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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended April 4, 2015

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)

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

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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

Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

Yes No

As of April 30, 2015, 39,844,699 shares of the registrant's sole class of common stock were outstanding.

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| | Three Months Ended | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Net sales | \$ 156,655 | \$ 146,890 |
| Cost of sales | 86,374 | 81,431 |
| Gross profit | 70,281 | 65,459 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 40,609 | 39,206 |
| Research and development expense | 14,955 | 14,138 |
| Loss (gain) on sale or other disposal of assets, net | 1,088 | (411) |
| Operating income | 13,629 | 12,526 |
| Interest and other expense, net | (903) | (976) |
| Income before income taxes | 12,726 | 11,550 |
| Income tax provision | 4,062 | 3,609 |
| Net income | 8,664 | 7,941 |
| Net income attributable to non-controlling interests | | 55 |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ 8,664 | \$ 7,886 |
| Net income | \$ 8,664 | \$ 7,941 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | |
| Foreign currency translation (losses) gains | (6,211) | 461 |
| Unrecognized net pension gains, net of tax | 470 | 43 |
| Unrealized (losses) gains on investments and marketable securities, net of tax | (108) | 20 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss) | (5,849) | 524 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 2,815 | \$ 8,465 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests | | \$ 69 |
| Comprehensive income attributable to Newport Corporation | 2,815 | 8,396 |
| Comprehensive income | \$ 2,815 | \$ 8,465 |
| Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.20 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.19 |

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Shares used in per share calculations:

| | | |
|---------|--------|--------|
| Basic | 39,601 | 39,525 |
| Diluted | 40,560 | 40,499 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share and per share data)

(Unaudited)

| | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 31,192 | \$ 46,883 |
| Restricted cash | 1,524 | 1,704 |
| Marketable securities | 6 | 57 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,268 and \$1,242 as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | 103,946 | 96,512 |
| Inventories | 121,188 | 112,440 |
| Current deferred tax assets | 20,885 | 20,734 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 22,053 | 14,948 |
| Total current assets | 300,794 | 293,278 |
| Property and equipment, net | 82,914 | 82,793 |
| Goodwill | 104,643 | 97,524 |
| Long-term deferred tax assets | 5,204 | 5,005 |
| Intangible assets, net | 72,093 | 70,811 |
| Investments and other assets | 27,494 | 30,516 |
| Total assets | \$ 593,142 | \$ 579,927 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Short-term borrowings | \$ 3,567 | \$ 3,772 |
| Accounts payable | 35,990 | 31,448 |
| Accrued payroll and related expenses | 35,967 | 34,607 |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities | 34,227 | 31,797 |
| Total current liabilities | 109,751 | 101,624 |
| Long-term debt | 78,000 | 71,000 |
| Pension liabilities | 27,724 | 28,554 |
| Long-term deferred tax liabilities | 14,559 | 14,272 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 7,616 | 7,773 |
| Commitments and contingencies | | |
| Stockholders' equity: | | |
| Common stock, par value \$0.1167 per share, 200,000,000 shares authorized; 39,817,899 and 39,603,662 shares issued and outstanding as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | 4,651 | 4,626 |
| Capital in excess of par value | 464,523 | 468,575 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (23,831) | (17,982) |
| Accumulated deficit | (89,851) | (98,515) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 355,492 | 356,704 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 593,142 | \$ 579,927 |

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Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

(Unaudited)

| | April 4, 2015 | Three Months Ended March 29, 2014 |
|---|------------------|---|
| CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Net income | \$ 8,664 | \$ 7,941 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 6,966 | 7,160 |
| Gain on sale of assets | | (411) |
| Provision for losses on inventories | 1,223 | 984 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 4,084 | 2,337 |
| Provision for doubtful accounts | 87 | 159 |
| Loss on disposal of property and equipment | 1,139 | 286 |
| Deferred income taxes | (272) | (336) |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | (655) | |
| Increase (decrease) in cash, net of acquisition and divestiture, due to changes in: | | |
| Accounts receivable | (7,445) | (3,155) |
| Inventories | (9,275) | (6,471) |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets | (4,761) | (2,947) |
| Accounts payable | 1,962 | 752 |
| Accrued payroll and related expenses | 1,022 | 134 |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities | 2,205 | 3,856 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 175 | (909) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 5,119 | 9,380 |
| CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Purchase of property and equipment | (5,679) | (4,950) |
| Restricted cash | 89 | (47) |
| Proceeds from divestiture of business | | 5,030 |
| Acquisition of business, net of cash acquired | (8,417) | |
| Refundable amounts related to acquisition of business | (1,767) | |
| Purchase of investments and marketable securities | (503) | (590) |
| Proceeds from the sale or maturity of investments and marketable securities | 123 | 395 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (16,154) | (162) |
| CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES: | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | 11,000 | |
| Repayment of long-term debt and obligations under capital leases | (4,004) | (12,961) |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings | 344 | 1,016 |
| Repayment of short-term borrowings | (4,599) | (701) |
| Purchases of non-controlling interests | | (931) |
| Proceeds from the issuance of common stock under employee plans | 705 | 2,789 |
| Tax withholding payments related to net share settlement of equity awards | (3,419) | |
| Purchases of the Company's common stock | (5,995) | |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation | 655 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (5,313) | (10,788) |

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| Impact of foreign exchange rate changes on cash balances | | 657 | | 462 |
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents | | (15,691) | | (1,108) |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | | 46,883 | | 53,710 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | \$ | 31,192 | \$ | 52,602 |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: | | | | |
| Cash paid during the period for interest | \$ | 462 | \$ | 589 |
| Cash paid during the period for income taxes, net | \$ | 2,546 | \$ | 2,007 |
| Property and equipment accrued in accounts payable | \$ | 165 | \$ | 450 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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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 January 3, 2015. The results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results the Company will have for the full year ending January 2, 2016. The January 3, 2015 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 January 3, 2015.

