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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the quarterly period ended April 30, 2018.

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 for the transition period from _____ to _____.

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 001-09235

THOR INDUSTRIES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

93-0768752
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

601 E. Beardsley Ave., Elkhart, IN
(Address of principal executive offices)

46514-3305
(Zip Code)

(574) 970-7460

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

None

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

Yes

No

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

Yes

No

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

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

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

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

Yes

No

As of May 31, 2018, 52,695,365 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, were outstanding.

PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION (Unless otherwise indicated, amounts in thousands except share and per share data.)**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****THOR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)**

| | April 30, 2018 | July 31, 2017 |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 147,019 | \$ 223,258 |
| Accounts receivable, trade, net | 632,484 | 453,754 |
| Accounts receivable, other, net | 25,748 | 31,090 |
| Inventories, net | 607,185 | 460,488 |
| Prepaid income taxes, expenses and other | 14,925 | 11,577 |
| Total current assets | 1,427,361 | 1,180,167 |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | 490,614 | 425,238 |
| Other assets: | | |
| Goodwill | 377,693 | 377,693 |
| Amortizable intangible assets, net | 402,230 | 443,466 |
| Deferred income taxes, net | 74,939 | 92,969 |
| Equity investment in joint venture | 46,503 | |
| Other | 47,142 | 38,398 |
| Total other assets | 948,507 | 952,526 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 2,866,482 | \$ 2,557,931 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 354,012 | \$ 328,601 |
| Accrued liabilities: | | |
| Compensation and related items | 111,634 | 100,114 |
| Product warranties | 260,129 | 216,781 |
| Income and other taxes | 19,748 | 51,211 |
| Promotions and rebates | 61,165 | 46,459 |
| Product, property and related liabilities | 16,935 | 16,521 |
| Other | 31,942 | 21,359 |
| Total current liabilities | 855,565 | 781,046 |
| Long-term debt | 80,000 | 145,000 |
| Unrecognized tax benefits | 10,718 | 10,263 |
| Other liabilities | 54,573 | 45,082 |
| Total long-term liabilities | 145,291 | 200,345 |

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Contingent liabilities and commitments

Stockholders' equity:

Preferred stock authorized 1,000,000 shares; none outstanding

Common stock par value of \$.10 per share; authorized 250,000,000 shares; issued 62,765,824 and 62,597,110 shares, respectively

| | | |
|--|-------|-------|
| | 6,277 | 6,260 |
|--|-------|-------|

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|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| Additional paid-in capital | 248,797 | 235,525 |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|

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|-------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Retained earnings | 1,954,280 | 1,670,826 |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|

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|--|-----------|-----------|
| Less treasury shares of 10,070,459 and 10,011,069, respectively, at cost | (343,728) | (336,071) |
|--|-----------|-----------|

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|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total stockholders' equity | 1,865,626 | 1,576,540 |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|

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|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY | \$ 2,866,482 | \$ 2,557,931 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

THOR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**FOR THE THREE AND NINE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2018 AND 2017 (UNAUDITED)**

| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net sales | \$ 2,251,570 | \$ 2,015,224 | \$ 6,454,798 | \$ 5,312,280 |
| Cost of products sold | 1,934,825 | 1,721,383 | 5,534,540 | 4,569,985 |
| Gross profit | 316,745 | 293,841 | 920,258 | 742,295 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 119,449 | 111,122 | 370,800 | 310,401 |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 13,882 | 15,216 | 41,236 | 48,710 |
| Interest income | 460 | 205 | 1,242 | 535 |
| Interest expense | 1,383 | 2,547 | 4,149 | 7,593 |
| Other income (expense), net | (1,966) | 1,070 | 3,366 | 4,270 |
| Income before income taxes | 180,525 | 166,231 | 508,681 | 380,396 |
| Income taxes | 46,737 | 54,968 | 166,735 | 125,606 |
| Net income and comprehensive income | \$ 133,788 | \$ 111,263 | \$ 341,946 | \$ 254,790 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding: | | | | |
| Basic | 52,695,365 | 52,582,134 | 52,667,016 | 52,555,792 |
| Diluted | 52,853,541 | 52,773,106 | 52,844,040 | 52,739,716 |
| Earnings per common share: | | | | |
| Basic | \$ 2.54 | \$ 2.12 | \$ 6.49 | \$ 4.85 |
| Diluted | \$ 2.53 | \$ 2.11 | \$ 6.47 | \$ 4.83 |
| Regular dividends declared and paid per common share | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.33 | \$ 1.11 | \$ 0.99 |

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

THOR INDUSTRIES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE NINE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 30, 2018 AND 2017 (UNAUDITED)

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|---|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 341,946 | \$ 254,790 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation | 28,270 | 25,588 |
| Amortization of intangibles | 41,236 | 48,710 |
| Amortization of debt issuance costs | 1,177 | 1,177 |
| Deferred income tax provision (benefit) | 18,030 | (9,261) |
| Gain on disposition of property, plant and equipment | (1,465) | (2,246) |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 12,986 | 9,058 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities (excluding acquisitions): | | |
| Accounts receivable | (173,388) | (223,186) |
| Inventories | (146,697) | (55,799) |
| Prepaid income taxes, expenses and other | (14,141) | (4,612) |
| Accounts payable | 29,595 | 85,651 |
| Accrued liabilities | 49,383 | 46,604 |
| Long-term liabilities and other | 10,253 | 6,360 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 197,185 | 182,834 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Purchases of property, plant and equipment | (100,021) | (79,456) |
| Proceeds from dispositions of property, plant and equipment | 3,656 | 4,630 |
| Acquisitions | | (5,039) |
| Equity investment in joint venture | (46,902) | |
| Other | 1,271 | (1,581) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (141,996) | (81,446) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Principal payments on revolving credit facility | (65,000) | (65,000) |
| Regular cash dividends paid | (58,492) | (52,057) |
| Principal payments on capital lease obligations | (279) | (250) |
| Payments related to vesting of stock-based awards | (7,657) | (4,572) |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (131,428) | (121,879) |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (76,239) | (20,491) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 223,258 | 209,902 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 147,019 | \$ 189,411 |
| Supplemental cash flow information: | | |
| Income taxes paid | \$ 186,166 | \$ 130,802 |
| Interest paid | \$ 3,087 | \$ 6,652 |

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Non-cash transactions:

| | | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|
| Capital expenditures in accounts payable | \$ | 2,082 | \$ | 2,605 |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|

See Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

NOTES TO THE CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

(All dollar amounts presented in thousands except per share data)

1. Nature of Operations and Accounting Policies**Nature of Operations**

Thor Industries, Inc. was founded in 1980 and, through its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company), manufactures a wide range of recreational vehicles (RVs) at various manufacturing facilities located primarily in Indiana, with additional facilities in Ohio, Oregon, Idaho and Michigan. These products are sold to independent, non-franchise dealers primarily throughout the United States and Canada. Unless the context requires or indicates otherwise, all references to Thor, the Company, we, our and us refer to Thor Industries, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The July 31, 2017 amounts are derived from the annual audited financial statements. The interim financial statements are unaudited. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (which consist of normal recurring adjustments) necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the interim periods presented have been made. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017. Due to seasonality within the recreational vehicle industry, among other factors, annualizing the results of operations for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 would not necessarily be indicative of the results expected for a full fiscal year.

Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2017-04, Intangibles—Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment, which eliminates the requirement to calculate the implied fair value of goodwill to measure a goodwill impairment charge (referred to as Step 2 in the goodwill impairment test). Instead, if the carrying amount of a reporting unit exceeds its fair value, an impairment charge equal to that excess shall be recognized, not to exceed the amount of goodwill allocated to the reporting unit. This ASU is effective for annual and any interim impairment tests for periods beginning after December 15, 2019, with early adoption permitted after January 1, 2017. This ASU is effective for the Company in its fiscal year 2021 beginning on August 1, 2020. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this ASU on its consolidated financial statements, which will depend on the outcomes of future goodwill impairment tests.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), which provides guidance on the recognition, measurement, presentation, and disclosure of leases. ASU No. 2016-02 requires the recognition of lease assets and lease liabilities by lessees for all leases with terms greater than 12 months. The principal difference from current guidance is that the lease assets and lease liabilities arising from operating leases will be recognized on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. This ASU is effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. This ASU is effective for the Company in its fiscal year 2020 beginning on August 1, 2019. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that implementing this ASU will have on its financial statements.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, Inventory (Topic 330): Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. ASU No. 2015-11 requires inventory measured using any method other than last-in, first-out (LIFO) or the retail inventory method to be subsequently measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value, rather than at the lower of cost or market. Net realizable value is defined as the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation. Under this ASU, subsequent measurement of inventory using the LIFO or retail inventory method is unchanged. ASU No. 2015-11 is effective prospectively for fiscal years, and for interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company adopted ASU No. 2015-11 on August 1, 2017 and there was no material impact on the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606), which outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. This ASU will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance. Under this ASU, entities are required to identify the contract with a customer, identify the separate performance obligations in the contract, determine the transaction price, allocate the transaction price to the separate performance obligations in the contract and recognize the appropriate amount of revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies each performance obligation. This ASU will also require additional qualitative and quantitative disclosures about contracts with customers, significant judgments made in applying the revenue guidance and assets recognized from the costs to obtain or fulfill a contract. ASU No. 2014-09 is effective for fiscal years, and the interim periods within those years, beginning after December 15, 2017. This ASU is effective for the Company in its fiscal year 2019 beginning on August 1, 2018. In applying this ASU, entities have the option of using either a full retrospective transition or a modified retrospective approach with the cumulative effect recognized as of the date of adoption. The Company plans to use the modified retrospective approach in applying this ASU.

