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Washington, DC 20549

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 28, 2014

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 000-01649

NEWPORT CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Nevada
*(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)*

94-0849175
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1791 Deere Avenue, Irvine, California 92606

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 863-3144

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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

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

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

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

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Yes " No ý

As of July 25, 2014, 39,933,010 shares of the registrant's sole class of common stock were outstanding.



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	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net sales	\$ 153,232	\$ 134,234	\$ 300,122	\$ 266,841
Cost of sales	83,344	76,997	164,775	154,472
Gross profit	69,888	57,237	135,347	112,369
Selling, general and administrative expenses	42,085	38,067	81,291	75,675
Research and development expense	14,318	13,577	28,456	26,678
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	(411)	-
Operating income	13,485	5,593	26,011	10,016
Interest and other expense, net	(658)	(2,042)	(1,634)	(4,179)
Income before income taxes	12,827	3,551	24,377	5,837
Income tax provision	3,830	946	7,439	498
Net income	8,997	2,605	16,938	5,339
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	45	(57)	100	(69)
Net income attributable to Newport Corporation	\$ 8,952	\$ 2,662	\$ 16,838	\$ 5,408
Net income	\$ 8,997	\$ 2,605	\$ 16,938	\$ 5,339
Other comprehensive income:				
Foreign currency translation gains (losses)	(825)	777	(364)	(1,675)
Unrecognized net pension gains, net of tax	59	38	102	228
Unrealized losses on marketable securities, net of tax	(42)	(50)	(22)	(148)
Comprehensive income	\$ 8,189	\$ 3,370	\$ 16,654	\$ 3,744
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	\$ 46	\$ (85)	\$ 115	\$ (146)
Comprehensive income attributable to Newport Corporation	\$ 8,143	\$ 3,455	\$ 16,539	\$ 3,890
Comprehensive income	\$ 8,189	\$ 3,370	\$ 16,654	\$ 3,744
Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation:				
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14

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Shares used in per share calculations:

Basic	39,881	39,085	39,703	38,843
Diluted	40,528	39,361	40,513	39,311

See accompanying notes.

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	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 67,896	\$ 53,710
Restricted cash	1,725	2,305
Marketable securities	8,199	8,219
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,330 and \$1,441 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	97,396	96,388
Inventories	111,646	103,383
Deferred income taxes	22,510	22,437
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	17,583	14,769
Total current assets	326,955	301,211
Property and equipment, net	83,871	80,516
Goodwill	78,757	78,801
Deferred income taxes	4,463	4,474
Intangible assets, net	62,406	67,342
Investments and other assets	30,930	32,885
	\$ 587,382	\$ 565,229
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings, net	\$ 4,234	\$ 4,861
Accounts payable	37,927	31,714
Accrued payroll and related expenses	39,630	31,015
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	34,358	35,341
Total current liabilities	116,149	102,931
Long-term debt, net	70,795	83,646
Pension liabilities	27,915	27,093
Deferred income taxes and other liabilities	22,289	23,182
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.1167 per share, 200,000,000 shares authorized; 39,921,179 and 39,394,196 shares issued and outstanding as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	4,660	4,598
Capital in excess of par value	466,000	459,562
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(3,917)	(3,619)
Accumulated deficit	(116,735)	(133,573)
Total stockholders' equity of Newport Corporation	350,008	326,968
Non-controlling interests	226	1,409
Total stockholders' equity	350,234	328,377

\$ 587,382 \$ 565,229

See accompanying notes.

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 16,938	\$ 5,339
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	14,312	15,682
Gain on sale of assets	(411)	-
Provision for losses on inventories	2,439	3,775
Stock-based compensation expense	5,447	4,145
Provision for doubtful accounts	264	166
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	287	432
Deferred income taxes	(577)	(101)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	(2,625)	-
Increase (decrease) in cash, net of divestiture, due to changes in:		
Accounts receivable	(3,985)	1,636
Inventories	(13,277)	(3,568)
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(2,602)	(3,896)
Accounts payable	6,204	1,048
Accrued payroll and related expenses	8,241	342
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	3,946	4,290
Other long-term liabilities	(999)	(5)
Net cash provided by operating activities	33,602	29,285
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(11,895)	(8,340)
Restricted cash	582	(139)
Proceeds from divestiture of business	5,030	-
Purchase of marketable securities	(661)	(2,400)
Proceeds from the sale or maturity of marketable securities	392	2,245
Net cash used in investing activities	(6,552)	(8,634)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Repayment of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases	(15,496)	(19,422)
Proceeds from short-term borrowings	5,430	1,683
Repayment of short-term borrowings	(3,613)	(3,495)
Purchase of non-controlling interests	(1,863)	-
Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee plans	2,642	4,266
Tax withholding payments related to net share settlement of equity awards	(2,922)	(1,993)
Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation	2,625	-
Net cash used in financing activities	(13,197)	(18,961)
Impact of foreign exchange rate changes on cash balances	333	(271)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	14,186	1,419
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	53,710	88,767
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$ 67,896	\$ 90,186

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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

Cash paid during the period for interest	\$	1,032	\$	3,354
Cash paid during the period for income taxes, net	\$	3,935	\$	2,113
Property and equipment accrued in accounts payable	\$	708	\$	714

See accompanying notes.