NOTE 2 RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (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. Upon adoption, ASU No. 2014-09 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. At the time of issuance, ASU No. 2014-09 was to become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption was not permitted. However, in April 2015, the FASB proposed deferring the effective date by one year to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The FASB also proposed permitting early adoption of the standard, but not before the original effective date of December 15, 2016. The FASB's proposed deferral is not yet a final decision. The Company is currently evaluating the expected impact of ASU No. 2014-09 on its financial position and results of operations.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*. ASU No. 2015-03 requires debt issuance costs to be presented as a reduction from the carrying amount of the related debt rather than as a deferred charge (an asset). ASU No. 2015-03 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and is required to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected for the first quarter of 2015. The Company's adoption of ASU No. 2015-03

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would have resulted in a decrease in both *investments and other assets* and *long-term debt* of \$1.0 million as of April 4, 2015.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04, *Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer's Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets*. ASU No. 2015-04 allows companies with a fiscal year-end that does not coincide with a month-end to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations using the month-end date that is closest to the entity's fiscal year-end. This practical expedient is required to be applied consistently year to year and for all plans. However, if a contribution or significant event occurs between the month-end date and the entity's fiscal year-end, the defined benefit plan assets and obligations should be adjusted to capture such events. ASU No. 2015-04 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-04 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

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In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05, *Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*. ASU No. 2015-05 provides guidance for determining whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. A cloud computing arrangement is considered to contain a license if the customer has a contractual right to take possession of the software without significant penalty and it is feasible for the customer to run the software on its own or with an unrelated vendor. If the arrangement includes a software license, the customer should account for the purchase of the license consistent with the purchase of other licenses. If the arrangement does not include a license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. ASU No. 2015-05 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and can be applied prospectively or retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-05 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position or results of operations.

NOTE 3 ACQUISITION OF FEMTOLASERS

On February 11, 2015, the Company acquired all of the capital stock of FEMTOLASERS Produktions GmbH (FEMTOLASERS). The initial purchase price of \$9.1 million was paid in cash at closing and is subject to a net asset adjustment. Based on the preliminary financial information provided by FEMTOLASERS, the Company has estimated an adjustment to the purchase price of approximately \$1.6 million, which would result in a purchase price of \$7.5 million (approximately \$8.5 million). The amount of this adjustment will be finalized following completion of the audit of FEMTOLASERS' balance sheet as of the closing date, which the Company expects will occur during the second quarter of 2015. Of the initial purchase price, \$2.3 million was deposited at closing into escrow until thirty months after closing, to secure certain obligations of the FEMTOLASERS selling shareholders under the share purchase agreement, including the net asset adjustment. The Company incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs, which have been expensed as incurred and are included in *selling, general and administrative expenses* in the accompanying statements of income and comprehensive income. FEMTOLASERS expands the Company's offering of ultrafast laser products and enhances its technology base in this area. The results of FEMTOLASERS have been included in the results of the Company's Lasers Group as of the acquisition date.

Immediately following the closing of the transaction, the Company repaid \$3.6 million (approximately \$4.0 million) of FEMTOLASERS outstanding loans that were assumed as part of the acquisition.

The consideration paid by the Company for the acquisition of FEMTOLASERS is allocated to the assets acquired, net of the liabilities assumed, based upon their estimated fair values as of the date of the acquisition. The excess of the purchase price over the estimated fair value of the assets acquired, net of the estimated fair value of the liabilities assumed, is recorded as goodwill. The Company has not yet finalized the purchase price or its final evaluation of the fair value of certain assets acquired. Any changes during the measurement period may have an impact on the allocation of the purchase price, including values assigned to assets, liabilities and the amount of estimated goodwill represented in the table below.

(In thousands)

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| | | |
|--|----|---------|
| Assets acquired and liabilities assumed: | | |
| Cash | \$ | 78 |
| Accounts receivable | | 2,007 |
| Inventories | | 2,315 |
| Deferred tax assets | | 596 |
| Other assets | | 2,057 |
| Goodwill | | 7,841 |
| Developed technology | | 1,811 |
| In-process research and development | | 1,664 |
| Other intangible assets | | 543 |
| Accounts payable | | (3,417) |
| Debt | | (4,021) |
| Deferred tax liabilities | | (1,005) |
| Other liabilities | | (1,974) |
| | \$ | 8,495 |

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The goodwill related to the acquisition of FEMTOLASERS has been allocated to the Company's Lasers Group and will not be deductible for tax purposes.

The actual net sales and net income of FEMTOLASERS from February 11, 2015, the closing date of the acquisition, that were included in the Company's consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three months ended April 4, 2015, are set forth in the table below. Also set forth in the table below are the pro forma net sales and net income of the Company during the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, including the results of FEMTOLASERS as though the acquisition had occurred at the beginning of 2014. This supplemental pro forma financial information is presented for information purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved if the acquisition had occurred as of the beginning of 2014.

| (Unaudited, in thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Actual: | | |
| Net sales | \$ 350 | \$ |
| Net loss attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ (460) | \$ |
| Supplemental pro forma information: | | |
| Net sales | \$ 156,924 | \$ 149,328 |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ 8,999 | \$ 7,758 |

For the purposes of determining pro forma net income, adjustments were made to actual net income of the Company for both periods presented in the table above. The pro forma net income assumes amortization of acquired intangible assets began at the beginning of 2014 rather than on February 11, 2015. The result is a net increase in amortization expense of \$0.1 million for each of the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014. Transaction costs totaling \$0.4 million, which were incurred prior to the closing of the acquisition, are excluded from pro forma net income.