The Company is in the process of analyzing and quantifying the adoption impact of this ASU as well as evaluating the impact to internal controls, business processes and financial statement disclosures under this ASU. While the Company is still completing its assessment of all the potential impacts of this ASU, the Company does not anticipate adoption will have a material impact to the consolidated financial statements. The ASU will, however, require more extensive revenue-related disclosures. The Company will continue evaluation of the adoption of this ASU through the date of adoption, including assessing the impact of required financial statement disclosures.

2. Acquisition

Jayco, Corp.

On June 30, 2016, the Company closed on a Stock Purchase Agreement (Jayco SPA) for the acquisition of all the issued and outstanding capital stock of towable and motorized recreational vehicle manufacturer Jayco, Corp. (Jayco) for initial cash consideration of \$576,060, subject to adjustment. This acquisition was funded from the Company's cash on hand and \$360,000 from an asset-based revolving credit facility as more fully described in Note 12 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. The final purchase price adjustment of \$5,039 was based on the final determination of net assets as of the June 30, 2016 closing date and was paid during the first quarter of fiscal 2017. Jayco operates as an independent operation in the same manner as the Company's other recreational vehicle subsidiaries, and its towables operations are aggregated within the Company's towable recreational vehicle reportable segment and its motorized operations are aggregated within the Company's motorized recreational vehicle reportable segment. The Company purchased Jayco to complement its existing towable and motorized RV product offerings and dealer base.

The following table summarizes the final fair values assigned to the Jayco net assets acquired, which were based on internal and independent external valuations:

| | |
|---|-------------------|
| Cash | \$ 18,409 |
| Other current assets | 258,158 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 80,824 |
| Dealer network | 261,100 |
| Trademarks | 92,800 |
| Backlog | 12,400 |
| Goodwill | 74,184 |
| Current liabilities | (216,776) |
| Total fair value of net assets acquired | 581,099 |
| Less cash acquired | (18,409) |
| Total cash consideration for acquisition, less cash acquired | \$ 562,690 |

On the acquisition date, amortizable intangible assets had a weighted-average useful life of 19.3 years. The dealer network was valued based on the Discounted Cash Flow Method and is amortized on an accelerated basis over 20 years. The trademarks were valued on the Relief from Royalty Method and are amortized on a straight-line basis over 20 years. Backlog was valued based on the Discounted Cash Flow Method and was amortized on a straight-line basis over 3 months. Goodwill is deductible for tax purposes.

3. Business Segments

The Company has two reportable segments, both related to recreational vehicles: (1) towables and (2) motorized. The towable recreational vehicle reportable segment consists of the following operating segments that have been aggregated: Airstream (towable), Heartland (including Bison, Cruiser RV and DRV), Jayco (including Jayco towable, Starcraft and Highland Ridge), Keystone (including CrossRoads and Dutchmen) and KZ (including Livin Lite). The motorized recreational vehicle reportable segment consists of the following operating segments that have been aggregated: Airstream (motorized), Jayco (including Jayco motorized and Entegra Coach) and Thor Motor Coach.

The operations of the Company's Postle subsidiary are included in Other, which is a non-reportable segment. Net sales included in Other mainly relate to the sale of aluminum extrusions and specialized component products. Intercompany eliminations adjust for Postle sales to the Company's towable and motorized segments, which are consummated at established arm's-length transfer prices generally consistent with the

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selling prices of extrusion components to third-party customers.

All manufacturing is conducted within the United States. Total assets include those assets used in the operation of each reportable and non-reportable segment, and the Corporate assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, deferred net income tax and deferred compensation plan assets and certain Corporate real estate holdings primarily utilized by Thor operating subsidiaries.

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| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Net sales: | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 1,608,214 | \$ 1,426,192 | \$ 4,599,833 | \$ 3,719,314 |
| Motorized | 598,459 | 549,883 | 1,724,979 | 1,486,309 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 2,206,673 | 1,976,075 | 6,324,812 | 5,205,623 |
| Other | 82,239 | 70,019 | 233,171 | 182,906 |
| Intercompany eliminations | (37,342) | (30,870) | (103,185) | (76,249) |
| Total | \$ 2,251,570 | \$ 2,015,224 | \$ 6,454,798 | \$ 5,312,280 |

| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|---|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Income (loss) before income taxes: | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 147,853 | \$ 134,504 | \$ 423,432 | \$ 306,677 |
| Motorized | 38,908 | 37,356 | 114,032 | 94,767 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 186,761 | 171,860 | 537,464 | 401,444 |
| Other, net | 8,872 | 8,713 | 22,645 | 20,787 |
| Corporate | (15,108) | (14,342) | (51,428) | (41,835) |
| Total | \$ 180,525 | \$ 166,231 | \$ 508,681 | \$ 380,396 |

| | April 30, 2018 | July 31, 2017 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Total assets: | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | |
| Towables | \$ 1,754,486 | \$ 1,535,029 |
| Motorized | 618,190 | 500,761 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 2,372,676 | 2,035,790 |
| Other, net | 158,914 | 156,996 |
| Corporate | 334,892 | 365,145 |
| Total | \$ 2,866,482 | \$ 2,557,931 |

| | Three Months Ended April 30, | | Nine Months Ended April 30, | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Depreciation and intangible amortization expense: | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 17,357 | \$ 18,213 | \$ 51,373 | \$ 57,377 |
| Motorized | 3,004 | 2,316 | 8,641 | 6,905 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 20,361 | 20,529 | 60,014 | 64,282 |
| Other | 2,762 | 3,021 | 8,319 | 9,037 |
| Corporate | 410 | 343 | 1,173 | 979 |
| Total | \$ 23,533 | \$ 23,893 | \$ 69,506 | \$ 74,298 |

| Three Months Ended April 30, | Nine Months Ended April 30, |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|

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| Capital acquisitions: | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 23,175 | \$ 15,559 | \$ 59,588 | \$ 51,877 |
| Motorized | 10,083 | 12,134 | 24,152 | 24,179 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 33,258 | 27,693 | 83,740 | 76,056 |
| Other | 744 | 163 | 3,337 | 773 |
| Corporate | 169 | 377 | 8,760 | 1,694 |
| Total | \$ 34,171 | \$ 28,233 | \$ 95,837 | \$ 78,523 |

4. Earnings Per Common Share

The following table reflects the weighted-average common shares used to compute basic and diluted earnings per common share as included on the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | April 30, | | April 30, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding for basic earnings per share | 52,695,365 | 52,582,134 | 52,667,016 | 52,555,792 |
| Unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units | 158,176 | 190,972 | 177,024 | 183,924 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding assuming dilution | 52,853,541 | 52,773,106 | 52,844,040 | 52,739,716 |

At April 30, 2017, the Company had 57,253 unvested restricted stock and restricted stock units outstanding which were excluded from this calculation as their effect would be antidilutive. There were no unvested restricted stock or restricted stock units that were antidilutive at April 30, 2018.

5. Fair Value Measurements

The Company assesses the inputs used to measure the fair value of certain assets and liabilities using a three-level hierarchy as prescribed in ASC 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures, and as discussed in Note 9 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our fiscal 2017 Form 10-K.

The financial assets that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis at April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, all using Level 1 inputs, are as follows:

| | April 30, 2018 | July 31, 2017 |
|-----------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Cash equivalents | \$ 89,914 | \$ 176,663 |
| Deferred compensation plan assets | \$ 38,423 | \$ 28,095 |

Cash equivalents represent investments in government and other money market funds traded in an active market, and are reported as a component of Cash and cash equivalents in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Deferred compensation plan assets represent investments in securities (primarily mutual funds) traded in an active market held for the benefit of certain employees of the Company as part of a deferred compensation plan. Deferred compensation plan asset balances are recorded as a component of Other long-term assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. An equal and offsetting liability is also recorded in regards to the deferred compensation plan as a component of Other long-term liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. Changes in the fair value of the plan assets and the related liability are reflected in Other income, net and Selling, general and administrative expenses, respectively, in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income.

6. Inventories

Major classifications of inventories are as follows:

| | April 30, 2018 | July 31, 2017 |
|----------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Finished goods RV | \$ 79,234 | \$ 24,904 |
| Finished goods other | 32,701 | 27,862 |
| Work in process | 143,801 | 117,319 |
| Raw materials | 263,613 | 214,518 |
| Chassis | 127,706 | 109,555 |

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| | | |
|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Subtotal | 647,055 | 494,158 |
| Excess of FIFO costs over LIFO costs | (39,870) | (33,670) |
| Total inventories, net | \$ 607,185 | \$ 460,488 |

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Of the \$647,055 and \$494,158 of inventories at April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, \$354,545 and \$284,897, respectively, was valued on the last-in, first-out (LIFO) basis, and \$292,510 and \$209,261, respectively, was valued on the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

7. Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment is stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, and consists of the following:

| | April 30, 2018 | July 31, 2017 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| Land | \$ 55,749 | \$ 48,812 |
| Buildings and improvements | 440,206 | 380,139 |
| Machinery and equipment | 187,112 | 161,724 |
| | | |
| Total cost | 683,067 | 590,675 |
| Less accumulated depreciation | (192,453) | (165,437) |
| | | |
| Property, plant and equipment, net | \$ 490,614 | \$ 425,238 |

Property, plant and equipment at both April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017 includes buildings and improvements under capital leases of \$6,527 and related amortization included in accumulated depreciation of \$1,632 and \$1,224 at April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, respectively.