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Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Newport Corporation and its subsidiaries (collectively referred to as the Company) and have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for interim financial information and with the instructions of Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements do not include certain footnotes and financial presentations normally required under generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and, therefore, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013. The results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results the Company will have for the full year ending January 3, 2015. The December 28, 2013 balances reported herein are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013.

Non-Controlling Interests

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company purchased all shares owned by the holders of the non-controlling interests in its Optical Metrology Ltd. subsidiary for \$0.9 million.

During the second quarter of 2014, the Company purchased all shares owned by the holder of the non-controlling interest in its Ophir Japan Ltd. subsidiary for \$0.9 million.

NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In April 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements and Property, Plant and Equipment: Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposal of Components of an Entity*, which updates the guidance in Topics 205 and 360. ASU No. 2014-08 requires that the disposal of a component of an entity or a group of components of an entity be reported in discontinued operations if the disposal represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on the entity's operations and financial results. ASU No. 2014-08 also requires additional disclosures regarding discontinued operations. ASU

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No. 2014-08 is required to be applied prospectively for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2014. The adoption of ASU No. 2014-08 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*, which created Topic 606. ASU No. 2014-09 establishes a core principle that a company should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to a customer in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In order to achieve that core principle, companies are required to apply the following steps: (1) identify the contract with the customer; (2) identify performance obligations in the contract; (3) determine the transaction price; (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract; and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the company satisfies a performance obligation. ASU No. 2014-09 will become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016 and can be applied either (i) retrospectively to each prior reporting period, or (ii) retrospectively with the cumulative effect of initial application recognized on the date of adoption. Early adoption is not permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the expected impact of ASU No. 2014-09 on its financial position and results of operations.

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NOTE 3 DIVESTITURE

During the third quarter of 2013, the Company developed a plan to sell its advanced packaging systems business and, based on negotiations for the sale of this business that occurred during the second half of 2013, the Company considered the assets and liabilities of this business as held for sale as of December 28, 2013. The Company completed the sale of this business in January 2014 for \$5.7 million, consisting of an initial purchase price of \$6.0 million, less an adjustment of \$0.3 million based on the net assets of the business at closing. The initial purchase price consisted of \$5.35 million in cash and an unsecured note receivable of \$0.65 million, and the net asset adjustment was repaid to the purchaser in cash. The Company incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs. The net book value of this business was \$9.5 million as of December 28, 2013; however, because these assets were held for sale at such time, the Company wrote them down to their net realizable value as of December 28, 2013 based on the terms that had been negotiated with the purchaser and expected transaction costs, resulting in a loss of \$4.7 million during 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, the Company recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce the loss on the sale to \$4.3 million, based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date. The net sales, operating income and cash flows of this business were not significant to the operations of the Company.

NOTE 4 MARKETABLE SECURITIES

All marketable securities of the Company were classified as available for sale and were recorded at market value using the specific identification method, and unrealized gains and losses are reflected in *accumulated other comprehensive loss* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The aggregate fair value of available for sale securities and the aggregate amount of unrealized gains and losses in available for sale securities at June 28, 2014 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Aggregate Fair Value	Gains	Aggregate Amount of Unrealized	
			Losses	
Money market funds	\$ 7,943	\$ 63	\$	-
Certificates of deposit	256	-		-
	\$ 8,199	\$ 63	\$	-

The aggregate fair value of available for sale securities and the aggregate amount of unrealized gains and losses in available for sale securities at December 28, 2013 were as follows:

(In thousands)	Aggregate	Aggregate Amount of Unrealized
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	Fair Value		Gains		Losses
Money market funds	\$ 8,052	\$	85	\$	-
Certificates of deposit	167		-		-
	\$ 8,219	\$	85	\$	-

The Company's certificates of deposit mature within one year. Money market funds do not have a maturity date.

There were no realized gains or losses on the sale of available for sale securities for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 or the three and six months ended June 29, 2013.

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, requires that for any assets and liabilities stated at fair value on a recurring basis in the Company's financial statements, the fair value of such assets and liabilities be measured based on the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Level 1 asset and liability values are derived from quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and Level 2 asset and liability values are derived from quoted prices in inactive markets or based on other observable inputs.

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The Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized in the table below based upon their level within the fair value hierarchy as of June 28, 2014.

Description	June 28, 2014	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
(In thousands)				
Assets:				
Restricted Cash	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,725	\$ -	\$ -
Marketable securities:				
Money market funds	7,943	7,943	-	-
Certificates of deposit	256	-	256	-
	8,199	7,943	256	-
Derivative assets:				
Option contracts	149	-	149	-
Forward contracts	6	-	6	-
	155	-	155	-
Funds in investments and other assets:				
Israeli pension funds	11,946	-	11,946	-
Group insurance contracts	7,023	-	7,023	-
	18,969	-	18,969	-
	\$ 29,048	\$ 9,668	\$ 19,380	\$ -
Liabilities:				
Derivative liabilities:				
Option contracts	(22)	-	(22)	-

The Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis are categorized in the table below based upon their level within the fair value hierarchy as of December 28, 2013.