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 April 4, 2015 were as follows:

Aggregate

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| (In thousands) | Fair Value | Aggregate Amount of Unrealized | |
|-------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | | Gains | Losses |
| Money market funds | \$ 6 | \$ | \$ |
| Certificates of deposit | \$ 6 | \$ | \$ |

The aggregate fair value of available for sale securities and the aggregate amount of unrealized gains and losses in available for sale securities at January 3, 2015 were as follows:

| (In thousands) | Aggregate Fair Value | Aggregate Amount of Unrealized | |
|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|--------|
| | | Gains | Losses |
| Money market funds | \$ 7 | \$ | \$ |
| Certificates of deposit | 50 | | |
| | \$ 57 | \$ | \$ |

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Money market funds do not have a maturity date.

There were no gross realized gains and losses for the three months ended April 4, 2015 or March 29, 2014.

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) 820-10, *Fair Value Measurements*, 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.

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 April 4, 2015.

| (In thousands) Description | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|
| | April 4, 2015 | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Restricted Cash | \$ 1,524 | \$ 1,524 | \$ | \$ |
| Marketable securities: | | | | |
| Money market funds | 6 | 6 | | |
| Derivative assets: | | | | |
| Option contracts | 159 | | 159 | |
| Funds in investments and other assets: | | | | |
| Israeli pension funds | 11,240 | | 11,240 | |
| Group insurance contracts | 5,784 | | 5,784 | |
| | 17,024 | | 17,024 | |
| | \$ 18,713 | \$ 1,530 | \$ 17,183 | \$ |

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Liabilities:

Derivative liabilities:

Option contracts

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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 January 3, 2015.

| (In thousands) Description | January 3, 2015 | 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) |
| Assets: | | | | |
| Restricted Cash | \$ 1,704 | \$ 1,704 | \$ | \$ |
| Marketable securities: | | | | |
| Money market funds | 7 | 7 | | |
| Certificates of deposit | 50 | | 50 | |
| | 57 | 7 | 50 | |
| Derivative assets: | | | | |
| Option contracts | 103 | | 103 | |
| Funds in investments and other assets: | | | | |
| Israeli pension funds | 11,090 | | 11,090 | |
| Group insurance contracts | 6,140 | | 6,140 | |
| | 17,230 | | 17,230 | |
| | \$ 19,094 | \$ 1,711 | \$ 17,383 | \$ |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Derivative liabilities: | | | | |
| Option contracts | \$ 921 | \$ | \$ 921 | \$ |

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) | April 4, 2015 | | January 3, 2015 | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| Short-term borrowings | \$ 3,567 | \$ 3,567 | \$ 3,772 | \$ 3,772 |
| Long-term debt | \$ 78,000 | \$ 77,298 | \$ 71,000 | \$ 69,761 |

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) | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Raw materials and purchased parts | \$ 73,320 | \$ 68,989 |
| Work in process | 19,660 | 16,564 |
| Finished goods | 28,208 | 26,887 |
| Short-term inventories | \$ 121,188 | \$ 112,440 |

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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) | April 4, 2015 | | January 3, 2015 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Raw materials and purchased parts | \$ | 1,820 | \$ | 3,208 |
| Finished goods | | 2,858 | | 3,856 |
| Long-term inventories | \$ | 4,678 | \$ | 7,064 |

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 *other long-term liabilities* in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The activity in accrued warranty obligations was as follows:

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended April 4, 2015 | | March 29, 2014 | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------|-------------------|-------|
| Balance at beginning of year | \$ | 3,556 | \$ | 3,285 |
| Additions charged to cost of sales | | 811 | | 906 |
| Warranty claims | | (808) | | (781) |
| Balance at end of period | \$ | 3,559 | \$ | 3,410 |

Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

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Accrued expenses and other current liabilities were as follows:

| (In thousands) | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Deferred revenue | \$ 12,454 | \$ 13,032 |
| Deferred lease liability | 4,981 | 5,094 |
| Accrued income taxes | 3,631 | 2,219 |
| Short-term accrued warranty obligations | 3,315 | 3,324 |
| Other | 9,846 | 8,128 |
| | \$ 34,227 | \$ 31,797 |

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Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss consisted of the following:

| (In thousands) | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|---|------------------|--------------------|
| Cumulative foreign currency translation losses | \$ (20,767) | \$ (14,556) |
| Unrecognized net pension losses, net of tax | (4,385) | (4,855) |
| Unrealized gains on investments and marketable securities, net of tax | 1,321 | 1,429 |
| | \$ (23,831) | \$ (17,982) |

NOTE 7 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The changes in the carrying amounts of goodwill were as follows:

| (In thousands) | Photonics Group | Lasers Group | Optics Group | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|
| Balance at January 3, 2015: | | | | |
| Goodwill | 98,808 | 129,761 | 41,314 | 269,883 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (47,458) | (104,562) | (20,339) | (172,359) |
| | 51,350 | 25,199 | 20,975 | 97,524 |
| Goodwill allocated to acquisition | | 7,841 | | 7,841 |
| Foreign currency impact | | (722) | | (722) |
| Balance at April 4, 2015: | | | | |
| Goodwill | 98,808 | 136,880 | 41,314 | 277,002 |
| Accumulated impairment losses | (47,458) | (104,562) | (20,339) | (172,359) |
| | \$ 51,350 | \$ 32,318 | \$ 20,975 | \$ 104,643 |

Acquisition related intangible assets were as follows:

| (In thousands) | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|--|------------------|--------------------|
| Intangible assets subject to amortization: | | |