8. Intangible Assets and Goodwill

The components of amortizable intangible assets are as follows:

| | Weighted-Average Remaining Life in Years at April 30, 2018 | April 30, 2018 | | July 31, 2017 | |
|---|---|----------------|-----------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| | | Cost | Accumulated Amortization | Cost | Accumulated Amortization |
| Dealer networks/customer relationships | 16 | \$ 404,960 | \$ 135,798 | \$ 404,960 | \$ 101,795 |
| Trademarks | 18 | 147,617 | 23,649 | 147,617 | 17,570 |
| Design technology and other intangibles | 7 | 19,300 | 10,290 | 19,300 | 9,203 |
| Non-compete agreements | 1 | 450 | 360 | 450 | 293 |
| | | | | | |
| Total amortizable intangible assets | | \$ 572,327 | \$ 170,097 | \$ 572,327 | \$ 128,861 |

Estimated annual amortization expense is as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2018 | \$ 55,118 |
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2019 | 50,043 |
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2020 | 46,194 |
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2021 | 42,860 |
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2022 | 37,753 |
| For the fiscal year ending July 31, 2023 and thereafter | 211,498 |
| | |
| | \$ 443,466 |

Of the recorded goodwill of \$377,693 at both April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, \$334,822 relates to the towable recreational vehicle reportable segment and \$42,871 relates to the other non-reportable segment.

9. Equity Investment

On February 15, 2018, the Company announced the formation of a joint venture with Tourism Holdings Limited (*thl*) called TH2. The Company and *thl* each have a 50% ownership position in TH2 and equal representation on the board of directors of TH2. The Company contributed cash totaling \$46,902 to TH2 in early March 2018 while *thl* contributed various assets with the same approximate fair value. The Company's investment in TH2 was funded entirely from cash on hand. In accordance with the operating agreement, TH2's future capital needs, which are not expected to be material to the Company, will be funded proportionally by *thl* and the Company.

The Company's investment in TH2 is accounted for under the equity method of accounting. The Company's share of the losses of this investment, which are included in its operating results for the three and nine months ended April 30, 2018, was \$399 for both periods and is included in Other income (expense), net in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income. The results of this joint venture are recorded on a one-month lag basis, and reflect the operations for the one month of March 2018 since the formation of the joint venture.

TH2 was formed to own, improve and sell innovative and comprehensive digital applications through a platform designed for the global RV industry. TH2 will offer a variety of products focused on enhancing the enjoyment, safety, connectivity and convenience of RV ownership and use.

10. Concentration of Risk

One dealer, FreedomRoads, LLC, accounted for 20% and 18% of the Company's consolidated net sales for the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017, respectively. Sales to this dealer are reported within both the towables and motorized segments. This dealer also accounted for 18% of the Company's consolidated trade accounts receivable at April 30, 2018 and 30% at July 31, 2017. The loss of this dealer could have a significant effect on the Company's business.

11. Product Warranties

The Company generally provides retail customers of its products with a one-year or two-year warranty covering defects in material or workmanship, with longer warranties on certain structural components. The Company records a liability based on its best estimate of the amounts necessary to settle future and existing claims on products sold as of the balance sheet date. Factors used in estimating the warranty liability include a history of units sold, existing dealer inventory, average cost incurred and a profile of the distribution of warranty expenditures over the warranty period. Management believes that the recorded warranty liabilities are adequate, however, actual claims incurred could differ from estimates, requiring adjustments to the liabilities. Warranty liabilities are reviewed and adjusted as necessary on at least a quarterly basis.

Changes in our product warranty liabilities are as follows:

| | Three Months Ended | | Nine Months Ended | |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|-------------------|------------|
| | April 30, | | April 30, | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | 2018 | 2017 |
| Beginning balance | \$ 243,310 | \$ 209,173 | \$ 216,781 | \$ 201,840 |
| Provision | 71,037 | 50,358 | 198,079 | 146,454 |
| Payments | (54,218) | (44,613) | (154,731) | (133,376) |
| Ending balance | \$ 260,129 | \$ 214,918 | \$ 260,129 | \$ 214,918 |

12. Long-Term Debt

The Company has a five-year credit agreement, which was entered into on June 30, 2016 and matures on June 30, 2021. See Note 11 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our fiscal 2017 Form 10-K for details regarding the credit agreement. Borrowings outstanding on this facility totaled \$80,000 at April 30, 2018 and \$145,000 at July 31, 2017. As of April 30, 2018, the available and unused credit line under the revolver was \$415,808, and the Company was in compliance with the financial covenant in the credit agreement.

For the three-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017, the total interest expense on the facility was \$584 and \$1,879, respectively, and the weighted-average interest rate on borrowings from the facility was 2.92% and 2.38%, respectively. For the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017, the total interest expense on the facility was \$1,742 and \$5,583, respectively, and the weighted-average interest rate on borrowings from the facility was 2.72% and 2.25%, respectively. The Company incurred fees to secure the facility of \$7,850 in fiscal 2016, and those fees are being amortized ratably over the five-year term of the agreement, or a shorter period if the credit agreement period is shortened for any reason. The Company recorded charges related to the amortization of these fees, which are classified as interest expense, of \$392 for both of the three-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017, and \$1,177 for both of the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017. The unamortized balances of these facility fees were \$4,972 at April 30, 2018 and \$6,149 at July 31, 2017, and are included in Other long-term assets in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The carrying value of the Company's long-term debt at April 30, 2018 approximates fair value as the entire balance is subject to variable interest rates that the Company believes are market rates for a similarly-situated company. The fair value of debt is largely estimated using Level 2 inputs as defined by ASC 820.

13. Provision for Income Taxes

The overall effective income tax rate for the three months ended April 30, 2018 was 25.9% compared with 33.1% for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for the decrease in the effective income tax rate was the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act) that was signed into law on December 22, 2017. Under the Tax Act, the federal corporate income tax rate has been reduced from 35.0% to 21.0% starting January 1, 2018, which results in the use of an estimated blended federal corporate income tax rate of 26.9% for the Company's 2018 fiscal year. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended April 30, 2018 was also favorably impacted by an overall reduction in the Company's blended state income tax rate.

The overall effective income tax rate for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was 32.8% compared with 33.0% for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. Income tax expense for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 included approximately \$34,000 of additional income tax expense resulting from the revaluation of the Company's net deferred tax assets to reflect the impact of the lower tax rates in connection with the Tax Act. This charge, with respect to the reduced federal income tax rate and the potential impact of limitations on the deductibility of executive compensation, among other items, represents a provisional amount in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 (SAB 118) based on currently available information and is subject to further refinement during the measurement period as defined by SAB 118. Income tax expense for the nine-month period ended April 30, 2018 also reflects the use of the estimated blended federal corporate income tax rate of 26.9% as a result of the Tax Act.

The Company anticipates a decrease of approximately \$2,990 in unrecognized tax benefits, and \$330 in accrued interest related to unrecognized tax benefits recorded as of April 30, 2018, within the next 12 months from expected settlements or payments of uncertain tax positions and lapses of the applicable statutes of limitations. Actual results may differ from these estimates.

Generally, fiscal years 2015 through 2017 remain open for federal income tax purposes and fiscal years 2013 through 2017 remain open for state and Canadian income tax purposes. The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated U.S. federal income tax return and multiple state income tax returns. The Company is currently under examination by certain state authorities for the fiscal years ended July 31, 2013 through 2016. The Company believes it has adequately reserved for its exposure to additional payments for uncertain tax positions related to its state income tax returns in its liability for unrecognized tax benefits.

14. Contingent Liabilities, Commitments and Legal Matters

The Company's total commercial commitments under standby repurchase obligations on dealer inventory financing, as discussed in Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our fiscal 2017 Form 10-K, were \$3,221,914 and \$2,200,544 as of April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, respectively. The commitment term is generally up to eighteen months.

The Company accounts for the guarantee under repurchase agreements of dealers' financing by deferring a portion of the related product sale that represents the estimated fair value of the guarantee at inception. The estimated fair value takes into account an estimate of the losses that may be incurred upon resale of any repurchases. This estimate is based on recent historical experience supplemented by the Company's assessment of current economic and other conditions affecting its dealers. This deferred amount is included in the repurchase and guarantee reserve balances of \$8,850 and \$6,345 as of April 30, 2018 and July 31, 2017, respectively, which are included in Other current liabilities in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Losses incurred related to repurchase agreements during the three-month and nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017 were not significant. Based on current market conditions, the Company believes that any future losses under these agreements will not have a significant effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company is also involved in certain litigation arising out of its operations in the normal course of its business, most of which is based upon state lemon laws, warranty claims and vehicle accidents (for which the Company carries insurance above a specified self-insured retention or deductible amount). The outcomes of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Company are subject to significant uncertainty. There is significant judgment required in assessing both the probability of an adverse outcome and the determination as to whether an exposure can be reasonably estimated. Based on current conditions, in management's opinion the ultimate disposition of any current legal proceedings or claims against the Company will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, operating results or cash flows. Litigation is, however, inherently uncertain and an adverse outcome from such litigation could have a material effect on the operating results of a particular reporting period.

15. Stockholders' Equity

Under the Company's restricted stock unit (RSU) program, as discussed in Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our fiscal 2017 Form 10-K, RSU awards have been approved each October related to the financial performance of the most recently completed fiscal year since October 2012. The awarded employee restricted stock units vest, and shares of common stock are issued, in equal installments on the first, second and third anniversaries of the date of grant. In addition, concurrent with the timing of the employee awards, the Nominating and Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (Board) has awarded restricted stock units to Board members that will vest, and shares of common stock will be issued, on the first anniversary of the date of the grant.

Total expense recognized in the three-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017 for these restricted stock unit awards and other stock-based compensation was \$4,255 and \$3,166, respectively. Total expense recognized in the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017 for these restricted stock unit awards and other stock-based compensation was \$12,986 and \$9,058, respectively.

For the restricted stock units that vested during the nine-month periods ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017, portions of the vested shares awarded were withheld as treasury shares to cover the recipients' estimated withholding taxes. Tax payments made by the Company related to these stock-based awards for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 and April 30, 2017 totaled \$7,657 and \$4,572, respectively.