Description	December 28, 2013	Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
(In thousands)				
Assets:				
Restricted Cash	\$ 2,305	\$ 2,305	\$ -	\$ -

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Marketable securities:					
Money market funds	8,052	8,052	-	-	-
Certificates of deposit	167	-	167	-	-
	8,219	8,052	167	-	-
Derivative assets:					
Option contracts	269	-	269	-	-
Funds in investments and other assets:					
Israeli pension funds	11,489	-	11,489	-	-
Group insurance contracts	6,895	-	6,895	-	-
	18,384	-	18,384	-	-
	\$ 29,177	\$ 10,357	\$ 18,820	\$ -	-
Liabilities:					
Derivative liabilities:					
Option contracts	10	-	10	-	-

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The Company's other financial instruments include short-term borrowings and long-term debt. The fair value of these financial instruments was estimated based on current rates for similar issues or on the current rates offered to the Company for debt of similar remaining maturities. The estimated fair values of these financial instruments were as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014		December 28, 2013	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Short-term borrowings	\$ 4,234	\$ 4,227	\$ 4,861	\$ 4,851
Long-term debt	\$ 70,795	\$ 69,525	\$ 83,646	\$ 82,658

NOTE 6 SUPPLEMENTAL BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION

Inventories

Inventories that are expected to be sold within one year are classified as current inventories and are included in *inventories* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Such inventories were as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Raw materials and purchased parts	\$ 65,979	\$ 61,819
Work in process	18,800	19,577
Finished goods	26,867	21,987
Short-term inventories	\$ 111,646	\$ 103,383

Inventories that are not expected to be sold within one year are classified as long-term inventories and are included in *investments and other assets* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. Such inventories were as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Raw materials and purchased parts	\$ 1,719	\$ 1,850
Finished goods	2,633	4,489
Long-term inventories	\$ 4,352	\$ 6,339

Accrued Warranty Obligations

Unless otherwise stated in the Company's product literature or in its agreements with customers, products sold by the Company's Photonics and Optics Groups generally carry a one-year warranty from the original invoice date on all product materials and workmanship, other than filters and gratings products, which generally carry a 90-day warranty, and laser beam profilers and dental CAD/CAM scanners, which generally carry a two-year warranty. Products sold by the Photonics and Optics Groups to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) customers carry warranties generally ranging from 15 to 19 months. Products sold by the Company's Lasers Group carry warranties that vary by product and product component, but generally range from 90 days to two years. In certain cases, such warranties for Lasers Group products are limited by either a set time period or a maximum amount of hourly usage of the product, whichever occurs first. Defective products will be either repaired or replaced, generally at the Company's option, upon meeting certain criteria. The Company accrues a provision for the estimated costs that may be incurred for warranties relating to a product (based on historical experience) as a component of cost of sales. Short-term accrued warranty obligations, which expire within one year, are included in *accrued expenses and other current liabilities* and long-term warranty obligations are included in *deferred income taxes and other liabilities* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

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The activity in accrued warranty obligations was as follows:

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Balance at end of period	\$ 3,194	\$ 3,211

Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities were as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Deferred revenue	\$ 12,067	\$ 13,609
Deferred lease liability	5,271	5,448
Accrued and deferred taxes	4,415	3,130
Short-term accrued warranty obligations	3,021	3,093
Other	9,584	10,061
	\$ 34,358	\$ 35,341

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of the following:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Cumulative foreign currency translation losses	\$ (2,674)	\$ (2,296)
Unrecognized net pension losses, net of tax	(2,297)	(2,399)
Unrealized gains on marketable securities, net of tax	1,054	1,076
	\$ (3,917)	\$ (3,619)

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NOTE 7 INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Intangible assets were as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Intangible assets subject to amortization:		
Developed technology, net of accumulated amortization of \$15,647 and \$14,079 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	\$ 25,195	\$ 26,805
Customer relationships, net of accumulated amortization of \$35,401 and \$32,614 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	10,998	13,795
In-process research and development, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,123 and \$759 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	6,794	7,162
Other, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,461 and \$6,324 as of June 28, 2014 and December 28, 2013, respectively	1,114	1,275
	44,101	49,037
Intangible assets not subject to amortization:		
Trademarks and trade names	18,305	18,305
Intangible assets, net	\$ 62,406	\$ 67,342

Developed technology is amortized on a straight line basis over 10 to 20 years, depending on the life of the product technology. Intangible assets related to customer relationships are generally amortized over a period of up to 10 years on an accelerated basis. In-process research and development is amortized on a straight line basis over the product's estimated useful life upon completion of the technology. Other intangible assets include acquired backlog, product trademarks and trade names, non-competition agreements and defensible assets. With the exception of product trademarks and trade names, such assets are amortized on a straight line basis over a period of three months to 10 years, depending on the asset. Trademarks and trade names associated with products are amortized on a straight line basis over the estimated remaining life of the product technology, which ranges from 10 to 20 years. Trademarks and trade names associated with a business have indefinite lives and are not amortized.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets totaled \$2.4 million and \$4.9 million for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, respectively, and \$2.6 million and \$5.1 million for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, respectively.