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| | | | | |
|---|-----------|---------------|-----------|---------------|
| Developed technology, net of accumulated amortization of \$10,170 and \$16,782 as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | \$ | 29,424 | \$ | 28,864 |
| Customer relationships, net of accumulated amortization of \$18,748 and \$37,312 as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | | 9,898 | | 10,515 |
| In-process research and development, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,110 and \$1,496 as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | | 13,356 | | 11,965 |
| Other, net of accumulated amortization of \$1,071 and \$6,299 as of April 4, 2015 and January 3, 2015, respectively | | 1,110 | | 1,162 |
| | | 53,788 | | 52,506 |
| Intangible assets not subject to amortization: | | | | |
| Trademarks and trade names | | 18,305 | | 18,305 |
| Intangible assets, net | \$ | 72,093 | \$ | 70,811 |

As of April 4, 2015, the amounts of accumulated amortization shown in the table above exclude amounts related to the Company's acquisition of Spectra-Physics, Inc. (and certain related entities), as the purchased intangible assets related to that acquisition have been fully amortized.

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,

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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 \$2.1 million and \$2.5 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively.

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

| (In thousands) | Estimated Aggregate Amortization Expense |
|-----------------------|---|
| 2015 (remaining) | \$ 6,198 |
| 2016 | 7,813 |
| 2017 | 6,673 |
| 2018 | 4,509 |
| 2019 | 3,919 |
| Thereafter | 17,462 |
| | \$ 46,574 |

The Company has excluded \$7.2 million of estimated amortization expense related to certain in-process research and development from the table above, as it was uncertain as of April 4, 2015 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 | |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |

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| | | | | |
|--|----|-------|----|-------|
| Interest expense | \$ | (565) | \$ | (661) |
| Interest and dividend income | | 41 | | 53 |
| Derivative loss | | (124) | | (12) |
| Bank and portfolio asset management fees | | (354) | | (260) |
| Other income (expense), net | | 99 | | (96) |
| | \$ | (903) | \$ | (976) |

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NOTE 9 STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

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 | |
|--|--------------------|-------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Cost of sales | \$ 396 | \$ 212 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 3,196 | 1,836 |
| Research and development expense | 492 | 289 |
| | \$ 4,084 | \$ 2,337 |

At April 4, 2015, 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 \$14.5 million, net of estimated forfeitures. This future compensation expense will be amortized over a weighted-average period of 1.7 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 April 4, 2015 will be adjusted for actual forfeitures.

At April 4, 2015, 42 thousand stock options with a weighted-average exercise price of \$13.79 per share, intrinsic value of \$0.2 million and remaining contractual term of 0.7 years were outstanding and were exercisable. At April 4, 2015, 2.0 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$14.72 per share, intrinsic value of \$8.8 million and remaining contractual term of 4.4 years were outstanding, of which 1.4 million stock-settled stock appreciation rights with a weighted-average base value of \$13.92 per share, intrinsic value of \$7.4 million and remaining contractual term of 3.8 years were exercisable.

NOTE 10 DEBT AND LINES OF CREDIT

Total short-term borrowings were as follows:

| (In thousands) | April 4, 2015 | January 3, 2015 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Japanese revolving lines of credit | \$ 2,851 | \$ 3,163 |

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| | | | | |
|---|----|-------|----|-------|
| Japanese receivables financing facilities | | 277 | | 25 |
| Israeli loans due October 2015 | | 439 | | 584 |
| Total short-term borrowings | \$ | 3,567 | \$ | 3,772 |

Total long-term debt was as follows:

| (In thousands) | | April 4, 2015 | | January 3, 2015 |
|--|----|------------------|----|--------------------|
| U.S. revolving line of credit expiring July 2018 | \$ | 78,000 | \$ | 71,000 |

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

| (In thousands, except per share data) | Three Months Ended | |
|---|--------------------|-------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | \$ 8,664 | \$ 7,886 |
| Shares: | | |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - basic | 39,601 | 39,525 |
| Dilutive potential common shares, using treasury stock method | 959 | 974 |
| Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted | 40,560 | 40,499 |
| Net income per share attributable to Newport Corporation: | | |
| Basic | \$ 0.22 | \$ 0.20 |
| Diluted | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.19 |

For the three months ended April 4, 2015, 0.6 million stock appreciation rights, and for the three months ended March 29, 2014, an aggregate of 0.1 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.

NOTE 12 INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014 consisted of a provision for federal, state and foreign taxes based on the annual estimated effective tax rate applicable to the Company, adjusted for items which are considered discrete to a particular period. The effective tax rates for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014 were 31.9% and 31.2%, respectively.

The effective tax rates for the current year periods are lower than the U.S. statutory rate of 35% due primarily to the benefit of income recorded in foreign jurisdictions that have tax rates that are lower than U.S. tax rates.

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. During the three months ended April 4, 2015, the Company repurchased 0.3 million shares for a total of \$6.0 million under this program. As of April 4, 2015, 3.0 million shares remained available for purchase under the program.