16. Subsequent Event

During May 2018, the Company made additional debt payments on its revolving credit facility totaling \$60,000, bringing the remaining outstanding balance to \$20,000 as of May 31, 2018.

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

Unless otherwise indicated, all dollar amounts are presented in thousands except per share data.

Forward Looking Statements

This report includes certain statements that are forward looking statements within the meaning of the U.S. Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. These forward looking statements are made based on management's current expectations and beliefs regarding future and anticipated developments and their effects upon Thor, and inherently involve uncertainties and risks. These forward looking statements are not a guarantee of future performance. We cannot assure you that actual results will not differ from our expectations. Factors which could cause materially different results include, among others, raw material and commodity price fluctuations, raw material, commodity or chassis supply restrictions, the level of warranty claims incurred, legislative, regulatory and tax law and/or policy developments including their potential impact on our dealers and their retail customers or on our suppliers, the costs of compliance with governmental regulation, legal and compliance issues including those that may arise in conjunction with recent transactions, lower consumer confidence and the level of discretionary consumer spending, interest rate fluctuations, the potential impact of interest rate fluctuations on the general economy and specifically on our dealers and consumers, restrictive lending practices, management changes, the success of new and existing products and services, consumer preferences, the pace of obtaining and producing at new production facilities, the pace of acquisitions and the successful closing and financial impact thereof, the potential loss of existing customers of acquisitions, the integration of new acquisitions, our ability to retain key management personnel of acquired companies, a shortage of necessary personnel for production, the loss or reduction of sales to key dealers, the availability of delivery personnel, asset impairment charges, cost structure changes, competition, the impact of potential losses under repurchase agreements, the potential impact of the strength of the U.S. dollar on international demand, general economic, market and political conditions, changes to investment and capital allocation strategies or other facets of our strategic plan, and the other risks and uncertainties discussed more fully in ITEM 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended July 31, 2017.

We disclaim any obligation or undertaking to disseminate any updates or revisions to any forward looking statements contained in this report or to reflect any change in our expectations after the date hereof or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any statement is based, except as required by law.

Executive Overview

We were founded in 1980 and have grown to be the largest manufacturer of RVs in North America. According to Statistical Surveys, Inc. ("Stat Surveys"), for the calendar quarter ended March 31, 2018, Thor's combined U.S. and Canadian market share was approximately 47.9% for travel trailers and fifth wheels combined and approximately 40.5% for motorhomes. Our business model includes decentralized operating units, and our RV products are sold to independent, non-franchise dealers who, in turn, retail those products. Our growth has been achieved both organically and by acquisition, and our strategy is designed to increase our profitability by driving innovation, servicing our customers, manufacturing quality products, improving the efficiencies of our facilities and making strategic growth acquisitions.

Recent Events

Tax Reform

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"), was signed into law. The Tax Act includes numerous changes to tax laws impacting business, the most significant being a permanent reduction in the federal corporate income tax rate from 35.0% to 21.0%. The rate reduction took effect on January 1, 2018. As the Company's 2018 fiscal year ends on July 31, 2018, the Company's estimated federal corporate income tax rate for fiscal year 2018 will be prorated to a blended 26.9% rate, based on the applicable tax rates before and after the Tax Act and the number of days in the fiscal year to which the two different rates applied. As a result of other Tax Act changes, the Company's income tax rate for fiscal year 2019 will be negatively impacted by the repeal of the domestic production activities ("Code Section 199") deduction and limitations on the deductibility of executive compensation.

As a result of the reduction of the federal corporate income tax rate, the Company was required to perform a revaluation of its net deferred tax assets. Based on currently available information, the Company has performed a preliminary analysis of the impact of the Tax Act as of the enactment date and has recorded a non-recurring, non-cash reduction of its net deferred tax assets due to the reduced federal income tax rate, and a corresponding charge to income tax expense, of approximately \$34,000 in the nine months ended April 30, 2018. The Company's revaluation of its net deferred tax assets, with respect to the reduced federal income tax rate and the potential impact of limitations on the deductibility of executive compensation, among other items, are subject to further refinement, review and clarification under the new law as additional information becomes available.

The reduction in the statutory US federal income tax rate is expected to positively impact the Company's fiscal 2018 and future US after-tax earnings. The Company currently estimates an overall effective income tax rate between 27.0% and 29.0% for the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018, before consideration of any discrete tax items, as compared to an effective income tax rate of 32.7% for fiscal 2017. For fiscal 2019, after considering the lower federal income tax rate of 21.0%, an estimated blended state income tax rate, the elimination of the Code Section 199 deduction and the limitations on the deductibility of executive compensation, the Company currently estimates an overall effective income tax rate between 23.0% and 25.0%, before consideration of any discrete tax items.

While the Tax Act is expected to increase cash flow in the future, our main priorities for the use of current and future available cash generated from operations will continue to focus on funding our growth, both organically and through acquisitions, maintaining and growing our regular dividends over time, and reducing indebtedness. Strategic share repurchases or special dividends, as determined by the Company's Board, will also continue to be considered. As a component of funding our growth, we anticipate making additional investments in our workforce through a variety of initiatives, including enhanced employee training and development programs and other initiatives that will be introduced in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 and targeted to the varying needs of our individual operating entities.

Joint Venture

On February 15, 2018, the Company announced the formation of a joint venture with Tourism Holdings Limited (*thl*) called TH2. The Company and *thl* each have a 50% ownership position in TH2 and equal representation on the board of directors of TH2. The Company contributed cash totaling \$46,902 to TH2 in early March 2018 while *thl* contributed various assets with the same approximate fair value. The Company's investment in TH2 was funded entirely from cash on hand. In accordance with the operating agreement, TH2's future capital needs, which are not expected to be material to the Company, will be funded proportionally by *thl* and the Company. The Company's investment in TH2 is accounted for under the equity method of accounting, and the Company's portion of TH2's operating results are recorded on a one-month lag basis.

TH2 was formed to own, improve and sell innovative and comprehensive digital applications through a platform designed for the global RV industry. TH2 will offer a variety of products focused on enhancing the enjoyment, safety, connectivity and convenience of RV ownership and use.

Industry Outlook

The Company monitors industry conditions in the RV market through the use of monthly wholesale shipment data as reported by the Recreation Vehicle Industry Association (*RVIA*), which is typically issued on a one-month lag and represents manufacturers' RV production and delivery to dealers. In addition, we monitor monthly retail sales trends as reported by Stat Surveys, whose data is typically issued on a month-and-a-half lag. The Company believes that monthly RV retail sales data is important as consumer purchases impact future dealer orders and ultimately our production.

RV dealer inventory of Thor products as of April 30, 2018 increased 30.8% to approximately 166,200 units, compared to approximately 127,100 units as of April 30, 2017. We believe our dealer inventory levels are generally appropriate for seasonal consumer demand, although modestly elevated in certain locations due to several factors, including the prolonged winter delaying the typical spring retail sales and delivery activity, dealer orders being delivered quicker in the current fiscal year due to our capacity expansions and the continued improvement of the Canadian market.

Thor's RV backlog as of April 30, 2018 decreased \$356,975, or 15.1%, to \$2,003,149 compared to \$2,360,124 as of April 30, 2017, with the decrease mainly attributable to our capacity expansions since the prior year allowing for quicker production and delivery of units to dealers and the existing dealer inventory levels noted above.

Industry Wholesale Statistics

Key wholesale statistics for the RV industry, as reported by RVIA for the periods indicated, are as follows:

| | U.S. and Canada Wholesale Unit Shipments | | | |
|-----------------|--|----------------|---------------|-------------|
| | Calendar Quarter Ended March 31, 2018 | 2017 | Increase | % Change |
| Towable Units | 119,593 | 104,519 | 15,074 | 14.4 |
| Motorized Units | 17,493 | 16,347 | 1,146 | 7.0 |
| Total | 137,086 | 120,866 | 16,220 | 13.4 |

According to the most recent RVIA forecast issued in March, 2018, shipments for towable and motorized units for the 2018 calendar year are estimated to be approximately 472,000 and 67,900 units, respectively, which are 6.8% and 8.3% higher, respectively, than the corresponding 2017 calendar year wholesale shipments. Travel trailers and fifth wheels are expected to account for approximately 85% of all RV shipments in calendar year 2018, and shipments of Class C motorhomes are expected to hit an all-time high. The outlook for calendar year 2018 growth in RV sales is based on the expectation of continued growth in employment, wages and after-tax incomes.

Industry Retail Statistics

We believe that retail demand is the key to continued growth in the RV industry, and that annual RV industry wholesale shipments will generally be in line with annual retail sales going forward, although seasonal differences may exist during those annual periods.

Key retail statistics for the RV industry, as reported by Stat Surveys for the periods indicated, are as follows:

| | U.S. and Canada Retail Unit Registrations | | | |
|-----------------|---|---------------|--------------|------------|
| | Calendar Quarter Ended March 31, 2018 | 2017 | Increase | % Change |
| Towable Units | 81,388 | 75,152 | 6,236 | 8.3 |
| Motorized Units | 12,633 | 11,977 | 656 | 5.5 |
| Total | 94,021 | 87,129 | 6,892 | 7.9 |

Note: Data reported by Stat Surveys is based on official state records. This information is subject to adjustment and is continuously updated.