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Estimated aggregate amortization expense for future fiscal years is as follows:

(In thousands)		Estimated Aggregate Amortization Expense
2014 (remaining)	\$	3,665
2015		6,937
2016		6,552
2017		5,569
2018		3,445
Thereafter		17,499
	\$	43,667

The Company has excluded \$0.4 million of estimated amortization expense related to certain in-process research and development from the table above, as it was uncertain as of June 28, 2014 when the technology will be completed and when the amortization will begin.

NOTE 8 INTEREST AND OTHER EXPENSE, NET

Interest and other expense, net, was as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Interest expense	\$ (595)	\$ (1,793)	\$ (1,256)	\$ (3,583)
Interest and dividend income	69	56	123	104
Derivative gain	137	171	125	373
Bank and portfolio asset management fees	(266)	(195)	(526)	(386)
Other expense, net	(3)	(281)	(100)	(687)
	\$ (658)	\$ (2,042)	\$ (1,634)	\$ (4,179)

NOTE 9 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

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During the six months ended June 28, 2014, the Company granted 0.6 million restricted stock units and 0.6 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with weighted average grant date fair values of \$18.31 and \$7.85, respectively.

The total stock-based compensation expense included in the Company's consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income was as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Cost of sales	\$ 279	\$ 244	\$ 491	\$ 453
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,465	1,373	4,301	3,193
Research and development expense	366	259	655	499
	\$ 3,110	\$ 1,876	\$ 5,447	\$ 4,145

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At June 28, 2014, the total compensation cost related to unvested stock-based awards granted to employees, officers and directors under the Company's stock-based benefit plans that had not yet been recognized was \$24.4 million, net of estimated forfeitures. This future compensation expense will be amortized over a weighted-average period of 2.2 years using the straight-line attribution method. The actual compensation expense that the Company will recognize in the future related to unvested stock-based awards outstanding at June 28, 2014 will be adjusted for actual forfeitures and will be adjusted based on the Company's determination as to the extent to which performance conditions applicable to any stock-based awards have been or will be achieved.

At June 28, 2014, 0.3 million stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$13.46 per share, intrinsic value of \$1.2 million and remaining contractual term of 0.6 years were outstanding and were exercisable. At June 28, 2014, 2.3 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$13.84 per share, intrinsic value of \$9.7 million and remaining contractual term of 4.8 years were outstanding, of which 1.2 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$11.41 per share, intrinsic value of \$7.9 million and remaining contractual term of 3.5 years were exercisable.

NOTE 10 DEBT AND LINES OF CREDIT

Total short-term debt was as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
Japanese revolving lines of credit	\$ 690	\$ 666
Japanese receivables financing facilities	2,476	615
Current portion of long-term debt	1,068	3,580
Total short-term borrowings	\$ 4,234	\$ 4,861

Total long-term debt was as follows:

(In thousands)	June 28, 2014	December 28, 2013
U.S. revolving line of credit expiring July 2018	\$ 70,500	\$ 83,000
Israeli loans due through October 2015	1,358	2,110
Japanese private placement bonds due June 2014	-	1,902

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Japanese loans due through June 2016		5	214
Total long-term debt		71,863	87,226
Current portion of long-term debt		1,068	3,580
Total long-term debt, less current portion	\$	70,795	\$ 83,646

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NOTE 11 NET INCOME PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net income per share:

(In thousands, except per share data)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net income attributable to Newport Corporation	\$ 8,952	\$ 2,662	\$ 16,838	\$ 5,408
Shares:				
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	39,881	39,085	39,703	38,843
Dilutive potential common shares, using treasury stock method	647	276	810	468
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	40,528	39,361	40,513	39,311
Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation:				
Basic	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14
Diluted	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.42	\$ 0.14

For the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, an aggregate of 0.7 million stock appreciation rights, and for the three and six months ended June 28, 2013, an aggregate of 0.9 million stock options and stock appreciation rights, were excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share, as their inclusion would have been antidilutive. For the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, 0.4 million restricted stock units were excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share, as the amount of unrecognized future compensation expense associated with these restricted stock units would have resulted in assumed proceeds in excess of the amount required to repurchase the underlying shares under the treasury stock method and, therefore, their inclusion would have been antidilutive. For the three and six months ended June 28, 2014, 0.6 million performance-based restricted stock units, and for the three and six months ended June 29, 2013, an additional 0.7 million performance-based restricted stock units, were excluded from the computations of diluted net income per share, as the performance criteria for their vesting had not been met as of the end of such periods.

