reduced our regular quarterly dividends to \$.05 per share. Following our December 2012 sale of our Furniture Components business, earnings and cash flow generated by operations were expected to be significantly lower than in prior periods. As a result, our board of directors determined that reducing the quarterly dividend from \$.125 per class A and class B share to \$.05 per share was appropriate. In February of 2015, our board of directors declared a first quarter 2015 dividend of \$.05 per share, to be paid on March 17, 2015 to CompX stockholders of record as of March 9, 2015. However, declaration and payment of future dividends and the amount thereof, if any, is discretionary and is dependent upon our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements for our businesses, contractual requirements and restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors. The amount and timing of past dividends is not necessarily indicative of the amount or timing of any future dividends which we might pay.

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Performance Graph. Set forth below is a line graph comparing the yearly change in our cumulative total stockholder returns on our Class A common stock against the cumulative total return of the Russell 2000 Index and an index of a self-selected peer group of companies for the period from December 31, 2009 through December 31, 2014. The peer group index is comprised of The Eastern Company and Leggett & Platt Inc. The graph shows the value at December 31 of each year assuming an original investment of \$100 at December 31, 2009 and reinvestment of dividends.

	December 31,					
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
CompX International Inc.	\$100	\$159	\$211	\$213	\$214	\$187
Russell 2000 Index	100	127	122	141	196	\$206
Peer Group	100	118	125	153	180	\$255

Equity compensation plan information. We have a share based incentive compensation plan, approved by our stockholders, pursuant to which an aggregate of 200,000 shares of our common stock can be awarded to members of our board of directors. See Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following selected financial data should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Item 7 - "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

Our fiscal year end is always the Sunday closest to December 31, and our operations are reported on a 52 or 53-week fiscal year. All years shown are 52-week years.

Years ended December 31,
2010 2011 2012 2013 2014
(\$ in millions, except per share data)

Statements of Operations Data:

Net sales	\$76.1	\$79.8	\$83.2	\$92.0	\$103.8
Gross profit	22.5	24.1	24.3	27.6	32.2
Operating income	5.9	6.4	5.4	9.3	13.6
Provision for income taxes	1.9	2.5	1.4	3.2	5.0
Income from continuing operations	\$3.4	\$3.5	\$3.5	\$6.0	\$8.7
Discontinued operations, net of tax ⁽¹⁾	(0.4)	4.2	31.5	-	-
Net income	\$3.0	\$7.7	\$35.0	\$6.0	\$8.7

Diluted Earnings Per Share Data:

Continuing operations	\$.28	\$.28	\$.28	\$.49	\$.70
Discontinued operations	(.03)	.34	2.54	-	-
Net income	\$.25	\$.62	\$2.82	\$.49	\$.70
Cash dividends	\$.50	\$.50	\$.50	\$.275	\$.20
Weighted average common shares outstanding	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4	12.4

Balance Sheet Data (at year end):

Cash and other current assets	\$65.4	\$47.4	\$90.6	\$63.6	\$74.2
Total assets	160.1	141.5	150.2	121.7	131.5
Current liabilities	20.1	18.8	24.5	10.1	13.2
Long-term debt and note payable, including current maturities	45.2	24.2	18.5	-	-
Stockholders' equity	83.9	84.7	102.1	104.7	111.0

Statements of Cash Flow Data:

Cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$13.0	\$16.0	\$13.8	\$(4.1)	\$12.2

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Investing activities	(17.1)	7.2	51.7	1.0	(2.9)
Financing activities	(3.2)	(26.7)	(12.0)	(21.9)	(2.5)

⁽¹⁾ See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. In 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment for a net gain of \$27.6 million which is included in discontinued operations.

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

Business Overview

We are a leading manufacturer of engineered components utilized in a variety of applications and industries. Through our Security Products segment we manufacture mechanical and electrical cabinet locks and other locking mechanisms used in recreational transportation, postal, office and institutional furniture, cabinetry, tool storage and healthcare applications. We also manufacture stainless steel exhaust systems, gauges and throttle controls for the recreational marine and other industries through our Marine Components segment.

In December 2012, we completed the sale of our Furniture Components segment. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. Unless otherwise noted the results of operations in management's discussion and analysis is focused on continuing operations.

Operating Income Overview

We reported operating income of \$13.6 million in 2014 compared to operating income of \$9.3 million in 2013 and \$5.4 million in 2012. The increase in operating income from 2013 to 2014 was impacted by:

- the positive impact of higher sales in 2014, primarily from an increase in Security Products sales to certain existing customers; and
- increased market penetration in electronic locks.

The increase in operating income from 2012 to 2013 was primarily impacted by the net effect of :

- the positive impact of higher demand for our Security Products segment's high security pin tumbler locks in 2013;
- the assets held for sale write-down in 2012; and
- the negative impact of an increase in self-insured medical expenses in 2013.

Our product offerings consist of a significantly large number of products that have a wide variation in selling price and manufacturing cost, which results in certain practical limitations on our ability to quantify the impact of changes in individual product sales quantities and selling prices on our net sales, cost of goods sold and gross profit. In addition, small variations in period-to-period net sales, cost of goods sold and gross profit can result from changes in the relative mix of our products sold.

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Results of Operations - 2014 Compared to 2013 and 2013 Compared to 2012

	Years ended			%Change		
	December 31, 2012	2013	2014	2012-13	2013-14	
	(Dollars in millions)					
Net sales	\$83.2	\$92.0	\$ 103.8	11 %	13 %	
Cost of goods sold	58.9	64.4	71.6	10 %	11 %	
Gross profit	24.3	27.6	32.2	13 %	17 %	
Operating costs and expenses	17.7	18.3	18.6	3 %	2 %	
Write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale	1.2	-	-	100%	-	
Operating income	\$5.4	\$9.3	13.6	72 %	46 %	
Percent of net sales:						
Cost of goods sold	71 %	70 %	69 %			
Gross margin	29 %	30 %	31 %			
Operating costs and expenses	21 %	20 %	18 %			
Write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale	1 %	- %	- %			
Operating income	7 %	10 %	13 %			

Net Sales. Net sales increased approximately \$11.8 million in 2014 principally due to strong demand within the Security Products segment, including a new initiative for an existing government customer, increased market penetration in electronic locks and strong demand in transportation markets. Sales of Marine Components also contributed to the increase, reflecting greater penetration into non high-performance marine markets. Relative changes in selling prices did not have a material impact on net sales comparisons.

Net sales increased approximately \$8.8 million in 2013 principally due to higher demand for high security pin tumbler locks within the Security Products segment, and to a lesser extent from an increase in Marine Component sales outside of the high-performance boat market through gains in market share. Relative changes in selling prices did not have a material impact on net sales comparisons.

Costs of Goods Sold and Gross Profit. Cost of goods sold and gross profit both increased from 2013 to 2014 primarily due to increased sales volumes. As a percentage of sales, cost of goods sold decreased 1% primarily due to improved coverage of fixed manufacturing costs over increased production volumes to meet higher demand at each of our product segments, partially offset by the impact of lower variable margins due to relative changes in customer and product mix within Security Products.

Cost of goods sold and gross profit both increased from 2012 to 2013 primarily due to increased sales volumes. As a percentage of sales, cost of goods sold decreased 1% resulting in an increase in gross margin of 1% primarily due to improved cost efficiencies from higher sales, partially offset by higher self-insured medical costs in 2013 as discussed below.

Operating Costs and Expenses. Operating costs and expenses consists primarily of sales and administrative related personnel costs, sales commissions and advertising expenses directly related to product sales and administrative costs relating to business unit and corporate management activities, as well as gains and losses on plant, property and equipment. Operating costs and expenses increased slightly in 2014 compared to 2013 primarily as a result of increased administrative personnel costs and increased depreciation for Security Products, partially offset by reduced corporate administrative personnel costs. Operating costs and expenses increased in 2013 compared to 2012 as a result of increased administrative support costs relating to the higher sales.

Write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale. We recorded a write-down on assets held for sale of \$1.2 million (including a \$757,000 loss on disposal of assets held for sale) in 2012, relating to a certain

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facility held for sale that was no longer in use. The write-down is included in corporate operating expense. See Note 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Operating Income. As a percentage of net sales, operating income increased by 3% in 2014 compared to 2013, and increased by 3% in 2013 compared to 2012. The increased operating margins were primarily impacted by the factors impacting cost of goods sold, gross margin, operating costs and write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale discussed above.

General

Our profitability primarily depends on our ability to utilize our production capacity effectively, which is affected by, among other things, the demand for our products and our ability to control our manufacturing costs, primarily comprised of labor costs and materials. The materials used in our products consist of purchased components and raw materials some of which are subject to fluctuations in the commodity markets such as zinc, brass and stainless steel. Total material costs represented approximately 49% of our cost of sales in 2014, with commodity related raw materials accounting for approximately 10% of our cost of sales. With the exception of a moderate midyear 2014 increase in mined metals, including zinc, worldwide commodity raw material costs were mostly stable during 2012, 2013 and 2014. We occasionally enter into short-term commodity-related raw material supply arrangements to mitigate the impact of future increases in commodity related raw material costs. See Item 1 - "Business- Raw Materials."