Company Wholesale Statistics

The Company's wholesale RV shipments, for the calendar quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 to correspond to the industry wholesale periods noted above, were as follows:

| | U.S. and Canada Wholesale Unit Shipments | | | |
|-----------------|--|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| | Calendar Quarter Ended March 31, 2018 | 2017 | Increase | % Change |
| Towable Units | 63,038 | 54,733 | 8,305 | 15.2 |
| Motorized Units | 7,540 | 7,189 | 351 | 4.9 |
| Total | 70,578 | 61,922 | 8,656 | 14.0 |

Company Retail Statistics

Retail statistics of the Company's RV products, as reported by Stat Surveys, for the calendar quarters ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 to correspond to the industry retail periods noted above, were as follows:

| | U.S. and Canada Retail Unit Registrations | | | % Change |
|-----------------|--|---------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| | Calendar Quarter Ended March 31, | | | |
| | 2018 | 2017 | Increase | |
| Towable Units | 38,228 | 36,577 | 1,651 | 4.5 |
| Motorized Units | 5,112 | 5,027 | 85 | 1.7 |
| Total | 43,340 | 41,604 | 1,736 | 4.2 |

Note: Data reported by Stat Surveys is based on official state records. This information is subject to adjustment and is continuously updated.

Our outlook for future growth in retail sales is dependent upon various economic conditions faced by consumers such as the rate of unemployment, the level of consumer confidence, the growth in disposable income of consumers, changes in interest rates, credit availability, the health of the housing market and changes in tax rates and fuel prices. With continued stability or improvement in consumer confidence, availability of retail and wholesale credit, low interest rates and the absence of negative economic factors, we would expect to see continued growth in the RV industry.

A positive future outlook for the RV segment is supported by favorable demographics, as more people reach the age brackets that historically have accounted for the bulk of retail RV sales. The number of consumers between the ages of 55 and 74 will total 79 million by 2025, 15% higher than in 2015 according to the RVIA. In addition, in recent years the industry has benefited from growing retail sales to younger consumers with new product offerings targeted to younger, more active families, as they place a higher value on family outdoor recreation than any prior generation. Based on a study from the Pew Research Center, the Millennial generation, defined as those between the ages of 18 and 34, consisted of more than 75 million people in 2015. In general, these consumers are more technologically savvy, but still value active outdoor experiences shared with family and friends, making them strong potential customers for our industry in the decades to come. Based on the Kampgrounds of America (KOA) 2018 North American Camping Report, their millennial group comprised 31% of the total population in the most recent census, yet accounted for 40% of the total campers in 2017, which increased from 38% of the total campers in 2016 and 34% of the total campers in 2015. Younger RV consumers are generally attracted to lower and moderately-priced travel trailers, as affordability is a key driver at this stage in their lives.

As the first generation of the internet age, Millennials are generally more comfortable gathering information online, and are therefore generally more knowledgeable about products and competitive pricing than any prior generation. This generation is camping more as they view camping as an opportunity to spend time with family and friends as well as a way to reduce stress, escape the pressures of everyday life, be more active and lead a healthier lifestyle. In addition to younger age demographics, there are opportunities to expand sales to a more ethnically diverse customer base. In our efforts to connect with RV consumers of all generations, beginning in the first quarter of fiscal 2017 we launched a new consumer-facing website designed to inspire consumers to explore the RV lifestyle. The new website includes video and interactive features to help consumers determine the type of RV which may suit their specific camping needs, while providing video footage that can be utilized by dealers to market our products. In the second quarter of fiscal 2018, we launched a targeted campaign towards Millennials, and have begun exploring related marketing opportunities. We will continue to consider additional marketing opportunities to younger and more diverse consumers over the remainder of the year. We anticipate our recent formation of the joint venture TH2, as discussed in Note 9 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, will further enhance the RV value proposition and ownership experience for this younger, more technologically savvy customer group.

Economic or industry-wide factors affecting our RV business include the costs of commodities and the labor used in the manufacture of our products. Material and labor costs are the primary factors determining our cost of products sold, and any future increases in raw material or labor costs would impact our profit margins negatively if we were unable to offset those cost increases through a combination of product decontesting, material sourcing strategies, efficiency improvements or raising the selling prices for our products by corresponding amounts. Historically, we have generally been able to offset net cost increases over time.

We have not experienced any recent unusual cost increases or supply constraints from our chassis suppliers. The recreational vehicle industry has, from time to time, experienced shortages of chassis for various reasons, including component shortages, production delays and work stoppages at the chassis manufacturers. These shortages have had a negative impact on our sales and earnings in the past. We believe that the current supply of chassis used in our motorized RV production is adequate for current production levels, and that available inventory would compensate for short-term changes in supply schedules if they occur.

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Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 Compared to the Three Months Ended April 30, 2017

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 | Three Months Ended April 30, 2017 | Change Amount | % Change |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NET SALES: | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 1,608,214 | \$ 1,426,192 | \$ 182,022 | 12.8 |
| Motorized | 598,459 | 549,883 | 48,576 | 8.8 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 2,206,673 | 1,976,075 | 230,598 | 11.7 |
| Other | 82,239 | 70,019 | 12,220 | 17.5 |
| Intercompany eliminations | (37,342) | (30,870) | (6,472) | (21.0) |
| Total | \$ 2,251,570 | \$ 2,015,224 | \$ 236,346 | 11.7 |

OF UNITS:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | 64,666 | 58,481 | 6,185 | 10.6 |
| Motorized | 7,316 | 6,927 | 389 | 5.6 |
| Total | 71,982 | 65,408 | 6,574 | 10.1 |

| | | % of Segment Net Sales | | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % Change |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| GROSS PROFIT: | | | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 238,799 | 14.8 | \$ 219,686 | 15.4 | \$ 19,113 | 8.7 |
| Motorized | 64,835 | 10.8 | 61,081 | 11.1 | 3,754 | 6.1 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 303,634 | 13.8 | 280,767 | 14.2 | 22,867 | 8.1 |
| Other, net | 13,111 | 15.9 | 13,074 | 18.7 | 37 | 0.3 |
| Total | \$ 316,745 | 14.1 | \$ 293,841 | 14.6 | \$ 22,904 | 7.8 |

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|----------|-------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 79,598 | 4.9 | \$ 72,415 | 5.1 | \$ 7,183 | 9.9 |
| Motorized | 24,811 | 4.1 | 22,796 | 4.1 | 2,015 | 8.8 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 104,409 | 4.7 | 95,211 | 4.8 | 9,198 | 9.7 |
| Other | 2,673 | 3.3 | 2,497 | 3.6 | 176 | 7.0 |
| Corporate | 12,367 | | 13,414 | | (1,047) | (7.8) |
| Total | \$ 119,449 | 5.3 | \$ 111,122 | 5.5 | \$ 8,327 | 7.5 |

INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----------|-----|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 147,853 | 9.2 | \$ 134,504 | 9.4 | \$ 13,349 | 9.9 |
| Motorized | 38,908 | 6.5 | 37,356 | 6.8 | 1,552 | 4.2 |

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|-----------------------------|------------|------|------------|------|-----------|-------|
| Total recreational vehicles | 186,761 | 8.5 | 171,860 | 8.7 | 14,901 | 8.7 |
| Other, net | 8,872 | 10.8 | 8,713 | 12.4 | 159 | 1.8 |
| Corporate | (15,108) | | (14,342) | | (766) | (5.3) |
| Total | \$ 180,525 | 8.0 | \$ 166,231 | 8.2 | \$ 14,294 | 8.6 |

| ORDER BACKLOG: | As of April 30, 2018 | As of April 30, 2017 | Change Amount | % Change |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 1,304,836 | \$ 1,564,609 | \$ (259,773) | (16.6) |
| Motorized | 698,313 | 795,515 | (97,202) | (12.2) |
| Total | \$ 2,003,149 | \$ 2,360,124 | \$ (356,975) | (15.1) |

CONSOLIDATED

Consolidated net sales for the three months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$236,346, or 11.7%, compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017. Consolidated gross profit for the three months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$22,904, or 7.8%, compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017. Consolidated gross profit was 14.1% of consolidated net sales for the three months ended April 30, 2018 and 14.6% for the three months ended April 30, 2017.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the three months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$8,327, or 7.5%, compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017. Amortization of intangible assets expense for the three months ended April 30, 2018 decreased \$1,334, or 8.8%, compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017, primarily due to lower dealer network amortization as compared to the prior-year period. Income before income taxes for the three months ended April 30, 2018 was \$180,525, as compared to \$166,231 for the three months ended April 30, 2017, an increase of \$14,294, or 8.6%.

Additional information concerning the changes in net sales, gross profit, selling, general and administrative expenses, amortization of intangible assets expense and income before income taxes are addressed in the segment reporting that follows.

Corporate costs included in selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$1,047 to \$12,367 for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$13,414 for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The decrease is primarily due to a decrease in deferred compensation expense of \$2,590, which relates to the equal and offsetting increase in other expense related to the deferred compensation plan assets as noted below. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in compensation costs, as incentive compensation increased \$354 in correlation with the increase in income before income taxes compared to the prior year, and stock-based compensation increased \$1,089. The stock-based compensation increase is due to increasing income before income taxes over the past three years, as most stock awards are based on that metric and vest ratably over a three-year period.

Corporate interest and other income and expense was \$2,741 of net expense for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$928 of net expense for the three months ended April 30, 2017. This increase in net expense of \$1,813 is primarily due to the change in the fair value of the Company's deferred compensation plan assets due to market fluctuations and investment income resulting in net expense of \$1,547 in the current-year period as compared to net income of \$1,043 in the prior-year period, an increase in expense of \$2,590. The three months ended April 30, 2018 also included a \$399 operating loss related to the recent joint venture as discussed in Note 9 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. These increases in expense were partially offset by interest expense and fees on the revolving credit facility of \$1,231 in the current-year period as compared to \$2,389 in the prior-year period, a decrease in expense of \$1,158 as a result of the lower outstanding debt balance.

The overall effective income tax rate for the three months ended April 30, 2018 was 25.9% compared with 33.1% for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for the decrease in the effective income tax rate was the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act) that was signed into law on December 22, 2017. Under the Tax Act, the federal corporate income tax rate has been reduced from 35.0% to 21.0% starting January 1, 2018, which results in the use of an estimated blended federal corporate income tax rate of 26.9% for the Company's 2018 fiscal year.