NOTE 12 INCOME TAXES

Under ASC 740-270, *Income Taxes - Interim Reporting*, the Company is required to evaluate and make any necessary adjustments to its effective tax rate each quarter as new information is obtained that may affect the assumptions used to estimate its annual effective tax rate. The Company's assumptions relate to factors such as the projected level and mix of pre-tax earnings in the various tax jurisdictions in which it operates, valuation allowances against deferred tax assets, the recognition or derecognition of tax benefits related to uncertain tax positions, expected utilization of tax credits and changes in or the interpretation of tax laws in jurisdictions in which the Company conducts business. In

addition, jurisdictions for which the Company has projected losses for the year, or a year-to-date loss, where no tax benefit can be recognized, are excluded from the calculation of the estimated annual effective tax rate. Changes in the assumptions and the inclusion or exclusion of certain jurisdictions could result in a higher or lower effective tax rate during a particular quarter.

Deferred income taxes are recognized for the future tax consequences of temporary differences using enacted statutory tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. Temporary differences include the difference between the financial statement carrying amounts and the tax bases of existing assets and liabilities and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. The effect of a change in tax rates on deferred taxes is recognized in income in the period that includes the enactment date. In accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, a valuation allowance for deferred tax assets is recorded to the extent the Company cannot determine that the ultimate realization of the net deferred tax assets is more likely than not. Realization of deferred tax assets is principally dependent upon the achievement of future taxable income, the estimation of which requires significant management judgment. As of June 28, 2014, the Company could not determine that it is more likely than not that deferred tax assets related to certain domestic and foreign net operating loss carryforwards and certain other miscellaneous domestic and foreign deferred tax assets would be realized. Therefore, the Company has maintained a valuation allowance of \$2.3 million against its domestic and certain foreign subsidiaries' deferred tax assets.

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The Company utilizes ASC 740-10-25, *Income Taxes - Recognition*, which requires income tax positions to meet a more-likely-than-not recognition threshold to be recognized in the financial statements. Under ASC 740-10-25, tax positions that previously failed to meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be recognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is met. Previously recognized tax positions that no longer meet the more-likely-than-not threshold should be derecognized in the first subsequent financial reporting period in which that threshold is no longer met. As a multi-national corporation, the Company is subject to taxation in many jurisdictions, and the calculation of its tax liabilities involves dealing with uncertainties in the application of complex tax laws and regulations in various taxing jurisdictions. If the Company ultimately determines that the payment of these liabilities will be unnecessary, it reverses the liability and recognizes a tax benefit during the period in which it determines the liability no longer applies. Conversely, the Company records additional tax charges in a period in which it determines that a recorded tax liability is less than it expects the ultimate assessment to be. As a result of these adjustments, the Company's effective tax rate in a given financial statement period could be materially affected. As of June 28, 2014, the Company had \$17.3 million of gross unrecognized tax benefits and a total of \$14.3 million of net unrecognized tax benefits, which, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate. Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits were not significant for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014.

NOTE 13 STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY TRANSACTIONS

In May 2008, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a share repurchase program, authorizing the purchase of up to 4.0 million shares of the Company's common stock. No purchases were made under this program during the six months ended June 28, 2014. As of June 28, 2014, 3.9 million shares remained available for purchase under the program. The terms of the Company's Credit Agreement dated July 18, 2013 permit the Company to purchase shares under the repurchase program during the term of such facility, subject to certain conditions and limitations.

In the second quarter of 2014, the Company cancelled 0.1 million restricted stock units in payment by employees of taxes owed upon the vesting of restricted stock units issued to them under the Company's stock incentive plans. The value of these restricted stock units totaled \$2.9 million at the time they were cancelled.

NOTE 14 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLANS

The Company has defined benefit pension plans covering substantially all full-time employees in France, Germany, Israel and Japan. In addition, the Company has certain pension liabilities relating to former employees of the Company in the United Kingdom. The German plan is unfunded, as permitted under the plan and applicable laws. For financial reporting purposes, the calculation of net periodic pension costs is based upon a number of actuarial assumptions, including a discount rate for plan obligations, an assumed rate of return on pension plan assets and an assumed rate of compensation increase for employees covered by the plan. All of these assumptions are based upon management's judgment, considering all known trends and uncertainties. Actual results that differ from these assumptions would impact future expense recognition and the cash funding requirements of the Company's pension plans.

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Net periodic benefit costs for the plans in aggregate included the following components:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Service cost	\$ 1,047	\$ 1,133	\$ 1,260	\$ 1,438
Interest cost on benefit obligations	114	161	316	326
Expected return on plan assets	(71)	(51)	(141)	(103)
Amortization of net loss	45	62	90	124
	\$ 1,135	\$ 1,305	\$ 1,525	\$ 1,785

NOTE 15 BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The operating segments reported below are the segments of the Company for which separate financial information is available and for which operating results are evaluated regularly by the Chief Executive Officer, who is the chief operating decision maker, in deciding how to allocate resources and in assessing performance. The Company develops, manufactures and markets its products within three distinct business segments: its Photonics Group, its Lasers Group and its Optics Group.

The Company measured income reported for each operating segment, which included only those costs that were directly attributable to the operations of that segment, and excluded unallocated operating expenses, such as corporate overhead and intangible asset amortization, a gain on the sale of assets, interest and other expense, net, and income taxes.