Interest expense

Substantially all of our interest expense in 2012 and 2013 relates to certain indebtedness discussed in Note 11 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. We prepaid such indebtedness in July 2013, after which we have not had any outstanding indebtedness. We do not expect to have any outstanding indebtedness during 2015.

Provision for income taxes

A tabular reconciliation between our effective income tax rate and the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35% is included in Note 9 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. As a member of the group of companies consolidated for U.S. federal income tax purposes with Contran, the parent of our consolidated U.S. federal income tax group, we compute our provision for income taxes on a separate company basis, using the tax elections made by Contran.

Our effective income tax rate attributable to continuing operations increased from 35% in 2013 to 37% in 2014 is primarily due to higher state taxes related to increased activity in some of the jurisdictions in which we operate. Our effective income tax rate attributable to continuing operations increased from 29% in 2012 to 35% in 2013, primarily related to changes in our deferred income tax asset valuation allowance, which resulted in a benefit of \$317,000 and \$102,000, respectively. See Notes 9 and 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. We currently expect our effective income tax rate for 2015 to be comparable to our effective income tax rate for 2014.

Discontinued operations

On December 28, 2012, we completed the sale of our Furniture Components segment. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Segment Results

The key performance indicator for our segments is the level of their operating income (see discussion below). For additional information regarding our segments refer to Note 3 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

	Years ended December 31,			% Change		
	2012	2013	2014	2012 – 2013 – 2014		
	(In millions)					
Net sales:						
Security Products	\$73.7	\$81.5	\$91.5	11 %	12	%
Marine Components	9.5	10.5	12.4	11 %	17	%
Total net sales	\$83.2	\$92.0	\$103.8	11 %	13	%
Gross profit:						
Security Products	\$23.0	\$25.8	\$29.5	12 %	15	%
Marine Components	1.3	1.8	2.7	43 %	50	%
Total gross profit	\$24.3	\$27.6	\$32.2	13 %	17	%
Operating income (loss):						
Security Products	\$14.1	\$16.1	\$18.7	14 %	16	%
Marine Components	(0.8)	(0.1)	0.7	82 %	576	%
Corporate operating expenses	(7.9)	(6.7)	(5.8)	16 %	12	%
Total operating income	\$5.4	\$9.3	\$13.6	72 %	46	%
Operating income (loss) margin:						
Security Products	19 %	20 %	20 %			
Marine Components	(9 %)	(1 %)	6 %			
Total operating income margin	7 %	10 %	13 %			

Security Products. Security Products net sales increased 12% to \$91.5 million in 2014 compared to \$81.5 million in 2013. The increase in sales is primarily due to an increase of approximately \$5.0 million in sales of new products for an existing government customer, additional sales of \$2.9 million into transportation markets on strong demand from motorcycle and recreational vehicle OEM customers and a \$1.7 million increase in electronic lock sales in 2014 due to increased market penetration and two significant project installations. Gross profit margin for 2014 is comparable to the same period in 2013 as improved coverage of fixed costs over increased production volumes were offset by lower variable margins. Additionally, operating costs and expenses for 2014 increased approximately \$1.2 million, primarily as a result of increased administrative personnel and benefits costs of approximately \$528,000 and increased depreciation of \$227,000. Security products operating income as a percentage of net sales for 2014 is comparable to 2013 primarily as a result of the factors impacting gross profit and operating costs and expenses discussed above.

Security Products net sales increased 11% to \$81.5 million in 2013 compared to \$73.7 million in 2012. The increase in sales is primarily due to an increase in sales to certain high security pin tumbler lock customers of \$7.6 million. Growth of our Security Products segment was aided by our ongoing efforts to diversify our products and customers. Gross profit and operating income percentages increased in 2013 compared to 2012 by one percentage point primarily due to improved cost efficiencies from higher sales, partially offset by higher self-insured medical costs of \$598,000 in 2013, \$507,000 of which impacted cost of goods sold and \$91,000 of which impacted selling and administration expenses.

Marine Components. Marine Components net sales increased 17% in 2014 as compared to 2013. The increase was primarily the result of gains in market share for products sold to the ski/wakeboard boat market and other non high-performance marine markets. As a percentage of net sales, gross margin and the operating loss percentage improved primarily due to variable margins related to product mix and increased leverage of fixed costs as a result of higher volumes.

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Marine Components net sales increased 11% in 2013 as compared to 2012. The increase was primarily the result of a \$787,000 increase in sales to the ski/wakeboard boat market and other non high-performance marine markets. As a percentage of net sales, gross margin and operating income percentage improved in 2013 compared to 2012 primarily due to increased leverage of fixed costs as a result of the higher sales volumes.

Outlook

The robust demand for our products experienced in 2014 was supported by high demand from certain large OEM customers and unusually high demand from a number of customers for significant government security applications. Consistent with trends in the North America economy, demand from small business customers was soft for much of the year, but improved during the fourth quarter. In addition, we continue to experience the benefits of diversification in our product offerings and ongoing innovation to serve new markets, most recently with our line of electronic locks for multiple high security applications. We anticipate continued strong demand for our products in 2015, though we do not expect security product demand for government security applications to approach 2014 volumes. As in prior periods, we will continue to monitor general economic conditions and sales order rates and respond to fluctuations in customer demand through continuous evaluation in staffing levels and consistent execution of our lean manufacturing and cost improvement initiatives. Additionally, we continue to seek opportunities to gain market share in markets we currently serve, to expand into new markets and to develop new product features in order to mitigate the impact of changes in demand as well as broaden our sales base.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Summary.

Our primary source of liquidity on an on-going basis is our cash flow from operating activities, which is generally used to (i) fund capital expenditures, (ii) repay short-term or long-term indebtedness incurred primarily for capital expenditures, business combinations or buying back shares of our outstanding stock and (iii) provide for the payment of dividends (if declared). From time-to-time, we will incur indebtedness to fund capital expenditures, business combinations or other investment activities. In addition, from time-to-time, we may also sell assets outside the ordinary course of business, the proceeds of which are generally used to repay indebtedness (including indebtedness which may have been collateralized by the assets sold) or to fund capital expenditures or business combinations.

Consolidated cash flows.

Operating activities. Trends in cash flows from operating activities, excluding changes in assets and liabilities, for the last three years have generally been similar to the trends in our earnings. Depreciation and amortization increased in 2014 compared to 2013 primarily due to depreciation related to a new manufacturing and accounting system for our Security Products and Marine Components segments that was placed in service in January 2014. Depreciation and amortization expense decreased in 2013 compared to 2012 due principally to the disposal of our Furniture Components segment in December 2012. The Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the year ended 2012 has not been revised for discontinued operations resulting from the sale of our Furniture Components segment. See Notes 1 and 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Changes in assets and liabilities result primarily from the timing of production, sales and purchases. Such changes in assets and liabilities generally tend to even out over time. However, year-to-year relative changes in assets and liabilities can significantly affect the comparability of cash flows from operating activities. Cash provided by operating activities was \$12.2 million in 2014 compared to cash used in operating activities of \$4.1 million in 2013. The \$16.3 million increase in cash provided by operating activities is primarily the net result of:

- The positive impact of lower net cash paid for taxes in 2014 of \$9.7 million primarily related to the payment of income taxes in 2013 associated with our tax gain on the sale of our disposed operations (\$11.6 million) recognized

in the fourth quarter of 2012, as discussed below;

· The positive impact of higher operating income in 2014 of \$4.3 million; and

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·The positive impact of lower net cash used by relative changes in our inventories, receivables, payables and non-tax related accruals attributable to our continuing operations of \$2.7 million in 2014.

Cash flows from operating activities resulted in a net use of cash in 2013 due primarily to a cash payment for taxes of approximately \$11.6 million related to the sale of our disposed operations which was paid in the first quarter of 2013. Under GAAP, cash paid for income taxes on the disposal of a business unit is reported as a reduction of cash flows from operating activities, while the pre-tax proceeds from disposal are reported as a component of cash flows from investing activities. In addition, the operating cash flow comparison for the year ended December 31, 2013 was negatively impacted by the sale, since the operating cash flows of the disposed operations are included in our total cash flows from operating activities in 2012, through the December 2012 date of sale. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Cash used in operating activities was \$4.1 million in 2013 compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$13.8 million in 2012. The \$18.0 million decrease in cash provided by both continuing and discontinued operating activities is primarily the net result of:

- The negative impact of higher net cash paid for taxes in 2013 of \$10.2 million for income taxes associated with our tax gain realized on the sale of our disposed operations recognized in the fourth quarter of 2012 and on the 2012 income of the disposed operations;
- The negative impact of net cash provided by operating activities attributable to our discontinued operations in 2012 of \$9.8 million, (exclusive of the impact of cash paid for income taxes in 2012 attributable to our discontinued operations, as discussed above); and
- The negative impact of higher net cash used by relative changes in our inventories, receivables, payables and non-tax related accruals attributable to our continuing operations of \$1.7 million in 2013.