During the three months ended April 4, 2015, the Company cancelled 0.2 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 \$3.4 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 | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| | April 4, 2015 | | March 29, 2014 | |
| Service cost | \$ | 523 | \$ | 213 |
| Interest cost on benefit obligations | | 121 | | 175 |
| Expected return on plan assets | | (43) | | (70) |
| Amortization of net loss | | 92 | | 45 |
| | \$ | 693 | \$ | 363 |

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, certain gains and losses, interest and other expense, net, and income taxes.

| (In thousands) | Photonics | | Lasers | | Optics | | Total |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Three months ended April 4, 2015: | | | | | | | |
| Sales to external customers | \$ | 64,238 | \$ | 49,859 | \$ | 42,558 | \$ 156,655 |
| Segment income | \$ | 17,152 | \$ | 5,624 | \$ | 4,660 | \$ 27,436 |
| Three months ended March 29, 2014: | | | | | | | |
| Sales to external customers | \$ | 59,470 | \$ | 46,474 | \$ | 40,946 | \$ 146,890 |
| Segment income | \$ | 13,546 | \$ | 5,580 | \$ | 4,556 | \$ 23,682 |

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

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| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Segment income | \$ 27,436 | \$ 23,682 |
| Unallocated operating expenses | (12,719) | (11,567) |
| (Loss) gain on disposal of assets | (1,088) | 411 |
| Interest and other expense, net | (903) | (976) |
| | \$ 12,726 | \$ 11,550 |

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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 January 3, 2015 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, intend, may, plan, potential, predict, should, will, would, or the negative or 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 January 3, 2015. 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 unaudited consolidated financial statements.

Acquisition of FEMTOLASERS

On February 11, 2015, we acquired all of the capital stock of FEMTOLASERS Produktions GmbH (FEMTOLASERS). The initial purchase price of 9.1 million was paid in cash at closing and is subject to a net asset adjustment. Based on the preliminary financial information provided by FEMTOLASERS, we have estimated an adjustment to the purchase price of approximately 1.6 million, which would result in a purchase price of 7.5 million (approximately \$8.5 million). The amount of this adjustment will be finalized following completion of the audit of FEMTOLASERS' balance sheet as of the closing date, which we expect will occur during the second quarter of 2015. Of the initial purchase price, 2.3 million was deposited at closing into escrow until thirty months after closing, to secure certain obligations of the FEMTOLASERS selling shareholders under the share purchase agreement, including the net asset adjustment. We have incurred \$0.4 million in transaction costs, which have been expensed as incurred and are included in *selling, general and administrative expenses* in the accompanying statements of

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income and comprehensive income. FEMTOLASERS expands our offering of ultrafast laser products and enhances our technology base in this area. The results of FEMTOLASERS have been included in the results of our Lasers Group as of the acquisition date.

Immediately following the closing of the transaction, we repaid 3.6 million (approximately \$4.0 million) of FEMTOLASERS outstanding loans that were assumed as part of the acquisition.

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Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014

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 | |
|--|---|-------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 |
| Net sales | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales | 55.1 | 55.4 |
| Gross profit | 44.9 | 44.6 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 25.9 | 26.7 |
| Research and development expense | 9.6 | 9.6 |
| Loss (gain) on sale of assets | 0.7 | (0.2) |
| Operating income | 8.7 | 8.5 |
| Interest and other expense, net | (0.6) | (0.6) |
| Income before income taxes | 8.1 | 7.9 |
| Income tax provision | 2.6 | 2.5 |
| Net income | 5.5 | 5.4 |
| Net income attributable to non-controlling interests | | 0.0 |
| Net income attributable to Newport Corporation | 5.5% | 5.4% |

Net Sales

Each of our operating groups sells products to customers in a wide range of industries, which we categorize into five key end markets: scientific research market; defense and security markets; microelectronics market; life and health sciences market; and industrial manufacturing and other end markets. The tables below reflect our net sales for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, by operating group and by key end market.

Sales by Operating Group

| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | | | Increase | Percentage Increase |
|-----------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 | | | |
| Photonics Group | \$ 64,238 | \$ 59,470 | \$ 4,768 | 8.0% | |
| Lasers Group | 49,859 | 46,474 | 3,385 | 7.3 | |
| Optics Group | 42,558 | 40,946 | 1,612 | 3.9 | |
| Total sales | \$ 156,655 | \$ 146,890 | \$ 9,765 | 6.6% | |

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| (In thousands) | Three Months Ended | | Increase / (Decrease) | Percentage Increase / (Decrease) |
|------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 | | |
| Scientific research | \$ 35,365 | \$ 31,881 | \$ 3,484 | 10.9% |
| Microelectronics | 39,877 | 33,953 | 5,924 | 17.4 |
| Life and health sciences | 32,586 | 34,262 | (1,676) | (4.9) |
| Defense and security | 14,398 | 11,577 | 2,821 | 24.4 |
| Industrial manufacturing and other | 34,429 | 35,217 | (788) | (2.2) |
| Total sales | \$ 156,655 | \$ 146,890 | \$ 9,765 | 6.6% |

For the three months ended April 4, 2015, our total net sales, and the net sales by our Lasers Group, included an aggregate of \$2.9 million of sales contributed by V-Gen Ltd. (V-Gen), which we acquired in the fourth quarter of 2014, and by FEMTOLASERS, which we acquired in the first quarter of 2015, for which there were no corresponding sales in the three months ended March 29, 2014.

The increase in sales to the scientific research market for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to increased demand for products sold by our Lasers and Photonics Groups for research applications, including sales of new products introduced by our Photonics Group. 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.

The increase in sales to the microelectronics market for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to increased sales of precision positioning and vibration control products sold to semiconductor equipment and mobile device manufacturing customers related to new programs. Our microelectronics market is comprised primarily of original equipment manufacturer customers in the semiconductor capital equipment industry, which has historically been characterized by sudden and severe cyclical variations in product supply and demand. In addition, certain of our programs with these customers often comprise a significant portion of our sales to this market in any period. As such, our net sales to this market may fluctuate significantly from period to period depending on the timing and severity of industry upturns and downturns, as well as the timing and success of new design wins and associated customer programs.

The decrease in sales to the life and health sciences market for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to decreased sales of products used for surgical and diagnostic applications.

The increase in sales to the defense and security markets for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to increased sales of optics products for defense programs that had been previously delayed due to government funding constraints. 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.