(In thousands)	Photonics	Lasers	Optics	Total
Three months ended June 28, 2014:				
Sales to external customers	\$ 63,466	\$ 47,113	\$ 42,653	\$ 153,232
Segment income	\$ 14,400	\$ 6,148	\$ 4,989	\$ 25,537
Three months ended June 29, 2013:				
Sales to external customers	\$ 55,449	\$ 39,423	\$ 39,362	\$ 134,234
Segment income	\$ 10,767	\$ 4,225	\$ 1,875	\$ 16,867
Six months ended June 28, 2014:				
Sales to external customers	\$ 122,936	\$ 93,587	\$ 83,599	\$ 300,122
Segment income	\$ 27,946	\$ 11,728	\$ 9,545	\$ 49,219

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Six months ended June 29, 2013:

Sales to external customers	\$	113,816	\$	78,308	\$	74,717	\$	266,841
Segment income	\$	23,333	\$	7,358	\$	2,575	\$	33,266

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The following table reconciles segment income to consolidated income before income taxes:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Segment income	\$ 25,537	\$ 16,867	\$ 49,219	\$ 33,266
Unallocated operating expenses	(12,052)	(11,274)	(23,619)	(23,250)
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	411	-
Interest and other expense, net	(658)	(2,042)	(1,634)	(4,179)
	\$ 12,827	\$ 3,551	\$ 24,377	\$ 5,837

NOTE 16 SUBSEQUENT EVENT

In July 2014, the Company entered into an agreement to acquire all of the capital stock of V-Gen Ltd. (V-Gen). The transaction is subject to certain closing conditions and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2014. V-Gen will enhance the Company's fiber laser products and technology and will be included in the Company's Lasers Group.

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

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013 previously filed with the SEC. This discussion contains descriptions of our expectations regarding future trends affecting our business. Words such as anticipate, believe, can, continue, could, estimate, expect, may, plan, potential, predict, should or the illegitimate, other variations thereof or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, any statements that refer to projections of our future financial performance or condition, trends in our business, or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements and other forward-looking statements made elsewhere in this report are made in reliance upon safe harbor provisions in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of several factors, including, but not limited to those factors set forth and discussed in Item 1 (Business) and Item 1A (Risk Factors) of Part I, and Item 7 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) of Part II, of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 28, 2013. In light of the significant uncertainties inherent in the forward-looking information included in this report, the inclusion of this information should not be regarded as a representation by us or any other person that our objectives or plans will be achieved and readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking information. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Overview

We are a global supplier of advanced-technology products and systems, including lasers, photonics instrumentation, precision positioning and vibration isolation products and systems, optical components, subassemblies and subsystems, and three-dimensional non-contact measurement equipment. Our products are used worldwide in a variety of industries, including scientific research, defense and security, microelectronics, life and health sciences and industrial markets. We operate within three distinct business segments: our Photonics Group, our Lasers Group and our Optics Group. All of these groups offer a broad array of advanced technology products and services to original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and end-user customers across a wide range of applications in all of our targeted end markets.

The following is a discussion and analysis of certain factors that have affected our results of operations and financial condition during the periods included in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

The preparation of our consolidated financial statements requires that we make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We evaluate these estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on our historical experience and on various other factors which we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the amounts of certain expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. The accounting policies that involve the most significant judgments, assumptions and estimates used in the preparation of our financial statements are those related to revenue recognition, allowances for doubtful accounts, pension liabilities, inventory reserves, warranty obligations, asset impairment, income taxes and stock-based compensation. The judgments, assumptions and estimates used

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in these areas by their nature involve risks and uncertainties, and in the event that any of them prove to be inaccurate in any material respect, it could have a material effect on our reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and on the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. A summary of these critical accounting policies is included in Item 7 (Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations) of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 28, 2013. There have been no material changes to the critical accounting policies disclosed in such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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During the third quarter of 2013, we developed a plan to sell our advanced packaging systems business and, based on negotiations for the sale of this business that occurred during the second half of 2013, we considered the assets and liabilities of this business as held for sale as of December 28, 2013. We completed the sale of this business in January 2014 for \$5.7 million, consisting of an initial purchase price of \$6.0 million, less an adjustment of \$0.3 million based on the net assets of the business at closing. The initial purchase price consisted of \$5.35 million in cash and an unsecured note receivable of \$0.65 million, and the net asset adjustment was repaid to the purchaser in cash. We incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs. The net book value of this business was \$9.5 million as of December 28, 2013; however, because these assets were held for sale at such time, we wrote them down to their net realizable value as of December 28, 2013 based on the terms that had been negotiated with the purchaser and expected transaction costs, resulting in a loss of \$4.7 million during 2013. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce the loss on the sale to \$4.3 million, based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date. The net sales, operating income and cash flows of this business were not significant to our operations.

Subsequent Event

In July 2014, we entered into an agreement to acquire all of the capital stock of V-Gen, Ltd. (V-Gen). The transaction is subject to certain closing conditions and is expected to close in the third quarter of 2014. V-Gen will enhance our fiber laser products and technology and will be included in our Lasers Group.