Relative changes in working capital can have a significant effect on cash flows from operating activities. As shown below, our total average days sales outstanding decreased from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014 primarily as a result of the timing of sales and collections in the last month of 2014 as compared to 2013. For comparative purposes, we have provided 2012 numbers below.

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014
Days Sales Outstanding:			
Security Products	41 Days	35 Days	32 Days
Furniture Components*	41 Days	N/A	N/A
Marine Components	32 Days	35 Days	32 Days
Total	40 Days	35 Days	32 Days

*Denotes disposed operations. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

As shown below, our average number of days in inventory increased from December 31, 2013 to December 31, 2014 primarily as a result of intentional fourth quarter inventory builds in each of our segments to prepare for anticipated sales in early 2015. The variability in days in inventory among our segments primarily relates to the complexity of the production processes, and therefore the length of time it takes to produce end products, as well as seasonal cycles. For comparative purposes, we have provided 2012 numbers below.

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014
Days in Inventory:			
Security Products	71 Days	71 Days	85 Days
Furniture Components*	66 Days	N/A	N/A
Marine Components	91 Days	110 Days	125 Days
Total	71 Days	76 Days	90 Days

*Denotes disposed operations. See Note 2 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Investing activities. Capital expenditures have primarily emphasized improving our manufacturing facilities and investing in manufacturing equipment, utilizing new technologies and increased automation of the manufacturing process, to provide for increased productivity and efficiency in order to meet expected customer demand and properly maintain our facilities and technology infrastructure. Capital expenditures were \$4.5 million in 2012, \$3.5 million in 2013 and \$2.8 million in 2014. Capital expenditures for 2012 include amounts attributable to our disposed operations. See Note 3 to our Consolidated Financial Statements. Approximately \$590,000, \$838,000 and \$481,000 of our 2012, 2013 and 2014 capital expenditures, respectively, relates to the implementation of a new manufacturing and accounting system for our Security Products and Marine Components segments that was implemented in January of 2014.

Aside from capital expenditures made in the normal course of business, the significant items impacting investing activities for the noted periods are as follows:

During 2013,

- we collected \$3.0 million in principal payments on a note receivable; and
 - we received \$1.6 million in net proceeds on the sale of assets held for sale.
- See Notes 2 and 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

During 2012,

- we sold our Furniture Components segment for net proceeds of \$58.0 million less cash of the disposed operations of \$5.4 million, and
 - we received \$3.6 million in net proceeds on the sale of assets which were previously classified as assets held for sale.
- See Notes 2 and 7 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, respectively.

Capital expenditures for 2015 are estimated at approximately \$3.9 million. Capital spending for 2015 is expected to be funded through cash on hand and cash generated from operations.

Financing activities. Cash dividends paid totaled \$6.2 million (\$.50 per share) in 2012, \$3.4 million (\$.275 per share) in 2013 and \$2.5 million (\$.20 per share) in 2014. Beginning in the second quarter of 2013, we reduced our regular quarterly dividend from \$.125 per share to \$.05 per share, as discussed in Item 5 – “Market for Registrant’s Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters.”

Other than quarterly cash dividends, the amounts included in financing activities are as follows:

During 2013,

- we prepaid the remaining outstanding principal on our long-term debt, plus accrued interest, without penalty; debt repayments related to principal for 2013 totaled \$18.5 million.

During 2012,

- we repaid \$2.0 million that was outstanding under our credit facility at December 31, 2011,
- we repaid \$3.8 million in principal payments on our note payable.

Off balance sheet financing arrangements. Other than certain operating leases discussed in Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, neither we nor any of our subsidiaries or affiliates are parties to any off-balance sheet financing arrangements.

Other

We believe cash generated from operations together with cash on hand will be sufficient to meet our liquidity needs for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service and dividends (if declared) for the next twelve months and our long term obligations for the next five years. To the extent that actual operating results or other developments differ materially from our expectations, our liquidity could be adversely affected.

All of our \$45.6 million aggregate cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2014, was held in the U.S.

We periodically evaluate our liquidity requirements, alternative uses of capital, capital needs and available resources in view of, among other things, our capital expenditure requirements, dividend policy and estimated future operating cash flows. As a result of this process, we have in the past and may in the future seek to raise additional capital, refinance or restructure indebtedness, issue additional securities, repurchase shares of our common stock, modify our dividend policy or take a combination of such steps to manage our liquidity and capital resources. In the normal course of business, we may review opportunities for acquisitions, joint ventures or other business combinations in the component products industry. In the event of any such transaction, we may consider using available cash, issuing additional equity securities or increasing our indebtedness or that of our subsidiaries.

Contractual obligations. As more fully described in the notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements, we are a party to various leases and other agreements that contractually and unconditionally commit us to pay certain amounts in the future. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements. The following table summarizes such contractual commitments as of December 31, 2014 by the type and date of payment.

	Payments due by period				2020 and after
	Total	2015	2016–2017	2018–2019	
	(In thousands)				
Operating leases	\$230	\$140	\$ 88	\$ 2	\$ -
Purchase obligations	13,431	12,375	1,056	-	-
Income taxes	433	433	-	-	-
Fixed asset acquisitions	975	975	-	-	-
Total contractual cash obligations	\$15,069	\$13,923	\$ 1,144	\$ 2	\$ -

The timing and amount shown for our commitments related to operating leases and fixed asset acquisitions are based upon the contractual payment amount and the contractual payment date for those commitments. The timing and amount shown for purchase obligations, which consist of all open purchase orders and contractual obligations (primarily commitments to purchase raw materials) is also based on the contractual payment amount and the contractual payment date for those commitments. The amount shown for income taxes is the consolidated amount of income taxes payable at December 31, 2014, which is assumed to be paid during 2015. Fixed asset acquisitions include firm purchase commitments for capital projects.

Commitments and contingencies. See Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Recent accounting pronouncements. See Note 14 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

We have based the accompanying “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” upon our Consolidated Financial Statements. We prepared our Consolidated Financial Statements in accordance with GAAP. In preparing our Consolidated Financial Statements, we are required to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reported period. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to inventory reserves, the recoverability of long-lived assets (including goodwill and other intangible assets) and the realization of deferred

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income tax assets. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Our actual future results might differ from previously estimated amounts under different assumptions or conditions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect our more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements and are applicable to all of our operating segments:

· Goodwill – Our goodwill totaled \$23.7 million at December 31, 2014. We perform a goodwill impairment test annually in the third quarter of each year. Goodwill is also evaluated for impairment at other times whenever an event occurs or circumstances change that would more likely than not reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. All of our goodwill at December 31, 2014 is related to our Security Products segment. Since 2013, we have used the qualitative assessment of ASC 350-20-35 for our annual impairment test and determined it was not necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test, as we concluded it is more likely than not that the fair value of the Security Products reporting unit exceeded its carrying amount. See Notes 1 and 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Considerable management judgment is necessary to evaluate the qualitative impact of events and circumstances on the fair value of a reporting unit. Events and circumstances considered in our impairment evaluations, such as historical profits and stability of the markets served, are consistent with factors utilized with our internal projections and operating plan. However, future events and circumstances could result in materially different findings which could result in the recognition of a material goodwill impairment.

· Long-lived assets – We assess property and equipment for impairment only when circumstances (as specified in ASC 360-10-35, Property, Plant, and Equipment) indicate an impairment may exist. Our determination is based upon, among other things, our estimates of the amount of future net cash flows to be generated by the long-lived asset (Level 3 inputs) and our estimates of the current fair value of the asset.

Significant judgment is required in estimating such cash flows. Adverse changes in such estimates of future net cash flows or estimates of fair value could result in an inability to recover the carrying value of the long-lived asset, thereby possibly requiring an impairment charge to be recognized in the future. We do not assess our property and equipment for impairment unless certain impairment indicators specified in ASC Topic 360-10-35 are present. We did not evaluate any long-lived assets for impairment during 2014 because no such impairment indicators were present.

· Income taxes – We recognize deferred taxes for future tax effects of temporary differences between financial and income tax reporting. While we have considered future taxable income and ongoing prudent and feasible tax planning strategies in assessing the need for a valuation allowance, it is possible that in the future we may change our estimate of the amount of the deferred income tax assets that would more-likely-than-not be realized in the future resulting in an adjustment to the deferred income tax asset valuation allowance that would either increase or decrease, as applicable, reported net income in the period the change in estimate was made.

We record a reserve for uncertain tax positions in accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 740, Income Taxes, for tax positions where we believe it is more-likely-than-not our position will not prevail with the applicable tax authorities. Our reserve for uncertain tax positions is nil for each of 2013 and 2014.

· Accruals – We record accruals for environmental, legal and other contingencies and commitments when estimated future expenditures associated with the contingencies become probable, and we can reasonably estimate the amounts of the future expenditures. However, new information may become available to us, or circumstances (such as applicable laws and regulations) may change, thereby resulting in an increase or decrease in the amount we are required to accrue for such matters (and, therefore, a corresponding decrease or increase of our reported net income in the period of such change.)