The decrease in sales to the industrial manufacturing and other end markets for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to a high level of sales in the first quarter of 2014 of test systems for diode laser manufacturing

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applications, which did not recur in the first quarter of 2015, as well as decreased sales of products used for surveillance applications in the first quarter of 2015. These decreases were offset in part by our acquisition of V-Gen, which contributed net sales to these markets of \$1.8 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015, for which there were no corresponding sales in the 2014 period.

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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 / (Decrease) | Percentage Increase / (Decrease) |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|--|
| | April 4, 2015 | March 29, 2014 | | |
| United States | \$ 61,146 | \$ 51,398 | \$ 9,748 | 19.0% |
| Germany | 17,356 | 21,215 | (3,859) | (18.2) |
| Other European countries | 23,124 | 20,272 | 2,852 | 14.1 |
| Japan | 15,530 | 17,246 | (1,716) | (10.0) |
| Other Pacific Rim countries | 27,289 | 26,254 | 1,035 | 3.9 |
| Rest of world | 12,210 | 10,505 | 1,705 | 16.2 |
| | \$ 156,655 | \$ 146,890 | \$ 9,765 | 6.6% |

The increase in sales to customers in the United States for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to higher sales in our microelectronics, industrial manufacturing and scientific research end markets.

The decrease in sales to customers in Germany for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due to lower sales in all of our end markets. The increase in sales to customers in other countries in Europe for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014 was due primarily to higher sales to customers in our defense and security and scientific research end markets.

The decrease in sales to customers in Japan for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to lower sales to customers in our scientific research and microelectronics end markets. The increase in sales to customers in other Pacific Rim countries for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to higher sales to customers in our scientific research end market.

The increase in sales to customers in the rest of the world for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014 was due primarily to higher sales to customers in our life and health sciences, defense and security and microelectronics end markets.

Gross Margin

Gross margin was 44.9% and 44.6% for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively. The increase in our consolidated gross margin for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding prior year period was due primarily to a higher proportion of sales of higher margin products and increased absorption of manufacturing overhead, resulting from higher sales and production levels, by our Photonics Group, as well as lower warranty costs in our Lasers Group. These improvements were offset in part by a higher proportion of sales of lower margin products by our Optics Group.

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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 \$40.6 million, or 25.9% of net sales, and \$39.2 million, or 26.7% of net sales, for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively. The increase in SG&A expenses in absolute dollars for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding prior year period was due primarily to an increase of \$1.3 million in personnel costs, resulting primarily from higher stock-based compensation expenses.

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 \$15.0 million, or 9.6% of net sales, and \$14.1 million, or 9.6% of net sales, for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively. The increase in R&D expense for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding prior year period was due primarily to the addition of R&D expenses of V-Gen, for which there were no corresponding expenses in the prior year period, and increased material and personnel costs related to new product development.

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.

Loss on Disposal of Assets

During the first quarter of 2015, we entered into a plan to transfer the operations of our North Andover, Massachusetts facility to certain of our other facilities and to close that facility. In connection with this plan, we determined that the carrying value of leasehold improvements for this facility was not recoverable and recorded an impairment loss of \$1.1 million.

Interest and Other Expense, Net

Interest and other expense, net totaled \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively. The decrease in interest and other expense, net for the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the same period in 2014 was due primarily to lower interest expense as a result of a lower average interest rate on our Credit Facility (as defined on page 22) during the three months ended April 4, 2015 compared with the corresponding period in 2014.

Income Taxes

Our effective tax rate was 31.9% and 31.2% for the three months ended April 4, 2015 and March 29, 2014, respectively. Our effective tax rate for the three months ended April 4, 2015 was unfavorably impacted by the passage of Japanese Tax Reform on March 31, 2015, which lowered long-term corporate tax rates. This necessitated a corresponding write down of deferred tax assets applicable to our Japanese locations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

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Our cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities balances decreased to a total of \$32.7 million as of April 4, 2015 from \$48.6 million as of January 3, 2015. This decrease was attributable primarily to cash used for our acquisition of FEMTOLASERS, repurchases of our common stock and purchases of property and equipment, offset in part by net cash provided by our operating activities and net borrowings.

Net cash provided by our operating activities of \$5.1 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015 was attributable primarily to cash provided by our results of operations and to increases in accrued expenses and other liabilities of \$2.2 million, accounts payable of \$2.0 million and accrued payroll and other expenses of \$1.0 million, due to the timing of payments, offset in part by an increase in gross inventory of \$9.3 million, an increase in accounts receivable of \$7.4 million due to the timing of collections and an increase in prepaid expenses and other assets of \$4.8 million due to the timing of payments.

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Net cash used in investing activities of \$16.2 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015 was attributable primarily to cash used for our acquisition of FEMTOLASERS of \$10.2 million, including amounts that are expected to be refunded, and purchases of property and equipment of \$5.7 million.

Net cash used in financing activities of \$5.3 million for the three months ended April 4, 2015 was attributable to payments of \$6.0 million to repurchase our common stock and payments of \$3.4 million in connection with the cancellation of restricted stock units for taxes owed by employees upon vesting of restricted stock units issued under our stock incentive plans. These cash payments were offset in part by net borrowings of \$2.7 million, proceeds of \$0.7 million received from the issuance of common stock under employee stock plans and an excess tax benefit of \$0.7 million related to these plans.

On July 18, 2013, we entered into a credit agreement with certain lenders (Credit Agreement). The Credit Agreement consists of a senior secured revolving credit facility of \$275 million with a term of five years (Credit Facility). The Credit Agreement also provides us with the option to increase the aggregate principal amount of loans in the form of additional revolving loans or a separate tranche of term loans, in an aggregate amount that does not exceed \$50 million, in each case subject to certain terms and conditions contained in the Credit Agreement. At April 4, 2015, the outstanding balance under the Credit Facility was \$78.0 million, with an effective interest rate of 1.69%.

Our obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured by a lien on substantially all of the assets of Newport Corporation and certain of our domestic subsidiaries, which are guarantors under the Credit Agreement, as well as by a pledge of certain shares of our foreign subsidiaries. Our ability to borrow funds under the Credit Facility is subject to certain conditions, including compliance with certain covenants and making certain representations and warranties. In particular, our borrowing capacity under the Credit Facility is limited by our Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA (as defined in the Credit Agreement) for the preceding four fiscal quarters. At April 4, 2015, based on our Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA, the \$78.0 million borrowed under the Credit Facility, additional indebtedness of \$3.6 million and outstanding letters of credit of \$4.4 million, we had approximately \$166.3 million available for additional borrowing under the Credit Facility.

At April 4, 2015, we also had (i) revolving lines of credit with Japanese banks; (ii) an agreement with a Japanese bank under which we sell trade notes receivable with recourse; and (iii) a loan with an Israeli bank, as follows:

| Description | Principal Amount Outstanding (in millions) | Additional Amount Available for Borrowing (in millions) | Interest Rate(s) | Expiration Date(s) |
|---|--|---|------------------|---------------------|
| Japanese lines of credit | \$ 2.9 | \$ 2.8 | 1.15% to 1.29% | No expiration dates |
| Japanese agreements for sale of receivables | \$ 0.3 | \$ 1.4 | 1.20% | No expiration dates |
| Israeli loan | \$ 0.4 | \$ | 2.97% | October 2015 |

In May 2008, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program, authorizing the purchase of up to 4.0 million shares of our common stock. The terms of the Credit Agreement permit us to purchase shares under the repurchase program, subject to certain conditions and limitations. During the three months ended April 4, 2015, we repurchased 0.3 million shares for a total of \$6.0 million under this program. As of April 4, 2015, 3.0 million shares remained available for purchase under the program. The amount and timing of future repurchases will be dependent upon factors such as our share price level, our other capital requirements and the terms of our Credit Agreement.

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During the remainder of 2015, we expect to use approximately \$15 million to \$20 million of cash for capital expenditures.

We expect that our current working capital position, together with our expected future cash flows from operations and the borrowing availability under our Credit Facility and other lines of credit, will be adequate to fund our operations in the ordinary course of business, anticipated capital expenditures, our debt payment requirements and other contractual obligations for at least the next twelve months. While a substantial portion of our cash and cash

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equivalents and restricted cash is held outside of the United States, we currently do not intend or anticipate a need to repatriate such funds, as we expect that the cash and cash equivalents and restricted cash held in the United States, together with our cash flows from U.S. operations and the borrowing capacity under our Credit Facility, will be sufficient to fund our U.S. operations and cash commitments for investing and financing activities, including debt repayment and capital expenditures for at least the next twelve months and thereafter for the foreseeable future.

However, these expectations are based upon many assumptions and are subject to numerous risks, including those discussed in Item 1A (Risk Factors) of Part I of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2015. In addition, under current tax laws and regulations, if cash and cash equivalents and investments held outside of the United States, which relate to undistributed earnings of certain of our foreign subsidiaries and are considered to be indefinitely reinvested, were to be distributed to the United States in the form of dividends or otherwise, we would be subject to additional U.S. income taxes (subject to an adjustment for foreign tax credits) and foreign withholding taxes. The potential tax liability related to any repatriation would depend on the tax laws of the United States and the respective foreign jurisdictions and on the facts and circumstances that exist at the time such repatriation is made.

Except for the aforementioned capital expenditures, we have no present agreements or commitments with respect to any material acquisitions of businesses, products, product rights or technologies or any other material capital expenditures. We will continue to evaluate acquisitions of and/or investments in products, technologies, capital equipment or improvements and companies that complement our business and may make such acquisitions and/or investments in the future. However, our Credit Agreement only permits us to make investments and acquisitions under certain circumstances, and restricts our ability to incur additional indebtedness, which limits to some extent our ability to make such acquisitions and investments.

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 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 January 3, 2015. There have been no material changes to the critical accounting policies disclosed in such Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (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 for 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. Upon adoption, ASU No. 2014-09 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. At the time of issuance, ASU No. 2014-09 was to become effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and early adoption was not permitted. However, in April 2015, the FASB proposed deferring the effective date by one year to annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The FASB also proposed permitting early adoption of the standard, but not before the original effective date of December 15, 2016. The FASB's proposed deferral is not yet a final decision. We are currently evaluating the expected impact of ASU No. 2014-09 on our financial position and results of operations.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*. ASU No. 2015-03 requires debt issuance costs to be presented as a reduction from the carrying amount of the related debt rather than as a deferred charge (an asset). ASU No. 2015-03 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015, and is required to be applied retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected for the first quarter of 2015. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-03 would have resulted in a decrease in both *investments and other assets* and *long-term debt* of \$1.0 million as of April 4, 2015.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-04, *Practical Expedient for the Measurement Date of an Employer's Defined Benefit Obligation and Plan Assets*. ASU No. 2015-04 allows companies with a fiscal year-end that does not coincide with a month-end to measure defined benefit plan assets and obligations using the month-end date that is closest to the entity's fiscal year-end. This practical expedient is required to be applied consistently year to year and for all plans. However, if a contribution or significant event occurs between the month-end date and the entity's fiscal year-end, the defined benefit plan assets and obligations should be adjusted to capture such events. ASU No. 2015-04 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-04 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-05, *Customer's Accounting for Fees Paid in a Cloud Computing Arrangement*. ASU No. 2015-05 provides guidance for determining whether a cloud computing arrangement includes a software license. A cloud computing arrangement is considered to contain a license if the customer has a contractual right to take possession of the software without significant penalty and it is feasible for the customer to run the software on its own or with an unrelated vendor. If the arrangement includes a software license, the customer should account for the purchase of the license consistent with the purchase of other licenses. If the arrangement does not include a license, the customer should account for the arrangement as a service contract. ASU No. 2015-05 will be effective for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2015 and can be applied prospectively or retrospectively. Early adoption is permitted but has not been elected. The adoption of ASU No. 2015-05 is not expected to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