Stock-Based Compensation

During the six months ended June 28, 2014, we granted 0.6 million restricted stock units and 0.6 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with weighted average grant date fair values of \$18.31 and \$7.85, respectively.

The total stock-based compensation expense included in our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income was as follows:

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Cost of sales	\$ 279	\$ 244	\$ 491	\$ 453
Selling, general and administrative expenses	2,465	1,373	4,301	3,193
Research and development expense	366	259	655	499
	\$ 3,110	\$ 1,876	\$ 5,447	\$ 4,145

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The following table presents our results of operations for the periods indicated as a percentage of net sales:

	Percentage of Net Sales			
	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	54.4	57.4	54.9	57.9
Gross profit	45.6	42.6	45.1	42.1
Selling, general and administrative expenses	27.5	28.4	27.1	28.4
Research and development expense	9.3	10.1	9.5	10.0
Gain on sale of assets	-	-	(0.1)	-
Operating income	8.8	4.1	8.6	3.7
Interest and other expense, net	(0.4)	(1.5)	(0.5)	(1.5)
Income before income taxes	8.4	2.6	8.1	2.2
Income tax provision	2.5	0.7	2.5	0.2
Net income	5.9	1.9	5.6	2.0
Net income (loss) attributable to non-controlling interests	0.0	(0.0)	0.0	(0.0)
Net income attributable to Newport Corporation	5.9%	1.9%	5.6%	2.0%

Net Sales

Net sales for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased by \$19.0 million, or 14.2%, compared with the corresponding period in 2013. For the three months ended June 28, 2014, net sales by our Photonics Group increased \$8.0 million, or 14.5%; net sales by our Lasers Group increased \$7.7 million, or 19.5%; and net sales by our Optics Group increased \$3.3 million, or 8.4%, compared with the corresponding prior year period. Net sales for the six months ended June 28, 2014 increased by \$33.3 million, or 12.5%, compared with the corresponding period in 2013. For the six months ended June 28, 2014, net sales by our Photonics Group increased \$9.1 million, or 8.0%; net sales by our Lasers Group increased \$15.3 million, or 19.5%; and net sales by our Optics Group increased \$8.9 million, or 11.9%, compared with the corresponding prior year period. We experienced modest to significant increases in net sales in all of our end markets in the second quarter of 2014, and in all of our end markets except for the defense and security markets in the first half of 2014, compared with the same periods in 2013.

Net sales to the scientific research market for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$0.6 million, or 1.9%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to the scientific research market for the six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$1.5 million, or 2.5%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increases in sales to this market during the current year periods compared with the same periods in 2013 were due primarily to a modest improvement in overall conditions in this market during the first half of 2014 compared with the depressed sales levels in the first half of 2013, which were caused by uncertainty in governmental research funding levels at that time. Generally, our net sales to this market by each of our operating groups may fluctuate from period to period due to changes in overall research spending levels and the timing of large sales relating to major research programs and, in some cases, these fluctuations may be offsetting between our operating groups or between

such periods.

Net sales to the defense and security markets for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased by \$0.7 million, or 5.2%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to the defense and security markets for the six months ended June 28, 2014 decreased by \$3.1 million, or 10.7%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increase in sales to the defense and security markets for the three-month period was due primarily to increased sales of photonics products. Sales to these markets for the six-month period in 2014 were negatively impacted by continued uncertainty in future defense spending levels, primarily in the United States and Israel, which led to decreased sales of optics products to OEM customers for existing programs, particularly in the first quarter. Generally, our net sales to these markets by each of our operating groups may fluctuate from period to period due to changes in overall defense spending levels and the timing of large sales relating to major defense programs and, in some cases, these fluctuations may be offsetting between our operating groups or between such periods.

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Net sales to the microelectronics market for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$11.9 million, or 40.8%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to the microelectronics market for the six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$18.1 million, or 31.9%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increases in sales to this market in the current year periods compared with the 2013 periods were due primarily to increased sales to semiconductor equipment manufacturing customers relating to new development programs and to increased sales of laser products used for materials processing applications related to the manufacture of electronic products.

Net sales to the life and health sciences market for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$1.2 million, or 3.9%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to the life and health sciences market for the six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$4.3 million, or 6.8%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increases in sales to this market in the current year periods compared with the same periods in 2013 were due primarily to increased sales of products for surgical and dental applications.

Net sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets for the three months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$4.6 million, or 15.3%, compared with the same period in 2013. Net sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets for the six months ended June 28, 2014 increased \$12.5 million, or 21.7%, compared with the same period in 2013. The increases in sales to these markets in the current year periods compared with the same periods in 2013 were due primarily to increased sales of products used for optical communications and graphics applications. For the three-month period in 2014, we also had higher sales of products used in prototyping applications.

The table below reflects our net sales by geographic region. Sales are attributed to each location based on the customer address to which the product is shipped.