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ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

General. We are exposed to market risk from changes in raw materials prices.

Raw materials. We will occasionally enter into short term commodity related raw material supply arrangements to mitigate the impact of future increases in commodity related raw material costs. We do not have long-term supply agreements for our raw material requirements because either we believe the risk of unavailability of those raw materials is low and we believe the downside risk of price volatility to be too great or because long-term supply agreements for those materials are generally not available. We do not engage in commodity raw material hedging programs.

Other. The above discussion includes forward-looking statements of market risk which assumes hypothetical changes in market prices. Actual future market conditions will likely differ materially from such assumptions. Accordingly, such forward-looking statements should not be considered to be our projections of future events, gains or losses. Such forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, some of which are listed in “Business-General.”

ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information called for by this Item is contained in a separate section of this Annual Report. See “Index of Financial Statements” (page F-1).

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

None.

ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. We maintain disclosure controls and procedures which, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), means controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in the reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Act”), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information we are required to disclose in the reports that we file or submit to the SEC under the Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and our principal financial officer, or persons performing similar functions, as appropriate to allow timely decisions to be made regarding required disclosure. Our management with the participation of David A. Bowers, our Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer, and James W. Brown, our Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller, have evaluated the design and operating effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of December 31, 2014. Based upon their evaluation, these executive officers have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of the date of such evaluation.

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting which, as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(f), means a process designed by, or under the supervision of, our principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to

provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of our assets.

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- Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP, and that receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with authorizations of our management and directors, and
- Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Our evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting is based upon the framework established in Internal Control – Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission in 2013 (commonly referred to as the “2013 COSO” framework). Based on our evaluation under that framework, our management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2014.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of our registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management’s report was not subject to attestation by our registered public accounting firm pursuant to rules of the SEC that permit us to provide only management’s report in this annual report.

Remediation of Previously Disclosed Material Weakness. A material weakness is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. As disclosed in our June 30, 2014 Form 10-Q, during the first quarter of 2014, we implemented a new enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) system covering financial, production and logistics processes. We concluded that, from the date of implementation through June 30, 2014, we did not maintain effective monitoring controls over user access to the new ERP system, which constitutes a material weakness. Specifically, within the new ERP system we did not maintain information technology and business process controls over evaluating and monitoring user access rights and transactions processed for appropriate segregation of duties including producing reports to monitor activity related to the appropriateness of access. We have taken the following steps to remediate the identified material weakness. Since June 30, 2014, we have implemented control procedures, including information technology and business process controls, to address management’s ability to evaluate and effectively monitor user access rights and segregation of duties. We believe these additional control procedures have strengthened our internal controls over financial reporting and addressed the material weakness. Testing of the effectiveness of these controls has been completed and we have concluded the remediation measures described above are in place and operating effectively. As a result we have been able to conclude that the material weakness has been remediated as of December 31, 2014.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended December 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Certifications. Our chief executive officer and chief financial officer are required to, among other things, quarterly file a certification with the SEC regarding the quality of our public disclosures, as required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. We have filed the certifications for the quarter ended December 31, 2014 as exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

Not applicable.

PART III

ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report (“Proxy Statement”).

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ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

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

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement. See also Note 12 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTING FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement.

PART IV

ITEM 15. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

(a) and (c) Financial Statements

The consolidated financial statements listed on the accompanying Index of Financial Statements (see page F-1) are filed as part of this Annual Report.

All financial statement schedules have been omitted either because they are not applicable or required, or the information that would be required to be included is disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements.

(b) Exhibits

We have retained a signed original of any of these exhibits that contain signatures, and we will provide such exhibits to the Commission or its staff. Included as exhibits are the items listed in the Exhibit Index. We, upon request, will furnish a copy of any of the exhibits listed below upon payment of \$4.00 per exhibit to cover our costs of furnishing the exhibits. Instruments defining the rights of holders of long-term debt issues which do not exceed 10% of consolidated total assets will be furnished to the Commission upon request. We, upon request, will also furnish, without charge, a copy of our Amended and Restated Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as adopted by the board of directors on February 22, 2012, upon request. Such requests should be directed to the attention of our Corporate Secretary at our corporate offices located at 5430 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1700, Dallas, Texas 75240.

Item No. Exhibit Item

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| 3.1 | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Registrant – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant’s Registration Statement on Form S-1/A (File No. 333-42643) filed on February 5, 1998. |
| 3.2 | Amended and Restated Bylaws of Registrant, adopted by the Board of Directors October 24, 2007 – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of the Registrant’s Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 30, 2007 (File No 1-13905). |
| 10.1 | Intercorporate Services Agreement between the Registrant and Contran Corporation effective as of January 1, 2004 – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 (File No. 1-13905) filed on March 4, 2004. |
| 10.2* | CompX International Inc. 2012 Director Stock Plan – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (File No. 1-13905) filed on March 6, 2013. |
| 10.3 | Tax Sharing Agreement between the Registrant, NL Industries, Inc. and Contran Corporation dated as of December 1, 2012 - incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 of the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012 (File No. 1-13905) filed on March 6, 2013. |
| 10.4 | Agreement Regarding Shared Insurance among the Registrant, Contran Corporation, Keystone Consolidated Industries, Inc., Kronos Worldwide, Inc., NL Industries, Inc., Titanium Metals Corporation, and Valhi, Inc. dated October 30, 2003 – incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 of the Registrant’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003 filed on March 4, 2004 (File No. 1-13905). |

Item No.	Exhibit Item (continued)
10.5**	Fifth Amended and Restated Unsecured Revolving Demand Promissory Note dated December 31, 2014 payable to the order of the Registrant and executed by the Registrant and NL Industries, Inc.
21.1**	Subsidiaries of the Registrant.
23.1**	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
31.1**	Certification
31.2**	Certification
32.1**	Certification
101.INS**	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE**	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

*Management contract, compensatory plan or agreement.

** Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

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

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC.

Date: March 5, 2015 By: /s/ David A. Bowers
 David A. Bowers
 Vice Chairman of the Board and
 Chief Executive Officer
 (Principal Executive Officer)

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

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ Steve L. Watson Steve L. Watson	Chairman of the Board	March 5, 2015
/s/ David A. Bowers David A. Bowers	Vice Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)	March 5, 2015
/s/ James W. Brown James W. Brown	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Controller (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	March 5, 2015
/s/ Bobby D. O'Brien Bobby D. O'Brien	Director	March 5, 2015
/s/ Norman S. Edelcup Norman S. Edelcup	Director	March 5, 2015
/s/ Loretta J. Feehan Loretta J. Feehan	Director	March 5, 2015
/s/ Edward J. Hardin Edward J. Hardin	Director	March 5, 2015
/s/ Ann Manix Ann Manix	Director	March 5, 2015

/s/ George E. Poston Director
George E. Poston

March 5, 2015

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of CompX International Inc.:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CompX International Inc. and its Subsidiaries at December 31, 2013 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits of these statements in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Dallas, Texas

March 5, 2015

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except share data)

ASSETS	December 31,	
	2013	2014
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$38,753	\$45,570
Accounts receivable	8,534	8,747
Inventories	13,235	16,863
Deferred income taxes	2,493	2,444
Prepaid expenses and other	596	556
Total current assets	63,611	74,180
Other assets:		
Goodwill	23,742	23,742
Other noncurrent	573	599
Total other assets	24,315	24,341
Property and equipment:		
Land	4,928	4,928
Buildings	20,523	20,906
Equipment	57,799	61,835
Construction in progress	2,588	909
	85,838	88,578
Less accumulated depreciation	52,086	55,564
Net property and equipment	33,752	33,014
Total assets	\$121,678	\$131,535

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (CONTINUED)

(In thousands, except share data)

LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	December 31,	
	2013	2014
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$9,711	\$12,796
Income taxes payable to affiliates	339	433
Total current liabilities	10,050	13,229
Noncurrent liabilities - deferred income taxes	6,900	7,320
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 1,000 shares authorized, none issued	-	-
Class A common stock, \$.01 par value; 20,000,000 shares authorized; 2,397,107 and 2,404,107 shares issued and outstanding	24	24
Class B common stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding	100	100
Additional paid-in capital	55,265	55,342
Retained earnings	49,339	55,520
Total stockholders' equity	104,728	110,986
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$121,678	\$131,535

Commitments and contingencies (Note 12)

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
Net sales	\$83,196	\$92,045	\$103,846
Cost of goods sold	58,869	64,471	71,598
Gross profit	24,327	27,574	32,248
Selling, general and administrative expense	17,747	18,246	18,641
Write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale	1,162	-	-
Operating income	5,418	9,328	13,607
Other non-operating income, net	-	40	66
Interest expense	(479)	(127)	-
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	4,939	9,241	13,673
Provision for income taxes	1,415	3,226	5,012
Income from continuing operations	3,524	6,015	8,661
Discontinued operations, net of tax:			
Income from operations	3,800	-	-
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	27,637	-	-
Net income	\$34,961	\$6,015	\$8,661
Basic and diluted earnings per common share:			
Continuing operations	\$0.28	\$0.49	\$0.70
Discontinued operations:			
Income from operations	0.31	-	-
Gain on disposal of discontinued operations	2.23	-	-
Net income	\$2.82	\$0.49	\$0.70
Cash dividends per share	\$0.50	\$0.275	\$0.20

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Basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding	12,390	12,395	12,401
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See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
Net income	\$34,961	\$6,015	\$8,661
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:			
Currency translation adjustment:			
Arising during the year	1,203	-	-
Less reclassification adjustment for amount included in gain on disposal (See Note 2)	(12,693) (11,490)	-	-
Impact from cash flow hedges, net	(4)	-	-
Total other comprehensive loss, net	(11,494)	-	-
Comprehensive income	\$23,467	\$6,015	\$8,661

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$34,961	\$6,015	\$8,661
Gain on disposal	(29,550)	-	-
Depreciation and amortization	5,772	3,270	3,533
Deferred income taxes	(7,713)	916	468
Reversal of accrued contingent consideration	(778)	-	-
Provision for inventory reserves	454	228	24
Write-down and loss on disposal of assets held for sale	1,162	-	-
Other, net	39	21	133
Change in assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable, net	(640)	(12)	(251)
Inventories, net	174	(2,240)	(3,652)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	948	(1,245)	3,119
Accounts with affiliates	12,200	(11,857)	93
Income taxes	(1,444)	-	-
Other, net	(1,762)	774	42
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	13,823	(4,130)	12,170
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Net proceeds from sale of discontinued operations	58,027	-	-
Cash of disposed operations	(5,426)	-	-
Capital expenditures	(4,477)	(3,501)	(2,825)
Cash collected on promissory notes receivable	-	3,034	-
Proceeds from sale of assets held for sale	3,555	1,559	-
Other, net	48	(97)	(48)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	51,727	995	(2,873)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Repayment of long-term debt	(5,756)	(18,480)	-
Dividends paid	(6,195)	(3,409)	(2,480)
Other, net	(79)	-	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(12,030)	(21,889)	(2,480)
Net increase (decrease)	\$53,520	\$(25,024)	\$6,817

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

(In thousands)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
Cash and cash equivalents -			
Net increase (decrease) from:			
Operating, investing and financing activities	\$53,520	\$(25,024)	\$6,817
Effect of exchange rate on cash	176	-	-
Balance at beginning of year	10,081	63,777	38,753
Balance at end of year	\$63,777	\$38,753	\$45,570
Supplemental disclosures:			
Cash paid for:			
Income taxes	\$3,966	\$14,167	\$4,449
Interest	439	222	-
Noncash investing and financing activities -			
Accrual for capital expenditures, net	\$484	\$(313)	\$(34)

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

Years ended December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014

(In thousands)

	Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Retained earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive income		Total stockholders' equity
	Class A	Class B			Currency translation	Hedging derivatives	
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$24	\$100	\$ 55,125	\$ 17,967	\$ 11,490	\$ 4	\$ 84,710
Net income	-	-	-	34,961	-	-	34,961
Other comprehensive loss	-	-	-	-	(11,490)	(4)	(11,494)
Cash dividends	-	-	-	(6,195)	-	-	(6,195)
Issuance of common stock and other, net	-	-	78	-	-	-	78
Balance at December 31, 2012	24	100	55,203	46,733	-	-	102,060
Net income	-	-	-	6,015	-	-	6,015
Cash dividends	-	-	-	(3,409)	-	-	(3,409)
Issuance of common stock and other, net	-	-	62	-	-	-	62
Balance at December 31, 2013	24	100	55,265	49,339	-	-	104,728
Net income	-	-	-	8,661	-	-	8,661
Cash dividends	-	-	-	(2,480)	-	-	(2,480)
Issuance of common stock and other, net	-	-	77	-	-	-	77
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$24	\$100	\$ 55,342	\$ 55,520	\$-	\$ -	\$ 110,986

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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COMPX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2014

Note 1 – Summary of significant accounting policies:

Organization. We (NYSE MKT: CIX) are 87% owned by NL Industries, Inc. (NYSE: NL) at December 31, 2014. We manufacture and sell component products (security products and recreational marine components). At December 31, 2014, Valhi, Inc. (NYSE: VHI) owns 83% of NL's outstanding common stock and a subsidiary of Contran Corporation owns 93% of Valhi's outstanding common stock. Substantially all of Contran's outstanding voting stock is held by family trusts established for the benefit of Lisa K. Simmons and Serena Simmons Connelly, daughters of Harold C. Simmons, and their children (for which Ms. Lisa Simmons and Ms. Connelly are co-trustees) or is held directly by Ms. Lisa Simmons and Ms. Connelly or persons or entities related to them, including their step-mother Annette C. Simmons, the widow of Mr. Simmons. Prior to his death in December 2013, Mr. Simmons served as sole trustee of the family trusts. Under a voting agreement entered into by all of the voting stockholders of Contran, effective in February 2014 and as amended, the size of the board of directors of Contran was fixed at five members, Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly and Ms. Annette Simmons (and in the event of their death, their heirs) each has the right to designate one of the five members of the Contran board and the remaining two members of the Contran board must consist of members of Contran management. Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly, and Ms. Annette Simmons each serve as members of the Contran board. The voting agreement expires in February 2017 (unless Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly and Ms. Annette Simmons otherwise unanimously agree), and the ability of Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly, and Ms. Annette Simmons to each designate one member of the Contran board is dependent upon each of their continued beneficial ownership of at least 5% of the combined voting stock of Contran. Consequently, Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly and Ms. Annette Simmons may be deemed to control Contran, Valhi, NL and us.

Unless otherwise indicated, references in this report to "we," "us," or "our" refer to CompX International Inc. and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

Management estimates. In preparing our financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") we are required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at each balance sheet date and the reported amounts of our revenues and expenses during each reporting period. Actual results may differ significantly from previously estimated amounts under different assumptions or conditions.

Principles of consolidation. Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CompX International Inc. and our wholly-owned subsidiaries. We eliminate all material intercompany accounts and balances.

Fiscal year. Our fiscal year end is always the Sunday closest to December 31, and our operations are reported on a 52 or 53-week fiscal year. Each of the years ended December 31, 2012, 2013, and 2014 consisted of 52 weeks.

Translation of foreign currencies. We translate the assets and liabilities of our subsidiaries whose functional currency is not the U.S. dollar at year-end rates of exchange, while we translate their revenues and expenses at average exchange rates prevailing during the year. We accumulate the resulting translation adjustments in stockholders' equity as part of accumulated other comprehensive income, net of related deferred income taxes. We recognize currency transaction gains and losses in income. In December 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment, which comprised all of our subsidiaries whose functional currency was not the U.S. dollar. See Note 2.

Cash and cash equivalents. We classify as cash and cash equivalents, bank time deposits and government and commercial notes and bills with original maturities of three months or less.

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Net sales. We record sales when products are shipped and title and other risks and rewards of ownership have passed to the customer. Amounts charged to customers for shipping and handling are not material. Sales are stated net of price, early payment and distributor discounts and volume rebates. We report any tax assessed by a governmental authority that we collect from our customers that is both imposed on and concurrent with our revenue producing activities (such as sales and use taxes) on a net basis (meaning we do not recognize these taxes either in our revenues or in our costs and expenses).

Accounts receivable. We provide an allowance for doubtful accounts for known and estimated potential losses rising from our sales to customers based on a periodic review of these accounts.

Inventories and cost of sales. We state inventories at the lower of cost or market, net of allowance for obsolete and slow-moving inventories. We generally base inventory costs for all inventory categories on average cost that approximates the first-in, first-out method. Inventories include the costs for raw materials, the cost to manufacture the raw materials into finished goods and overhead. Depending on the inventory's stage of completion, our manufacturing costs can include the costs of packing and finishing, utilities, maintenance and depreciation, shipping and handling, and salaries and benefits associated with our manufacturing process. We allocate fixed manufacturing overheads based on normal production capacity. Unallocated overhead costs resulting from periods with abnormally low production levels are charged to expense as incurred. As inventory is sold to third parties, we recognize the cost of sales in the same period that the sale occurs. We periodically review our inventory for estimated obsolescence or instances when inventory is no longer marketable for its intended use, and we record any write-down, equal to the difference between the cost of inventory and its estimated net realizable value, based on assumptions about alternative uses, market conditions and other factors.

Selling, general and administrative expenses; advertising costs. Selling, general and administrative expenses include costs related to marketing, sales, distribution, research and development and administrative functions such as accounting, treasury and finance, and includes costs for salaries and benefits, travel and entertainment, promotional materials and professional fees. We expense advertising and research and development costs as incurred. Advertising costs related to continuing operations were not significant in 2012, 2013 or 2014.

Goodwill. Goodwill represents the excess of cost over fair value of individual net assets acquired in business combinations. Goodwill is not subject to periodic amortization. We evaluate goodwill for impairment, annually, or when circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. In the third quarter of 2013, we adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board ASU No. 2011-08 (now codified in ASC 350-20-35), which provided new guidance on testing goodwill for impairment. The new guidance allows an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. An entity is no longer required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines, based on a qualitative assessment considering the totality of relevant events and circumstances, that it is more likely than not that its fair value of the reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. See Note 6.

Property and equipment; depreciation expense. We state property and equipment, including purchased computer software for internal use, at cost. We compute depreciation of property and equipment for financial reporting purposes principally by the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of 15 to 40 years for buildings and 3 to 20 years for equipment and software. We use accelerated depreciation methods for income tax purposes, as permitted. Depreciation expense related to continuing operations was \$3.1 million in 2012, \$3.2 million in 2013 and \$3.5 million in 2014. Upon sale or retirement of an asset, the related cost and accumulated depreciation are removed from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized in income currently. Expenditures for maintenance, repairs and minor renewals are expensed; expenditures for major improvements are capitalized.

We perform impairment tests when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. We consider all relevant factors. We perform the impairment test by comparing the estimated future undiscounted cash flows associated with the asset to the asset's net carrying value to determine if impairment exists.

Employee benefit plans. We maintain various defined contribution plans in which we make contributions based on matching or other formulas. Defined contribution plan expense related to continuing operations approximated \$1.8 million in 2012, \$2.0 million in 2013 and \$2.3 million in 2014.

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Self-insurance. We are partially self-insured for workers' compensation and certain employee health benefits and self-insured for most environmental issues. We purchase coverage in order to limit our exposure to any significant levels of workers' compensation or employee health benefit claims. We accrue self-insured losses based upon estimates of the aggregate liability for uninsured claims incurred using certain actuarial assumptions followed in the insurance industry and our own historical claims experience.

Derivatives and hedging activities. We recognize derivatives as either an asset or liability measured at fair value in accordance with ASC Topic 815, Derivatives and Hedging. We recognize the effect of changes in the fair value of derivatives either in net income or other comprehensive income, depending on the intended use of the derivative. In December 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment, which was our only segment that utilized derivatives from time to time. See Note 2.

Income taxes. We, and our parent NL, are members of the Contran Tax Group. We have been and currently are a part of the consolidated tax returns filed by Contran for U.S. federal purposes as well as for certain U.S. state jurisdictions. As a member of the Contran Tax Group, we are jointly and severally liable for the federal income tax liability of Contran and the other companies included in the Contran Tax Group for all periods in which we are included in the Contran Tax Group. See Note 12.

As a member of the Contran Tax Group, we are a party to a tax sharing agreement which provides that we compute our provision for U.S. income taxes on a separate-company basis. Pursuant to the tax sharing agreement, we make payments to or receive payments from NL in amounts we would have paid to or received from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or the applicable state tax authority had we not been a member of the Contran Tax Group. The separate company provisions and payments are computed using the tax elections made by Contran. We made net cash payments for income taxes to NL of \$1.2 million in 2012, \$14.1 million in 2013 and \$4.4 million in 2014.

Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the expected future tax consequences of temporary differences between the income tax and financial reporting carrying amounts of assets and liabilities, including undistributed earnings of foreign subsidiaries that are not permanently reinvested. In December 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment, which comprised all of our non-U.S. operating subsidiaries. See Note 2. We periodically evaluate our deferred tax assets in the various taxing jurisdictions in which we operate and adjust any related valuation allowance based on the estimate of the amount of deferred tax assets which we believe do not meet the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria. See Note 9.

We record a reserve for uncertain tax positions for tax positions where we believe it is more-likely-than-not our position will not prevail with the applicable tax authorities. Our reserve for uncertain tax positions was nil in each of 2013 and 2014.

Earnings per share. Basic earnings per share of common stock is computed using the weighted average number of common shares actually outstanding during each period. Diluted earnings per share of common stock includes the impact of outstanding dilutive stock options. There were no outstanding stock options during 2012, 2013 or 2014.

Note 2 – Discontinued operations:

In December 2012, we completed the sale of our Furniture Components segment for proceeds (net of expenses) of approximately \$58.0 million in cash. We recognized a pre-tax gain of approximately \$29.6 million on the disposal of these operations (\$27.6 million, net of income taxes of approximately \$1.9 million). Such pre-tax gain includes income of \$12.7 million associated with the reclassification out of accumulated other comprehensive income related to foreign currency translation. The income tax associated with the pre-tax gain on disposal is significantly less than the U.S. statutory income tax rate of 35% principally due to the utilization of foreign tax credits, the benefit of which

had previously not been recognized in part because such benefit did not meet the “more-likely-than-not” recognition criteria and in part because we have not previously elected to claim a credit with respect to foreign income taxes paid because our tax elections are consistent with the elections of Contran and Contran had not previously elected to claim a credit.

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Selected financial data for the operations of the disposed Furniture Components segment for the year ended December 31, 2012 is presented below (in thousands):

Net sales	\$60,722
Operating income	\$7,364
Other income, net	25
Interest expense	(105)
Income before income taxes	7,284
Income tax expense	(3,484)
Net income	\$ 3,800

We have reclassified our 2012 Consolidated Statement of Income to reflect the disposed operations as discontinued operations. We have not reclassified our December 31, 2012 Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows to reflect discontinued operations.

In conjunction with the sale of our Furniture Components segment, the buyer was not interested in retaining certain undeveloped land located in Taiwan owned by our Taiwanese Furniture Component subsidiary. In 2013 an agreement was entered into with a third party to sell the land for \$3.0 million, all of which was received during 2013.

Note 3 – Business and geographic segments:

Our operating segments are defined as components of our continuing operations about which separate financial information is available that is regularly evaluated by our chief operating decision maker in determining how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. At December 31, 2014, we had two operating segments – Security Products and Marine Components. In December 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment. See Note 2.

The Security Products segment, with a facility in South Carolina and a facility shared with Marine Components in Illinois, manufactures locking mechanisms and other security products for sale to the transportation, postal, office and institutional furniture, cabinetry, tool storage, healthcare and other industries.

Our Marine Components segment, with a facility in Wisconsin and a facility shared with Security Products in Illinois, manufactures and distributes stainless steel exhaust systems, gauges and throttle controls primarily for recreational boats.

The chief operating decision maker evaluates segment performance based on segment operating income, which is defined as income before income taxes and interest expense, exclusive of certain general corporate income and expense items (primarily interest income) and certain non-recurring items (such as gains or losses on the disposition of business units and other long-lived assets outside the ordinary course of business). The accounting policies of the reportable operating segments are the same as those described in Note 1. Capital expenditures include additions to property and equipment, but exclude amounts attributable to business combinations.

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Segment assets are comprised of all assets attributable to the reportable segments. Corporate assets are not attributable to the operating segments and consist primarily of cash (including cash generated from the sale of disposed operations in December 2012), cash equivalents, notes receivable and assets held for sale. See Note 7. For geographic information, the point of origin (place of manufacture) for all net sales is the U.S., the point of destination for net sales is based on the location of the customer, and property and equipment are attributable to their physical location. Intersegment sales are not material.

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
	(In thousands)		
Net sales:			
Security Products	\$73,715	\$81,510	\$91,470
Marine Components	9,481	10,535	12,376
Total	\$83,196	\$92,045	\$103,846
Operating income (loss):			
Security Products	\$14,143	\$16,142	\$18,740
Marine Components	(819)	(148)	705
Corporate	(7,906) ^(a)	(6,666)	(5,838)
Total operating income	5,418	9,328	13,607
Other non-operating income, net	-	40	66
Interest expense	(479)	(127)	-
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$4,939	\$9,241	\$13,673

(a) Corporate operating expenses include write-downs and loss on the disposal of certain assets held for sale of \$1.2 million in 2012. See Note 7.

	Years ended December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
	(In thousands)		
Depreciation and amortization:			
Security Products	\$2,618	\$2,460	\$2,771
Furniture Components*	2,404	-	-
Marine Components	687	741	732
Corporate	63	69	30
Total	\$5,772	\$3,270	\$3,533

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Capital expenditures:

Security Products	\$2,029	\$3,171	\$2,571
Furniture Components*	1,721	-	-
Marine Components	713	310	250
Corporate	14	20	4

Total	\$4,477	\$3,501	\$2,825
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Net sales point of destination:

United States	\$78,268	\$87,307	\$98,994
Canada	2,194	2,195	1,927
Mexico	1,249	1,129	1,124
Other	1,485	1,414	1,801

Total	\$83,196	\$92,045	\$103,846
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Years ended December 31,
2012 2013 2014
(In thousands)

Total assets:			
Security Products	\$69,143	\$69,918	\$72,111
Marine Components	9,689	9,782	9,951
Corporate and eliminations	71,351	41,978	49,473
 Total	 \$150,183	 \$121,678	 \$131,535

Net property and equipment for 2012, 2013 and 2014 is entirely located in the United States.

*Denotes disposed operations. See Note 2.

Note 4 – Accounts receivable, net:

	December 31,	
	2013	2014
	(In thousands)	
Account receivable, net:		
Security Products	\$7,813	\$7,912
Marine Components	849	913
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(128)	(78)
 Total accounts receivable, net	 \$8,534	 \$8,747

Note 5 – Inventories:

	December 31,	
	2013	2014
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials:		
Security Products	\$2,565	\$2,805
Marine Components	1,000	588
 Total raw materials	 3,565	 3,393

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Work-in-process:		
Security Products	5,992	8,889
Marine Components	704	1,382
Total work-in-process	6,696	10,271
Finished goods:		
Security Products	2,349	2,331
Marine Components	625	868
Total finished goods	2,974	3,199
Total inventories, net	\$13,235	\$16,863

Note 6 – Goodwill:

We have assigned goodwill to each of our reporting units (as that term is defined in ASC Topic 350-20-20, Goodwill) which correspond to our operating segments. We test for goodwill impairment at the reporting unit level. In accordance with the requirements of ASC Topic 350-20-20, we review goodwill for each of our reporting units for impairment during the third quarter of each year or when circumstances arise that indicate an impairment might be present. Prior to 2013, we used a quantitative assessment in determining the estimated fair value of the reporting units, using appropriate valuation techniques such as discounted cash flows. Such discounted cash flows are a Level 3 input as defined by ASC 820-10-35. If the carrying amount of goodwill exceeds its implied fair value, an impairment charge is recorded. In 2013 we adopted the guidance in ASU No. 2011-08 for testing goodwill for impairment by assessing qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. Based on our qualitative assessment, a quantitative assessment was not required for 2013 or 2014.

In 2012, 2013 and 2014, goodwill for all applicable reporting units was tested for impairment only in the third quarter of each year in connection with our annual testing date. No impairment was indicated as part of our annual reviews of goodwill. Prior to 2012, we recorded a \$9.9 million goodwill impairment in our Marine Components segment. Our gross goodwill at December 31, 2014 is \$33.6 million.

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill related to our operations during the past three years are presented in the table below. In December 2012, we sold our Furniture Components segment. See Note 2. The remaining net goodwill balance was generated from acquisitions relating to Security Products prior to 2001.

	Security Products	Furniture Components	Total
	(In millions)		
Balance at December 31, 2011	\$23.7	\$ 10.5	\$34.2
Sale of disposed operations	-	(10.8)	(10.8)
Changes in currency exchange rates	-	0.3	0.3
Balance at December 31, 2012, 2013 and 2014	\$23.7	\$ -	\$23.7

Note 7 – Other noncurrent:

December
31,

	2013	2014
	(In	
	thousands)	
Assets held for sale	\$532	\$590
Other	41	9
Total other noncurrent assets	\$573	\$599

Prior to 2013, our assets held for sale consisted of two facilities (land, building and building improvements) and certain unimproved land, all of which were formerly used in our operations. These assets were classified as “assets held for sale” when they ceased to be used in our operations and met all of the applicable criteria under GAAP. During 2012 we obtained updated independent appraisals of the significant assets. Based on these appraisals, we recognized a write-down in the third quarter of \$405,000 to reduce the carrying value of the assets to their estimated fair value less cost to sell. Subsequently we sold one of the facilities in December 2012 for net proceeds of \$3.6 million, which net proceeds were less than the carrying amount of the assets and we therefore recognized a loss on the sale of the facility of approximately \$757,000 in 2012. In 2013 we sold the remaining facility for net proceeds of \$1.6 million, which approximated the carrying value of the assets as of the date of the sale. At December 31, 2013 and 2014, our assets held for sale consisted only of the unimproved land.

The write-down on the assets held for sale and the loss on the sale of the facility in 2012 are included in corporate operating expense. See Note 3.

Note 8 – Accounts payable and accrued liabilities:

	December 31,	
	2013	2014
	(In thousands)	
Accounts payable	\$1,452	\$3,850
Accrued liabilities:		
Employee benefits	6,788	7,388
Customer tooling	388	407
Taxes other than on income	378	266
Professional	86	231
Insurance	243	217
Other	376	437
Total	\$9,711	\$12,796

Note 9 – Income taxes:

The provision for income taxes attributable to continuing operations, the difference between such provision for income taxes and the amount that would be expected using the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%, and the comprehensive provision for income taxes are presented below. All of our pre-tax income attributable to continuing operations relates to operations in the United States.

	Years ended		
	December 31,		
	2012	2013	2014
	(In thousands)		
Provision for income taxes:			
Currently payable	\$1,633	\$2,310	\$4,544
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(218)	916	468
Total	\$1,415	\$3,226	\$5,012
Expected tax expense, at the U.S. federal statutory income tax rate of 35%	\$1,729	\$3,234	\$4,787
State income taxes and other, net	173	294	627
Tax credits	(170)	(200)	(378)
Valuation allowance	(317)	(102)	(24)
	\$1,415	\$3,226	\$5,012

Total

Comprehensive provision for income tax allocable to:

Income from continuing operations

\$1,415 \$3,226 \$5,012

Discontinued operations

5,397 - -

Total

\$6,812 \$3,226 \$5,012

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The components of net deferred tax assets (liabilities) are summarized below.

	December 31, 2013 2014 (In thousands)	
Tax effect of temporary differences related to:		
Inventories	\$932	\$835
Property and equipment	(4,348)	(4,706)
Accrued liabilities and other deductible differences	63	46
Accrued employee benefits	1,513	1,577
Tax loss and credit carryforwards	28	4
Goodwill	(2,559)	(2,625)
Other taxable differences	(12)	(7)
Valuation allowance	(24)	-
 Total	 \$(4,407)	 \$(4,876)
 Net current deferred tax assets	 2,493	 2,444
Net noncurrent deferred tax liabilities	(6,900)	(7,320)
 Total	 \$(4,407)	 \$(4,876)

Our tax loss and credit carryforwards at December 31, 2014 relate to a U.S. federal research and development credit carryforward. At December 31, 2013, we concluded that the benefit associated with a portion of our U.S. state net operating loss did not meet the more-likely-than-not recognition criteria, accordingly we recognized a deferred income tax asset valuation allowance of \$24,000 at December 31, 2013 with respect to such carryforwards. We utilized all of our state net operating losses in 2014, and consequently we reversed the remaining portion of our income tax valuation allowance. Our provision for income taxes attributable to continuing operations includes a benefit of \$317,000 in 2012, \$102,000 in 2013 and \$24,000 in 2014 related to changes in such valuation allowance.

We file income tax returns in U.S. federal and various state and local jurisdictions. Prior to 2012, we also filed income tax returns in various foreign jurisdictions, principally in Canada and Taiwan. Our domestic income tax returns prior to 2011 are generally considered closed to examination by applicable tax authorities.

Note 10 – Stockholders' equity:

	Shares of common stock	
	Class A	Class B
	Issued and outstanding	Issued and outstanding
Balance at December 31, 2011	2,386,107	10,000,000
Issued	6,000	-
Balance at December 31, 2012	2,392,107	10,000,000

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Issued	5,000	-
Balance at December 31, 2013	2,397,107	10,000,000
Issued	7,000	-
Balance at December 31, 2014	2,404,107	10,000,000

Class A and Class B common stock. The shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock are identical in all respects, except for certain voting rights and certain conversion rights in respect of the shares of the Class B common stock. Holders of Class A common stock are entitled to one vote per share. NL, which holds all of the outstanding shares of Class B common stock, is entitled to one vote per share in all matters except for election of directors, for which NL is entitled to ten votes per share. Holders of all classes of common stock entitled to vote will vote together as a single class on all matters presented to the stockholders for their vote or approval, except as otherwise required by applicable law. Each share of Class A common stock and Class B common stock

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have an equal and ratable right to receive dividends to be paid from our assets when and if declared by the board of directors. In the event of the dissolution, liquidation or winding up of our operations, the holders of Class A common stock and Class B common stock will be entitled to share equally and ratably in the assets available for distribution after payments are made to our creditors and to the holders of any of our preferred stock that may be outstanding at the time. Shares of the Class A common stock have no conversion rights. Under certain conditions, shares of Class B common stock will convert, on a share-for-share basis, into shares of Class A common stock.

Share repurchases and cancellations. Prior to 2012, our board of directors authorized various repurchases of shares of our Class A common stock in open market transactions, including block purchases, or in privately-negotiated transactions at unspecified prices and over an unspecified period of time. We may repurchase our common stock from time to time as market conditions permit. The stock repurchase program does not include specific price targets or timetables and may be suspended at any time. Depending on market conditions, we may terminate the program prior to its completion. We will generally use cash on hand to acquire the shares. Repurchased shares will be added to our treasury and cancelled. We made no treasury purchases during 2012, 2013 or 2014 and at December 31, 2014, approximately 678,000 shares were available for purchase under these authorizations.

Incentive compensation plan. We have a share based incentive compensation plan pursuant to which an aggregate of up to 200,000 shares of our common stock can be awarded to members of our board of directors. At December 31, 2014, 188,000 shares were available for award under this plan.

Dividends. In May 2013, our board of directors reduced our regular quarterly dividend from \$0.125 per share to \$.05 per share, effective with our second quarter 2013 dividend. Declaration and payment of future dividends and the amount thereof, if any, is discretionary and dependent upon our results of operations, financial condition, cash requirements for our businesses, contractual requirements and restrictions and other factors deemed relevant by our board of directors.

Note 11 – Related party transactions:

We may be deemed to be controlled by Ms. Lisa Simmons, Ms. Connelly, and Ms Annette Simmons. See Note 1. Corporations that may be deemed to be controlled by or affiliated with these individuals sometimes engage in (a) intercorporate transactions such as guarantees, management and expense sharing arrangements, shared fee arrangements, joint ventures, partnerships, loans, options, advances of funds on open account, and sales, leases and exchanges of assets, including securities issued by both related and unrelated parties and (b) common investment and acquisition strategies, business combinations, reorganizations, recapitalizations, securities repurchases, and purchases and sales (and other acquisitions and dispositions) of subsidiaries, divisions or other business units, which transactions have involved both related and unrelated parties and have included transactions that resulted in the acquisition by one related party of a publicly-held minority equity interest in another related party. We continuously consider, review and evaluate, and understand that Contran and related entities consider, review and evaluate such transactions. Depending upon the business, tax and other objectives then relevant, it is possible that we might be a party to one or more such transactions in the future.

From time to time, we will have loans and advances outstanding between us and various related parties pursuant to term and demand notes. We generally enter into these loans and advances for cash management purposes. When we loan funds to related parties, we are generally able to earn a higher rate of return on the loan than we would earn if we invested the funds in other instruments. While certain of these loans may be of a lesser credit quality than cash equivalent instruments otherwise available to us, we believe we have evaluated the credit risks in the terms of the applicable loans. In this regard, in February 2010 we entered into an unsecured revolving demand promissory note

with NL in which, as amended, we have agreed to loan NL up to \$40 million. As amended, our loans to NL would bear interest at the prime rate less .75%, with all principal due on demand on or after March 31, 2016 (and in any event no later than December 31, 2016), with interest payable quarterly. The principal amount we lend to NL at any time is at our discretion. We made no loans to NL during 2012, 2013 or 2014.

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Prior to 2012, we issued a promissory note payable to TIMET Finance Management Company, a former affiliate, which bore interest at LIBOR plus 1% (payable quarterly) and provided for quarterly principal repayments of \$250,000 with the balance due at maturity in September 2014. The promissory note was prepayable at any time at our option, without penalty, and we prepaid all remaining outstanding principal and interest under this promissory note in July 2013. Repayments of principal under this promissory note were \$3.8 million in 2012 and \$18.5 million in 2013 (including the amount paid upon final payment). We recognized interest expense of \$303,000 in 2012 and \$127,000 in 2013 on this promissory note.

Under the terms of an Intercorporate Service Agreement (“ISA”) with Contran, employees of Contran perform certain management, tax planning, financial, legal and administrative services for us on a fee basis. Such fees are based upon estimates of time devoted to our affairs by individual Contran employees and the compensation of such persons. Because of the large number of companies affiliated with Contran, we believe we benefit from cost savings and economies of scale gained by not having certain management, financial and administrative staffs duplicated at each entity, thus allowing certain individuals to provide services to multiple companies but only be compensated by one entity. Fees pursuant to these agreements aggregated \$3.7 million in 2012, \$3.9 million in 2013 and \$3.0 million in 2014. This agreement is renewed annually, and we expect to pay \$3.0 million under the ISA during 2015.

Tall Pines Insurance Company (“Tall Pines”) and EWI RE, Inc. (“EWI”) provide for or broker certain insurance policies for Contran and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, including us. Tall Pines and EWI are subsidiaries of Valhi. Consistent with insurance industry practices, Tall Pines and EWI receive commissions from the insurance and reinsurance underwriters and/or assess fees for the policies that they provide or broker. The aggregate premiums we paid to Tall Pines and EWI were approximately \$1.2 million in 2012, \$1.0 million in 2013 and \$1.1 million in 2014. These amounts principally included payments for insurance, but also included commissions paid to Tall Pines and EWI. Tall Pines purchases reinsurance from third-party insurance carriers with an A.M. Best Company rating of generally at least A-(Excellent) for substantially all of the risks it underwrites. We expect that these relationships with Tall Pines and EWI will continue in 2015.

Contran and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, including us, purchase certain of their insurance policies as a group, with the costs of the jointly-owned policies being apportioned among the participating companies. With respect to certain of these policies, it is possible that unusually large losses incurred by one or more insureds during a given policy period could leave the other participating companies without adequate coverage under that policy for the balance of the policy period. As a result, Contran and certain of its subsidiaries and affiliates, including us, have entered into a loss sharing agreement under which any uninsured loss is shared by those entities who have submitted claims under the relevant policy. We believe the benefits in the form of reduced premiums and broader coverage associated with the group coverage for such policies justifies the risk associated with the potential for any uninsured loss.

Note 12 – Commitments and contingencies:

Legal proceedings. We are involved, from time to time, in various contractual, product liability, patent (or intellectual property), employment and other claims and disputes incidental to our business. We currently believe the disposition of all claims and disputes, individually or in the aggregate, should not have a material long-term adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Environmental matters and litigation. Our operations are governed by various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations. Our policy is to comply with environmental laws and regulations at all of our plants and to continually strive to improve environmental performance in association with applicable industry initiatives. We believe that our operations are in substantial compliance with applicable requirements of environmental laws. From time to time, we may be subject to environmental regulatory enforcement under various statutes, resolution of which

typically involves the establishment of compliance programs.

Income taxes. From time to time, we undergo examinations of our income tax returns, and tax authorities have or may propose tax deficiencies. We believe that we have adequately provided accruals for additional income taxes and related interest expense which may ultimately result from such examinations and we

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believe that the ultimate disposition of all such examinations should not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or liquidity.

We have agreed to a policy with Contran and NL providing for the allocation of tax liabilities and tax payments as described in Note 1. Under applicable law, we, as well as every other member of the Contran Tax Group, are each jointly and severally liable for the aggregate federal income tax liability of Contran and the other companies included in the Contran Tax Group for all periods in which we are included in the Contran Tax Group. NL has agreed, however, to indemnify us for any liability for income taxes of the Contran Tax Group in excess of our tax liability in accordance with the tax allocation policy.

Concentration of credit risk. Our products are sold primarily in North America to original equipment manufacturers. The ten largest customers related to our continuing operations accounted for approximately 38% of sales in 2012, 42% in 2013, and 47% in 2014. United States Postal Service, a customer of the Security Products segment, accounted for 13% of total sales in 2014 and 2013. Harley Davidson, also a customer of the Security Products segment, accounted for approximately 12%, in 2012, 2013 and 2014.

Rent expense related to continuing operations was not significant in 2012, 2013 or 2014 and at December 31, 2014, future minimum rentals under noncancellable operating leases are also not significant.

Note 13 – Financial instruments:

The following table presents the financial instruments that are not carried at fair value but which require fair value disclosure:

	December 31, 2013		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying amount	Fair value	Carrying amount	Fair value
Cash and cash equivalents	\$38,753	\$38,753	\$45,570	\$45,570
Accounts receivable, net	8,534	8,534	8,747	8,747
Accounts payable	1,452	1,452	3,850	3,850

Due to their near-term maturities, the carrying amounts of accounts receivable and accounts payable are considered equivalent to fair value.

Note 14 – Recent Accounting Pronouncements:

In May 2014, FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). This standard replaces existing revenue recognition guidance, which in many cases was tailored for specific industries, with a uniform accounting standard applicable to all industries and transactions. The new standard is effective for us beginning in the first quarter of 2017. Entities may elect to adopt ASU No. 2014-09 retrospectively for all periods for all contracts and transactions which occurred during the period (with a few exceptions for practical expediency) or retrospectively with a cumulative effect recognized as of the date of adoption.

ASU No. 2014 is a fundamental rewriting of existing GAAP with respect to revenue recognition, and we are still evaluating the effect the standard will have on our Consolidated Financial Statements. In addition, we have not yet determined the method we will use to adopt the standard.

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Note 15 – Quarterly results of operations (unaudited):

	Quarter ended			
	March 31	June 30	Sept. 30	Dec. 31
	(In millions, except per share amounts)			
2013:				
Net sales	\$21.5	\$ 24.0	\$ 24.2	\$ 22.3
Gross profit	6.0	7.6	7.5	6.5
Operating income	1.4	2.9	3.0	2.0
Net income	0.9	1.8	2.0	1.3
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$.07	\$.15	\$.16	\$.11
2014:				
Net sales	\$25.8	\$ 26.8	\$ 26.5	\$ 24.7
Gross profit	7.7	8.6	8.1	7.8
Operating income	3.3	3.9	3.4	3.0
Net income	2.1	2.6	2.2	1.7
Basic and diluted earnings per share	\$.17	\$.21	\$.18	\$.14

The sum of the quarterly per share amounts may not equal the annual per share amounts due to relative changes in the weighted-average number of shares used in the per share computations.