Segment Reporting**TOWABLE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Analysis of the change in net sales for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017:

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Net Sales | Three Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| NET SALES: | | | | | | |
| Towables | | | | | | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | \$ 978,906 | 60.9 | \$ 859,572 | 60.3 | \$ 119,334 | 13.9 |
| Fifth Wheels | 629,308 | 39.1 | 566,620 | 39.7 | 62,688 | 11.1 |
| Total Towables | \$ 1,608,214 | 100.0 | \$ 1,426,192 | 100.0 | \$ 182,022 | 12.8 |

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Shipments | Three Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Shipments | Change Amount | % |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| # OF UNITS: | | | | | | |
| Towables | | | | | | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | 50,164 | 77.6 | 45,439 | 77.7 | 4,725 | 10.4 |
| Fifth Wheels | 14,502 | 22.4 | 13,042 | 22.3 | 1,460 | 11.2 |
| Total Towables | 64,666 | 100.0 | 58,481 | 100.0 | 6,185 | 10.6 |

| Impact of Change in Product Mix and Price on Net Sales: | % Increase (Decrease) |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Towables | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | 3.5 |
| Fifth Wheels | (0.1) |
| Total Towables | 2.2 |

The increase in total towables net sales of 12.8% compared to the prior-year quarter resulted from a 10.6% increase in unit shipments and a 2.2% increase in the overall net price per unit due to the impact of changes in product mix and price. According to statistics published by RVIA, for the three months ended April 30, 2018, combined travel trailer and fifth wheel wholesale unit shipments increased 10.5% compared to the same period last year.

The increases in the overall net price per unit within the travel trailer and other product lines of 3.5% was primarily due to changes in product mix and selective net price increases since the prior-year quarter.

Cost of products sold increased \$162,909 to \$1,369,415, or 85.2% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$1,206,506 or 84.6% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The changes in material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs comprised \$155,985 of the \$162,909 increase in cost of products sold. Material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs as a combined percentage of towables net sales increased to 79.7% for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to 78.9% for the three months ended April 30, 2017. This increase in percentage was primarily the result of an increase in the warranty cost percentage, which was partially due to offering extended coverage on certain structural components of certain products since the prior-year period. The labor cost percentage also increased slightly due to the continued competitive RV labor market. The material cost percentage to net sales was also up slightly, as recent material cost increases exceeded the favorable impact of selective net price increases and operating efficiencies attained since the prior-year period. Total manufacturing overhead increased \$6,924 with the increase in sales, but decreased as a percentage of towables net sales from 5.7% to 5.5%, as the increased production resulted in better absorption of fixed overhead costs.

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Towables gross profit increased \$19,113 to \$238,799, or 14.8% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$219,686, or 15.4% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The increase in gross profit is primarily due to the 10.6% increase in unit sales volume noted above, while the decrease in gross profit percentage is due to the increase in the cost of products sold percentage noted above.

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Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$79,598, or 4.9% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$72,415, or 5.1% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for the \$7,183 increase was increased towables net sales and towables income before income taxes, which caused related commissions, bonuses and other compensation to increase by \$5,180. Sales-related travel, advertising and promotional costs also increased \$1,501 in correlation with the sales increase. The overall selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of towables net sales decreased by 0.2% due to the increase in towables net sales.

Towables income before income taxes was \$147,853, or 9.2% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$134,504 or 9.4% of towables net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reasons for the decrease in percentage was the increase in the cost of products sold percentage, partially offset by the decrease in the selling, general and administrative expense percentage to sales noted above. In addition, the towables amortization cost percentage decreased by 0.2%, primarily due to lower dealer network amortization as compared to the prior-year period.

MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Analysis of the change in net sales for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to the three months ended April 30, 2017:

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Net Sales | Three Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % Change |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NET SALES: | | | | | | |
| Motorized | | | | | | |
| Class A | \$ 273,095 | 45.6 | \$ 242,770 | 44.1 | \$ 30,325 | 12.5 |
| Class C | 301,303 | 50.3 | 282,703 | 51.4 | 18,600 | 6.6 |
| Class B | 24,061 | 4.1 | 24,410 | 4.5 | (349) | (1.4) |
| Total Motorized | \$ 598,459 | 100.0 | \$ 549,883 | 100.0 | \$ 48,576 | 8.8 |

| | Three Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Shipments | Three Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Shipments | Change Amount | % Change |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| # OF UNITS: | | | | | | |
| Motorized | | | | | | |
| Class A | 2,471 | 33.8 | 2,151 | 31.1 | 320 | 14.9 |
| Class C | 4,669 | 63.8 | 4,584 | 66.2 | 85 | 1.9 |
| Class B | 176 | 2.4 | 192 | 2.7 | (16) | (8.3) |
| Total Motorized | 7,316 | 100.0 | 6,927 | 100.0 | 389 | 5.6 |

| | % Increase (Decrease) |
|--|-----------------------------|
| Impact of Change in Product Mix and Price on Net Sales: | |
| Motorized | |
| Class A | (2.4) |
| Class C | 4.7 |
| Class B | 6.9 |
| Total Motorized | 3.2 |

The increase in total motorized net sales of 8.8% compared to the prior-year quarter resulted from a 5.6% increase in unit shipments and a 3.2% increase in the overall net price per unit due to the impact of changes in product mix and price. According to statistics published by RVIA, for the three months ended April 30, 2018, combined motorhome wholesale unit shipments increased 7.2% compared to the same period last year.

The decrease in the overall net price per unit within the Class A product line of 2.4% was primarily due to a slight shift in the concentration of sales from the generally larger and more expensive diesel units to the more modestly-priced gas units compared to the prior-year period. The increase in the overall net price per unit within the Class C product line of 4.7% was primarily due to the net impact of product mix changes and selective net price increases. The increase in the overall net price per unit within the Class B product line of 6.9% is primarily due to the introduction of a new, higher-priced model since the prior-year period, and more option content per unit in the current-year period.

Cost of products sold increased \$44,822 to \$533,624, or 89.2% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$488,802, or 88.9% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The changes in material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs comprised \$44,601 of the \$44,822 increase due to increased sales volume. Material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs as a combined percentage of motorized net sales increased to 85.3% for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to 84.7% for the three months ended April 30, 2017. This increase in percentage was primarily the result of an increase in the warranty cost percentage, and a slight increase in labor costs associated with increasing employment levels and the continued competitive RV labor market. Total manufacturing overhead increased \$221 with the volume increase, but decreased as a percentage of motorized net sales from 4.2% to 3.9%, as the increase in production resulted in better absorption of fixed overhead costs.

Motorized gross profit increased \$3,754 to \$64,835, or 10.8% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$61,081, or 11.1% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The increase in gross profit was due primarily to the 5.6% increase in unit sales volume noted above, and the decrease as a percentage of motorized net sales is due to the increase in the cost of products sold percentage noted above.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$24,811, or 4.1% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$22,796, or 4.1% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The \$2,015 increase was partially due to increased motorized net sales and motorized income before income taxes, which caused related commissions, bonuses and other compensation to increase by \$1,048. In addition, legal, professional and related settlement costs increased \$701.

Motorized income before income taxes was \$38,908, or 6.5% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$37,356, or 6.8% of motorized net sales, for the three months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for this decrease in percentage was the impact of the increase in the cost of products sold percentage as noted above.

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Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 Compared to the Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017 | Change Amount | % Change |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NET SALES: | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 4,599,833 | \$ 3,719,314 | \$ 880,519 | 23.7 |
| Motorized | 1,724,979 | 1,486,309 | 238,670 | 16.1 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 6,324,812 | 5,205,623 | 1,119,189 | 21.5 |
| Other | 233,171 | 182,906 | 50,265 | 27.5 |
| Intercompany eliminations | (103,185) | (76,249) | (26,936) | (35.3) |
| Total | \$ 6,454,798 | \$ 5,312,280 | \$ 1,142,518 | 21.5 |

OF UNITS:

| | | | | |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|--------|------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | |
| Towables | 186,107 | 155,409 | 30,698 | 19.8 |
| Motorized | 20,894 | 18,177 | 2,717 | 14.9 |
| Total | 207,001 | 173,586 | 33,415 | 19.2 |

| | | % of Segment Net Sales | | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % Change |
|-----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| GROSS PROFIT: | | | | | | |
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 693,817 | 15.1 | \$ 546,431 | 14.7 | \$ 147,386 | 27.0 |
| Motorized | 191,699 | 11.1 | 162,806 | 11.0 | 28,893 | 17.7 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 885,516 | 14.0 | 709,237 | 13.6 | 176,279 | 24.9 |
| Other, net | 34,742 | 14.9 | 33,058 | 18.1 | 1,684 | 5.1 |
| Total | \$ 920,258 | 14.3 | \$ 742,295 | 14.0 | \$ 177,963 | 24.0 |

SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|-----------|------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 236,725 | 5.1 | \$ 201,158 | 5.4 | \$ 35,567 | 17.7 |
| Motorized | 75,828 | 4.4 | 64,978 | 4.4 | 10,850 | 16.7 |
| Total recreational vehicles | 312,553 | 4.9 | 266,136 | 5.1 | 46,417 | 17.4 |
| Other | 7,481 | 3.2 | 7,089 | 3.9 | 392 | 5.5 |
| Corporate | 50,766 | | 37,176 | | 13,590 | 36.6 |
| Total | \$ 370,800 | 5.7 | \$ 310,401 | 5.8 | \$ 60,399 | 19.5 |

INCOME (LOSS) BEFORE INCOME TAXES:

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|------------|-----|------------|-----|------------|------|
| Recreational vehicles | | | | | | |
| Towables | \$ 423,432 | 9.2 | \$ 306,677 | 8.2 | \$ 116,755 | 38.1 |
| Motorized | 114,032 | 6.6 | 94,767 | 6.4 | 19,265 | 20.3 |

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|-----------------------------|------------|-----|------------|------|------------|--------|
| Total recreational vehicles | 537,464 | 8.5 | 401,444 | 7.7 | 136,020 | 33.9 |
| Other, net | 22,645 | 9.7 | 20,787 | 11.4 | 1,858 | 8.9 |
| Corporate | (51,428) | | (41,835) | | (9,593) | (22.9) |
| Total | \$ 508,681 | 7.9 | \$ 380,396 | 7.2 | \$ 128,285 | 33.7 |

CONSOLIDATED

Consolidated net sales for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$1,142,518, or 21.5%, compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017. Consolidated gross profit for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$177,963, or 24.0%, compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017. Consolidated gross profit was 14.3% of consolidated net sales for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 and 14.0% for the nine months ended April 30, 2017.