(In thousands)	Three Months Ended			Increase	Percentage Increase
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013			
United States	\$ 59,125	\$ 53,279	\$ 5,846	11.0 %	
Germany	20,079	15,682	4,397	28.0	
Other European countries	22,662	20,145	2,517	12.5	
Japan	12,486	11,788	698	5.9	
Other Pacific Rim countries	27,222	21,823	5,399	24.7	
Rest of world	11,658	11,517	141	1.2	
	\$ 153,232	\$ 134,234	\$ 18,998	14.2 %	

(In thousands)	Six Months Ended			Increase	Percentage Increase
	June 28, 2014	June 29, 2013			
United States	\$ 110,523	\$ 103,348	\$ 7,175	6.9 %	
Germany	41,294	32,103	9,191	28.6	
Other European countries	42,934	39,518	3,416	8.6	
Japan	29,732	25,883	3,849	14.9	
Other Pacific Rim countries	53,476	44,395	9,081	20.5	
Rest of world	22,163	21,594	569	2.6	
	\$ 300,122	\$ 266,841	\$ 33,281	12.5 %	

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The increases in sales to customers in the United States for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were attributable primarily to higher sales to our microelectronics and industrial manufacturing and other end markets. These increases were offset in part by lower sales to customers in our scientific research end market in both periods in 2014, lower sales to customers in our life and health sciences end market in the three-month period in 2014, and lower sales to customers in our defense and security end market in the six-month period in 2014, compared with the same periods in 2013.

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The increases in sales to customers in Germany for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were attributable to higher sales to customers in all of our end markets. The increases in sales to customers in other countries in Europe for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were attributable primarily to higher sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets and our microelectronics end market. For the six-month period ended June 28, 2014, these increases were offset in part by lower sales to our scientific research and life and health sciences end markets.

The increases in sales to customers in Japan for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were due primarily to higher sales to our industrial manufacturing and other end markets and our microelectronics end market, offset in part by lower sales to our scientific research and life and health sciences end markets. The increases in sales to customers in Pacific Rim countries other than Japan for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were attributable to higher sales to all of our end markets, except for slightly lower sales to customers in our defense and security end markets.

The increases in sales to customers in the rest of the world for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the corresponding periods in 2013 were due to higher sales to customers in all of our end markets, except for lower sales to defense customers in Israel for the six-month period.

Gross Margin

Gross margin was 45.6% and 42.6% for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, and gross margin was 45.1% and 42.1% for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively. The increases in gross margin for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the prior year periods were due primarily to increased absorption of manufacturing overhead, resulting from higher sales and production levels, and a higher proportion of sales of higher margin products by our Optics and Photonics Groups.

In general, we expect that our gross margin will vary in any given period depending upon factors such as our mix of sales, product pricing variations, manufacturing absorption levels, and changes in levels of inventory and warranty reserves.

Selling, General and Administrative (SG&A) Expenses

SG&A expenses totaled \$42.1 million, or 27.5% of net sales, and \$38.1 million, or 28.4% of net sales, for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively. SG&A expenses totaled \$81.3 million, or 27.1% of net sales, and \$75.7 million, or 28.4% of net sales, for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively. The increases in SG&A expenses in absolute dollars for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the prior year periods were due to increases of \$4.6 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, in personnel costs, resulting primarily from higher incentive compensation and stock-based compensation expenses. We recorded minimal cash incentive compensation expenses during the 2013 periods due to the lack of expected payouts under our 2013 incentive plans.

In general, we expect that SG&A expenses will vary as a percentage of net sales in the future based on our sales level in any given period. Because the majority of our SG&A expenses is fixed in the short term, changes in SG&A expenses will likely not be in proportion to changes in

net sales. In addition, any acquisitions would increase our SG&A expenses, and such increases may not be in proportion to the changes in net sales.

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Research and Development (R&D) Expense

R&D expense totaled \$14.3 million, or 9.3% of net sales, and \$13.6 million, or 10.1% of net sales, for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively. R&D expense totaled \$28.5 million, or 9.5% of net sales, and \$26.7 million, or 10.0% of net sales, for the six months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively. The increases in R&D expense in absolute dollars for the three and six months ended June 28, 2014 compared with the prior year periods were due primarily to increased incentive compensation expenses.

We believe that the continued development and advancement of our products and technologies is critical to our success, and we intend to continue to invest in R&D initiatives, while working to ensure that our efforts are focused and the resources are deployed efficiently. In general, we expect that R&D expense as a percentage of net sales will vary in the future based on our sales level in any given period. Because of our commitment to continued product development, and because the majority of our R&D expense is fixed in the short term, changes in R&D expense will likely not be in proportion to changes in net sales. In addition, any acquisitions would increase our R&D expenses, and such increases may not be in proportion to the changes in net sales.

Gain on Sale of Assets

As discussed in more detail under the heading *Divestiture* on page 19, we completed the sale of our advanced packaging systems business in January 2014. Such assets were held for sale as of December 28, 2013, and we recorded a loss relating to the anticipated sale of this business in 2013 based on the terms that had been negotiated with the purchaser. During the first quarter of 2014, we recognized a gain of \$0.4 million to reduce such loss based on the final terms of the transaction and the net assets of the business on the closing date.

Interest and Other Expense, Net

Interest and other expense, net totaled \$0.7 million and \$2.0 million for the three months ended June 28, 2014 and June 29, 2013, respectively, a