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The principal market risks (i.e., the risk of loss arising from adverse changes in market rates and prices) to which we are exposed are changes in foreign exchange rates, which may generate translation and transaction gains and losses, and changes in interest rates.

Foreign Currency Risk

Operating in international markets sometimes involves exposure to volatile movements in currency exchange rates. The economic impact of currency exchange rate movements on our operating results is complex because such changes are often linked to variability in real growth, inflation, interest rates, governmental actions and other factors. These changes, if material, may cause us to adjust our financing and operating strategies. Consequently, isolating the effect of changes in currency does not incorporate these other important economic factors.

We use foreign currency option and forward exchange contracts to mitigate the risks associated with certain foreign currency transactions entered into in the ordinary course of business, primarily foreign currency denominated receivables, payables and other expenses. These derivative instruments are used as an economic hedge. However, we have not elected hedge accounting treatment and therefore, all changes in value of these derivative instruments are reflected in *interest and other expense, net* in our consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. We do not engage in currency speculation. All of our foreign currency option and forward exchange contracts are established to reduce the volatility of earnings, primarily related to Israeli shekel-based expenses. If the counterparties to these contracts (typically highly rated banks) do not fulfill their obligations to deliver the contracted currencies, we could be at risk for any currency related fluctuations.

As currency exchange rates change, translation of the statements of income of international operations into U.S. dollars affects the year-over-year comparability of operating results, particularly in translating foreign currency denominated sales into U.S. dollars. However, because we have manufacturing facilities located globally, the impact of currency exchange rate fluctuations on our income is mitigated in part by the translation of foreign currency denominated expenses. We do not generally hedge translation risks because cash flows from international operations are generally reinvested locally. Changes in currency exchange rates that would have the largest impact on translating our future international operating results include changes to the exchange rates of the U.S. dollar to the euro and Japanese yen.

The following table provides information about our foreign currency derivative financial instruments outstanding as of April 4, 2015. The information is presented in U.S. dollars, as presented in our consolidated financial statements:

| (In thousands) | April 4, 2015 | |
|-------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | Notional Amount | Average Strike Price |
| Foreign currency options | | |
| Israeli Shekel - call options | \$ 19,357 | 3.93 |
| Israeli Shekel - put options | (20,369) | 3.73 |
| | \$ (1,012) | |
| Fair value | \$ (483) | |

Interest Rate Risk

Our investments in cash, cash equivalents, restricted cash and marketable securities, which totaled \$32.7 million at April 4, 2015, are sensitive to changes in the general level of interest rates. In addition, certain assets related to our pension plans are sensitive to interest rates and economic conditions in Europe and Asia.

We have a \$275 million revolving line of credit in the United States. We also have lines of credit and other loans in Israel and Japan. Our revolving line of credit in the United States and our other borrowings carry variable interest rates and therefore are subject to interest rate risk.

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The table below presents information about our debt obligations as of April 4, 2015:

| (US\$ equivalent in thousands) | 2015 | 2016 | Expected Maturity Date 2015 | | | | Thereafter | Total | Fair Value |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | | | | |
| Debt obligations: | | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed rate (US\$) | \$ 439 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 439 | \$ 439 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 2.97% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 2.97% | |
| Variable rate (US\$) | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 78,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 78,000 | \$ 77,298 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.69% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | |
| Variable rate (non-US\$) | \$ 3,128 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 3,128 | \$ 3,128 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 1.28% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.28% | |
| Total debt obligations | \$ 3,567 | \$ | \$ | \$ 78,000 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 81,567 | \$ 80,865 |
| Weighted average interest rate | 1.49% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 1.69% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.00% | 0.07% | |

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

Our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act)) as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the Evaluation Date), have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer where appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Table of Contents**PART II OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 3, 2015 contains a full discussion of the risks associated with our business. There have been no material changes to the risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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

The following table reflects purchases made by us during the quarter ended April 4, 2015, of equity securities that are registered by us pursuant to Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended:

| Period(1) | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---|---|--|--|--|
| January 4, 2015 - January 31, 2015(2) | | \$ | | |
| February 1, 2015 - February 28, 2015(2) | 117,666 | \$ 19.95 | 117,666 | 3,187,599 |
| March 1, 2015 - April 4, 2015(2) | 184,920 | \$ 19.73 | 184,920 | 3,002,679 |
| Totals | 302,586 | \$ 19.82 | 302,586 | |

(1) The periods reported conform to our fiscal calendar which consists of two periods of four weeks and one period of five weeks in each fiscal quarter.

(2) Represents shares of our common stock repurchased in open market transactions under a share repurchase program approved by our Board of Directors in May 2008. A total of 4.0 million shares have been authorized for repurchase under this program and this program has no fixed expiration date. As of April 4, 2015, we had purchased a total of 997,321 shares and 3,002,679 shares remained available for purchase under the program.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

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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.

Dated: May 14, 2015

NEWPORT CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Charles F. Cargile
Charles F. Cargile,
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and
Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Duly
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