Selling, general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 increased \$60,399, or 19.5%, compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017. Amortization of intangible assets expense for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 decreased \$7,474, or 15.3%, compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017, primarily due to backlog amortization in the prior-year period related to the Jayco acquisition and lower dealer network amortization as compared to the prior-year period. Income before income taxes for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was \$508,681, as compared to \$380,396 for the nine months ended April 30, 2017, an increase of \$128,285, or 33.7%.

Additional information concerning the changes in net sales, gross profit, selling, general and administrative expenses, amortization of intangible assets expense and income before income taxes are addressed in the segment reporting that follows.

Corporate costs included in selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$13,590 to \$50,766 for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$37,176 for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The increase is due in part to an increase in compensation costs, as incentive compensation increased \$2,619 in correlation with the increase in income before income taxes compared to the prior year, and stock-based compensation increased \$3,928. The stock-based compensation increase is due to increasing income before income taxes over the past three years, as most stock awards are based on that metric and vest ratably over a three-year period. Deferred compensation expense also increased \$359, which relates to the equal and offsetting increase in other income noted below due to the increase in the related deferred compensation plan assets. In addition, legal and professional fees, including costs related to sales and marketing initiatives and the joint venture discussed in Note 9 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, increased \$3,930.

Corporate interest and other income and expense was \$662 of net expense for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$4,659 of net expense for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. This favorable change of \$3,997 is primarily due to interest expense and fees of \$3,690 in the current-year period on the revolving credit facility as compared to \$7,112 in the prior-year period, a decrease in expense of \$3,422 as a result of the lower outstanding debt balance. In addition, the change in the fair value of the Company's deferred compensation plan assets due to market fluctuations and investment income resulted in \$2,187 of net income in the current-year period as compared to net income of \$1,828 in the prior-year period, an increase in income of \$359.

The overall effective income tax rate for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was 32.8% compared with 33.0% for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for the modest decrease in the effective income tax rate was the impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the Tax Act) that was signed into law on December 22, 2017. Under the Tax Act, the federal corporate income tax rate was reduced from 35.0% to 21.0% starting January 1, 2018, which results in the use of an estimated blended federal corporate income tax rate of 26.9% for the Company's 2018 fiscal year. In addition, the Company was also required to revalue its net deferred tax assets to reflect the impact of the lower tax rates. This revaluation caused a non-recurring, non-cash reduction of the Company's net deferred tax assets, and a corresponding charge to income tax expense, of approximately \$34,000 in the nine months ended April 30, 2018. This charge, however, was mostly offset by the lower tax expense reflected in the nine-month period ended April 30, 2018 due to the decrease in our federal corporate income tax rate to 26.9% for fiscal 2018 as a result of the Tax Act.

Segment Reporting**TOWABLE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Analysis of the change in net sales for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017:

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Net Sales | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % Change |
|---------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| NET SALES: | | | | | | |
| Towables | | | | | | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | \$ 2,801,828 | 60.9 | \$ 2,236,445 | 60.1 | \$ 565,383 | 25.3 |
| Fifth Wheels | 1,798,005 | 39.1 | 1,482,869 | 39.9 | 315,136 | 21.3 |
| Total Towables | \$ 4,599,833 | 100.0 | \$ 3,719,314 | 100.0 | \$ 880,519 | 23.7 |

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Shipments | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Shipments | Change Amount | % Change |
|---------------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|-------------|
| # OF UNITS: | | | | | | |
| Towables | | | | | | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | 144,811 | 77.8 | 120,813 | 77.7 | 23,998 | 19.9 |
| Fifth Wheels | 41,296 | 22.2 | 34,596 | 22.3 | 6,700 | 19.4 |
| Total Towables | 186,107 | 100.0 | 155,409 | 100.0 | 30,698 | 19.8 |

| Impact of Change in Product Mix and Price on Net Sales: | % Increase |
|--|-----------------------|
| Towables | |
| Travel Trailers and Other | 5.4 |
| Fifth Wheels | 1.9 |
| Total Towables | 3.9 |

The increase in total towables net sales of 23.7% compared to the prior-year period resulted from a 19.8% increase in unit shipments and a 3.9% increase in the overall net price per unit due to the impact of changes in product mix and price. According to statistics published by RVIA, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018, combined travel trailer and fifth wheel wholesale unit shipments increased 19.1% compared to the same period last year.

The increases in the overall net price per unit within the travel trailer and other product lines of 5.4% and the fifth wheel product lines of 1.9% were both primarily due to changes in product mix and selective net price increases since the prior-year period.

Cost of products sold increased \$733,133 to \$3,906,016, or 84.9% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$3,172,883, or 85.3% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The changes in material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs comprised \$697,265 of the \$733,133 increase in cost of products sold. Material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs as a combined percentage of towables net sales decreased to 79.3% for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to 79.4% for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. This decrease in percentage was primarily the result of a decrease in the material cost percentage to net sales, due to operating efficiencies attained since the prior-year period, primarily by Jayco, and selective net price increases. This decrease was mostly offset by increases in the labor cost percentage, due to the continued competitive RV labor market, and the warranty cost percentage, which was partially due to offering extended coverage on certain structural components of certain products since the prior-year period. Total manufacturing overhead increased \$35,868 with the increase in sales, but decreased as a percentage of towables net sales from 5.9% to 5.6%, as the increased production resulted in better absorption of fixed overhead costs.

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Towables gross profit increased \$147,386 to \$693,817, or 15.1% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$546,431, or 14.7% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The increase in gross profit is primarily due to the 19.8% increase in unit sales volume noted above, while the increase in gross profit percentage is due to the decrease in the cost of products sold percentage noted above.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$236,725, or 5.1% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$201,158, or 5.4% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for the \$35,567 increase was increased towables net sales and towables income before income taxes, which caused related commissions, bonuses and other compensation to increase by \$28,118. Legal, professional and related settlement costs increased \$2,232, primarily due to estimated product liability settlement costs. In addition, sales-related travel, advertising and promotional costs also increased \$3,611 in correlation with the sales increase. In spite of these increased amounts, the overall selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of towables net sales decreased by 0.3% due to the significant increase in towables net sales.

Towables income before income taxes was \$423,432, or 9.2% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$306,677, or 8.2% of towables net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reasons for the increase in percentage were the decreases in both the cost of products sold and selling, general and administrative expense percentages to sales noted above. In addition, the towables amortization cost percentage decreased by 0.4%, primarily due to non-recurring backlog amortization in the prior-year period related to the Jayco acquisition.

MOTORIZED RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Analysis of the change in net sales for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to the nine months ended April 30, 2017:

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Net Sales | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Net Sales | Change Amount | % |
|-------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| NET SALES: | | | | | | |
| Motorized | | | | | | |
| Class A | \$ 782,610 | 45.4 | \$ 706,702 | 47.5 | \$ 75,908 | 10.7 |
| Class C | 866,822 | 50.3 | 715,795 | 48.2 | 151,027 | 21.1 |
| Class B | 75,547 | 4.3 | 63,812 | 4.3 | 11,735 | 18.4 |
| Total Motorized | \$ 1,724,979 | 100.0 | \$ 1,486,309 | 100.0 | \$ 238,670 | 16.1 |

| | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2018 | % of Segment Shipments | Nine Months Ended April 30, 2017 | % of Segment Shipments | Change Amount | % |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|---|------------------------------|------------------|------|
| # OF UNITS: | | | | | | |
| Motorized | | | | | | |
| Class A | 7,102 | 34.0 | 6,399 | 35.2 | 703 | 11.0 |
| Class C | 13,224 | 63.3 | 11,274 | 62.0 | 1,950 | 17.3 |
| Class B | 568 | 2.7 | 504 | 2.8 | 64 | 12.7 |
| Total Motorized | 20,894 | 100.0 | 18,177 | 100.0 | 2,717 | 14.9 |

| | % |
|--|-------|
| Impact of Change in Product Mix and Price on Net Sales: | |
| Motorized | |
| Class A | (0.3) |
| Class C | 3.8 |
| Class B | 5.7 |
| Total Motorized | 1.2 |

The increase in total motorized net sales of 16.1% compared to the prior-year period resulted from a 14.9% increase in unit shipments and a 1.2% increase in the overall net price per unit due to the impact of changes in product mix and price. According to statistics published by RVIA,

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for the nine months ended April 30, 2018, combined motorhome wholesale unit shipments increased 12.7% compared to the same period last year.

The small decrease in the overall net price per unit within the Class A product line of 0.3% was primarily due to a slight shift in the concentration of sales from the generally larger and more expensive diesel units to the more modestly-priced gas units compared to the prior-year period. The increase in the Class C product line of 3.8% was primarily due to the net impact of product mix changes and selective net price increases. The increase in the overall net price per unit within the Class B product line of 5.7% is primarily due to the introduction of a new, higher-priced model since the prior-year period, and more option content per unit in the current-year period.

Cost of products sold increased \$209,777 to \$1,533,280, or 88.9% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$1,323,503, or 89.0% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The changes in material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs comprised \$203,559 of the \$209,777 increase due to increased sales volume. Material, labor, freight-out and warranty costs as a combined percentage of motorized net sales was 84.9% for the nine-month period ended April 30, 2018 and 84.8% for the nine-month period ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for this slight increase in percentage was an increase in labor costs associated with increasing employment levels and the continued competitive RV labor market, and an increase in the warranty cost percentage. Total manufacturing overhead increased \$6,218 with the volume increase, but decreased as a percentage of motorized net sales from 4.2% to 4.0%, as the increase in production resulted in better absorption of fixed overhead costs.

Motorized gross profit increased \$28,893 to \$191,699, or 11.1% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$162,806, or 11.0% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The increase in gross profit was due primarily to the 14.9% increase in unit sales volume noted above, and the slight increase as a percentage of motorized net sales is due to the decrease in the cost of products sold percentage noted above.

Selling, general and administrative expenses were \$75,828, or 4.4% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$64,978, or 4.4% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The \$10,850 increase was partially due to increased motorized net sales and motorized income before income taxes, which caused related commissions, bonuses and other compensation to increase by \$5,778. In addition, legal, professional and related settlement costs increased \$3,458, primarily due to estimated product liability settlement costs. Sales related travel, advertising and promotional costs also increased \$1,038 in connection with the sales increase.

Motorized income before income taxes was \$114,032, or 6.6% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 compared to \$94,767, or 6.4% of motorized net sales, for the nine months ended April 30, 2017. The primary reason for this increase in percentage was the impact of the decrease in the cost of products sold percentage noted above. In addition, the motorized income before income taxes percentage increased due to a gain of \$1,506 on the sale of certain motorized buildings and equipment during the nine months ended April 30, 2018.

Financial Condition and Liquidity

As of April 30, 2018, we had \$147,019 in cash and cash equivalents compared to \$223,258 on July 31, 2017. The components of this \$76,239 decrease in cash and cash equivalents are described in more detail below, but the decrease was primarily attributable to capital expenditures of \$100,021, \$46,902 paid for an equity investment in a joint venture, principal payments on long-term debt of \$65,000 and \$58,492 paid for dividends, partially offset by cash provided by operations of \$197,185.

Working capital at April 30, 2018 was \$571,796 compared to \$399,121 at July 31, 2017, with the increase primarily attributable to increases in accounts receivable and inventory due to the increases in sales and production lines. Capital expenditures of \$100,021 for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 were made primarily for land and production building additions and improvements, as well as replacing machinery and equipment used in the ordinary course of business.

We strive to maintain adequate cash balances to ensure we have sufficient resources to respond to opportunities and changing business conditions. We believe our on-hand cash and cash equivalents, and funds generated from continuing operations, along with funds available under the revolving asset-based credit facility, will be sufficient to fund expected future operational requirements for the foreseeable future. We have historically relied on internally generated cash flows from operations to finance substantially all our growth, however, we obtained a revolving asset-based credit facility to partially fund the fiscal 2016 acquisition of Jayco as discussed in Notes 2 and 12 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

While the Tax Act enacted in December 2017 is expected to increase cash flow in the future, our main priorities for the use of current and future available cash generated from operations will continue to focus on funding our growth, both organically and through acquisitions, maintaining and growing our regular dividends over time, and reducing indebtedness. Strategic share repurchases or special dividends, as determined by the Company's Board, will also continue to be considered. As a component of funding our growth, we anticipate making additional investments in our workforce through a variety of initiatives, including enhanced employee training and development programs and other initiatives that will be introduced in fiscal 2018 and fiscal 2019 and targeted to the varying needs of our individual operating entities.

In regard to growing our business, we anticipate capital expenditures during the remainder of fiscal 2018 of approximately \$60,000, primarily for the continued expansion of our facilities and replacing and upgrading machinery, equipment and other assets to be used in the ordinary course of business.

In regard to reducing indebtedness, subsequent to April 30, 2018, we made additional debt payments of \$60,000. Furthermore, absent an alternative to strategically employ funds available under the credit facility, we expect to pay off the current remaining indebtedness of \$20,000 in its entirety by the end of fiscal 2018. We may also consider additional strategic growth acquisitions that complement or expand our ongoing operations.

The Company's Board currently intends to continue regular quarterly cash dividend payments in the future. As is customary under asset-based lines of credit, certain actions, including our ability to pay dividends, are subject to the satisfaction of certain payment conditions prior to payment. The conditions for the payments of dividends include a minimum level of adjusted excess cash availability and a fixed charge coverage ratio test, both as defined in the credit agreement. The declaration of future dividends and the establishment of the per share amounts, record dates and payment dates for any such future dividends are subject to the determination of the Board, and will be dependent upon future earnings, cash flows and other factors.

Future purchases of the Company's common stock or special cash dividends may occur based upon market and business conditions and excess cash availability, subject to potential customary limits and restrictions pursuant to the credit facility, applicable legal limitations and determination by the Board.

Operating Activities

Net cash provided by operating activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was \$197,185 as compared to net cash provided by operating activities of \$182,834 for the nine months ended April 30, 2017.

For the nine months ended April 30, 2018, net income adjusted for non-cash items (primarily depreciation, amortization of intangibles, deferred income tax provision and stock-based compensation) provided \$442,180 of operating cash. The change in net working capital used \$244,995 of operating cash during that period, primarily as a result of a larger than usual seasonal increase in accounts receivable due to both the timing of shipments and the increase in sales. Inventory also increased in conjunction with the increases in production facilities and lines and the timing of unit shipments. Required income tax payments exceeded the income tax provision during the period as well. These increases were partially offset by increases in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

For the nine months ended April 30, 2017, net income adjusted for non-cash items (primarily depreciation, amortization of intangibles, deferred income tax provision and stock-based compensation) provided \$327,816 of operating cash. The changes in working capital used \$144,982 of operating cash during that period, primarily due to larger than usual seasonal increases in accounts receivable and inventory in correlation with the increases in sales, backlog and production lines, partially offset by an increase in accounts payable.

Investing Activities

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was \$141,996, primarily due to capital expenditures of \$100,021 and \$46,902 paid for the equity investment in TH2, our joint venture.

Net cash used in investing activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2017 was \$81,446, primarily due to capital expenditures of \$79,456 and a final purchase price adjustment payment of \$5,039 related to the fiscal 2016 acquisition of Jayco, partially offset by proceeds received on the dispositions of property, plant and equipment of \$4,630.

Financing Activities

Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 was \$131,428, primarily for principal payments on the revolving credit facility totaling \$65,000 and regular quarterly cash dividend payments of \$0.37 per share for each of the first three quarters of fiscal 2018 totaling \$58,492.

Net cash used in financing activities for the nine months ended April 30, 2017 was \$121,879, primarily for principal payments on the revolving credit facility totaling \$65,000 and regular quarterly cash dividend payments of \$0.33 per share for each of the first three quarters of fiscal 2017 totaling \$52,057.

The Company increased its previous regular quarterly dividend of \$0.33 per share to \$0.37 per share in October 2017. In October 2016, the Company increased its previous regular quarterly dividend of \$0.30 per share to \$0.33 per share.

Accounting Pronouncements

Reference is made to Note 1 of our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this report for a summary of recently issued accounting pronouncements, which summary is hereby incorporated by reference.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We have exposure to market risk from changes in short-term interest rates on our variable-rate debt. Depending upon the borrowing option chosen, the interest charged is based upon either the Base Rate or LIBOR of a selected time period, plus an applicable margin. If interest rates increased by 0.25% (which approximates a 10% increase of the weighted-average interest rate on our borrowings as of April 30, 2018), our results of operations and cash flows for the nine months ended April 30, 2018 would not have been materially affected.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e), that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our Exchange Act reports is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, our management recognizes that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives and our management is required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures. The Company has carried out an evaluation, as of the end of the period covered by this report, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based on this evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at attaining the level of reasonable assurance noted above.

During the quarter ended April 30, 2018, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

The Company is involved in certain litigation arising out of its operations in the normal course of its business, most of which is based upon state lemon laws, warranty claims and vehicle accidents (for which the Company carries insurance above a specified self-insured retention or deductible amount). The outcomes of legal proceedings and claims brought against the Company are subject to significant uncertainty. There is significant judgment required in assessing both the probability of an adverse outcome and the determination as to whether an exposure can be reasonably estimated. In management's opinion, the ultimate disposition of any current legal proceedings or claims against the Company will not have a material effect on the Company's financial condition, operating results or cash flows. Litigation is, however, inherently uncertain and an adverse outcome from such litigation could have a material effect on the operating results of a particular reporting period.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes from the risk factors previously disclosed in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2017.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit | Description |
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| 31.1 | <u>Chief Executive Officer's Rule 13a-14(a) Certification</u> |
| 31.2 | <u>Chief Financial Officer's Rule 13a-14(a) Certification</u> |
| 32.1 | <u>Chief Executive Officer's Section 1350 Certification</u> |
| 32.2 | <u>Chief Financial Officer's Section 1350 Certification</u> |
| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |
| 101.SCH | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document |
| 101.CAL | XBRL Taxonomy Calculation Linkbase Document |
| 101.PRE | XBRL Taxonomy Presentation Linkbase Document |
| 101.LAB | XBRL Taxonomy Label Linkbase Document |
| 101.DEF | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document |

Attached as Exhibits 101 to this report are the following financial statements from the Company's Quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended April 30, 2018 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) related notes to these financial statements.

SIGNATURES

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

THOR INDUSTRIES, INC.
(Registrant)

DATE: June 6, 2018

/s/ Robert W. Martin
Robert W. Martin
President and Chief Executive Officer

DATE: June 6, 2018

/s/ Colleen Zuhl
Colleen Zuhl
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer