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Douglas Dynamics 2018 Shareholder Letter

March 14th, 2019

Dear Fellow shareholders,

This is the ninth shareholder letter I have written, and it will also be my last. As I sign off, I am pleased to report that our Company delivered a strong performance in 2018 and is well positioned to succeed in 2019 and beyond. Hopefully without sounding too self-important, one of the biggest changes to occur at Douglas Dynamics during 2018 was the leadership transition we announced in August. As such, my role changed at the end of the year from Chairman, President and CEO to Executive Chairman.

I joined the Company in 1992 as Director of Sales of Western Products, and also served as General Manager of our Western Products division and Vice President of Marketing and Sales. I served as President and Chief Executive Officer and a Director of the Company for approximately 19 years, and became Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2014, a role which I continue in today.

During my nearly 27-year career at Douglas Dynamics, we have grown from a relatively small company, with approximately 250 employees and approximately \$34 million in net sales in 1992, to a NYSE-listed public company with approximately 1,700 employees and net sales of over \$520 million for 2018. In addition, the decision to embark upon a journey of continuous improvement has paid off in more ways than I could have imagined when we began. These efforts evolved into the Douglas Dynamics Management System, or DDMS, which has really become the cornerstone of our corporate culture and identity, and continues to be one of the main reasons for our ongoing success.

While the stock price has increased more than 300% since our IPO less than nine years ago, and we have generated more than \$750 million in free cash flow since I became President of the Company, I am

probably most proud of the strength of the team I have helped build and lead. This is highlighted by the fact we have been named as one of the best places to work by the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel for 10 consecutive years! This fantastic achievement really is a testament to the commitment to our corporate values of accountability, excellence, innovation, leadership and fostering a collaborative environment.

Given the strength of the Company's financial and operating position, the successful integration of our recent acquisitions, plus the quality and depth of the overall management team, 2018 was a great time to implement the leadership transition. Consistent with our long-term succession plan, our former COO and CFO, Bob McCormick, assumed the President and CEO role at the start of 2019. Bob really is the best and natural choice for the job, given his demonstrated success and achievements in his previous roles at Douglas, plus his proven ability to enhance culture and ensure that our customers remain at the center of our strategy. As expected, Bob has hit the ground running and I have no doubts he will be successful in the years ahead. We have forged a strong and effective working partnership over the past 15 years, which will continue going forward.

As Executive Chairman, I am now primarily focused on the company's strategy development, mergers and acquisitions, investor relations, and executive talent development. It really has been my privilege to lead this great team of people for the past 19 years, many of whom I hold dear, and I look forward to continuing to serve the Company in the years ahead.

Looking back at 2018, it is fair to say we produced robust annual results, including record net sales in 2018 of \$524 million, a 10 percent increase over last year. On an adjusted basis, net income increased significantly to \$47.4 million, or \$2.04 adjusted earnings per diluted share, from \$33.5 million, or \$1.45 in 2017. This excellent performance is based on broad and continued strong demand in both segments, coupled with the

dedicated hard work of everyone at Douglas Dynamics. While the chassis availability issues continue, we are pleased at how well our teams are navigating through the supply chain to meet our customers' expectations.

We experienced below average snowfall across the country during the fourth quarter of 2018. As such, sales of our commercial snow and ice control equipment were negatively impacted by weather, which were partially offset by increased demand for recently introduced non-truck mounted equipment, such as plows for skids steers and UTVs. This is a nice, growing market for us, albeit at lower margins than our truck mounted products.

However, we also benefited from the strong performance in the first three quarters of 2018. Snowfall levels reverted to historical averages during the winter ended in March 2018, after two previous years of below average snowfall across North America, which created stronger demand and robust pre-season orders. Overall, 2018 was a good year for our commercial snow and ice products.

In addition to snowfall, the other secondary demand drivers remain generally positive. In January, we completed our regular dealer field inventory and the data indicated inventories were slightly elevated, which is in line with our expectations. Additionally, sales of select pick-up trucks continue to be favorable, increasing two percent in 2018, when compared to full year 2017.

Sales of our municipal products exceeded expectations during the fourth quarter of 2018, and margins improved based on continued strong demand, which helped end the year on a positive note. Chassis availability was and continues to be an issue, but we have seen improved visibility and predictability in the delayed supply from most truck manufacturers. While lead times continue to run nine to twelve months, the improved predictability is helping our team plan ahead, and they did a fantastic job adjusting and managing around the constraints in the fourth quarter.

While exact timing is difficult to predict, at this stage, we believe the long lead times for class eight chassis will continue in 2019, but begin returning towards normal levels during 2020. Assuming the improved predictability we are seeing continues in 2019, we are well positioned to drive improved margins for these products as our teams can plan ahead and adapt.

The Work Truck Solutions segment generated increased revenue in 2018 and I'm pleased to report that demand

and backlog continue to grow. While chassis supply for class four through six trucks is generally less constrained than it is for class seven and eight trucks, it is unpredictable in both quantity and types of products, mainly due to supply line issues and component shortages at all major truck manufacturers. We expect this situation to continue in 2019 and start to improve in 2020. It is important to remember, that as a key partner to the truck manufacturers, Dejana is well placed to receive chassis as soon as they are available.

There are three key factors to remember: First, we are very encouraged by the robust demand, backlog and order trends, which we expect will continue to grow in the coming months. Second, while external headwinds have impacted our ability to drive improvements, we firmly believe the foundation of continuous improvement we are establishing through DDMS with our Municipal Snow and Ice Control offering, and at Work Truck Solutions, will pay off in the long run. Third, the margins in these businesses have stabilized, and are starting to improve, and we expect continued margin gains during 2019. The bottom line is this; the industry-wide limitations do not impact the long-term growth prospects for our businesses.

Our 2018 performance once again produced strong cash flow, and we continue to deploy our excess capital strategically. After thorough review, we believe our best use of capital is to maintain and grow the dividend in a sustainable manner. As such, we recently announced that the dividend will increase to \$0.2725 per share for the first quarter of 2019. This equates to a projected full year annual increase of three cents and is the eleventh consecutive increase in approximately nine years since our IPO.

Our additional priorities continue to be paying down our debt, and strategic acquisitions. We are currently not focused on near-term acquisitions, as we believe there are plenty of opportunities to drive revenue and earnings growth within our current operations.

We continue to reduce our Net debt, which stands at approximately \$278 million at year end following a \$30 million pre-payment we made during the year. Also, we recently announced an additional \$30 million payment on our debt in February of this year, which means our net debt leverage ratio has declined from 3.3 times last year to 2.8 times today.

While 2018 presented our team with some external challenges, we are pleased about this past year's overall results and are very encouraged about the company's prospects for 2019 and beyond. We recently issued our initial 2019 guidance and expect to deliver Net sales

between \$510 and \$570 million, adjusted EBITDA in the range of \$90 to \$115 million and adjusted earnings per share between \$1.60 and \$2.40.

This guidance considers several key factors and assumptions including demand trends, dealer sentiment, backlog and order trends, plus the ongoing stability of the overall economy. As always, we assume average snowfall and a similar level of ongoing chassis supply issues.

We believe our 2019 guidance reflects the positive long-term outlook for the Company. We are focused on the factors within our control, such as expanding margins in both of our segments during 2019, through the execution of DDMS and efficiency gains. Although tempered with the backdrop of chassis supply concerns and material inflation as we enter the year, we are confident that our outlook for 2019 has us well positioned to drive meaningful top and bottom-line growth over the long-term.

Over the past few years, we have broadened and diversified our product and service offering, providing increased stability and balance. Even though supply headwinds will continue in 2019, we take comfort that when chassis constraints start to ease, we will emerge much stronger and more efficient, with improving margins across all of our businesses. We are proud of the way our teams have stepped up to the challenges and continue to see tremendous opportunities in the years ahead. We are invigorated by the possibilities we see in 2019 and will do everything within our power to successfully deliver for our customers, strengthening relationships, and building our brand power.

As 2019 enters the final phase of the snow season, we are focused on launching new products for our commercial snow and ice products and effectively executing our expansion plans for the municipal snow and ice control offering and Work Truck Solutions. We just concluded the National Truck Equipment Association (NTEA) Work Truck Show in Indianapolis. Once again, our amazing sales and marketing teams put

on a great show, highlighting our market leadership, innovation, and the breadth and depth of our product offering across five distinct brands.

It has truly been my honor to lead such an amazing company for the past 19 years, and as we continue to grow and evolve, we are ready to seize the opportunities and face the challenges ahead. I am deeply appreciative for every person that works hard on behalf of our company every day. It really is a team effort! My business partner for the past 15 years, Bob McCormick, is not just a great colleague and business leader, but a great human being who is quickly becoming a great CEO. There are too many people I would like to thank to mention in this letter, but I hope they all know how much I appreciate them and their contributions to Douglas Dynamics.

Finally, I've been reminded recently of several short phrases that I am known to repeat, which have served me well:

- It's your dream, make it big!
- Good leaders can see around corners!
- It's not just what we do, or how we do it, but who we do it with!

For me, these are words to live by and a good way to sign off. Thank you for your ongoing support of Douglas Dynamics! The future for our Company has never been brighter!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James L. Janik". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

JAMES L. JANIK
EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
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(Mark One)

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934
For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018

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 No. 001-34728

DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.



(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

134275891
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

7777 N 73rd Street
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
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53223
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(414) 354-2310**

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

Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$.01 Par Value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **NONE**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No .

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No .

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 every Interactive Data File required to be submitted 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 such files). Yes No .

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No .

At June 29, 2018, the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, the aggregate market value of the voting stock of the Registrant held by stockholders who were not affiliates of the Registrant was approximately \$1,090 million (based upon the closing price of Registrant's Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange on such date). At February 26, 2019, the Registrant had outstanding an aggregate of 22,700,991 shares of its Common Stock.

Documents Incorporated by Reference:

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Registrant's Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on April 30, 2019, which Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission no later than 120 days after the close of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, are incorporated into Part III.

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PART I

Forward Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains “forward-looking statements” made within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as “anticipate,” “believe,” “intend,” “estimate,” “expect,” “continue,” “should,” “could,” “may,” “plan,” “project,” “predict,” “will” and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements. In addition, statements covering our future sales or financial performance and our plans, performance and other objectives, expectations or intentions are forward-looking statements, such as statements regarding our liquidity, debt, planned capital expenditures, and adequacy of capital resources and reserves. Factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to:

- Weather conditions, particularly lack of or reduced levels of snowfall and the timing of such snowfall;
- Our inability to maintain good relationships with our distributors;
- Our inability to maintain good relationships with the original equipment manufacturers (“OEM”) with whom we currently do significant business;
- Lack of available or favorable financing options for our end-users, distributors or customers;
- Increases in the price of steel or other materials, including as a result of tariffs, necessary for the production of our products that cannot be passed on to our distributors;
- Increases in the price of fuel or freight;
- A significant decline in economic conditions;
- The inability of our suppliers and OEM partners to meet our volume or quality requirements;
- Inaccuracies in our estimates of future demand for our products;
- Our inability to protect or continue to build our intellectual property portfolio;
- The effects of laws and regulations and their interpretations on our business and financial conditions;
- Our inability to develop new products or improve upon existing products in response to end-user needs;
- Losses due to lawsuits arising out of personal injuries associated with our products;
- Factors that could impact the future declaration and payment of dividends;
- Our inability to compete effectively against our competition; and
- Our inability to achieve the projected financial performance with the assets of Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc. (“Dejana”) which we acquired in 2016, or the assets of Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. (“Arrowhead”) which we acquired in 2017 and unexpected costs or liabilities related to such acquisitions.

We undertake no obligation to revise the forward-looking statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to reflect any future events or circumstances. Our actual results, performance or achievements could differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. Factors in addition to those listed above that could cause or contribute to such differences are discussed in Item 1A, “Risk Factors” of the Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 1. Business

Overview

Home to the best-selling brands in the industry, Douglas Dynamics, Inc. (the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our”) is North America’s premier manufacturer and upfitter of commercial work truck attachments and equipment. For more than 70 years, the Company has been innovating products that enable end-users to perform their jobs more efficiently and effectively, providing opportunities for businesses to increase profitability. Our commitment to continuous improvement enables us to consistently produce high quality products and drive shareholder value. The Douglas Dynamics portfolio of products and services is separated into two segments: First, the Work Truck Attachments segment, which includes manufactured snow and ice control attachments sold under the FISHER®, HENDERSON®, SNOWEX® and WESTERN® brands. Second, the Work Truck Solutions segment, which includes the upfit of market leading attachments and storage solutions for commercial work vehicles under the DEJANA® brand and its related sub-brands. The Work Truck Solutions segment was established as a result of the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc. and certain entities directly or indirectly owned by Peter Paul Dejana Family Trust Dated 12/31/98 (such assets, “Dejana”) in July 2016. For additional financial information regarding our reportable business segments, see Note 16 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements of this report.

In our Work Truck Attachments segment, we offer a broad product line of snowplows and sand and salt spreaders for light and heavy duty trucks that we believe to be the most complete line offered in the U.S. and Canadian markets. We also provide a full range of related parts and accessories, which generates an ancillary revenue stream throughout the lifecycle of our snow and ice control equipment. We also provide customized turnkey solutions to governmental agencies such as Departments of Transportation (“DOTs”) and municipalities. For the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, 84%, 86% and 88% of our net sales in our Work Truck Attachments segment were generated from sales of snow and ice control equipment, respectively, and 16%, 14% and 12% of our net sales in our Work Truck Attachments segment were generated from sales of parts and accessories, respectively. While we measure sales of parts and accessories separately from snow and ice control equipment, they are integrated with one another and are not separable.

We sell our Work Truck Attachments products through a distributor network primarily to professional snowplowers who are contracted to remove snow and ice from commercial, municipal and residential areas. We have engendered exceptional customer loyalty for our products because of our ability to satisfy the stringent demands of our customers for a high degree of quality, reliability and service. As a result, we believe our installed base is the largest in the light truck market with over 500,000 snowplows and sand and salt spreaders in service. Because sales of snowplows and sand and salt spreaders are primarily driven by the need of our core end-user base to replace worn existing equipment, we believe our substantial installed base provides us with a high degree of predictable sales over any extended period of time.

We believe that our Work Truck Attachments segment has the snow and ice control industry’s most extensive distribution network worldwide, which consists of over 2,100 points of sale. Direct points of shipment are predominantly through North American truck equipment and lawn care equipment distributors. Most of our distributors are located throughout the snow belt regions in North America (primarily the Midwest, East and Northeast regions of the United States as well as all provinces of Canada). We have longstanding relationships with many of our distributors. We continually seek to grow and optimize our network by opportunistically adding high-quality, well-capitalized distributors in select geographic areas and by cross-selling our industry leading brands within our distribution network. Since 2005, we have extended our reach to international markets, establishing distribution relationships in Northern Europe and Asia, where we believe meaningful growth opportunities exist.

Created as a result of our acquisition of Dejana, our Work Truck Solutions segment offers a complementary line of upfitting services and products. Our Work Truck Solutions products consist of truck and vehicle upfits where we attach component pieces of equipment, truck bodies, racking, and storage solutions with varying levels of complexity to a vehicle chassis, and which are typically used by end-users for work related purposes. Our Work Truck Solutions segment is a premier upfitter of Class 4 - 6 trucks and other commercial work vehicles. Additionally, we believe that our Work Truck Solutions segment is a leading specialized manufacturer of storage solutions for trucks and vans and cable pulling equipment for trucks. We believe we are a regional market leader in the truck and vehicle upfitting market. We believe that our Work Truck Solutions business possesses significant customer relationships comprised of over 2,000 customers across the truck equipment industry. We have longstanding relationships with many of our Work Truck Solutions customers. We continually seek to grow and strengthen our customer relationships by providing custom solutions to our customers' evolving specialty upfit needs. We are able to serve our Work Truck Solutions customers' needs through our bailment and floor plan agreements with original equipment vehicle manufacturers who supply truck chassis, on which we perform custom upfits for our customers.

We believe we are the industry's most operationally efficient manufacturer due to our vertical integration, highly variable cost structure and intense focus on lean manufacturing. We continually seek to use lean principles to reduce costs and increase the efficiency of our manufacturing operations. During the year ended December 31, 2018 we manufactured our products and upfitted vehicles in five facilities that we own in Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Rockland, Maine; Madison Heights, Michigan, Manchester, Iowa; and Huntley, Illinois. We also lease fifteen manufacturing and upfit facilities, located in Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Furthermore, our manufacturing efficiency allows us to deliver desired products quickly to our customers, especially during times of sudden and unpredictable snowfall events when our customers need our products immediately.

Our Industry

Work Truck Attachments Segment.

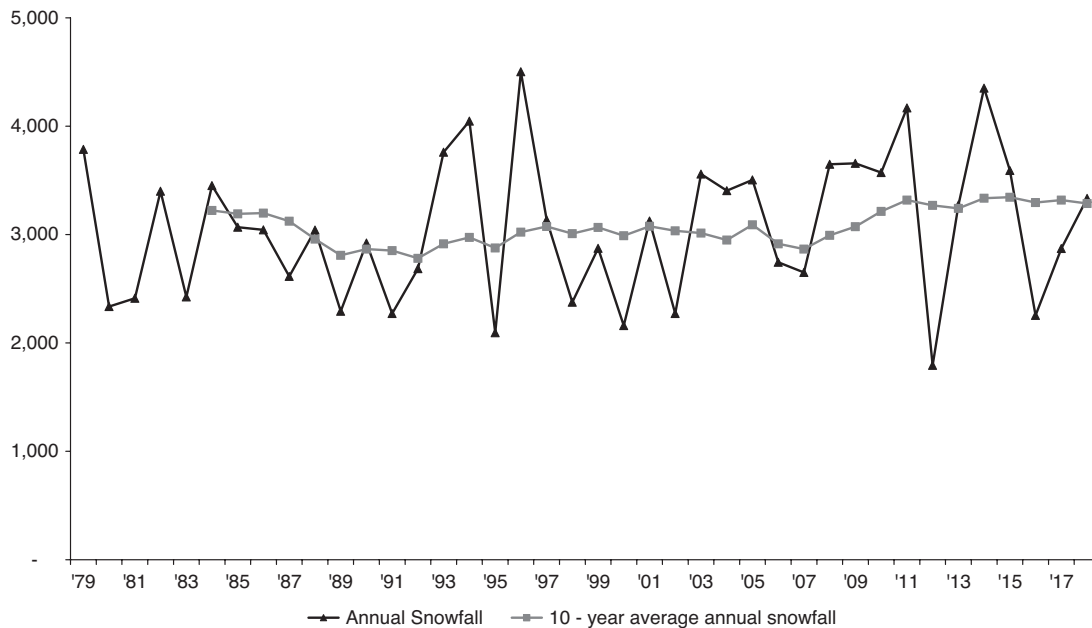
Our Work Truck Attachments Segment participates primarily in the snow and ice control equipment industries in North America. These industries consist predominantly of domestic participants that manufacture their products in North America. The annual demand for snow and ice control equipment is driven primarily by the replacement cycle of the existing installed base, which is predominantly a function of the average life of a snowplow or spreader and is driven by usage and maintenance practices of the end-user. We believe actively-used snowplows are typically replaced, on average, every 9 to 12 years.

We believe that both light and heavy duty snow and ice control equipment are driven primarily by the replacement cycle of the existing installed base, which is predominantly a function of the average life of a snowplow or spreader and is driven by usage and maintenance practices of the end-user. However, we believe that demand for heavy duty trucks is less elastic than light trucks. Heavy duty truck end-users typically are comprised of local governments and municipalities which plan for and execute planned replacement of equipment over time.

The primary factor influencing the replacement cycle for snow and ice control equipment for light trucks is the level, timing and location of snowfall. Sales of snow and ice control equipment in any given year and region are most heavily influenced by local snowfall levels in the prior snow season. Heavy snowfall during a given winter causes equipment usage to increase, resulting in greater wear and tear and shortened life cycles, thereby creating a need for replacement equipment and additional parts and accessories.

While snowfall levels vary within a given year and from year-to-year, snowfall, and the corresponding replacement cycle of snow and ice control equipment, is relatively consistent over multi-year periods. The following chart depicts aggregate annual and ten-year (based on the typical life of our snowplows) rolling average of the aggregate snowfall levels in 66 cities in 26 snow belt states across the Northeast, East, Midwest and Western United States where we monitor snowfall levels from 1980 to 2018. As the chart indicates, since 1984 aggregate snowfall levels in any given rolling ten-year period have been fairly consistent, ranging from 2,782 to 3,345 inches.

**Snowfall in Snowbelt States (inches)
(for October 1 through March 31)**



Note: The 10-year rolling average snowfall is not presented prior to 1984 for purposes of the calculation due to lack of snowfall data prior to 1975. Snowfall data in this chart is not adjusted for snowfall outside of the 66 cities in the 26 states reflected.

Source: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Weather Service.

The demand for snow and ice control equipment can also be influenced by general economic conditions in the United States, as well as local economic conditions in the snow-belt regions in North America. In stronger economic conditions, our end-users may choose to replace or upgrade existing equipment before its useful life has ended, while in weak economic conditions, our end-users may seek to extend the useful life of equipment, thereby increasing the sales of parts and accessories. However, since snow and ice control management is a non-discretionary service necessary to ensure public safety and continued personal and commercial mobility in populated areas that receive snowfall, end-users cannot extend the useful life of snow and ice control equipment indefinitely and must replace equipment that has become too worn, unsafe or unreliable, regardless of economic conditions. While our parts and accessories yield slightly higher gross margins than our snow and ice control equipment, they yield significantly lower revenue than equipment sales, which adversely affects our results of operations. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Seasonality and Year-to-Year Variability.”

Long-term growth in the overall snow and ice control equipment market also results from geographic expansion of developed areas in the snow belt regions of North America (primarily the Midwest, East and Northeast regions of the United States as well as all provinces of Canada), as well as consumer demand for technological enhancements in snow and ice control equipment and related parts and accessories that improves efficiency and reliability. Continued construction in the snow belt regions in North America increases the aggregate area requiring snow and ice removal, thereby growing the market for snow and ice control equipment. In addition, the development and sale of more reliable, more efficient and more sophisticated products have contributed to an approximate 2% to 4% average unit price increase in each of the past five years.

Work Truck Solutions Segment.

Our Work Truck Solutions Segment primarily participates in the truck and vehicle upfitting industry in the United States. This industry consists predominantly of domestic participants that upfit work trucks and vehicles. Specifically, there are regional market leaders that operate in close proximity to the original equipment vehicle manufacturers' facilities and vehicle ports of entry. In addition to the regional market leaders, there exist smaller upfit businesses. Our Work Truck Solutions segment competes against both the other regional market leaders and the smaller market participants. The annual demand for upfit vehicles is subject to the general macro-economic environment trends.

We believe our Work Truck Solutions segment is a regional market leader in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic regions of the United States. We serve a variety of different customers that include dealers who typically sell to end-users and to large national customers who purchase fleets of upfitted vehicles. Approximately half of our revenues are derived from dealer customers, while approximately 40% of our revenues are fleet sales. Our remaining sales are derived from over the counter sales of parts and accessories.

Long term growth in the truck and vehicle upfit market will depend on technological advances in the component products and advances in the original equipment manufacturer's vehicles, as well customer demand for such products. Along with technological advancements, end-users are demanding more specialized vehicles specifically related to their unique work related needs, which we expect will further increase demand. Along with technological advancements, products become more complex in the marketplace, thus increasing the importance of the role of the truck upfitter in the value chain.

Our Competitive Strengths

We compete solely with other North American manufacturers and upfitters who do not benefit from our manufacturing efficiencies, depth and breadth of products, extensive distributor network and customer relationships. As the market leader in the industries we serve, we enjoy a set of competitive advantages versus smaller competitors, which allows us to generate robust cash flows in all market environments and to support continued investment in our products, distribution capabilities and brand regardless of annual volume fluctuations. We believe these advantages are rooted in the following competitive strengths and reinforces our industry leadership over time.

Exceptional Customer Loyalty and Brand Equity. Our brands enjoy exceptional customer loyalty and brand equity in the snow and ice control equipment and truck upfitting industries with both end-users and distributors, which have been developed through over 70 years of superior innovation, productivity, reliability and support, consistently delivered year after year. We believe past brand experience, rather than price, is the key factor impacting our brands.

Broadest and Most Innovative Product Offering in Work Truck Attachments. In our Work Truck Attachments segment, we provide the industry's broadest product offering with a full range of snowplows, sand and salt spreaders and related parts and accessories. We believe we maintain the industry's largest and most advanced in-house new product development program, historically

introducing several new and redesigned products each year. Our broad product offering and commitment to new product development is essential to maintaining and growing our leading market share position as well as continuing to increase the profitability of our business. Meanwhile at our Work Truck Solutions segment, each upfit is customized to the specific needs of our customers.

Extensive North American Distributor Network in Work Truck Attachments. With over 2,100 points of sale at our Work Truck Attachments segment, we benefit from having what we believe to be the most extensive distributor network in the light truck and heavy duty snow and ice control equipment industry, providing a significant competitive advantage over our peers. Our distributors function not only as sales and support agents (providing access to parts and service), but also as industry partners providing real-time end-user information, such as retail inventory levels, changing consumer preferences or desired functionality enhancements, which we use as the basis for our product development efforts.

Leader in Operational Efficiency. We believe we are a leader in operational efficiency in our industries, resulting from our application of lean manufacturing principles and a highly variable cost structure. By utilizing lean principles, we are able to adjust production levels easily to meet fluctuating demand, while controlling costs in slower periods. This operational efficiency is supplemented by our highly variable cost structure, driven in part by our access to a sizable temporary workforce (comprising approximately 10-15% of our total workforce during average snowfall years), which we can quickly adjust, as needed. These manufacturing efficiencies enable us to respond rapidly to urgent customer demand during times of sudden and unpredictable snowfalls, allowing us to provide exceptional service to our existing customer base and capture new customers from competitors that we believe cannot service their customers' needs with the same speed and reliability.

Strong Cash Flow Generation. We are able to generate significant cash flow as a result of relatively consistent high profitability, low capital spending requirements and predictable timing of our working capital requirements. Our significant cash flow has allowed us to reinvest in our business, pay down long term debt, and pay substantial dividends to our stockholders.

Experienced Management Team. We believe our business benefits from an exceptional management team that is responsible for establishing our leadership in the light truck and heavy duty snow and ice control equipment and truck upfitting industries. Our senior management team, consisting of six officers as of December 31, 2018, has an average of approximately eighteen years of weather-related industry experience and an average of over ten years with our company. James Janik, our Executive Chairman, has been with us for over 25 years and served as President and Chief Executive Officer from 2000 to 2018, and through his strategic vision, we have been able to expand our distributor network and grow our market leading position. On January 1, 2019, Robert McCormick became our President and Chief Executive Officer. He has been with us for over 14 years and has served in various roles, including Chief Operating Officer and Chief Financial Officer, among others.

Our Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to capitalize on our competitive strengths to maximize cash flow to pay dividends, reduce indebtedness and reinvest in our business to create stockholder value. We have also developed a management system called the Douglas Dynamics Management System (“DDMS”) that is intended to assist in value creation and enhanced customer service. The building blocks of our strategy are:

Continuous Product Innovation. We believe new product innovation is critical to maintaining and growing our market leading position in the snow and ice control equipment industry. We will continue to focus on developing innovative solutions to increase productivity, ease of use, reliability, durability and serviceability of our products and on incorporating lean manufacturing concepts into our product development process, which has allowed us to reduce the overall cost of development and, more importantly, to reduce our time-to-market by nearly one-half.

Distributor Network and Customer Optimization. At our Work Truck Attachment segment, we will continually seek opportunities to continue to expand our extensive distribution network by adding high-quality, well-capitalized distributors in select geographic areas and by cross-selling our industry leading brands within our distribution network to ensure we maximize our ability to generate revenue while protecting our industry leading reputation, customer loyalty and brands. We will also focus on optimizing this network by providing in-depth training, valuable distributor support and attractive promotional and incentive opportunities. As a result of these efforts, we believe a majority of our distributors choose to sell our products exclusively. We believe this sizable high quality network is unique in the industry, providing us with valuable insight into purchasing trends and customer preferences, and would be very difficult to replicate. At our Work Truck Solutions segment, we have well developed customer relationships resulting from being responsive to the needs of our customers. We will seek opportunities to continue to expand our customer group by increasing throughput allowing us to grow our customer base and continue to be responsive to our customers' specialized upfit needs.

Aggressive Asset Management and Profit Focus. We will continue to aggressively manage our assets in order to maximize our cash flow generation despite seasonal and annual variability in snowfall levels that affect our Work Truck Attachments segment. We believe our ability is unique in our industry and enables us to achieve attractive margins in all snowfall environments. Key elements of our asset management and profit focus strategies include:

- employment of a highly variable cost structure, which can allow us to quickly adjust costs in response to real-time changes in demand;
- use of enterprise-wide lean principles, which allow us to easily adjust production levels up or down to meet demand;
- implementation of a pre-season order program, which incentivizes distributors to place orders prior to the retail selling season and thereby enables us to more efficiently utilize our assets; and
- development of a vertically integrated business model, which we believe provides us cost advantages over our competition.

Additionally, although modest, our capital expenditure requirements and operating expenses can be temporarily reduced in response to anticipated or actual lower sales in a particular year to maximize cash flow.

Flexible, Lean Enterprise Platform. We will continue to utilize lean principles to maximize the flexibility, efficiency and productivity of our manufacturing operations while reducing the associated costs, enabling us to increase distributor and end-user satisfaction. For example, in an environment where shorter lead times and near-perfect order fulfillment are important to our distributors, we believe our lean processes have helped us to improve our shipping performance and build a reputation for providing industry leading shipping performance.

Our Growth Opportunities

Opportunistically Seek New Products and New Markets. On July 15, 2016, we completed our acquisition of Dejana, which we believe significantly strengthens our position as a premier manufacturer and upfitter of vehicle attachments and equipment. Adding the Dejana business has diversified our revenue streams and reduced the influence of weather on the overall business going forward. On December 31, 2014, we completed our acquisition of Henderson, which gave us Henderson's full line of product offerings and access to its network of dealers. We plan to continue to evaluate other acquisition opportunities within our industry that can help us expand our distribution reach, enhance our technology and as a consequence improve the breadth and depth of our product lines. We also consider diversification opportunities in adjacent markets that complement our business model and could offer us the ability to leverage our core competencies to create stockholder value.

Increase Our Industry Leading Market Share. In our Work Truck Attachments segment, we plan to leverage our industry leading position, distribution network and new product innovation capabilities to capture market share in the North American snow and ice control equipment market, focusing our primary efforts on increasing penetration in those North American markets where we believe our overall market share is less than 50%, including the heavy duty truck market. We also plan to continue growing our presence in the snow and ice control equipment market outside of North America, particularly in Asia and Europe, which we believe could provide significant growth opportunities in the future. At our Work Truck Solutions segment, we plan to leverage our regional market leading position and utilize DDMS to further penetrate upfit markets and to grow our customer base.

Order Backlog

We had total backlog of \$122.6 million and \$81.3 million at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Backlog information may not be indicative of results of operations for future periods.

Employees

As of December 31, 2018, we employed 1,663 employees on a full-time basis. None of our employees are represented by a union and we are not party to any collective bargaining agreements.

Financing Program

We are party to a financing program in which certain distributors may elect to finance their purchases from us through a third party financing company. We provide the third party financing company recourse against us regarding the collectability of the receivable under the program due to the fact that if the third party financing company is unable to collect from the distributor the amounts due in respect of the product financed, we would be obligated to repurchase any remaining inventory related to the product financed and reimburse any legal fees incurred by the financing company. During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, distributors financed purchases of \$8.5 million, \$7.1 million and \$7.6 million through this financing program, respectively. At both December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no uncollectible outstanding receivables related to sales financed under the financing program. The amount owed by our distributors to the third party financing company under this program at December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$7.8 million and \$3.4 million, respectively. We were not required to repurchase repossessed inventory for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

In the past, minimal losses have been incurred under this agreement. However, an adverse change in distributor retail sales could cause this situation to change and thereby require us to repurchase repossessed units. Any repossessed units are inspected to ensure they are current, unused product and are restocked and resold.

Intellectual Property

We maintain patents relating to snowplow mounts, assemblies, hydraulics, electronics and lighting systems, brooms, sand, salt and fertilizer spreader assemblies, reel handlers and carriers and shelving systems. Patents are valid for the longer period of 17 years from issue date or 20 years from filing date. The duration of the patents we currently possess range between less than one year and 19 years of remaining life. Our patent applications date from 1999 through 2018.

We rely on a combination of patents, trade secrets and trademarks to protect certain of the proprietary aspects of our business and technology. We hold approximately 48 U.S. registered trademarks (including the trademarks WESTERN®, FISHER®, DEJANA®, BLIZZARD®, SNOWEX®, TURFEX®, SWEEPEX®, HENDERSON® and BRINEXTREME®) 12 Canadian registered

trademarks, 5 European trademarks, 70 U.S. issued patents, 10 Canadian patents and 5 Chinese and 2 Mexican trademarks.

We rely upon a combination of patents, trade secrets and trademarks to protect certain of the proprietary aspects of our business and technology. In the year ended December 31, 2017, we received a settlement resulting from an ongoing lawsuit with one of our competitors that had been previously ordered to stop using our intellectual property. Under the settlement agreement we received \$1.3 million as part of defending our intellectual property. In the year ended December 31, 2016, we received a settlement resulting from an ongoing lawsuit with another competitor relating to our intellectual property. Under the settlement agreement we received \$10.1 million as part of defending our intellectual property. Our competitor has exhausted all appeals related to this matter and has paid us both awarded damages of \$10.0 million and accrued interest of \$0.1 million.

Raw Materials

During 2018, we experienced less favorable commodity costs compared to the prices paid for commodities in 2017 due to tariffs causing the inflation of steel prices. Historically, we have mitigated, and we currently expect to continue to mitigate, commodity cost increases in part by engaging in proactive vendor negotiations, reviewing alternative sourcing options, substituting materials, engaging in internal cost reduction efforts, and increasing prices on some of our products, all as appropriate.

Most of the components of our products are also affected by commodity cost pressures and are commercially available from a number of sources. In 2018, we experienced no significant work stoppages because of shortages of raw materials or commodities. The highest raw material and component costs are generally for steel, which we purchase from several suppliers.

Other Information

We were formed as a Delaware corporation in 2004. We maintain a website with the address www.douglasdynamics.com. We are not including the information contained on our website as part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this report. We make available free of charge (other than an investor's own Internet access charges) through our website our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to these reports, as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file such material with, or furnish such material to, the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). For further information regarding our geographic areas see the Summary of Significant Accounting Policies as discussed in Note 2 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The Company operates in an environment that involves numerous known and unknown risks and uncertainties. Our business, prospects, financial condition and operating results could be materially adversely affected by any of these risks, as well as other risks not currently known to us or that we currently consider immaterial. The risks described below highlight some of the factors that have affected, and in the future could affect our operations.

Our results of operations for our Work Truck Attachments segment and to a lesser extent our Work Truck Solutions segment depend primarily on the level, timing and location of snowfall. As a result, a decline in snowfall levels in multiple regions for an extended time could cause our results of operations to decline and adversely affect our ability to generate cash flow.

As a manufacturer through our Work Truck Attachments segment of snow and ice control equipment for both light and heavy duty trucks, and related parts and accessories, our sales depend primarily on the level, timing and location of snowfall in the regions in which we offer our products. In

addition, a portion of the sales of our Work Truck Solutions segment are derived from truck upfits performed on snow and ice control equipment. A low level or lack of snowfall in any given year in any of the snow-belt regions in North America (primarily the Midwest, East and Northeast regions of the United States as well as all provinces of Canada) will likely cause sales of our Work Truck Attachments products and a portion of our Work Truck Solutions products to decline in such year as well as the subsequent year, which in turn may adversely affect our results of operations and ability to generate cash flow. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Seasonality and Year-to-Year Variability.” A sustained period of reduced snowfall events in one or more of the geographic regions in which we offer our products could cause our results of operations to decline and adversely affect our ability to generate cash flow.

The year-to-year variability of our Work Truck Attachments segment can cause our results of operations and financial condition to be materially different from year-to-year and the seasonality of our Work Truck Attachments segment can cause our results of operations and financial condition to be materially different from quarter-to-quarter.

Because our Work Truck Attachments segment depends on the level, timing and location of snowfall, our results of operations vary from year-to-year. Additionally, because the annual snow season typically only runs from October 1 through March 31, our distributors typically purchase our Work Truck Attachments products during the second and third quarters. As a result, we operate in a seasonal business. We not only experience seasonality in our sales, but also experience seasonality in our working capital needs. Consequently, our results of operations and financial condition of our Work Truck Attachments segment can vary from year-to-year, as well as from quarter-to-quarter, which could affect our ability to generate cash flow. If we are unable to effectively manage the seasonality and year-to-year variability of our Work Truck Attachments segment, our results of operations, financial condition and ability to generate cash flow may be adversely affected.

If economic conditions in the United States deteriorate, or if spending by governmental agencies is limited or reduced, our results of operations, financial condition and ability to generate cash flow may be adversely affected.

Historically, demand for snow and ice control equipment for light and heavy duty trucks as well as upfitted vehicles has been influenced by general economic conditions in the United States, as well as local economic conditions in the snow-belt regions in North America. Although economic conditions and spending by governmental agencies have improved from 2011 through 2018, this trend may not continue in the foreseeable future. Weakened economic conditions and limited or reduced government spending may cause both our Work Truck Attachments and Work Truck Solutions end-users to delay purchases of replacement snow and ice control equipment and upfit vehicles and instead repair their existing equipment and vehicles, leading to a decrease in our sales of new equipment and upfitted vehicles. Specific to our Work Truck Attachments segment, weakened economic conditions and limited or reduced governmental spending may also cause our end-users to delay their purchases of new light and heavy duty trucks. Because our end-users tend to purchase new snow and ice control equipment concurrent with their purchase of new light or heavy duty trucks, their delay in purchasing new light or heavy duty trucks can also result in the deferral of their purchases of new snow and ice control equipment. The deferral of new equipment purchases during periods of weak economic conditions or limited or reduced government spending may negatively affect our results of operations, financial condition and ability to generate cash flow.

Weakened economic conditions or limited or reduced government spending may also cause both our Work Truck Attachments and Work Truck Solutions end-users to consider price more carefully in selecting new snow and ice control equipment and upfit vehicles, respectively. Historically, considerations of quality and service have outweighed considerations of price, but in a weak economy,

or an environment of constrained government spending, price may become a more important factor. Any refocus away from quality in favor of cheaper equipment could cause end-users to shift away from our products to less expensive competitor products, or to shift away from our more profitable products to our less profitable products, which in turn would adversely affect our results of operations and our ability to generate cash flow.

Our failure to maintain good relationships with our customers and distributors, the loss or consolidation of our distributor base or the actions or inactions of our distributors could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to generate cash flow.

We depend on a network of truck equipment distributors to sell, install and service our products and upfitted vehicles. Nearly all of these sales and service relationships are at will, so almost all of our distributors could discontinue the sale and service of our products and upfitted vehicles at any time, and those distributors that primarily sell our products and upfitted vehicles may choose to sell competing products or vehicles at any time. Further, difficult economic or other circumstances could cause any of our distributors to discontinue their businesses. Moreover, if our distributor base were to consolidate or if any of our distributors were to discontinue their business, competition for the business of fewer distributors would intensify. If we do not maintain good relationships with our distributors and customers, or if we do not provide product or upfit offerings and pricing that meet the needs of our distributors and customers, we could lose a substantial amount of our distributor and customer base. A loss of a substantial portion of our distributor and customer base could cause our sales to decline significantly, which would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and ability to generate cash flow.

In addition, our distributors may not provide timely or adequate service to our end-users. If this occurs, our brand identity and reputation may be damaged, which would have an adverse effect on our results of operations and ability to generate cash flow.

Lack of available financing options for our end-users or distributors may adversely affect our sales volumes.

Our end-user base in our Work Truck Attachments segment is highly concentrated among professional snowplowers, who comprise over 50% of our end-users, many of whom are individual landscapers who remove snow during the winter and landscape during the rest of the year, rather than large, well-capitalized corporations. These end-users often depend upon credit to purchase our Work Truck Attachments products. If credit is unavailable on favorable terms or at all, these end-users may not be able to purchase our Work Truck Attachments products from our distributors, which would in turn reduce sales and adversely affect our results of operations and ability to generate cash flow.

In addition, because our distributors, like our end-users, rely on credit to purchase our products, if our distributors are not able to obtain credit, or access credit on favorable terms, we may experience delays in payment or nonpayment for delivered products. Further, if our distributors are unable to obtain credit or access credit on favorable terms, they could experience financial difficulties or bankruptcy and cease purchases of our products altogether. Thus, if financing is unavailable on favorable terms or at all, our results of operations and ability to generate cash flow would be adversely affected.

The price of steel, a commodity necessary to manufacture our products, is highly variable. If the price of steel increases, our gross margins could decline.

Steel is a significant raw material used to manufacture our products. During 2018, 2017 and 2016, our raw steel purchases were approximately 10%, 10% and 12% of our revenue, respectively. The steel industry is highly cyclical in nature, and steel prices have been volatile in recent years and may remain volatile in the future. Steel prices are influenced by numerous factors beyond our control, including

general economic conditions domestically and internationally, the availability of raw materials, competition, labor costs, freight and transportation costs, production costs, tariffs and other trade restrictions. Steel prices are volatile and may increase as a result of increased demand from the automobile and consumer durable sectors. If the price of steel increases, our variable costs may increase. We may not be able to mitigate these increased costs through the implementation of permanent price increases or temporary invoice surcharges, especially if economic conditions are weak and our distributors and end-users become more price sensitive. If we are unable to successfully mitigate such cost increases in the future, our gross margins could decline.

If petroleum prices increase, our results of operations could be adversely affected.

Petroleum prices have fluctuated significantly in recent years. Prices and availability of petroleum products are subject to political, economic and market factors that are outside of our control. Political events in petroleum-producing regions as well as hurricanes and other weather-related events may cause the price of fuel to increase. If the price of fuel increases, the demand for our products may decline and transportation and freight costs may increase, which would adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

We depend on outside suppliers and original equipment manufacturers who may be unable to meet our volume and quality requirements, and we may be unable to obtain alternative sources.

We purchase certain components essential to our snowplows and sand and salt spreaders from outside suppliers, including off-shore sources. We also have OEM partners that supply truck chassis used in our truck upfitting operations across both segments. Most of our key supply arrangements can be discontinued at any time. A supplier may encounter delays in the production and delivery of such products and components or may supply us with products and components that do not meet our quality, quantity or cost requirements. In addition, as was the case in 2018, an OEM may encounter difficulties and may be unable to deliver truck chassis according to our production needs, which resulted in a deferral of sales from 2018 to future periods. Additionally, a supplier may be forced to discontinue operations. Any discontinuation or interruption in the availability of quality products, components or truck chassis from one or more of our suppliers may result in increased production costs, delays in the delivery of our products and lost end-user sales, which could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We have continued to increase the number of our off-shore suppliers. Our increased reliance on off-shore sourcing may cause our business to be more susceptible to the impact of natural disasters, war and other factors that may disrupt the transportation systems or shipping lines used by our suppliers, a weakening of the dollar over an extended period of time and other uncontrollable factors such as changes in foreign regulation, tariffs or economic conditions. In addition, reliance on off-shore suppliers may make it more difficult for us to respond to sudden changes in demand because of the longer lead time to obtain components from off-shore sources. We may be unable to mitigate this risk by stocking sufficient materials to satisfy any sudden or prolonged surges in demand for our products. If we cannot satisfy demand for our products in a timely manner, our sales could suffer as distributors can cancel purchase orders without penalty until shipment.

We do not sell our products under long-term purchase contracts, and sales of our products are significantly impacted by factors outside of our control; therefore, our ability to estimate demand is limited.

We do not enter into long-term purchase contracts with our distributors and the purchase orders we receive may be cancelled without penalty until shipment. Therefore, our ability to accurately predict future demand for our products is limited. Nonetheless, we attempt to estimate demand for our products for purposes of planning our annual production levels and our long-term product development and new product introductions. We base our estimates of demand on our own market assessment,

snowfall figures, quarterly field inventory surveys and regular communications with our distributors. Because wide fluctuations in the level, timing and location of snowfall, economic conditions and other factors may occur, each of which is out of our control, our estimates of demand may not be accurate. Underestimating demand could result in procuring an insufficient amount of materials necessary for the production of our products, which may result in increased production costs, delays in product delivery, missed sale opportunities and a decrease in customer satisfaction. Overestimating demand could result in the procurement of excessive supplies, which could result in increased inventory and associated carrying costs.

If we are unable to enforce, maintain or continue to build our intellectual property portfolio, or if others invalidate our intellectual property rights, our competitive position may be harmed.

Our patents relate to snowplow mounts, assemblies, hydraulics, electronics and lighting systems, brooms, sand, salt and fertilizer spreader assemblies, reel handlers and carriers and shelving systems. Patents are valid for the longer period of 17 years from issue date or 20 years from filing date. The duration of the patents we currently possess range between less than one year and 19 years of remaining life. Our patent applications date from 1999 through 2018.

We rely on a combination of patents, trade secrets and trademarks to protect certain of the proprietary aspects of our business and technology. We hold approximately 48 U.S. registered trademarks (including the trademarks WESTERN®, FISHER®, DEJANA®, BLIZZARD®, SNOWEX®, TURFEX®, SWEEPEX®, HENDERSON® and BRINEXTREME®) 12 Canadian registered trademarks, 5 European trademarks, 70 U.S. issued patents, 10 Canadian patents and 5 Chinese and 2 Mexican trademarks. Although we work diligently to protect our intellectual property rights, monitoring the unauthorized use of our intellectual property is difficult, and the steps we have taken may not prevent unauthorized use by others. In addition, in the event a third party challenges the validity of our intellectual property rights, a court may determine that our intellectual property rights may not be valid or enforceable. An adverse determination with respect to our intellectual property rights may harm our business prospects and reputation. Third parties may design around our patents or may independently develop technology similar to our trade secrets. The failure to adequately build, maintain and enforce our intellectual property portfolio could impair the strength of our technology and our brands, and harm our competitive position. Although we have no reason to believe that our intellectual property rights are vulnerable, previously undiscovered intellectual property could be used to invalidate our rights.

If we are unable to develop new products or improve upon our existing products on a timely basis, it could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We believe that our future success depends, in part, on our ability to develop on a timely basis new technologically advanced products or improve upon our existing products in innovative ways that meet or exceed our competitors' product and upfit offerings. Continuous product innovation ensures that our consumers have access to the latest products and features when they consider buying snow and ice control equipment and truck upfits. Maintaining our market position will require us to continue to invest in research and development and sales and marketing. Product development requires significant financial, technological and other resources. We may be unsuccessful in making the technological advances necessary to develop new products or improve our existing products to maintain our market position. Industry standards, end-user expectations or other products may emerge that could render one or more of our products less desirable or obsolete. If any of these events occur, it could cause decreases in sales, a failure to realize premium pricing and an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

We face competition from other companies in our industry, and if we are unable to compete effectively with these companies, it could have an adverse effect on our sales and profitability. Price competition among our distributors and customers could negatively affect our market share.

In our Work Truck Attachments segment, we primarily compete with regional manufacturers of snow and ice control equipment for light and heavy duty trucks. While we are the most geographically diverse company in our industry, we may face increasing competition in the markets in which we operate. Additionally, in our Work Truck Solutions segment, we compete with other market leaders in the truck upfit industry. In saturated markets, price competition may lead to a decrease in our market share or a compression of our margins, both of which would affect our profitability. Moreover, current or future competitors may grow their market share and develop superior service and may have or may develop greater financial resources, lower costs, superior technology or more favorable operating conditions than we maintain. As a result, competitive pressures we face may cause price reductions for our products, which would affect our profitability or result in decreased sales and operating income. Additionally, saturation of the markets in which we compete or channel conflicts among our brands and shifts in consumer preferences may increase these competitive pressures or may result in increased competition among our distributors and affect our sales and profitability. In addition, price competition among the distributors that sell our products could lead to significant margin erosion among our distributors, which could in turn result in compressed margins or loss of market share for us. Management believes that, after ourselves, the next largest competitors in the market for snow and ice control equipment for light trucks are The Toro Company (the manufacturer of the Boss brand of snow and ice control equipment) and Meyer Products LLC, and accordingly represent our primary competitors for light truck market share for our Work Truck Attachments segment. Management believes that, after ourselves, the next largest competitors in the market for snow and ice control equipment for heavy trucks are Monroe and Viking, and accordingly represent our primary competitors for heavy truck market share for our Work Truck Attachments segment. Management believes that, other regional market leaders in the truck upfitting industry are Knapheide, Reading, Palfleet and Autotruck, and accordingly represent our primary competitors for market share for our Work Truck Solutions segment.

We are subject to complex laws and regulations, including environmental and safety regulations that can adversely affect the cost, manner or feasibility of doing business.

Our operations are subject to certain federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to, among other things, the generation, storage, handling, emission, transportation, disposal and discharge of hazardous and non-hazardous substances and materials into the environment, the manufacturing of motor vehicle accessories and employee health and safety. We cannot be certain that existing and future laws and regulations and their interpretations will not harm our business or financial condition. We currently make and may be required to make large and unanticipated capital expenditures to comply with environmental and other regulations, such as:

- Applicable motor vehicle safety standards established by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration;
- Reclamation and remediation and other environmental protection; and
- Standards for workplace safety established by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

While we monitor our compliance with applicable laws and regulations and attempt to budget for anticipated costs associated with compliance, we cannot predict the future cost of such compliance. In 2018, the amount expended for such compliance was insignificant, but we could incur material expenses in the future in the event of future legislation changes or unforeseen events, such as a workplace

accident or environmental discharge, or if we otherwise discover we are in non-compliance with an applicable regulation. In addition, under these laws and regulations, we could be liable for:

- Product liability claims;
- Personal injuries;
- Investigation and remediation of environmental contamination and other governmental sanctions such as fines and penalties; and
- Other environmental damages.

Our operations could be significantly delayed or curtailed and our costs of operations could significantly increase as a result of regulatory requirements, restrictions or claims. We are unable to predict the ultimate cost of compliance with these requirements or their effect on our operations.

Financial market conditions could have a negative impact on the return on plan assets for our pension plans, which may require additional funding and negatively impact our cash flows.

Our pension expense and required contributions to our pension plan are directly affected by the value of plan assets, the projected rate of return on plan assets, the actual rate of return on plan assets and the actuarial assumptions we use to measure the defined benefit pension plan obligations. The funding status of our pension plans is impacted by the financial markets. As of December 31, 2018, our pension plans were underfunded by approximately \$2.1 million. In 2018, contributions to our defined benefit pension plans were approximately \$7.0 million. If plan assets perform below expectations, future pension expense and funding obligations will increase, which would have a negative impact on our cash flows. Moreover, under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, it is possible that losses of asset values may necessitate accelerated funding of our pension plans in the future to meet minimum federal government requirements.

The statements regarding our industry, market positions and market share in this filing are based on our management's estimates and assumptions. While we believe such statements are reasonable, such statements have not been independently verified.

Information contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K concerning the snow and ice control equipment and truck upfitting industries, our general expectations concerning these industries and our market positions and other market share data regarding the industries are based on estimates our management prepared using end-user surveys, anecdotal data from our distributors and distributors that carry our competitors' products, our results of operations and management's past experience, and on assumptions made, based on our management's knowledge of this industry, all of which we believe to be reasonable. These estimates and assumptions are inherently subject to uncertainties, especially given the year-to-year variability of snowfall and the difficulty of obtaining precise information about our competitors, and may prove to be inaccurate. In addition, we have not independently verified the information from any third-party source and thus cannot guarantee its accuracy or completeness, although management also believes such information to be reasonable. Our actual operating results may vary significantly if our estimates and outlook concerning the industry, snowfall patterns, our market positions or our market shares turn out to be incorrect.

We are subject to product liability claims, product quality issues, and other litigation from time to time that could adversely affect our operating results or financial condition.

The manufacture, sale and usage of our products expose us to a risk of product liability claims. If our products are defective or used incorrectly by our end-users, injury may result, giving rise to product liability claims against us. If a product liability claim or series of claims is brought against us for uninsured liabilities or in excess of our insurance coverage, and it is ultimately determined that we are

liable, our business and financial condition could suffer. Any losses that we may suffer from any liability claims, and the effect that any product liability litigation may have upon the reputation and marketability of our products, may divert management's attention from other matters and may have a negative impact on our business and operating results. Additionally, we could experience a material design or manufacturing failure in our products, a quality system failure or other safety issues, or heightened regulatory scrutiny that could warrant a recall of some of our products. A recall of some of our products could also result in increased product liability claims. Any of these issues could also result in loss of market share, reduced sales, and higher warranty expense.

We are heavily dependent on our senior management team.

Our continued success depends on the retention, recruitment and continued contributions of key management, finance, sales and marketing personnel, some of whom could be difficult to replace. Our success is largely dependent upon our senior management team. The loss of any one or more of such persons could have an adverse effect on our business and financial condition.

Our indebtedness could adversely affect our operations, including our ability to perform our obligations and generate cash flow.

As of December 31, 2018, we had approximately \$279.3 million of senior secured indebtedness, no outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility and \$94.6 million of borrowing availability under the revolving credit facility. We may also be able to incur substantial indebtedness in the future, including senior indebtedness, which may or may not be secured.

Our indebtedness could have important consequences, including the following:

- We could have difficulty satisfying our debt obligations, and if we fail to comply with these requirements, an event of default could result;
- We may be required to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to required payments on indebtedness, thereby reducing the cash flow available to pay dividends or fund working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate activities;
- Covenants relating to our indebtedness may restrict our ability to make distributions to our stockholders;
- Covenants relating to our indebtedness may limit our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures and other general corporate activities, which may limit our flexibility in planning for, or reacting to, changes in our business and the industry in which we operate;
- We may be more vulnerable to general adverse economic and industry conditions;
- We may be placed at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors with less debt; and
- We may have difficulty repaying or refinancing our obligations under our senior credit facilities on their respective maturity dates.

If any of these consequences occur, our financial condition, results of operations and ability to generate cash flow could be adversely affected. This, in turn, could negatively affect the market price of our common stock, and we may need to undertake alternative financing plans, such as refinancing or restructuring our debt, selling assets, reducing or delaying capital investments or seeking to raise additional capital. We cannot assure you that any refinancing would be possible, that any assets could be sold, or, if sold, of the timing of the sales and the amount of proceeds that may be realized from those sales, or that additional financing could be obtained on acceptable terms, if at all.

Our variable rate indebtedness subjects us to interest rate risk, which could cause our debt service obligations to increase significantly and could impose adverse consequences.

Certain of our borrowings, including our term loan and any revolving borrowings under our senior credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. In addition, the interest rate on any revolving borrowings is subject to an increase in the interest rate if the average daily availability under our revolving credit facility falls below a certain threshold. If interest rates increase, our debt service obligations on the variable rate indebtedness would increase even though the amount borrowed remained the same, and our net income and cash flows would correspondingly decrease.

Our senior credit facilities impose restrictions on us, which may also prevent us from capitalizing on business opportunities and taking certain corporate actions. One of these facilities also includes minimum availability requirements, which if unsatisfied, could result in liquidity events that may jeopardize our business.

Our senior credit facilities contain, and future debt instruments to which we may become subject may contain, covenants that limit our ability to engage in activities that could otherwise benefit our company. Under the credit facilities, these covenants include restrictions on our ability to:

- incur, assume or permit to exist additional indebtedness or contingent obligations;
- incur liens and engage in sale and leaseback transactions;
- make loans and investments in excess of agreed upon amounts;
- declare dividends, make payments or redeem or repurchase capital stock in excess of agreed upon amounts and subject to certain other limitations;
- engage in mergers, acquisitions and other business combinations;
- prepay, redeem or purchase certain indebtedness or amend or alter the terms of our indebtedness;
- sell assets;
- make further negative pledges;
- create restrictions on distributions by subsidiaries;
- change our fiscal year;
- engage in activities other than, among other things, incurring the debt under our new senior credit facilities and the activities related thereto, holding our ownership interest in Douglas Dynamics, LLC, making restricted payments, including dividends, permitted by our senior credit facilities and conducting activities related to our status as a public company;
- amend or waive rights under certain agreements;
- transact with affiliates or our stockholders; and
- alter the business that we conduct.

Our amended revolving credit facility also includes limitations on capital expenditures and requires that if we fail to maintain the greater of \$12,500,000 and 12.5% of the revolving commitments in borrowing availability, we must comply with a fixed charge coverage ratio test. In addition, if a liquidity event occurs because our borrowing availability is less than the greater of \$15,000,000 and 15% of the aggregate revolving commitments (or an event of default occurs and is continuing), subject to certain limited cure rights, all proceeds of our accounts receivable and other collateral will be applied to reduce obligations under our amended revolving credit facility, jeopardizing our ability to meet other

obligations. Our ability to comply with the covenants contained in our senior credit facilities or in the agreements governing our future indebtedness, and our ability to avoid liquidity events, may be affected by events, or our future performance, which are subject to factors beyond our control, including prevailing economic, financial, industry and weather conditions, such as the level, timing and location of snowfall and general economic conditions in the snowbelt regions of North America. A failure to comply with these covenants could result in a default under our senior credit facilities, which could prevent us from paying dividends, borrowing additional amounts and using proceeds of our inventory and accounts receivable, and also permit the lenders to accelerate the payment of such debt. If any of our debt is accelerated or if a liquidity event (or event of default) occurs that results in collateral proceeds being applied to reduce such debt, we may not have sufficient funds available to repay such debt and our other obligations, in which case, our business could be halted and such lenders could proceed against any collateral securing that debt. Further, if the lenders accelerate the payment of the indebtedness under our senior credit facilities, our assets may not be sufficient to repay in full the indebtedness under our senior credit facilities and our other indebtedness, if any. We cannot assure you that these covenants will not adversely affect our ability to finance our future operations or capital needs to pursue available business opportunities or react to changes in our business and the industry in which we operate.

Provisions of Delaware law and our charter documents could delay or prevent an acquisition of us, even if the acquisition would be beneficial to you.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws may have the effect of delaying or preventing a change of control or changes in our management. These provisions include:

- the absence of cumulative voting in the election of our directors, which means that the holders of a majority of our common stock may elect all of the directors standing for election;
- the ability of our Board of Directors to issue preferred stock with voting rights or with rights senior to those of our common stock without any further vote or action by the holders of our common stock;
- the division of our Board of Directors into three separate classes serving staggered three-year terms;
- the ability of our stockholders to remove our directors is limited to cause and only by the vote of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding shares of our common stock;
- the prohibition on our stockholders from acting by written consent and calling special meetings;
- the requirement that our stockholders provide advance notice when nominating our directors or proposing business to be considered by the stockholders at an annual meeting of stockholders; and
- the requirement that our stockholders must obtain a 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % vote to amend or repeal certain provisions of our certificate of incorporation.

We are also subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, which, subject to certain exceptions, prohibits us from engaging in any business combination with any interested stockholder, as defined in that section, for a period of three years following the date on which that stockholder became an interested stockholder. This provision, together with the provisions discussed above, could also make it more difficult for you and our other stockholders to elect directors and take other corporate actions, and could limit the price that investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock.

Our dividend policy may limit our ability to pursue growth opportunities.

If we continue to pay dividends at the level contemplated by our dividend policy, as in effect on the date of this filing, or if we increase the level of our dividend payments in the future, we may not retain a sufficient amount of cash to finance growth opportunities, meet any large unanticipated liquidity requirements or fund our operations in the event of a significant business downturn. In addition, because a significant portion of cash available will be distributed to holders of our common stock under our dividend policy, our ability to pursue any material expansion of our business, including through acquisitions, increased capital spending or other increases of our expenditures, will depend more than it otherwise would on our ability to obtain third party financing. We cannot assure you that such financing will be available to us at all, or at an acceptable cost. If we are unable to take timely advantage of growth opportunities, our future financial condition and competitive position may be harmed, which in turn may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Security breaches and other disruptions could compromise our information and expose us to liability, which would cause our business and reputation to suffer.

In the ordinary course of our business, we collect and store sensitive data, including our proprietary business information and that of our customers, suppliers and business partners, as well as personally identifiable information of our customers and employees, in our data centers and on our networks. The secure processing, maintenance and transmission of this information is critical to our operations and business strategy. Despite our security measures, our information technology and infrastructure may be vulnerable to malicious attacks or breached due to employee error, malfeasance or other disruptions, including as a result of rollouts of new systems. Any such breach could compromise our networks and the information stored there could be accessed, publicly disclosed, lost or stolen. Any such access, disclosure or other loss of information could result in legal claims or proceedings and/or regulatory penalties, disrupt our operations, damage our reputation, and/or cause a loss of confidence in our products and services, which could adversely affect our business.

We may be unable to identify, complete or benefit from strategic transactions.

Our long-term growth strategy includes building value for our company through a variety of methods. These methods may include acquisition of, investment in, or joint ventures involving, complementary businesses. We cannot assure that we will be able to identify suitable parties for these transactions. If we are unable to identify suitable parties for strategic transactions we may not be able to capitalize on market opportunities with existing and new customers, which could inhibit our ability to gain market share. Even if we identify suitable parties to participate in these transactions, we cannot assure that we will be able to make them on commercially acceptable terms, if at all.

In 2017, we acquired Arrowhead. In July 2016, we acquired Dejana. We may not be able to achieve the projected financial performance or incur unexpected costs or liabilities as a result of these transactions. In addition, if in the future we acquire another company or its assets, it may be difficult to assimilate the acquired businesses, products, services, technologies and personnel into our operations. These difficulties could disrupt our ongoing business, distract our management and workforce, increase our expenses and adversely affect our operating results and ability to compete and gain market share. Mergers and acquisitions are inherently risky and are subject to many factors outside our control. No assurance can be given that any future acquisitions will be successful and will not materially adversely affect our business, operating results, or financial condition. In addition, we may incur debt or be required to issue equity securities to pay for future acquisitions or investments. The issuance of any equity securities could be dilutive to our stockholders. We also may need to make further investments to support any acquired company and may have difficulty identifying and acquiring appropriate resources. If we divest or otherwise exit certain portions of our business in connection with a strategic transaction, we may be required to record additional expenses, and our estimates with respect to the

useful life and ultimate recoverability of our carrying basis of assets, including goodwill and purchased intangible assets, could change.

If we fail to establish and maintain effective internal controls in accordance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or if we fail to successfully integrate acquired businesses into our internal controls processes and procedures, it could have a material adverse effect on our business or stock price.

Rules adopted by the SEC pursuant to Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 require annual assessment of U.S. public companies' internal control over financial reporting. The standards that must be met for management to assess the internal control over financial reporting as effective are complex, and require significant documentation, testing and possible remediation. We expect that our internal control over financial reporting will continue to evolve as our business develops. If and when we acquire new businesses, we will be required to integrate those acquired businesses into our consolidated internal controls processes and procedures and determine whether our consolidated internal control environment is effective. If we acquire businesses that are private companies at the time of acquisition and which are not previously subject to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 or other similar regulations requiring effective internal controls over financial reporting, it may be more likely that we identify deficiencies or material weaknesses in the internal controls of such acquired businesses.

Although we are committed to continue to improve our internal control processes and we will continue to diligently review our internal control over financial reporting in order to ensure compliance with Section 404 requirements, our control system can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives will be met. Therefore, we cannot be certain that in the future material weaknesses or significant deficiencies will not occur. Material weaknesses or significant deficiencies could result in misstatements of our results of operations, restatements of our consolidated financial statements, a decline in our stock price, or other material adverse effects on our business.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not applicable.

Item 2. Properties

Our significant facilities by location, ownership, and function as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

<u>Location</u>	<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Products / Use</u>
Milwaukee, Wisconsin	Owned	Corporate headquarters, Work Truck Attachments
Albany, New York	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Baltimore, Maryland(1)	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Bucyrus, Ohio	Leased	Work Truck Attachments
Chalfont, Pennsylvania	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Cinnaminson, New Jersey	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Fulton, Missouri	Leased	Work Truck Attachments
Huntley, Illinois	Owned	Work Truck Attachments
Kansas City, Missouri	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Kenvil, New Jersey	Leased	Work Truck Attachments
Kings Park, New York(1)	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Madison Heights, Michigan	Owned	Work Truck Attachments
Manchester, Iowa	Owned	Work Truck Attachments
Manchester, Iowa	Leased	Work Truck Attachments
Queensbury, New York	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Rockland, Maine	Owned	Work Truck Attachments
Smithfield, Rhode Island	Leased	Work Truck Solutions
Watertown, New York	Leased	Work Truck Attachments
China	Leased	Sourcing Office

(1)—Two facilities.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of business, we are engaged in various litigation primarily including product liability and intellectual property disputes. However, management does not believe that any current litigation is material to our operations or financial position. In addition, we are not currently party to any environmental-related claims or legal matters. We had litigation proceeds of \$1.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2017 due to a settlement related to the successful conclusion of a patent infringement lawsuit against Meyer Products, LLC. We had litigation proceeds of \$10.1 million in the year ended December 31, 2016 due to a settlement related to the successful conclusion of a patent infringement lawsuit against Buyers Products Company.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

Executive Officers of the Registrant

On January 1, 2019, James L. Janik became Executive Chairman of the Company. Also on January 1, 2019, Robert McCormick became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and a member of the Company's Board of Directors.

Our executive officers as of February 26, 2019 were as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Position</u>
Robert McCormick	58	President and Chief Executive Officer
James Janik	62	Executive Chairman
Sarah Lauber	47	Chief Financial Officer & Secretary
Keith Hagelin	58	President, Commercial Snow & Ice
Jonathon Sievert	43	President, Municipal Snow & Ice
Andrew Dejana	58	President, Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment

Robert McCormick has been serving as our President and Chief Executive Officer and as director since January 2019. Previously, Mr. McCormick served as our Chief Operating Officer from August 2017 until January 2019. Prior to becoming Chief Operating Officer, Mr. McCormick served as our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer from September 2004 through August 2017, as our Secretary from May 2005 through August 2017, as our Assistant Secretary from September 2004 to May 2005 and as our Treasurer from September 2004 through December 2010. Prior to joining us, Mr. McCormick served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Xymox Technology Inc. from 2001 to 2004. Prior to that, Mr. McCormick served in various capacities in the Newell Rubbermaid Corporation, including President from 2000 to 2001 and Vice President Group Controller from 1997 to 2000.

James Janik has been serving as our Executive Chairman since January 2019 and as a director since 2004. Mr. Janik became our Chairman of the Board in 2014. Mr. Janik previously served as our President and Chief Executive Officer from 2004 until January 2019. Mr. Janik also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Douglas Dynamics Incorporated, the entity that previously operated our business, from 2000 to 2004. Mr. Janik was Director of Sales of our Western Products division from 1992 to 1994, General Manager of our Western Products division from 1994 to 2000 and Vice President of Marketing and Sales from 1998 to 2000. Prior to joining us, Mr. Janik was the Vice President of Marketing and Sales of Sunlite Plastics Inc., a custom extruder of thermoplastic materials, for two years. During the 11 prior years, Mr. Janik held a number of key marketing, sales and production management positions for John Deere Company.

Sarah Lauber has been serving as our Chief Financial Officer and Secretary since August 2017. Prior to joining us, Ms. Lauber served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Jason Industries, Inc., a global industrial manufacturing company, since January 2016 and as Jason Industries' Chief Financial Officer since 2015. Prior to joining Jason Industries, Ms. Lauber served as Senior Vice President, Financial Planning and Analysis at Regal Beloit Corporation, a manufacturer of electric motors, electric motion controls, power generation and power transmission products, from 2011 until 2015. Ms. Lauber previously was employed by A.O. Smith Corporation's Electrical Products Company ("EPC") from 2002 until 2011 and held various roles, the latest of which was Chief Financial Officer from 2006 until EPC was acquired by Regal Beloit in 2011.

Keith Hagelin has been serving as our President, Commercial Snow & Ice since June 2017. Prior to this role, he served as our Senior Vice President, Operations since September 2013 and our Vice President, Operations since 2009, having previously spent 14 years in progressive roles with us, including Plant Manager and General Manager—Rockland and most recently Vice President of Manufacturing from 2007 to 2009. Prior to joining Douglas, he spent 13 years at Raytheon Corporation in various manufacturing, production and new product development roles.

Jonathon Sievert has been serving as our President, Municipal Snow & Ice, since March, 2017. Prior to his role as President, Municipal Snow & Ice, Mr. Sievert served as our Senior Vice President, Operations, Municipal Snow & Ice, since July 2015. Mr. Sievert served as our Director, Operational Excellence, Douglas Dynamics from October 2012 through July 2015 and Business Unit Manager,

Commercial Snow & Ice from January 2009 through October 2012. During the prior 10 years, Mr. Sievert served as Director of Operations for Cole Manufacturing Inc.

Andrew Dejana has been serving as President of Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment since the Company acquired Dejana in 2016. For the 29 years prior, Mr. Dejana served as Vice President of Dejana where he was responsible for developing all aspects of the business including quoting, sales, purchasing, manufacturing and operations. Mr. Dejana was also instrumental in developing strategic OEM partnerships that included bailment pool and ship-thru distribution channels and expanded Dejana's footprint in the Northeast and which has grown to become one of the country's largest commercial truck upfitters.

Executive officers are elected by, and serve at the discretion of, the Board of Directors. There are no family relationships between any of our directors or executive officers.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Our Common Stock has been traded on the New York Stock Exchange since the second quarter of 2010 under the symbol "PLOW."

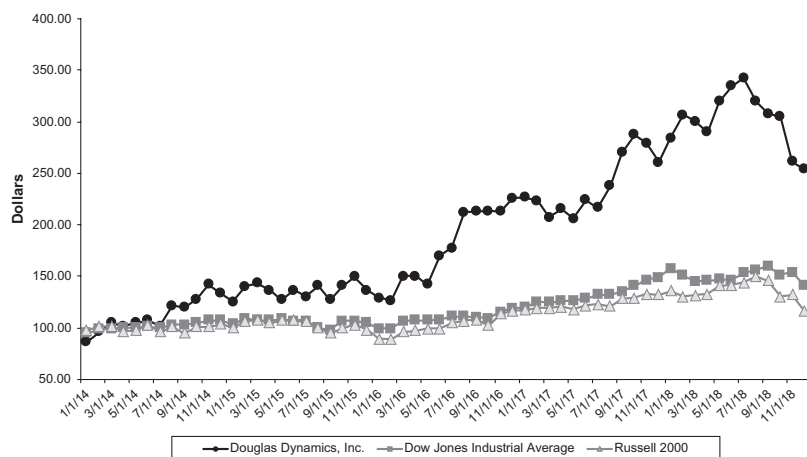
At February 26, 2019, there were 60 registered record holders of our Common Stock.

In accordance with our dividend policy, dividends are declared and paid quarterly at the discretion of the board of directors. Additionally, special dividends may be declared and paid at the discretion of the board of directors. We paid quarterly dividends to the holders of our Common Stock in 2017 and 2018.

Item 12 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K contains certain information relating to the Company's equity compensation plans.

The following information in this Item 5 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is not deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, and will not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act") or the Exchange Act, except to the extent we specifically incorporate it by reference into such a filing.

The graph set forth below compares the cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock between January 1, 2014 and December 31, 2018, with the cumulative total return of The Dow Jones Industrial Average and Russell 2000 Index. This graph assumes the investment of \$100 on January 1, 2014 in our common stock, the Dow Jones Industrial Average and Russell 2000 Index, and assumes the reinvestment of dividends.



We did not sell any equity securities during 2018 in offerings that were not registered under the Securities Act.

Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data

The following table sets forth our selected historical consolidated financial data for the periods and at the dates indicated. The selected historical consolidated financial data as of December 31, 2017 and 2018 and for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018 are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements.

The selected historical consolidated financial data as of December 2014, 2015 and 2016 and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2015 is derived from our historical financial statements not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The selected consolidated financial data presented below should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this document.

	As of December 31,				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands)				
Selected Balance Sheet Data					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 24,195	\$ 36,844	\$ 18,609	\$ 36,875	\$ 27,820
Total current assets	135,517	163,089	176,435	198,113	199,095
Total assets	470,954	497,012	666,173	685,176	676,193
Total current liabilities	45,694	41,733	51,392	80,783	79,068
Total debt	188,100	186,472	313,588	310,830	278,081
Total liabilities	297,665	296,516	445,710	428,498	393,437
Total shareholders' equity	173,289	200,496	220,463	256,678	282,756

	For the year ended December 31,(1)				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands, except per share data)				
Consolidated Statement of Operations Data					
Total sales	\$303,511	\$400,408	\$416,268	\$474,927	\$524,067
Gross profit	116,326	132,863	133,974	143,086	154,890
Income from operations(2)	72,100	78,418	69,808	70,808	73,460
Income tax expense (benefit)	22,036	22,087	24,687	(2,409)	11,854
Net income	39,961	44,176	39,009	55,324	43,905
Net income per basic share	\$ 1.78	\$ 1.95	\$ 1.71	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.91
Net income per diluted share	\$ 1.77	\$ 1.94	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.89
Cash dividends paid per common share	\$ 0.87	\$ 0.89	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.06

- (1) Amounts include the results of operations of Henderson, which we acquired in 2014, and Dejana, which we acquired in 2016.
- (2) As discussed in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements, certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial statements to conform to the 2018 presentation. In March 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2017-07, Compensation-Retirement Benefits, Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost. This ASU requires that an employer report the service cost component in the same line items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The Company adopted ASU No. 2017-07 during the quarter ended March 31, 2018 and applied it retrospectively. The adoption resulted in the reclassification of other net benefit costs from Selling, General and Administrative Expense to Other Expense, Net on the Consolidated Statements of Income of \$717 for the year ended December 31, 2017, \$690 for the year ended December 31, 2016, \$1,067 for the year ended December 31, 2015 and (\$117) for the year ended December 31, 2014. The presentation in the table above has been updated to conform with the current year presentation.

	For the year ended December 31,				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands)				
Other Data					
Adjusted EBITDA	\$87,932	\$96,536	\$91,447	\$90,927	\$96,443
Capital expenditures	\$ 5,254	\$10,009	\$ 9,830	\$ 8,380	\$ 9,848

See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” section in Item 7 below for a definition of Adjusted EBITDA.

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018 should be read together with our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Some of the information contained in this discussion and analysis or set forth elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, including information with respect to our plans and strategies for our business, includes forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. You should review the “Risk Factors” section of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a discussion of important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from the results described in, or implied by, the forward-looking statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Results of Operations

Operating Segments

The Company's two current reportable business segments are described below.

Work Truck Attachments. The Work Truck Attachments segment includes snow and ice management attachments sold under the FISHER®, WESTERN®, HENDERSON® and SNOWEX® brands. This segment consists of our operations that, prior to our acquisition of Dejana, were our single operating segment, consisting of the manufacture and sale of snow and ice control products. As described under "Seasonality and Year-To-Year Variability," the Work Truck Attachments segment is seasonal and, as a result, its results of operations can vary from quarter-to-quarter and from year-to-year.

Work Truck Solutions. The Work Truck Solutions segment, which was created as a result of the Dejana acquisition, includes the premier truck upfit of market leading attachments and storage solutions for commercial work vehicles under the DEJANA® brand and its related sub-brands.

See Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements for information concerning individual segment performance for the years ended December 31, 2018, December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

Overview

Although we diversified and expanded our portfolio with the acquisition of Dejana during the year ended December 31, 2016, snowfall is still the primary factor in evaluating our business results due to its significant impact on the results of operations of our Work Truck Attachments segment and a portion of our Work Truck Solutions segment. We typically compare the snowfall level in a given period both to the snowfall level in the prior season and to those snowfall levels we consider to be average. References to "average snowfall" levels below refer to the aggregate average inches of snowfall recorded in 66 cities in 26 snow-belt states in the United States during the annual snow season, from October 1 through March 31, from 1980 to 2018. During this period, snowfall averaged 3,043 inches, with the low in such period being 1,794 inches and the high being 4,502 inches.

During the six-month snow season ended March 31, 2018, snowfall was 3,335 inches, which was 9.6% higher than average. During the six-month snow season ended March 31, 2017, we experienced snowfall that was 5.4% lower than average. During the six-month snow season ended March 31, 2016, we experienced snowfall that was 25.8% lower than average. We believe the average snowfall in the year ended December 31, 2018 was the largest driver that positively impacted our business in 2018. We believe other factors had a positive impact, including positively trending light truck sales in 2018, the continued successful integration of Dejana. In 2018, we encountered chassis availability issues with certain of our OEM partners, which negatively impacted our business.

The following table sets forth, for the periods presented, the consolidated statements of income of the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. In the table below and throughout this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," consolidated statements of income data for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018 have been derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. The information contained in the table below should be read in conjunction with our

consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands)		
Net sales	\$416,268	\$474,927	\$524,067
Cost of sales	282,294	331,841	369,177
Gross profit	133,974	143,086	154,890
Selling, general, and administrative expense	53,570	60,877	69,958
Intangibles amortization	10,596	11,401	11,472
Income from operations	69,808	70,808	73,460
Interest expense, net	(15,195)	(18,336)	(16,943)
Litigation proceeds	10,050	1,275	—
Other expense, net	(967)	(832)	(758)
Income before taxes	63,696	52,915	55,759
Income tax expense (benefit)	24,687	(2,409)	11,854
Net income	<u>\$ 39,009</u>	<u>\$ 55,324</u>	<u>\$ 43,905</u>

The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the percentage of certain items in our consolidated statement of income data, relative to net sales:

	For the year ended December 31,		
	2016	2017	2018
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	67.8%	69.9%	70.4%
Gross profit	32.2%	30.1%	29.6%
Selling, general, and administrative expense	13.0%	12.8%	13.3%
Intangibles amortization	2.5%	2.4%	2.2%
Income from operations	16.7%	14.9%	14.1%
Interest expense, net	(3.7)%	(3.9)%	(3.2)%
Litigation proceeds	2.4%	0.3%	0.0%
Other expense, net	(0.1)%	(0.2)%	(0.1)%
Income before taxes	15.3%	11.1%	10.8%
Income tax expense (benefit)	5.9%	(0.5)%	2.3%
Net income	<u>9.4%</u>	<u>11.6%</u>	<u>8.5%</u>

Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017

Net Sales. Net sales were \$524.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$474.9 million in 2017, an increase of \$49.2 million, or 10.4%. Net sales increased for the year ended December 31, 2018 primarily due to snowfall levels near historical averages in the snow season ended March 31, 2018, an increase compared to below average snowfall levels during the prior snow season. Additionally, the increase in sales was due to increased volume at our Work Truck Solutions segment

and higher pricing across both segments. This increase was partially offset by chassis supply availability issues in both segments. See below for a discussion of net sales for each of our segments.

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2017	2018
Net sales		
Work Truck Attachments	\$350,564	\$379,636
Work Truck Solutions	137,770	154,064
Corporate & Eliminations	<u>(13,407)</u>	<u>(9,633)</u>
	<u>\$474,927</u>	<u>\$524,067</u>

Net sales at our Work Truck Attachment segment were \$379.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$350.6 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$29.0 million primarily due to higher levels of snowfall in the snow season ended March 31, 2018 compared to the snow season ended March 31, 2017. Snowfall during the snow season ended March 31, 2018 were near historical averages, an increase compared to the snow season ended March 31, 2017, which saw below average snowfall levels. Strong sales for our commercial products were slightly offset by sales decreases in our municipal products, due to ongoing chassis supply availability issues.

Net sales at our Work Truck Solutions segment were \$154.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$137.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$16.3 million due primarily to increased demand from generally favorable macro-economic conditions and the inclusion of incremental sales from additional facilities of \$5.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2018 versus 2017.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales was \$369.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$331.8 million in 2017, an increase of \$37.4 million, or 11.3%. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased from 69.9% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to 70.4% for the year ended December 31, 2018. The increase in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2018 when compared to the year ended December 31, 2017 was primarily due to higher cost of sales as a percentage of sales for Work Truck Solutions products, growth in lower margin product lines, and inflation.

Gross Profit. Gross profit was \$154.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$143.1 million in 2017, an increase of \$11.8 million, or 8.2%, due to the increase in net sales described above under “—Net Sales.” As a percentage of net sales, gross profit decreased from 30.1% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to 29.6% for the corresponding period in 2018, as a result of the factors discussed above under “—Cost of Sales.”

Selling, General and Administrative Expense. Selling, general and administrative expenses, including intangible asset amortization, were \$81.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$72.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$9.1 million, or 12.6%. The increase compared to the year ended December 31, 2017 was primarily due to an increase in variable compensation of \$3.5 million due to improved operating results, higher stock compensation expense of \$1.1 million related to plan design changes, increased discretionary spending including \$0.9 million related to advertising and promotions as a result of a return to average snowfall levels, as well as increased costs related to headcount and wages. In addition, there were decreases in earnout expense of \$0.9 million in the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$1.8 million in the year ended December 31, 2017 driven by the earnout valuation adjustments in the respective periods. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses, including intangibles amortization, increased from 15.2% for the year ended December 31, 2017 to 15.5% for the corresponding period in 2018 due to the factors noted above.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$16.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$18.3 million in the corresponding period in 2017. The decrease in interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2018 was due to \$1.6 million of financing costs that were expensed in the year ended December 31, 2017 related to the amendments to its Term Loan Credit Agreement to decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility, which were completed in February 2017 and August 2017. Additionally, the Company had a more favorable interest rate in 2018 due to the debt refinances, as well as a lower debt balance from repayments of \$33.1 million in 2018. This decrease was partially offset by increased interest on higher revolver borrowings in 2018 compared to 2017.

Litigation Proceeds. Litigation proceeds were \$1.3 million year ended December 31, 2017 due to a settlement related to the successful conclusion of a patent infringement lawsuit against Meyer Products, LLC.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The largest item affecting the deferred taxes is the difference between book and tax amortization of goodwill and other intangible amortization. Our effective combined federal and state tax rate for 2018 was 21.3% compared to (4.6%) for 2017. The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2017 is significantly lower than 2018 primarily due to the revaluation of the deferred tax assets and liabilities in 2017 resulting from the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“The Act”). As a result of the reduction in the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35.0% to 21.0% under the Act, the Company recorded a reduction to its net deferred tax liability of \$22.5 million, and a corresponding decrease to income tax expense in the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017. Contributing to the tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 was the release of reserves for uncertain tax positions of \$1.3 million. The Company also made a voluntary pension funding payment in the year ended December 31, 2018 of \$7.0 million which was deducted in the Company’s tax returns for the year ended December 31, 2017 reducing taxable income for that period. The increased pension funding deduction resulted in a tax benefit of \$0.7 million, also decreasing the tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2018 as this deduction was not included in the provision recorded at December 31, 2017. Without these items, the Company’s tax rate would have been approximately 25.0% in the year ended December 31, 2018.

On December 22, 2017, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 (“SAB 118”) to address the application of U.S. GAAP in situations when a registrant does not have the necessary information available, prepared, or analyzed (including computations) in reasonable detail to complete the accounting for certain income tax effects of The Tax Reform Act. As of the date of this Annual Report, we have recorded all known enactment-date income tax effects of the Act. These adjustments have been recorded as a component of income tax expense and include the revaluation of deferred tax assets and liabilities. In the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company did not have any material tax accounting adjustments to the provisional estimate recorded in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, the first measurement period under SAB 118 and amounts are now complete.

Net Income. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$43.9 million compared to net income of \$55.3 million for 2017, a decrease of \$11.4 million. This decrease was driven by the factors described above.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016

Net Sales. Net sales were \$474.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$416.3 million in 2016, an increase of \$58.6 million, or 14.1%. Net sales increased for the year ended December 31, 2017 due to a full year of sales for the Work Truck Solutions segment in 2017 of

\$137.8 million, compared to a partial year in 2016 of \$65.0 million as a result of the Dejana acquisition. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in Work Truck Attachments net sales of \$10.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, due primarily to below average levels of snowfall in the snow season ended March 31, 2017. Additionally, sales for the year ended December 31, 2017 were negatively impacted by chassis supply availability issues in both segments and by dealer softness in Work Truck Solutions.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales was \$331.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$282.3 million in 2016, an increase of \$49.5 million, or 17.5%. Cost of sales as a percentage of net sales increased from 67.8% for the year ended December 31, 2016 to 69.9% for the year ended December 31, 2017. The increase in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2017 when compared to the year ended December 31, 2016 was driven by the inclusion of a full year of cost of sales attributable to the Work Truck Solutions segment in 2017 of \$108.3 million compared to a partial year in 2016 of \$51.0 million. The increase in cost of sales as a percentage of sales were primarily due to higher cost of sales as a percentage of sales for Work Truck Solutions products, in addition to a lower margin channel mix for the segment. The increase was also a result of increasing marginal production costs due to decreased volume for the Work Truck Attachment segment.

Gross Profit. Gross profit was \$143.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$134.0 million in 2016, an increase of \$9.1 million, or 6.8%, due to the increase in net sales described above under “—Net Sales.” As a percentage of net sales, gross profit decreased from 32.2% for the year ended December 31, 2016 to 30.1% for the corresponding period in 2017, as a result of the factors discussed above under “—Cost of Sales.”

Selling, General and Administrative Expense. Selling, general and administrative expenses, including intangible asset amortization, were \$72.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$64.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2016, an increase of \$8.1 million, or 12.6%. The increase compared to the year ended December 31, 2016 was primarily due to the inclusion of full year of selling, general and administrative expenses attributable to the Work Truck Solutions segment in 2017 of \$19.6 million, compared to a partial year in 2016 of \$11.0 million. Intangible amortization expense increased \$0.8 million due to the inclusion of a full year of the additional intangible assets recognized as a result of the Dejana acquisition in 2017. Slightly offsetting these increases were decreases in earnout expense of \$1.8 million driven by Dejana not meeting performance goals in 2017. As a percentage of net sales, selling, general and administrative expenses, including intangibles amortization, decreased from 15.5% for the year ended December 31, 2016 to 15.2% for the year ended December 31, 2017, respectively due to the factors noted above.

Interest Expense. Interest expense was \$18.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 compared to \$15.2 million in the corresponding period in 2016. The increase in interest expense for the year ended December 31, 2017 was due to the incremental \$130.0 million in borrowings under the Company’s term loan used to finance the Dejana acquisition. Additionally, the Company incurred \$1.6 million of financing costs that were expensed in the year ended December 31, 2017 related to the amendments to its Term Loan Credit Agreement to decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility, which were completed in February 2017 and August 2017.

Litigation Proceeds. Litigation proceeds were \$1.3 million year ended December 31, 2017 due to a settlement related to the successful conclusion of a patent infringement lawsuit against Meyer Products, LLC. Litigation proceeds were \$10.1 million year ended December 31, 2016 due to a settlement related to the successful conclusion of a patent infringement lawsuit against Buyers Products Company. Under the settlement agreement, the Company received a non-recurring payment of \$10.1 million.

Income Tax Expense (Benefit). Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. The largest item affecting the deferred taxes is the difference between book and tax amortization of goodwill and other intangible amortization. Our effective combined federal and state tax rate for 2017 was (4.55%) compared to 38.8% for 2016. The effective tax rate for the year ended December 31, 2017 is significantly lower than 2016 primarily due to the revaluation of the deferred tax assets and liabilities in 2017 resulting from the passage of the Act as discussed further below. Excluding The Act, our effective tax rate would have been 37.9% for the full year 2017. The effective rate for the full year of 2017 was lower than 2016 due to excess stock compensation benefit recognized in 2017.

On December 22, 2017, the President of the United States signed into law The Act, amends the Internal Revenue Code to reduce tax rates and modify policies, credits and deductions for individuals and businesses. For businesses, The Act reduces the corporate federal tax rate from a maximum of 35.0 percent to a flat 21.0 percent rate and transitions from a worldwide tax system to a territorial tax system. The Act also adds many new provisions including changes to bonus depreciation, the deduction for executive compensation and interest expense, and a deduction for foreign-derived intangible income (FDII). Over the long term, the Company generally expects to benefit from the lower statutory rates provided by the Act and is currently assessing all other aspects relevant to the Company, most of which do not apply until 2018. The only material item that impacts the Company for 2017 is the reduction in the deferred tax rate.

As a result of the reduction in the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35.0 percent to 21.0 percent under the Act, the Company has recorded a provisional reduction to its net deferred tax liability of \$22.5 million, and a corresponding decrease to income tax expense in the Company's Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017.

On December 22, 2017, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 ("SAB 118") to address the application of U.S. GAAP in situations when a registrant does not have the necessary information available, prepared, or analyzed (including computations) in reasonable detail to complete the accounting for certain income tax effects of The Act. The Company has recognized the provisional tax impacts related to the revaluation of deferred tax assets and liabilities and included these amounts in its consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Net Income. Net income for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$55.3 million compared to net income of \$39.0 million for 2016, an increase of \$16.3 million. This increase was driven by the factors described above, the main driver being changes resulting from The Act.

Discussion of Critical Accounting Policies

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these consolidated financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, costs and expenses, and related disclosures. These estimates and assumptions are often based on judgments that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances at the time made, but all such estimates and assumptions are inherently uncertain and unpredictable. Actual results may differ from those estimates and assumptions, and it is possible that other professionals, applying their own judgment to the same facts and circumstances, could develop and support alternative estimates and assumptions that would result in material changes to our operating results and financial condition. We evaluate our estimates and assumptions on an ongoing basis. Our estimates are based on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The most significant accounting estimates inherent in the preparation of our financial statements include estimates used in the determination of liabilities related to pension obligations, revenue recognition, and impairment assessment of goodwill.

We believe the following are the critical accounting policies that affect our financial condition and results of operations.

Defined Benefit Pension Obligation

As discussed in Note 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the pension benefit obligation and related pension expense or income of our pension plans are calculated in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 715-30, Defined Benefit Plans-Pension, and are impacted by certain actuarial assumptions, including the discount rate and the expected rate of return on plan assets. Rates are evaluated on an annual basis considering such factors as market interest rates and historical asset performance. Actuarial valuations for 2018 used a discount rate of 3.6% for both our hourly and salary pension plans and an expected long-term rate of return on plan assets of 6.5% for the hourly plan and 5.8% for the salaried plan. Meanwhile, actuarial valuations for 2017 used a discount rate of 4.2% for both our hourly and salary pension plans and an expected long-term rate of return on plan assets of 6.5%. Our discount rate reflects the expected future cash flow based upon our funding valuation assumptions and participant data at the beginning of the plan year. The expected future cash flow was discounted by the Principal Financial Group’s yield curve for the month preceding the 2018 year end.

In estimating the expected return on plan assets, we analyze historical and expected returns for multiple asset classes. The overall rate for each asset class was developed by combining a long-term inflation component, the risk-free real rate of return, and the associated risk premium. A weighted average rate was then developed based upon those overall rates and the target asset allocation of the plan. Changes in the discount rate and return on assets can have a significant effect on the funded status of our pension plans, shareholders’ equity and related expense. We cannot predict these changes in discount rates or investment returns and, therefore, cannot reasonably estimate whether the impact in subsequent years will be significant. The funded status of our pension plans is the difference between the projected benefit obligation and the fair value of its plan assets. The projected benefit obligation is the actuarial present value of all benefits expected to be earned by our employees’ service adjusted for future wage increases. At December 31, 2018, our pension obligation status was \$2.1 million underfunded.

Our funding policy for our pension plans is to contribute amounts at least equal to the minimum annual amount required by applicable regulations. We contributed approximately \$7.0 million to our pension plans in 2018 and have no required minimum payments in 2019 as a result of the \$7.0 million payment in 2018. See Note 12 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a more detailed description of our pension plans.

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in ASC 605, Revenue Recognition. We adopted ASC 606 using the modified retrospective method as of January 1, 2018. This approach was applied to all contracts not completed as of the date of initial application. Upon adoption, we recognized the cumulative effect of adopting this guidance as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings of \$0.4 million.

As discussed in Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the adoption of Topic 606 did not have a significant impact on the Work Truck Attachments segment. In the Work Truck Solutions segment, the standard changed the timing of

revenue for truck upfits of customer-owned chassis from a point in time to over time. This change in timing of revenue recognition increased revenue by \$0.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Work Truck Attachments Segment Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue upon shipment of equipment to the customer. Additionally, we perform upfitting services within the Work Truck Attachments segment. For upfit sales, customers are billed separately for the truck chassis by the chassis manufacturer. We only records sales for the amount of the upfit, excluding the truck chassis. We act as a garage keeper and never take ownership or title to the truck chassis and do not pay interest associated with the truck chassis while on its premises within the Work Truck Attachments segment.

Within the Work Truck Attachments segment, we offer a variety of discounts and sales incentives to our distributors. The estimated liability for sales discounts and allowances is recorded at the time of sale as a reduction of net sales using the expected value method. The liability is estimated based on the costs of the program, the planned duration of the program and historical experience.

Work Truck Solutions Segment Revenue Recognition

The Work Truck Solutions segment primarily participates in the truck and vehicle upfitting industry in the United States. Customers are billed separately for the truck chassis by the chassis manufacturer. We only record sales for the amount of the upfit, excluding the truck chassis. We obtain the truck chassis from the truck chassis manufacturer through either our floor plan agreement with a financial institution or bailment pool agreement with the truck chassis manufacturer. Additionally, in some instances we upfit chassis which are owned by the end customer. For truck chassis acquired through the floor plan agreement, we hold title to the vehicle from the time the chassis is received by us until the completion of the upfit. Under the bailment pool agreement, we do not take title to the truck chassis, but rather only hold the truck chassis on consignment. We pay interest on both of these arrangements. We record revenue in the same manner net of the value of the truck chassis in both the floor plan and bailment pool agreements. We do not set the price for the truck chassis, are not responsible for the billing of the chassis and do not have inventory risk in either the bailment pool or floor plan agreements.

Revenues from the sales of the Work Truck Solutions products are recognized net of the truck chassis with the selling price to the customer recorded as sales and the manufacturing and upfit cost of the product recorded as cost of sales. In these cases, we act as an agent as we do not have inventory or pricing control over the truck chassis. Within the Work Truck Solutions segment, we also sell certain third-party products for which we act as an agent. These sales do not meet the criteria for gross sales recognition, and thus are recognized on a net basis at the time of sale. Under net sales recognition, the cost paid to the third-party service provider is recorded as a reduction to sales, resulting in net sales being equal to the gross profit on the transaction.

See Note 3 to our audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a more detailed description revenue recognition policies.

Goodwill

We perform an annual impairment test for goodwill and more frequently if an event or circumstances indicate that an impairment loss has been incurred. Conditions that would trigger an impairment assessment include, but are not limited to, a significant adverse change in legal factors or business climate that could affect the value of an asset. The amount of goodwill impairment is determined by the amount the carrying value of the reporting unit exceeds its fair value. We have determined we have three reporting units, and all significant decisions are made on a company-wide basis by our chief operating decision maker. The fair value of the reporting unit is estimated by using

an income and market approach. The estimated fair value is compared with our aggregate carrying value. If our fair value is greater than the carrying amount, there is no impairment. If our carrying amount is greater than the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized equal to the difference. Annual impairment tests conducted by us on December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 resulted in no adjustment to the carrying value of our goodwill.

Our goodwill balances could be impaired in future periods. A number of factors, many of which we have no ability to control, could affect our financial condition, operating results and business prospects and could cause actual results to differ from the estimates and assumptions we employed. These factors include:

- a prolonged global economic crisis;
- a decrease in the demand for our products;
- the inability to develop new and enhanced products and services in a timely manner;
- a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate;
- delays by our supplier and OEM partners in the production and delivery of products and components;
- an adverse action or assessment by a regulator; and
- successful efforts by our competitors to gain market share in our markets.

At December 31, 2018, our Work Truck Solutions segment had goodwill of \$80.1 million, an estimated fair market value of \$218.5 million and an estimated carrying value of \$190.6 million. Thus, the fair value exceeded the carrying value by approximately 15%. If we are unable to attain the financial projections used in the income approach used in calculating the fair value, or if there are significant market conditions impacting the market approach, including the factors noted above, our Work Truck Solutions segment goodwill could be at risk of impairment. We have initiated a comprehensive strategic plan which is focused on reducing expenses and improving margins over the next two years at Work Truck Solutions. If the cost savings and other initiatives in this plan do not materialize, or if we experience delays by our supplier and OEM partners in the production and delivery of chassis, which could negatively affect our financial results, the Work Truck Solutions segment goodwill may be impaired. There were no indicators of impairment subsequent to the December 31, 2018 impairment test.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our principal sources of cash have been and we expect will continue to be cash from operations and borrowings under our senior credit facilities.

Our primary uses of cash are to provide working capital, meet debt service requirements, finance capital expenditures, pay dividends under our dividend policy and support our growth, including through potential acquisitions, and for other general corporate purposes. For a description of the seasonality of our working capital rates see “—Seasonality and Year-To-Year Variability.”

Our Board of Directors has adopted a dividend policy that reflects an intention to distribute to our stockholders a regular quarterly cash dividend. The declaration and payment of these dividends to holders of our common stock is at the discretion of our Board of Directors and depends upon many factors, including our financial condition and earnings, legal requirements, taxes and other factors our Board of Directors may deem to be relevant. The terms of our indebtedness may also restrict us from paying cash dividends on our common stock under certain circumstances. As a result of this dividend policy, we may not have significant cash available to meet any large unanticipated liquidity requirements. As a result, we may not retain a sufficient amount of cash to fund our operations or to

finance unanticipated capital expenditures or growth opportunities, including acquisitions. Our Board of Directors may, however, amend, revoke or suspend our dividend policy at any time and for any reason.

As of December 31, 2018, we had liquidity comprised of approximately \$27.8 million in cash and cash equivalents and borrowing availability of approximately \$94.6 million under our revolving credit facility. Borrowing availability under our revolving credit facility is governed by a borrowing base, the calculation of which includes cash on hand. Accordingly, use of cash on hand may also result in a reduction in the amount available for borrowing under our revolving credit facility. Furthermore, our revolving credit facility requires us to maintain at least \$15.0 million of borrowing availability. We expect that cash on hand, cash generated from operations, as well as available credit under our senior credit facilities will provide adequate funds for the purposes described above for at least the next 12 months.

Cash Flow Analysis

Set forth below is summary cash flow information for each of the years ended December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

<u>Cash Flows (in thousands)</u>	<u>Year ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 69,920	\$ 66,354	\$ 58,181
Net cash used in investing activities	(191,174)	(14,948)	(9,690)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	103,019	(33,140)	(57,546)
Increase (Decrease) in cash	<u>\$ (18,235)</u>	<u>\$ 18,266</u>	<u>\$ (9,055)</u>

Sources and Uses of Cash

During the three-year periods described above, net cash provided by operating activities was used for funding capital investment, paying dividends, paying interest on our senior credit facilities, and funding working capital requirements during our pre-season shipping period. Additionally, cash from operations was used to fund a portion of the acquisition of Dejana.

The following table shows our cash and cash equivalents and inventories at December 31, 2016, 2017 and 2018.

	<u>December 31,</u>		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	<u>(in thousands)</u>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$18,609	\$36,875	\$27,820
Inventories	70,871	71,524	81,996

Year Ended December 31, 2018 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2017

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$27.8 million at December 31, 2018 compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$36.9 million at December 31, 2017. The table below sets forth a summary of the significant sources and uses of cash for the periods presented.

Cash Flows (in thousands)	Year ended December 31,			
	2017	2018	Change	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 66,354	\$ 58,181	\$ (8,173)	(12.3)%
Net cash used in investing activities	(14,948)	(9,690)	5,258	35.2%
Net cash used in financing activities	(33,140)	(57,546)	(24,406)	(73.6)%
Increase (Decrease) in cash	\$ 18,266	\$ (9,055)	\$(27,321)	149.6%

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$8.2 million from the year ended December 31, 2017 to the year ended December 31, 2018. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities was due to \$23.2 million in unfavorable working capital changes offset by a \$15.0 million increase in net income adjusted for reconciling items. The largest drivers negatively impacting cash flows was a \$7.0 million contribution to our pension plans during the year ended December 31, 2018, a decrease in lawsuit proceeds of \$1.3 million received in 2017, as well as the build-up of inventory in anticipation of tariffs and rising prices.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$5.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2018, compared to the corresponding period in 2017. This decrease was due to the \$7.4 million cash outflow in 2017 for the Arrowhead acquisition. Slightly offsetting this decrease in cash used in investing activities was an increase in capital expenditures in 2018 as compared to 2017 by \$2.1 million.

Net cash used in financing activities increased \$24.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to 2017. The increase in cash used in financing activities was primarily the result of \$33.1 million of payments on our debt that occurred in the year ended December 31, 2018. This was partially offset by an earnout payment to the former owners of Dejana of \$5.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2017 with no corresponding payment in 2018.

Year Ended December 31, 2017 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2016

We had cash and cash equivalents of \$36.9 million at December 31, 2017 compared to cash and cash equivalents of \$18.6 million at December 31, 2016. The table below sets forth a summary of the significant sources and uses of cash for the periods presented.

Cash Flows (in thousands)	Year ended December 31,			
	2016	2017	Change	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 69,920	\$ 66,354	\$ (3,566)	(5.1)%
Net cash used in investing activities	(191,174)	(14,948)	176,226	92.2%
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	103,019	(33,140)	(136,159)	132.2%
Increase (Decrease) in cash	\$ (18,235)	\$ 18,266	\$ 36,501	200.2%

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$3.6 million from the year ended December 31, 2016 to the year ended December 31, 2017. The decrease in cash provided by operating activities was due to \$2.4 million in unfavorable working capital changes and a \$1.1 million decrease in net income adjusted for reconciling items. The largest driver negatively impacting cash flows was the decrease in lawsuit proceeds of \$8.8 million, offset by a decrease in taxes paid of \$9.8 million.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased \$176.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017, compared to the corresponding period in 2016. This decrease was due to the \$181.3 million in

cash outflow in 2016 for the Dejana acquisition, compared to \$7.4 million in cash outflow in 2017 for the Arrowhead acquisition. Slightly offsetting this increase in cash used in investing activities was a decrease in capital expenditures in 2017 as compared to 2016 by \$2.3 million.

Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities decreased \$136.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2017 as compared to 2016. The decrease in cash provided by financing activities was largely due to a \$128.7 million net increase in 2016 resulting from borrowing and payments of long term debt. The net increase in 2016 was a result of the Company amending and restating its senior credit facility to fund the Dejana acquisition, which included borrowings of long term debt of \$129.4 million. This increase was partially offset by current year principal payments on our debt of \$2.6 million. In conjunction with amending the Company's senior credit facility, \$2.3 million in financing costs were paid in 2016. We also paid dividends of \$21.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2016, compared to dividends paid of \$22.0 million in the year ended December 31, 2017. In addition, we made a payment to the former owners of Dejana of \$5.5 million in the year ended December 31, 2017 with no corresponding payment in the prior year.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains financial information calculated other than in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

These non-GAAP measures include:

- Free cash flow; and
- Adjusted EBITDA; and
- Adjusted net income and earnings per share.

These non-GAAP disclosures should not be construed as an alternative to the reported results determined in accordance with GAAP.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$58.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2018 as compared to \$66.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2017. Free cash flow (as defined below) for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$48.5 million compared to \$58.8 million in 2017, a decrease in free cash flow of \$10.3 million, or 17.5%. The decrease in free cash flow is primarily a result of a decrease in cash provided by operating activities of \$8.2 million and an increase in capital expenditures of \$2.1 million, as discussed above under "Liquidity and Capital Resources." Free cash flow for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$58.8 million compared to \$60.1 million in 2016, a decrease in free cash flow of \$1.3 million, or 2.2%. The decrease in free cash flow is primarily a result of a decrease in cash provided by operating activities of \$3.6 million slightly offset by a decrease in capital expenditures of \$2.3 million.

Free cash flow is a non-GAAP financial measure, which we define as net cash provided by operating activities less capital expenditures. Free cash flow should be evaluated in addition to, and not considered a substitute for, other financial measures such as net income and cash flow provided by operations. We believe that free cash flow provides investors with a useful tool to evaluate our ability to generate additional cash flow from our business operations.

The following table reconciles net cash provided by operating activities, a GAAP measure, to free cash flow, a non-GAAP measure.

	<u>For the year ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
	(in thousands)		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$69,920	\$66,354	\$58,181
Acquisition of property and equipment	(9,830)	(7,563)	(9,690)
Free cash flow	<u>\$60,090</u>	<u>\$58,791</u>	<u>\$48,491</u>

Adjusted EBITDA represents net income before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, as further adjusted for certain charges consisting of unrelated legal and consulting fees, stock based compensation, severance, loss on extinguishment of debt, loss on disposal of fixed assets related to facility relocations, litigation proceeds and certain purchase accounting expenses. We use, and we believe our investors benefit from the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA in evaluating our operating performance because it provides us and our investors with additional tools to compare our operating performance on a consistent basis by removing the impact of certain items that management believes do not directly reflect our core operations. In addition, we believe that Adjusted EBITDA is useful to investors and other external users of our consolidated financial statements in evaluating our operating performance as compared to that of other companies, because it allows them to measure a company's operating performance without regard to items such as interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization, which can vary substantially from company to company depending upon accounting methods and book value of assets and liabilities, capital structure and the method by which assets were acquired. Our management also uses Adjusted EBITDA for planning purposes, including the preparation of our annual operating budget and financial projections. Management also uses Adjusted EBITDA to evaluate our ability to make certain payments, including dividends, in compliance with our senior credit facilities, which is determined based on a calculation of "Consolidated Adjusted EBITDA" that is substantially similar to Adjusted EBITDA.

Adjusted EBITDA has limitations as an analytical tool. As a result, you should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for net income, operating income, cash flow from operating activities or any other measure of financial performance or liquidity presented in accordance with GAAP. Some of these limitations are:

- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect our cash expenditures or future requirements for capital expenditures or contractual commitments;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect changes in, or cash requirements for, our working capital needs;
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect the interest expense, or the cash requirements necessary to service interest or principal payments, on our indebtedness;
- Although depreciation and amortization are non-cash charges, the assets being depreciated and amortized will often have to be replaced in the future, and Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect any cash requirements for such replacements;
- Other companies, including other companies in our industry, may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently than we do, limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure; and
- Adjusted EBITDA does not reflect tax obligations whether current or deferred.

Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2018 was \$96.4 million compared to \$90.9 million in 2017, an increase of \$5.5 million, or 6.1%. Adjusted EBITDA for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$90.9 million compared to \$91.4 million in 2016, a decrease of \$0.5 million, or 0.5%. In addition to the specific changes resulting from the adjustments, the changes to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods discussed resulted from factors discussed above under "—Results of Operations."

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income, the most comparable GAAP financial measure, to Adjusted EBITDA, for each of the periods indicated.

	For the year ended December 31,				
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands)				
Net income	\$39,961	\$44,176	\$ 39,009	\$55,324	\$43,905
Interest expense—net	8,129	10,895	15,195	18,336	16,943
Income tax expense (benefit)	22,036	22,087	24,687	(2,409)	11,854
Depreciation expense	3,422	4,919	6,146	7,183	7,613
Amortization	5,803	7,362	10,596	11,401	11,472
EBITDA	79,351	89,439	95,633	89,835	91,787
Stock based compensation	2,868	3,275	2,898	3,500	4,550
Litigation proceeds	—	—	(10,050)	(1,275)	—
Loss on extinguishment of debt	1,870	—	—	—	—
Purchase accounting(1)	945	2,613	(1,003)	(1,786)	(900)
Other charges(2)	2,898	1,212	3,969	653	1,006
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$87,932</u>	<u>\$96,539</u>	<u>\$ 91,447</u>	<u>\$90,927</u>	<u>\$96,443</u>

- (1) Reflects \$945 in earn out compensation related to TrynEx in the year ended 2014. Reflects \$335 in earn out compensation expense related to TrynEx in the year ended December 31, 2015. Reflects \$322 and \$1,956 in earn out compensation expense related to Henderson and inventory step up related to Henderson included in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2015. Reflects (\$1,301) and \$173 in earn out compensation expense (benefit) related to TrynEx and Dejana, respectively in the year ended December 31, 2016. Reflects \$125 in inventory step up related to Dejana included in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2016. Reflects \$1,786 in reversal of earn-out compensation related to Dejana in the year ended December 31, 2017. Reflects \$900 in reversal of earn-out compensation related to Dejana in the year ended December 31, 2018.
- (2) Reflects expenses and accrual reversals for one time, unrelated legal, severance and consulting fees and loss on disposal of fixed assets related to facility relocation for the periods presented.

The following table presents Adjusted EBITDA by segment for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017.

	For the year ended December 31,	
	2017	2018
Adjusted EBITDA		
Work Truck Attachments	\$ 90,287	\$ 95,766
Work Truck Solutions	14,155	12,710
Corporate & Eliminations	(13,515)	(12,033)
	<u>\$ 90,927</u>	<u>\$ 96,443</u>

Adjusted EBITDA at our Work Truck Attachment segment were \$95.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$90.3 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, an increase of \$5.5 million primarily due to higher levels of snowfall in the snow season ended March 31, 2018 compared to the snow season ended March 31, 2017. Strong demand for our commercial products were slightly offset by ongoing chassis supply availability issues impacting our municipal products.

Adjusted EBITDA at our Work Truck Solutions segment were \$12.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2018 compared to \$14.2 million in the year ended December 31, 2017, a decrease of \$1.5 million due several factors including material inflation and higher variable compensation and benefits, slightly offset by planned favorable pricing reductions on purchases from Work Truck Attachments in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share (calculated on a diluted basis) represents net income and earnings per share (as defined by GAAP), excluding the impact of stock based compensation, severance, litigation proceeds, non-cash purchase accounting adjustments, tax reform and certain charges related to certain unrelated legal fees and consulting fees, net of their income tax impact. Management believes that Adjusted Net Income and Adjusted Earnings Per Share are useful in assessing our financial performance by eliminating expenses and income that are not reflective of the underlying business performance. We believe that the presentation of adjusted net income for the periods presented allows investors to make meaningful comparisons of our operating performance between periods and to view our business from the same perspective as our management. Because the excluded items are not predictable or consistent, management does not consider them when evaluating our performance or when making decisions regarding allocation of resources.

	For the year ended December 31,			
	2015	2016	2017	2018
	(in thousands, except per share amounts)			
Net income (GAAP)	\$ 44,176	\$ 39,009	\$ 55,324	\$ 43,905
Adjustments:				
—Purchase accounting(1)	2,613	(1,003)	(1,786)	(900)
—Stock based compensation	3,275	2,898	3,500	4,550
—Litigation proceeds	—	(10,050)	(1,275)	—
—Other charges(2)	1,212	3,969	653	1,006
—Tax reform(3)	—	—	(22,452)	—
Tax effect on adjustments	(2,697)	1,592	(415)	(1,164)
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 48,579</u>	<u>\$ 36,415</u>	<u>\$ 33,549</u>	<u>\$ 47,397</u>
Weighted average common shares outstanding assuming dilution	22,341,775	22,480,679	22,587,648	22,704,856
Adjusted earnings per common share-dilutive (non-GAAP)	\$ 2.13	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.45	\$ 2.04
GAAP diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.94	\$ 1.70	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.89
Adjustments net of income taxes:				
—Purchase accounting	0.07	(0.03)	(0.05)	(0.03)
—Stock based compensation	0.09	0.07	0.09	0.15
—Litigation proceeds	—	(0.27)	(0.04)	—
—Other charges	0.03	0.11	0.02	0.03
—Tax reform	—	—	(0.97)	—
Adjusted earnings per common share—dilutive (non-GAAP)	<u>\$ 2.13</u>	<u>\$ 1.58</u>	<u>\$ 1.45</u>	<u>\$ 2.04</u>

(1) Reflects \$335 in earn out compensation expense related to TrynEx in the year ended December 31, 2015. Reflects \$322 and \$1,956 in earn out compensation expense related to Henderson and inventory step up related to Henderson included in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2015. Reflects (\$1,301) and \$173 in earn out compensation expense (benefit) related to TrynEx and Dejana, respectively in the year ended December 31, 2016. Reflects \$125 in inventory step up

related to Dejana included in cost of sales in the year ended December 31, 2016. Reflects \$1,786 in reversal of earn-out compensation related to Dejana in the year ended December 31, 2017. Reflects \$900 in reversal of earn-out compensation related to Dejana in the year ended December 31, 2018.

- (2) Reflects expenses and accrual reversals for one time, unrelated legal and consulting fees and loss on disposal of fixed assets related to facility relocation for the periods presented.
- (3) Reflects one-time benefit associated with U.S. tax reform.

Future Obligations and Commitments

Contractual Obligations

We are subject to certain contractual obligations, including long-term debt and related interest. We have net unrecognized tax benefits of \$1.5 million as of December 31, 2018. However, we cannot make a reasonably reliable estimate of the period of potential cash settlement of the underlying liabilities; therefore, we have not included unrecognized tax benefits in calculating the obligations set forth in the following table of significant contractual obligations as of December 31, 2018.

(Dollars in thousands)	Total	Less than 1 year	1 - 3 years	3 - 5 years	More than 5 years
Long-term debt(1)	\$278,081	\$32,749	\$245,332	\$ —	\$ —
Operating leases—related parties(2)	15,540	2,250	4,500	4,380	4,410
Operating leases—third parties(3)	8,050	2,009	3,018	1,523	1,500
Interest on long-term debt(4)	34,495	11,629	22,866	—	—
Total contracted cash obligations(5)	<u>\$336,166</u>	<u>\$48,637</u>	<u>\$275,716</u>	<u>\$5,903</u>	<u>\$5,910</u>

- (1) Long-term debt obligation is presented net of discount of \$1.2 million at December 31, 2018.
- (2) Relates to nine operating leases at Dejana upfitting and manufacturing facilities with related party affiliates.
- (3) Relates to real estate and equipment operating leases with third parties, including five operating leases for Henderson installation and distribution locations and two operating leases for Dejana locations.
- (4) Assumes all debt will remain outstanding until maturity. Interest payments were calculated using interest rates in effect as of December 31, 2018.
- (5) Pension obligations are excluded from this table as we are unable to estimate the timing of payments related to these obligations. The minimum required contribution to our pension plans was \$0.1 million in 2018, and we are not required to make any minimum payments in 2019 as a result of \$7.0 million in voluntary pension payments made in 2018.

Senior Credit Facilities

On July 15, 2016, we amended our senior credit facilities to, among other things, (i) provide for an incremental senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$130.0 million to finance the acquisition of Dejana; (ii) permit us to enter into floor plan financing arrangements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20.0 million; (iii) revise the calculation of excess cash flow in determining the amount of mandatory prepayments under the agreement for the term loan facility (the “Term Loan Credit Agreement”) to reduce the amount of excess cash flow by the cash portion of the purchase price of a permitted acquisition paid during any fiscal year, net of any proceeds of any related financings with respect to such purchase price and any sales of capital assets used to finance such

purchase price; and (iv) extend the final maturity date of the revolving credit facility from December 31, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

On February 8, 2017, we amended our Term Loan Credit Agreement to, among other things, (i) convert the existing senior secured term loan facilities into a consolidated senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$315.5 million; and (ii) decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility from 3.25% to 2.50% for ABR Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and from 4.25% to 3.50% for Eurodollar Rate Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement).

On August 17, 2017, we amended our Term Loan Credit Agreement to, among other things, (i) replace the existing senior secured term loan facility with a new senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$314.0 million; and (ii) decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility from 2.50% to 2.00% for ABR Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and from 3.50% to 3.00% for Eurodollar Rate Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement).

Prior to the 2017 amendments, our senior credit facilities consisted of a \$190.0 million term loan facility and a \$100.0 million revolving credit facility with a group of banks, of which \$10.0 million was available in the form of letters of credit and \$5.0 million was available for the issuance of short-term swing line loans. After the amendments, our senior credit facility consists of a \$314.0 million term loan facility and the original \$100.0 million revolving credit facility, of which \$10.0 million is available in the form of letters of credit and \$5.0 million is available for the issuance of short-term swingline loans.

The Term Loan Credit Agreement provides for a senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$314.0 million and generally bears interest (at our election) at either (i) 2.00% per annum plus the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) in effect on such day, (b) the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers plus 0.50% and (c) 1.00% plus the greater of (1) the LIBOR for a one month interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and (2) 1.00% or (ii) 3.00% per annum plus the greater of (a) the LIBOR for the applicable interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate and (b) 1.00%. The Term Loan Credit Agreement also allows us to request the establishment of one or more additional term loan commitments in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$80.0 million subject to specified terms and conditions, which amount may be further increased so long as the First Lien Debt Ratio (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) is not greater than 3.25 to 1.00.

The agreement for the revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Agreement”) provides that we have the option to select whether borrowings will bear interest at either (i) a margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.00% per annum, depending on the utilization of the facility, plus the LIBOR for the applicable interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate (as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement) or (ii) a margin ranging from 0.50% to 1.00% per annum, depending on the utilization of the facility, plus the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate (as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement) in effect on such day, (b) the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers plus 0.50% and (c) the LIBOR for a one month interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate plus 1%. The maturity date for the Revolving Credit Agreement is June 30, 2021, and our term loan amortizes in nominal amounts quarterly with the balance payable on December 31, 2021.

The term loan was originally issued at a \$1.9 million discount and the incremental term loan was issued at a \$0.7 million discount both of which are being amortized over the term of the term loan. We incurred \$2.3 million in financing costs in conjunction with the amendment, of which \$2.1 million relates to the term loan and \$0.2 million related to the revolving line of credit, which are included as deferred financing costs as a reduction to Long-Term Debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The amendments to the term loan facility in 2017 did not result in a significant debt modification under ASC 470-50. Additionally, the Company expensed as incurred approximately \$1.6 million in costs with third parties directly related to the amendment in the year ended December 31, 2017.

At December 31, 2018, we had outstanding borrowings under the term loan of \$278.1 million, no outstanding borrowings on the revolving credit facility and remaining borrowing availability of \$94.6 million.

Our senior credit facilities include certain negative and operating covenants, including restrictions on our ability to pay dividends, and other customary covenants, representations and warranties and events of default. The senior credit facilities entered into and recorded by our subsidiaries significantly restrict our subsidiaries from paying dividends and otherwise transferring assets to the Company. The terms of our revolving credit facility specifically restrict subsidiaries from paying dividends if a minimum availability under the revolving credit facility is not maintained, and both senior credit facilities restrict subsidiaries from paying dividends above certain levels or at all if an event of default has occurred. These restrictions would affect us indirectly since we rely principally on distributions from subsidiaries to have funds available for the payment of dividends. In addition, our revolving credit facility includes a requirement that, subject to certain exceptions, capital expenditures may not exceed \$12.5 million in any calendar year (plus the unused portion of permitted capital expenditures from the preceding year subject to a \$12.5 million cap and a separate one-time \$15.0 million capital expenditures to be used for the consolidation of facilities and costs associated with the acquiring and/or development and construction of one new manufacturing facility) and, if certain minimum availability under the revolving credit facility is not maintained, that we comply with a monthly minimum fixed charge coverage ratio test of 1.0:1.0. Compliance with the fixed charge coverage ratio test is subject to certain cure rights under our revolving credit facility. At December 31, 2018, we were in compliance with the respective covenants. The credit facilities are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Company.

In accordance with the senior credit facilities, we are required to make additional principal prepayments over the above scheduled payments under certain conditions. This includes, in the case of the term loan facility, 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales, certain insurance or condemnation events, certain debt issuances, and, within 150 days of the end of the fiscal year, 50% of excess cash flow, as defined, including a deduction for certain distributions (which percentage is reduced to 0% upon the achievement of certain leverage ratio thresholds), for any fiscal year. Excess cash flow is defined in the senior credit facilities as consolidated adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) plus a working capital adjustment less the sum of repayments of debt and capital expenditures subject to certain adjustments, interest and taxes paid in cash, management fees and certain restricted payments (including dividends or distributions). Working capital adjustment is defined in the senior credit facilities as the change in working capital, defined as current assets excluding cash and cash equivalents less current liabilities excluding current portion of long term debt. As of December 31, 2018, we were not required to make an excess cash flow payment. We made a voluntary payment of \$30.0 million on our debt on February 13, 2019. As of December 31, 2017, we were required to make an excess cash flow payment of \$11.3 million, which we paid on January 31, 2018 along with a voluntary payment of \$18.7 million.

We entered into interest rate swap agreements on February 20, 2015 to reduce our exposure to interest rate volatility. The three interest rate swap agreements have notional amounts of \$45.0 million, \$90.0 million and \$135.0 million effective for the periods December 31, 2015 through March 29, 2018, March 29, 2018 through March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, respectively. On February 5, 2018, the Company entered into additional interest rate swap agreements to reduce its exposure to interest rate volatility. The two interest rate swap agreements have notional amounts of \$50.0 million and \$150.0 million effective for the periods December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2021 through December 10, 2021, respectively. The interest rates swaps are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The interest rate swaps' negative fair value at December 31, 2018 was \$2.0 million, of which

\$0.1 million and \$1.9 million are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively. The interest rate swaps' negative fair value at December 31, 2017 was \$2.2 million, of which \$0.6 million and \$1.6 million are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively. We have counterparty credit risk resulting from the interest rate swap, which we monitor on an on-going basis. This risk lies with one global financial institution. Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of December 31, 2015, we either received or made payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 1.860% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 29, 2018, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.670% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 31, 2020, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.918% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of December 31, 2018, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.613% and LIBOR. Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of June 30, 2021, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.793% and LIBOR.

We receive on consignment truck chassis on which we perform upfitting service installations under "bailment pool" arrangements with major truck manufacturers. We never receive title to the truck chassis. The aggregate value of all bailment pool chassis on hand as of December 31, 2018 was \$15.2 million. The aggregate value of all bailment pool chassis on hand as of December 31, 2017 was \$17.4 million. We are responsible to the manufacturer for interest on chassis held for upfitting. Interest rates vary depending on the number of days in the bailment pool. As of December 31, 2018, rates were based on prime (5.50% at December 31, 2018) plus a margin ranging from 0% to 8%. During 2018, we incurred \$0.1 million in interest on the bailment pool arrangement. During 2017, we incurred \$0.2 million in interest on the bailment pool arrangement.

We have a floor plan line of credit for up to \$20.0 million with a financial institution. The current terms of the line of credit are contained in a credit agreement dated July 15, 2016 and expires on July 31, 2017, which we renewed through December 31, 2018. Under the floor plan agreement, we receive truck chassis and title on upfitting service installations. Upon upfit completion, the title transfers from us to the dealer customer. The note bears interest at an adjusted LIBOR rate, plus an applicable rate of 1.75%. The obligation under the floor plan agreement as of December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 is \$4.2 million and \$7.7 million, respectively. During 2018, we incurred \$0.2 million in interest on the floor plan arrangements. During 2017, we incurred \$0.2 million in interest on the floor plan arrangements.

Deductibility of Intangible and Goodwill Expense

We possess a favorable tax structure where annual tax-deductible intangible and goodwill amortization expense may be utilized in the event we have sufficient taxable income to utilize such benefit. As we have recently acquired businesses possessing significant intangible assets and goodwill, we have created a favorable tax structure where income tax expense is greater than book amortization expense. We expect the deductibility of intangible assets and goodwill amortization expense to exceed book by approximately \$8.4 million in the year ended December 31, 2019 if we have the taxable income to utilize such benefit.

Impact of Inflation

We do not believe that inflation risk is material to our business or our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows at this time. Historically, we have experienced normal raw material, labor and fringe benefit inflation. To date we have been able to fully offset this inflation by providing higher value products, which command higher prices. In previous years, including in 2018 as a result of

inflationary pressures due to tariffs, we have experienced significant increases in steel costs, but have been able to mitigate the effects of these increases through both temporary and permanent steel surcharges. See “Risk Factors—”. The price of steel, a commodity necessary to manufacture our products, is highly variable. If the price of steel increases, our gross margins could decline.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We are not party to any off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a material current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues, expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

Seasonality and Year-To-Year Variability

While our Work Truck Solutions segment has limited seasonality and variability, our Work Truck Attachments segment is seasonal and also varies from year-to-year. Consequently, our Work Truck Attachments segment results of operations and financial condition vary from quarter-to-quarter and from year-to-year as well. In addition, because of this seasonality and variability, our Work Truck Attachments segment results of operations for any quarter may not be indicative of results of operations that may be achieved for a subsequent quarter or the full year, and may not be similar to results of operations experienced in prior years.

Sales of our Work Truck Attachments segment products are significantly impacted by the level, timing and location of snowfall, with sales in any given year and region most heavily influenced by snowfall levels in the prior snow season (which we consider to begin in October and end in March) in that region. This is due to the fact that end-user demand for our Work Truck Attachments products is driven primarily by the condition of their snow and ice control equipment, and in the case of professional snowplowers, by their financial ability to purchase new or replacement snow and ice control equipment, both of which are significantly affected by snowfall levels. Heavy snowfall during a given winter causes usage of our Work Truck Attachments products to increase, resulting in greater wear and tear to our products and a shortening of their life cycles, thereby creating a need for replacement snow and ice control equipment and related parts and accessories. In addition, when there is a heavy snowfall in a given winter, the increased income our professional snowplowers generate from their professional snowplow activities provides them with increased purchasing power to purchase replacement snow and ice control equipment prior to the following winter. To a lesser extent, sales of our Work Truck Attachments products are influenced by the timing of snowfall in a given winter. Because an early snowfall can be viewed as a sign of a heavy upcoming snow season, our Work Truck Attachments segment’s end-users may respond to an early snowfall by purchasing replacement snow and ice control equipment during the current season rather than delaying purchases until after the season is over when most purchases are typically made by end-users.

We attempt to manage the seasonal impact of snowfall on our Work Truck Attachments segment revenues in part through our pre-season sales program, which involves actively soliciting and encouraging pre-season distributor orders in the second and third quarters by offering our distributors a combination of pricing, payment and freight incentives during this period. These pre-season sales incentives encourage our distributors to re-stock their inventory during the second and third quarters in anticipation of the peak fourth quarter retail sales period by offering favorable pre-season pricing and payment deferral until the fourth quarter. As a result, we tend to generate our greatest volume of sales (an average of over two-thirds over the last ten years) during the second and third quarters, providing us with manufacturing visibility for the remainder of the year. By contrast, our revenue and operating results tend to be lowest during the first quarter as management believes our end-users prefer to wait until the beginning of a snow season to purchase new equipment and as our distributors sell off inventory and wait for our pre-season sales incentive period to re-stock inventory. Fourth quarter sales vary from year-to-year as they are primarily driven by the level, timing and location of snowfall during the quarter. This is because most of our fourth quarter sales and shipments consist of re-orders by distributors seeking to restock inventory to meet immediate customer needs caused by snowfall during the winter months.

Our Work Truck Attachments segment revenue and operating results tend to be lowest during the first quarter, during which period we typically experience negative earnings as the snow season draws to a close. Our Work Truck Attachments segment first quarter revenue has varied from approximately \$36.4 million to approximately \$53.9 million between 2014 and 2018. During the last five-year period, net income (loss) during the first quarter has varied from a net income of approximately \$5.3 million to a net loss of approximately \$0.2 million, with an average net income of \$1.7 million.

While our Work Truck Attachments monthly working capital has averaged approximately \$101.0 million from 2016 to 2018, because of the seasonality of our sales, we experience seasonality in our working capital needs as well. In the first quarter we require capital as we are generally required to build our inventory in anticipation of our second and third quarter sales seasons. During the second and third quarters, our working capital requirements rise as our accounts receivables increase as a result of the sale and shipment of products ordered through our pre-season sales program and we continue to build inventory. Working capital requirements peak towards the end of the third quarter (reaching an average peak of approximately \$133.0 million over the prior three years) and then begin to decline through the fourth quarter through a reduction in accounts receivables (as it is in the fourth quarter that we receive a majority of the payments for previously shipped products).

We also attempt to manage the impact of seasonality and year-to-year variability on our business costs through the effective management of our assets. See “Business—Our Business Strategy—Aggressive Asset Management and Profit Focus.” Our asset management and profit focus strategies include:

- the employment of a highly variable cost structure facilitated by a core group of workers that we supplement with a temporary workforce as sales volumes dictate, which allows us to adjust costs on an as-needed basis in response to changing demand;
- our enterprise-wide lean concept, which allows us to adjust production levels up or down to meet demand;
- the pre-season order program described above, which incentivizes distributors to place orders prior to the retail selling season; and
- a vertically integrated business model.

These asset management and profit focus strategies, among other management tools, allow us to adjust fixed overhead and sales, general and administrative expenditures to account for the year-to-year variability of our sales volumes. Management currently estimates that consolidated annual fixed overhead expenses generally range from approximately \$50.0 million in low sales volume years to approximately \$65.0 million in high sales volume years. Further, management currently estimates that consolidated annual sales, general and administrative expenses other than amortization generally approximate \$70.0 million, but can be reduced to approximately \$60.0 million to maximize cash flow in low sales volume years, and can increase to approximately \$80.0 million to maintain customer service and responsiveness in high sales volume years.

Additionally, although modest, our annual capital expenditure requirements, which are normally budgeted at \$12.0 million, can be temporarily reduced by up to approximately 40% in response to actual or anticipated decreases in sales volumes. If we are unsuccessful in our asset management initiatives, the seasonality and year-to-year variability effects on our business may be compounded and in turn our results of operations and financial condition may suffer.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

We do not use financial instruments for speculative trading purposes, and do not hold any derivative financial instruments that could expose us to significant market risk. Our primary market risk exposures are changes in interest rates and steel price fluctuations.

Interest Rate Risk

We are exposed to market risk primarily from changes in interest rates. Our borrowings, including our term loan and any revolving borrowings under our senior credit facilities, are at variable rates of interest and expose us to interest rate risk. In addition, the interest rate on any revolving borrowings is subject to an increase in the interest rate based on our average daily availability under our revolving credit facility.

As of December 31, 2018, we had outstanding borrowings under our term loan of \$278.1 million. A hypothetical interest rate change of 1%, 1.5% and 2% on our term loan would have changed interest incurred for the year ended December 31, 2018 by \$1.1 million, \$2.1 million and \$3.1 million, respectively. We entered into three interest rate swap agreements in 2015 with notional amounts of \$45.0 million, \$90.0 million and \$135.0 million effective for the periods December 31, 2015 through March 29, 2018; March 29, 2018 through March 31, 2020; and March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, respectively. We entered into two interest rate swap agreements in 2018 with notional amounts of \$50.0 million and \$150.0 million effective for the periods December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2021 through December 10, 2021, respectively. We entered into these interest rate swap agreements to hedge the variability in future cash flows associated with our variable-term loans. We have counterparty credit risk resulting from the interest rate swaps, which we monitor on an on-going basis. This risk lies with one global financial institution. Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of December 31, 2015, we either received or made payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 1.860% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 29, 2018, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.670% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 31, 2020, we will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.918% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of December 31, 2018, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.613% and LIBOR. Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of June 30, 2021, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.793% and LIBOR. The interest rate swaps' negative fair value at December 31, 2018 was \$2.0 million, of which \$0.1 million and \$1.9 million are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively.

As of December 31, 2018, we had no outstanding borrowings under our revolving credit facility. A hypothetical interest rate change of 1%, 1.5% and 2% on our revolving credit facility would have changed interest incurred for the year ended December 31, 2018 by \$0.1 million, \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

Commodity Price Risk

In the normal course of business, we are exposed to market risk related to our purchase of steel, the primary commodity upon which our manufacturing depends. While steel is typically available from numerous suppliers, the price of steel is a commodity subject to fluctuations that apply across broad spectrums of the steel market. We do not use any derivative or hedging instruments to manage the price risk. If the price of steel increases, including as a result of tariffs, our variable costs could also

increase. While historically we have successfully mitigated these increased costs through the implementation of either permanent price increases and/or temporary invoice surcharges, in the future we may not be able to successfully mitigate these costs, which could cause our gross margins to decline. If our costs for steel were to increase by \$1.00 in a period in which we were not able to pass any of this increase onto our distributors, our gross margins would decline by \$1.00 in that period.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The financial statements are included in this report beginning on page F-2.

Item 9. Changes In and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosures

As disclosed in our current report on Form 8-K filed on December 23, 2016, we changed our independent registered public accounting firm effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. There were no disagreements or reportable events related to the change in accountants.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (the “Evaluation”) as of the last day of the period covered by this report.

Based upon the Evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2018. Disclosure controls and procedures are defined by Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) as controls and other procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified by the SEC’s rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures include, without limitation, controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

It should be noted that the design of any system of controls is based in part upon certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions, regardless of how remote.

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Our internal control system was designed to provide reasonable assurance to our management and Board of Directors regarding the preparation and fair presentation of our published financial statements.

All internal control systems, no matter how well designed, have inherent limitations. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Our management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, evaluated the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (“COSO”) in *Internal Control—Integrated*

Framework (2013 framework). Based on its assessment, management believes that, as of December 31, 2018, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on those criteria.

Deloitte & Touche LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the Consolidated Financial Statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and, as part of its audit, has issued an attestation report, included herein, on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting at December 31, 2018.

Management’s Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the last fiscal quarter of the period covered by this report, there were no changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect such controls.

Item 9B. Other Information

On February 19, 2019, the Board of Directors of the Company approved amended and restated employment agreements for each of Robert M. McCormick and James L. Janik. The Company and the executives entered into the amended and restated employment agreements on February 22, 2019, and the forms of each are filed with this Form 10-K as Exhibit 10.47 and Exhibit 10.48. The primary purpose of the amended and restated employment agreements was to consolidate the various amendments to each executive’s employment agreement and to remove outdated provisions that no longer were effective given the passage of time. The amended and restated employment agreements also modify some provisions to ensure consistency with employment agreements with the Company’s other executive officers. The amended and restated employment agreements do not contain any material substantive changes from the employment agreements previously in effect for either Mr. McCormick or Mr. Janik.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The information included under the captions “Election of Directors,” “Board of Directors and Corporate Governance” and “Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance” in the Company’s definitive proxy statement, which is expected to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A within 120 days following the end of the fiscal year covered by this report (the “Proxy Statement”), is hereby incorporated by reference. The information required by Item 10 with respect to our Executive Officers is included in Part I of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and principal accounting officer, as well as all of our employees. We have posted a copy of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics on our website at www.douglasdynamics.com. The Code of Business Conduct and Ethics is also available in print to any stockholder who requests it in writing from the Corporate Secretary at 7777 North 73rd Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53223. We intend to post on our website any amendments to, or waivers (with respect to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer and controller) from, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics within four business days of any such amendment or waiver. We are not including the information contained on our website as part of, or incorporating it by reference into, this report.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

The information required in Item 11 is incorporated by reference to the information in the Proxy Statement under the captions “Corporate Governance—Compensation Committee Interlocks and

Insider Participation,” “Compensation Discussion and Analysis”, “Executive Compensation,” “Director Compensation” and “Compensation Committee Report.”

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Shareholder Matters

The information required in Item 12 is incorporated by reference to the information in the Proxy Statement under the captions “Corporate Governance—Significant Stockholders” and “—Executive Officers and Directors.”

Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information with respect to compensation plans under which equity securities of the Company are authorized for issuance as of December 31, 2018.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

<u>Plan Category</u>	<u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	<u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column)</u>
Equity Compensation plans approved by security holders(1):			
2010 Stock Incentive Plan(2):	61,703	\$—	930,545
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	—	—	—
Total	<u>61,703</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>930,545</u>

- (1) Excludes 267,891 shares of restricted stock previously granted under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan.
- (2) Calculated excluding the 61,703 securities shown as to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights under the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan in column (a), which are subject to performance share unit awards and have no exercise price.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

The information required in Item 13 is incorporated by reference to the information in the Proxy Statement under the caption “Corporate Governance.”

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

The information required in Item 14 is incorporated by reference to the information in the Proxy Statement under the caption “Ratification of Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.”

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

(a) Documents filed as part of this report:

(1) Consolidated Financial Statements:

See “Index to Consolidated Financial Statements” on page F-1, the Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm on page F-2 through F-4 and the Consolidated Financial Statements beginning on page F-5, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

(2) Financial Statement Schedules:

All schedules have been omitted because the information required in these schedules is included in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

(3) Exhibits:

See “Exhibit Index” of this Form 10-K, beginning on the following page.

Item 16. Form 10-K Summary

Not applicable

Exhibit Index

Exhibit Number	Title
2.1	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated May 6, 2013 by and between Acquisition Tango LLC, TrynEx, Inc. and shareholders of TrynEx, Inc. named therein [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 6, 2013 (File No. 001-34728)].
2.2	First Amendment, dated August 6, 2013, to the Asset Purchase Agreement dated May 6, 2013 by and between TrynEx International LLC, Apex International, Inc. and shareholders of Apex International, Inc. named therein [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed August 5, 2013 (File No. 001-34728)].
2.3	Merger Agreement, dated November 24, 2014, among Douglas Dynamics, Inc., DDIZ Acquisition, Inc., Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc. and the stockholder representative named therein [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed November 25, 2014 (File No. 001-34728)].
2.4	Asset Purchase Agreement, dated June 15, 2016, among Acquisition Delta LLC, Peter Paul Dejana Family Trust Dated 12/31/98, Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc. and Andrew Dejana (as Appointed Agent) [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 20, 2016 (File No. 001-34728)].
2.5	First Amendment, dated February 27, 2017, to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated June 15, 2016, among Acquisition Delta LLC, Peter Paul Dejana Family Trust Dated 12/31/98, Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc. and Andrew Dejana (as Appointed Agent) [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 1, 2017 (File No. 001-34728)].
2.6	Second Amendment, dated September 20, 2017, to the Asset Purchase Agreement, dated June 15, 2016 and amended on February 27, 2017, among Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC (formerly known as Acquisition Delta LLC), Peter Paul Dejana Family Trust 12/31/98, Peteco Kings Park Inc. (formerly known as Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc.) and Andrew Dejana, as appointed agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 2.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 26, 2017 (File No. 001-34728)].
3.1	Fourth Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
3.2	Fourth Amended and Restated Bylaws of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2019 (File No. 001-34728)].

Exhibit Number	Title
10.1	Second Amended and Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc. (as successor by merger to DDIZ Acquisition, Inc.), and Henderson Products, Inc., as borrowers, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., as guarantor, the banks and financial institutions listed therein, as lenders, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 6, 2015 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.2	ABL Amendment, dated as of July 15, 2016, to the Second Amended and Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., Henderson Products, Inc., and Acquisition Delta LLC as borrowers, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., as guarantor, the banks and financial institutions listed therein, as lenders, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 21, 2016 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.3	Amended and Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., as borrower, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc. (as successor by merger to DDIZ Acquisition, Inc.), and Henderson Products, Inc., as guarantors, the banks and financial institutions listed therein, as lenders, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as collateral agent and administrative agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed January 6, 2015 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.4	Term Loan Joinder Agreement and Amendment, dated as of July 15, 2016, to the Amended and Restated Credit and Guaranty Agreement, dated as of December 31, 2014, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., as borrower, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., Henderson Products, Inc., and Acquisition Delta LLC as guarantors, the banks and financial institutions listed therein, as lenders, J.P. Morgan Securities LLC and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as joint bookrunners and joint lead arrangers, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and collateral agent, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as syndication agent [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on July 21, 2016 (File No. 001-34728)].

Exhibit Number	Title
10.5	Third Amendment, dated as of February 8, 2017, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., as borrower, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., Henderson Products, Inc., and Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC as guarantors, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and as collateral agent, the banks and financial institutions party thereto and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A, as the additional term B lender [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on February 13, 2017 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.6	2017 Replacement Term Loan Amendment, dated as of August 17, 2017, among Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., as borrower, Douglas Dynamics, Inc., Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, Fisher, LLC, Trynex International LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., Henderson Products, Inc., and Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC as guarantors, JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as administrative agent and as collateral agent, and the banks and financial institutions party thereto [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 18, 2017 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.7#	Employment Agreement between Robert McCormick and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated September 7, 2004, as amended by that certain amendment, dated as of October 1, 2008 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.8#	Form of Amendment No. 2 to Employment Agreement between Robert McCormick and Douglas Dynamics, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.9#	Amendment No. 3 to Employment Agreement between Robert McCormick and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated June 14, 2010 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.10#	Amendment No. 4 to Employment Agreement between Robert McCormick and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated January 1, 2019 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2019 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.11#	Employment Agreement between James L. Janik and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated March 30, 2004 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.12#	Form of Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement between James L. Janik and Douglas Dynamics, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.13#	Amendment No. 2 to Employment Agreement between James L. Janik and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated January 1, 2019 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on January 4, 2019 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.14#	Employment Agreement between Mark Adamson and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated August 27, 2007 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].

Exhibit Number	Title
10.15#	Form of Amendment No. 1 to Employment Agreement between Mark Adamson and Douglas Dynamics, Inc. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.16#	Employment Agreement between Sarah C. Lauber and Douglas Dynamics, LLC, effective August 28, 2017 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 23, 2017 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.17#	Letter Agreement between Keith Hagelin and Douglas Dynamics, Inc., dated June 14, 2010 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2010 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 17, 2010 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.18#	Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.16 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333- 164590)].
10.19#	Form of Amended and Restated Management Incentive Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.18 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.20#	Form of Management Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.19 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.21#	Form of Amended and Restated Management Non-Qualified Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.20 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.22#	Form of Non-Employee Director Non-Qualified Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.21 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.23#	Form of Amended and Restated Non-Employee Director Non-Qualified Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.22 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.24#	Amended and Restated Management Incentive Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan between Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and James L. Janik, dated March 31, 2004 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.23 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333- 164590)].
10.25#	Form of Second Amended and Restated Management Incentive Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan between Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and James L. Janik [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.24 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].

Exhibit Number	Title
10.26#	Amended and Restated Non-Qualified Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan between Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and James L. Janik, dated March 31, 2004 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.25 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333- 164590)].
10.27#	Form of Second Amended and Restated Non-Qualified Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Incentive Plan between Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and James L. Janik [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.26 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.28#	Form of Amended and Restated Deferred Stock Unit Agreement [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.27 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.29#	Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Annual Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2016 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.30#	Douglas Dynamics, Inc. Amended and Restated 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 10, 2016 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.31#	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.33 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.32#	Alternative Form of Restricted Stock Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.33#	Form of Restricted Stock Units Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.35 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.34#	Form of Nonqualified Stock Option Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.35#	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement under 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333- 164590)].
10.36#	Form of Restricted Stock Grant Notice and Standard Terms and Conditions under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 30, 2010 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.37#	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Standard Terms and Conditions under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 30, 2010 (File No. 001-34728)].

Exhibit Number	Title
10.38#	Form of Nonemployee Director Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Standard Terms and Conditions under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Current Report on Form 8-K filed December 30, 2010 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.39#	Form of Director and Officer Indemnification Agreement [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.43 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 333-164590)].
10.40#	Douglas Dynamics Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Plan [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.34 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2011 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.41#	Form of Restricted Stock Unit Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.36 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2012 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.42#	Form of Performance Share Unit Agreement under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.37 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2012 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.43#	Form of Nonemployee Director Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Standard Terms and Conditions under Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2013 (File No. 001-34728)].
10.44#	Form of Grant Notice for Performance Share Units under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, effective February 19, 2018 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.41 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2018].
10.45#	Form of Grant Notice for Restricted Stock Units under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, effective February 19, 2018 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.42 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2018].
10.46#	Employment Agreement between Andrew Dejana and Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC, effective July 15, 2016 [Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.43 to Douglas Dynamics, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ending December 31, 2018].
10.47#*	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between James L. Janik and Douglas Dynamics, LLC, effective February 22, 2019.
10.48#*	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement between Robert M. McCormick and Douglas Dynamics, LLC, effective February 22, 2019.
10.49#*	Form of Nonemployee Director Restricted Stock Unit Grant Notice and Standard Terms and Conditions under the Douglas Dynamics, Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan, effective February 19, 2019.
21.1*	Subsidiaries of Douglas Dynamics, Inc.
23.1*	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP.

Exhibit Number	Title
23.2*	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP.
31.1*	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2*	Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1*	Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.1	Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders [To be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Regulation 14A within 120 days after December 31, 2018; except to the extent specifically incorporated by reference, the Proxy Statement for the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders shall not be deemed to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K]
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase

A management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

* Filed herewith.

Signature

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, on this 26th day of February, 2019.

DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.

By: /s/ ROBERT MCCORMICK
Robert McCormick
President and Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities indicated on February 26, 2019.

<u> /s/ ROBERT MCCORMICK </u> Robert McCormick	President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and Director
<u> /s/ SARAH LAUBER </u> Sarah Lauber	Chief Financial Officer & Secretary (Principal Financial Officer)
<u> /s/ JON J. SISULAK </u> Jon J. Sisulak	Corporate Controller, Assistant Secretary
<u> /s/ JAMES L. JANIK </u> James L. Janik	Executive Chairman and Director
<u> /s/ MARGARET S. DANO </u> Margaret S. Dano	Director
<u> /s/ KENNETH W. KRUEGER </u> Kenneth W. Krueger	Director
<u> /s/ JAMES L. PACKARD </u> James L. Packard	Director
<u> /s/ JAMES D. STALEY </u> James D. Staley	Director
<u> /s/ DONALD W. STURDIVANT </u> Donald W. Sturdivant	Director

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Douglas Dynamics, Inc.

Opinions on the Financial Statements and Internal Control over Financial Reporting

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and subsidiaries (the “Company”) as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, shareholders’ equity, and cash flows, for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the “financial statements”). We also have audited the Company’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended December 31, 2018, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2018, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by COSO.

Basis for Opinions

The Company’s management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and an opinion on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud, and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audits of the financial statements included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures to respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Definition and Limitations of Internal Control over Financial Reporting

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 26, 2019

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2017.

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders of Douglas Dynamics, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, changes in shareholders' equity, and cash flows of Douglas Dynamics, Inc (the Company) for the year ended December 31, 2016. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, consolidated results of operations and cash flows of Douglas Dynamics, Inc for the year ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

March 13, 2017, except for Note 1, as to which the date is February 26, 2019

DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(Dollars In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	December 31, 2018	December 31, 2017
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 27,820	\$ 36,875
Accounts receivable, net	81,485	79,120
Inventories	81,996	71,524
Inventories—truck chassis floor plan	4,204	7,711
Prepaid and other current assets	3,590	2,883
Total current assets	199,095	198,113
Property, plant and equipment, net	55,195	53,962
Goodwill	241,006	241,006
Other intangible assets, net	174,678	186,150
Other long-term assets	6,219	5,945
Total assets	\$676,193	\$685,176
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 18,703	\$ 16,323
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	23,306	21,004
Floor plan obligations	4,204	7,711
Income tax payable	106	2,996
Current portion of long-term debt	32,749	32,749
Total current liabilities	79,068	80,783
Retiree health benefit obligation	6,240	6,809
Pension obligation	2,129	9,761
Deferred income taxes	48,198	39,269
Long-term debt, less current portion	242,946	274,872
Other long-term liabilities	14,856	17,004
Commitments and contingencies (Note 15)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 22,700,991 and 22,590,897 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively	227	226
Additional paid-in capital	151,813	147,287
Retained earnings	136,765	115,737
Accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax	(6,049)	(6,572)
Total shareholders' equity	282,756	256,678
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$676,193	\$685,176

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	Years ended December 31,		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net sales	\$524,067	\$474,927	\$416,268
Cost of sales	369,177	331,841	282,294
Gross profit	154,890	143,086	133,974
Selling, general, and administrative expense	69,958	60,877	53,570
Intangibles amortization	11,472	11,401	10,596
Income from operations	73,460	70,808	69,808
Interest expense, net	(16,943)	(18,336)	(15,195)
Litigation proceeds	—	1,275	10,050
Other expense, net	(758)	(832)	(967)
Income before taxes	55,759	52,915	63,696
Income tax expense (benefit)	11,854	(2,409)	24,687
Net income	<u>\$ 43,905</u>	<u>\$ 55,324</u>	<u>\$ 39,009</u>
Earnings per share:			
Basic earnings per common share attributable to common shareholders	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.71
Earnings per common share assuming dilution attributable to common shareholders	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.70
Cash dividends declared and paid per share	\$ 1.06	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.94

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DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(In Thousands)

	<u>Years ended December 31,</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net income	\$43,905	\$55,324	\$39,009
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit liability, net of tax of (\$558) in 2018, (\$140) in 2017 and \$147 in 2016	1,568	233	(231)
Adjustment for interest rate swap, net of tax of (\$64) in 2018, \$88 in 2017 and \$225 in 2016	<u>84</u>	<u>(133)</u>	<u>(258)</u>
Total other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	<u>1,652</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>(489)</u>
Comprehensive income	<u>\$45,557</u>	<u>\$55,424</u>	<u>\$38,520</u>

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DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY
(Dollars In Thousands)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	Total
	Shares	Dollars				
Balance at December 31, 2015	22,387,797	\$224	\$141,626	\$ 64,829	\$(6,183)	\$200,496
Net income	—	—	—	39,009	—	39,009
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(21,451)	—	(21,451)
Adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit liability, net of tax of \$147	—	—	—	—	(231)	(231)
Adjustment for interest rate swap, net of tax of \$225	—	—	—	—	(258)	(258)
Stock based compensation	113,843	1	2,897	—	—	2,898
Balance at December 31, 2016	22,501,640	\$225	\$144,523	\$ 82,387	\$(6,672)	\$220,463
Net income	—	—	—	55,324	—	55,324
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(21,974)	—	(21,974)
Prior period adjustment	—	—	187	—	—	187
Adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit liability, net of tax of (\$140)	—	—	—	—	233	233
Adjustment for interest rate swap, net of tax of \$88	—	—	—	—	(133)	(133)
Shares withheld on restricted stock vesting	—	—	(923)	—	—	(923)
Stock based compensation	89,257	1	3,500	—	—	3,501
Balance at December 31, 2017	22,590,897	\$226	\$147,287	\$115,737	\$(6,572)	\$256,678
Net income	—	—	—	43,905	—	43,905
Dividends paid	—	—	—	(24,383)	—	(24,383)
Impact due to adoption of ASC 2014-09 (revenue recognition)	—	—	—	377	—	377
Adoption of ASU 2018-02	—	—	—	1,129	(1,129)	—
Adjustment for pension and postretirement benefit liability, net of tax of (\$558)	—	—	—	—	1,568	1,568
Adjustment for interest rate swap, net of tax of (\$64)	—	—	—	—	84	84
Shares withheld on restricted stock vesting	—	—	(23)	—	—	(23)
Stock based compensation	110,094	1	4,549	—	—	4,550
Balance at December 31, 2018	22,700,991	\$227	\$151,813	\$136,765	\$(6,049)	\$282,756

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(In Thousands)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
Operating activities			
Net income	\$ 43,905	\$ 55,324	\$ 39,009
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	19,085	18,584	16,742
Inventory step up of acquired business included in cost of sales . . .	—	—	125
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt discount	1,214	1,214	950
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	185	—	—
Stock-based compensation	4,550	3,500	2,898
Provision for losses on accounts receivable	531	1,475	208
Deferred income taxes	9,551	(15,242)	5,413
Earnout liability	(900)	(1,786)	(1,128)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:			
Accounts receivable	(511)	(1,154)	2,419
Inventories	(12,347)	894	605
Prepaid assets, refundable income taxes and other assets	(1,114)	65	1,699
Accounts payable	3,039	(2,487)	(113)
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	312	5,481	(3,434)
Benefit obligations and other long-term liabilities	(9,319)	486	4,527
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>58,181</u>	<u>66,354</u>	<u>69,920</u>
Investing activities			
Capital expenditures	(9,690)	(7,563)	(9,830)
Acquisition of businesses	—	(7,385)	(181,344)
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(9,690)</u>	<u>(14,948)</u>	<u>(191,174)</u>
Financing activities			
Shares withheld on restricted stock vesting paid for employees' taxes .	(23)	(923)	—
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	—	—	—
Payments of financing costs	—	(1,608)	(2,320)
Borrowings on long-term debt	—	—	129,350
Earnout payment	—	(5,487)	—
Dividends paid	(24,383)	(21,974)	(21,451)
Repayment of long-term debt	(33,140)	(3,148)	(2,560)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>(57,546)</u>	<u>(33,140)</u>	<u>103,019</u>
Change in cash and cash equivalents	(9,055)	18,266	(18,235)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	36,875	18,609	36,844
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	<u>\$ 27,820</u>	<u>\$ 36,875</u>	<u>\$ 18,609</u>
Non-cash operating and financing activities			
Truck chassis inventory acquired through floorplan obligations	\$ 38,129	\$ 45,472	\$ 13,697
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information			
Income taxes paid	\$ 8,465	\$ 6,607	\$ 16,440
Interest paid	\$ 15,878	\$ 17,224	\$ 14,235

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Douglas Dynamics, Inc.
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1. Description of business and basis of presentation

Douglas Dynamics, Inc. (the “Company,”) is a premier manufacturer and upfitter of commercial vehicle attachments and equipment. The Company’s portfolio includes snow and ice management attachments sold under the BLIZZARD®, FISHER®, HENDERSON®, SNOWEX® and WESTERN® brands, turf care equipment under the TURFEX® brand, and industrial maintenance equipment under the SWEEPEX® brand. On July 15, 2016, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, Inc. and certain entities directly or indirectly owned by Peter Paul Dejana Family Trust Dated 12/31/98 (such assets “Dejana”). The Company is headquartered in Milwaukee, WI and currently owns manufacturing and upfit facilities in Milwaukee, WI, Manchester Iowa, Rockland, ME, Madison Heights, MI and Huntley, IL. The Company also leases fifteen manufacturing and upfit facilities located in Iowa, Maryland, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Rhode Island. Additionally, the Company operates a sourcing office in China.

The Company conducts business in two segments: Work Truck Attachments and Work Truck Solutions. The Work Truck Solutions segment was established as a result of the acquisition of Dejana. The Company’s Work Truck Attachments segment consists of operations that, prior to the acquisition of Dejana, were the Company’s single operating segment, consisting of the manufacture and sale of snow and ice control products. Financial information regarding these segments is in Note 16 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Recently adopted accounting standards

Certain reclassifications have been made to the prior period financial statements to conform to the 2017 presentation. In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, “*Revenue from Contracts with Customers,*” amending revenue recognition guidance and requiring more detailed disclosures to enable users of financial statements to understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. The amended guidance, herein referred to as Topic 606, is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. The Company adopted Topic 606, effective January 1, 2018, using the modified retrospective transition method. The Company recognized the cumulative effect of applying the new revenue standard as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings at the beginning of 2018. The comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for the period presented. See Note 3 for additional information.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-07, “*Compensation-Retirement Benefits (Topic 715), Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost.*” The standard requires that an employer report the service cost component in the same line items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The other components of net benefit cost are required to be presented in the income statement separately from the service cost component and outside of operating profit. The standard is effective for public companies for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those annual periods. Prior periods are required to be recast. The Company adopted this standard on January 1, 2018. The impact of this standard was a reclassification of \$717 and \$690 of other components of net periodic benefit cost from Selling, general, and administrative expense to Other

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1. Description of business and basis of presentation (Continued)

expense, net on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company utilized a practical expedient included in the ASU which allowed the Company to use amounts previously disclosed in its pension and other postretirement benefits note for the prior period as the estimation basis for applying the required retrospective presentation requirements.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-02, *“Income Statement—Reporting Comprehensive Income (Topic 220), Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income.”* This ASU provides financial statement preparers with an option to reclassify stranded tax effects within AOCI to retained earnings in each period in which the effect of the change in the U.S. federal corporate income tax rate in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act is recorded. ASU 2018-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and interim periods within those fiscal years with early adoption permitted. The Company early adopted this standard as of December 31, 2018. The adoption resulted in a reclassification of \$1,129 from accumulated other comprehensive loss to retained earnings in 2018.

See Note 21 for a summary of recent accounting pronouncements not yet adopted and the Company’s evaluation of their impact on the financial statements.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Principles of consolidation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and its direct wholly-owned subsidiary, Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Douglas Dynamics Finance Company (an inactive subsidiary), Fisher, LLC, Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., Henderson Products, Inc. and Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Company”). All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash and cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounts receivable and allowance for doubtful accounts

The Company carries its accounts receivable at their face amount less an allowance for doubtful accounts. The majority of the Company's accounts receivable are due from distributors of truck equipment and dealers of completed upfit trucks. Credit is extended based on an evaluation of a customer's financial condition. On a periodic basis, the Company evaluates its accounts receivable and establishes the allowance for doubtful accounts based on a combination of specific customer circumstances and credit conditions based on a history of write-offs and collections. A receivable is considered past due if payments have not been received within agreed upon invoice terms. Accounts receivable are written off after all collection efforts have been exhausted. The Company takes a security interest in the inventory as collateral for the receivable but often does not have a priority security interest.

Financing program

The Company is party to a financing program in which certain distributors may elect to finance their purchases from the Company through a third party financing company. The Company provides the third party financing company recourse against the Company regarding the collectability of the receivable under the program due to the fact that if the third party financing company is unable to collect from the distributor the amounts due in respect of the product financed, the Company would be obligated to repurchase any remaining inventory related to the product financed and reimburse any legal fees incurred by the financing company. During the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, distributors financed purchases of \$8,497, \$7,115 and \$7,578 through this financing program, respectively. At both December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, there were no uncollectible outstanding receivables related to sales financed under the financing program. The amount owed by distributors to the third party financing company under this program at December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$7,756 and \$3,436, respectively. The Company was not required to repurchase any repossessed inventory for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

In the past, minimal losses have been incurred under this agreement. However, an adverse change in distributor retail sales could cause this situation to change and thereby require the Company to repurchase repossessed units. Any repossessed units are inspected to ensure they are current, unused product and are restocked and resold.

Interest Rate Swap

The Company is a counterparty to interest-rate swap agreements to hedge against the potential impact on earnings from increases in market interest rates. The Company entered into three interest rate swap agreements during the first quarter of 2015 with notional amounts of \$45,000, \$90,000 and \$135,000 effective for the periods December 31, 2015 through March 29, 2018, March 29, 2018 through March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, respectively. On February 5, 2018, the Company entered into additional interest rate swap agreements to reduce its exposure to interest rate volatility. The two interest rate swap agreements have notional amounts of \$50,000 and \$150,000 effective for the periods December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2021 through

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

December 10, 2021, respectively. The interest rate swap agreements are accounted for as cash flow hedges. Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of December 31, 2015 the Company either received or made payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 1.860% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 29, 2018 the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.670% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of March 31, 2020 the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.918% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of December 31, 2018, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.613% and LIBOR. Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of June 30, 2021, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.793% and LIBOR. The negative fair value of the interest rate swap, net of tax, of (\$1,530) and (\$1,328) at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively, is included in Accumulated other comprehensive loss on the balance sheet. This fair value was determined using Level 2 inputs as defined in Accounting Standards Codification Topic (“ASC”) 820—*Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*.

Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market. Market is determined based on estimated realizable values. Inventory costs are primarily determined by the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method. The Company periodically reviews its inventory for slow moving, damaged and discontinued items and provides reserves to reduce such items identified to their recoverable amounts.

The Company records inventories to include truck chassis inventory financed through a floor plan financing agreement as discussed in Note 8. The Company takes title to truck chassis upon receipt of the inventory through its floor plan agreement and performs upfitting service installations to the truck chassis inventory during the installation period. The floor plan obligation is then assumed by the dealer customer upon delivery. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company had \$4,204 and \$7,711 of chassis inventory and related floor plan financing obligation, respectively. The Company recognizes revenue associated with upfitting and service installations net of the truck chassis.

The Company receives, on consignment, truck chassis on which it performs upfitting service installations under “bailment pool” arrangements with major truck manufacturers. The Company never receives title to the truck chassis. The aggregate value of all bailment pool chassis on hand as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$15,197 and \$17,447, respectively. The Company is responsible to the manufacturer for interest on chassis held for upfitting. The Company recognizes revenue associated with upfitting and service installations net of the truck chassis.

Leases

As of December 31, 2018, fifteen of the Company’s upfit and distribution centers were subject to a lease agreement.

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

All of the Company's current leases are considered operating leases, and are not recorded on the Company's balance sheet. Rent expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the expected lease term. The Company leases buildings in which it operates from both related party and third party lessors. See Note 15 for further details.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 *Leases: Amendments to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification*. ASU 2016-02 increases transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2019. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11 *Leases: Targeted Improvements* which allows entities to apply the new lease standard at the adoption date, rather than at the earliest period presented. In transition, lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases using a modified retrospective approach. The Company will adopt the standard in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. See Note 21 for additional information on this ASU.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are recorded at cost, less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using straight-line methods over the estimated useful lives for financial statement purposes and an accelerated method for income tax reporting purposes. The estimated useful lives of the assets are as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Land improvements and buildings	15 - 40
Leasehold improvements	12
Machinery and equipment	3 - 20
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 12
Mobile equipment and other	3 - 10

Depreciation expense was \$7,613, \$7,183, and \$6,146 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Expenditures for renewals and improvements that significantly add to the productive capacity or extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. Repairs and maintenance expenses amounted to \$6,032, \$5,222 and \$5,060 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. When assets are sold or retired, the cost of the asset and the related accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and any gain or loss is recognized in results of operations.

Impairment of long-lived assets

Long-lived assets are reviewed for potential impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. Recoverability of assets to be held and used is measured by comparison of the carrying value of such assets to the undiscounted future cash flows expected to be generated by the assets. If the carrying value of an asset exceeds its

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2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

estimated undiscounted future cash flows, an impairment provision is recognized to the extent that the carrying amount of the asset exceeds its fair value. Assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair value of the asset, less costs of disposition. Management of the Company considers such factors as current results, trends and future prospects, current market value, and other economic and regulatory factors in performing these analyses. The Company determined that no long-lived assets were impaired as of December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Goodwill and other intangible assets

Goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets are tested for impairment annually as of December 31, or sooner if impairment indicators arise. The fair value of indefinite-lived intangible assets is estimated based upon an income and market approach. In reviewing goodwill for impairment, potential impairment is identified by comparing the estimated fair value of the reporting units to its carrying value. The Company has determined it has three reporting units. When the fair value is less than the carrying value of the net assets of the reporting unit, including goodwill, an impairment loss would be recognized. The Company has determined that goodwill and indefinite lived assets were not impaired as of December 31, 2018 and 2017. The Company had goodwill of \$241,006 at both December 31, 2018 and 2017, of which \$160,932 relates to goodwill associated with the Work Truck Attachments segment and \$80,074 relates to the Work Truck Solutions segment at both December 31, 2018 and 2017.

Intangible assets with estimable useful lives are amortized over their respective estimated useful lives and are reviewed for potential impairment when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the asset may not be recoverable. The Company amortizes its distribution network intangibles over periods ranging from 15 to 20 years, trademarks over 7 to 25 years, patents over 7 to 20 years, customer relationships over 15 to 19.5 years and noncompete agreements over 4 to 5 years. There were no indicators of impairment during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The Company had gross intangible assets and accumulated amortization of \$275,675 and \$100,997, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2018, of which \$195,175 and \$88,236 relate to the Work Truck Attachments segment, and \$80,500 and \$12,761 relate to the Work Truck Solutions segment, respectively. The Company had gross intangible assets and accumulated amortization of \$275,675 and \$89,525, respectively for the year ended December 31, 2017, of which \$195,175 and \$81,336 relate to the Work Truck Attachments segment, and \$80,500 and \$8,189 relate to the Work Truck Solutions segment, respectively.

Income taxes

Deferred income taxes are accounted for under the asset and liability method whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates. Deferred income tax provisions or benefits are based on the change in the deferred tax assets and liabilities from period to period. Deferred income tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred income tax asset will not be realized. Additionally, when applicable, the Company would classify interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense.

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Deferred financing costs

The costs of obtaining financing are capitalized and amortized over the term of the related financing on a basis that approximates the effective interest method. The changes in deferred financing costs are as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2015	\$2,337
Deferred financing costs capitalized on new debt	2,320
Amortization of deferred financing costs	<u>(624)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2016	4,033
Amortization of deferred financing costs	<u>(824)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2017	3,209
Amortization of deferred financing costs	<u>(823)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u><u>\$2,386</u></u>

Fair Value

Fair value is the price at which an asset could be exchanged in a current transaction between knowledgeable, willing parties. A liability's fair value is defined as the amount that would be paid to transfer the liability to a new obligor, not the amount that would be paid to settle the liability with the creditor. Fair value measurements are categorized into one of three levels based on the lowest level of significant input used: Level 1 (unadjusted quoted prices in active markets); Level 2 (observable market inputs available at the measurement date, other than quoted prices included in Level 1); and Level 3 (unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data).

The following table presents financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis and discloses the fair value of long-term debt:

	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Fair Value at December 31, 2017</u>
Assets:		
Other long-term assets(a)	\$ 5,064	\$ 4,840
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,064</u>	<u>\$ 4,840</u>
Liabilities:		
Interest rate swaps(b)	2,031	2,178
Long term debt(c)	269,739	312,384
Earnout—Henderson(d)	352	529
Earnout—Dejana(e)	<u>2,200</u>	<u>3,100</u>
Total Liabilities	<u><u>\$274,322</u></u>	<u><u>\$318,191</u></u>

(a) Included in other assets is the cash surrender value of insurance policies on various individuals that are associated with the Company. The carrying amounts of these insurance policies approximates their fair value.

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- (b) Valuation models are calibrated to initial trade price. Subsequent valuations are based on observable inputs to the valuation model (e.g. interest rates and credit spreads). Model inputs are changed only when corroborated by market data. A credit risk adjustment is made on each swap using observable market credit spreads. Thus, inputs used to determine fair value of the interest rate swap are Level 2 inputs. Interest rate swaps of \$127 and \$1,904 at December 31, 2018 are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities, respectively. Interest rate swaps of \$597 and \$1,581 at December 31, 2017 are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities, respectively.
- (c) The fair value of the Company's long-term debt, including current maturities, is estimated using discounted cash flows based on the Company's current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements, which is a Level 2 input for all periods presented. Meanwhile, long-term debt is recorded at carrying amount, net of discount and deferred financing costs, as disclosed on the face of the balance sheet.
- (d) Included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the amount of \$352 at December 31, 2018 is the fair value of an obligation for a portion of the potential earn out acquired in conjunction with the acquisition of Henderson. Included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities and other long term liabilities in the amounts of \$87 and \$442, respectively, at December 31, 2017 is the fair value of an obligation for a portion of the potential earn out acquired in conjunction with the acquisition of Henderson. Fair value is based upon Level 3 discounted cash flow analysis using key inputs of forecasted future sales as well as a growth rate reduced by the market required rate of return. See reconciliation of liability included below:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Beginning Balance	\$ 529	\$ 636
Payment to former owners	(177)	(107)
Ending balance	\$ 352	\$ 529

- (e) Included in Other long term liabilities in the amount of \$2,200 at December 31, 2018 is the fair value of an obligation for a portion of the potential earn out incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of Dejana. Included in Other long term liabilities in the amounts of \$3,100 at December 31, 2017 is the fair value of an obligation for a portion of the potential earn out incurred in conjunction with the acquisition of Dejana. The carrying amount of the earn out approximates its fair value. Fair value is based upon Level 3 inputs of a real options approach where gross sales were simulated in a risk-neutral framework using Geometric Brownian Motion, a well-accepted model of stock price behavior that is used in option pricing models such as the Black-Scholes option pricing model, using key inputs of forecasted future sales and financial

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performance as well as a risk adjusted expected growth rate adjusted appropriately based on its correlation with the market. See reconciliation of liability included below:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Beginning Balance	\$3,100	\$10,373
Adjustments to fair value	(900)	(1,786)
Payment to former owners	—	(5,487)
Ending balance	\$2,200	\$ 3,100

Concentration of credit risk

The Company’s cash is deposited with multiple financial institutions. At times, deposits in these institutions exceed the amount of insurance provided on such deposits. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes that it is not exposed to any significant risk on these balances.

No distributor represented more than 10% of the Company’s net sales or accounts receivable during the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

Revenue recognition

The Company applies the guidance codified in ASC 606, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* using the modified retrospective method upon the adoption of ASU 2014-09. Revenue is recognized when or as the Company satisfies a performance obligation. See Note 3 for a more detailed description revenue recognition policies.

Cost of sales

Cost of sales includes all costs associated with the manufacture of the Company’s products, including raw materials, purchased parts, freight, plant operating expenses, property insurance and taxes, and plant depreciation. All payroll costs and employee benefits for the hourly workforce, manufacturing management, and engineering costs are included in cost of sales.

Related party transactions

As a result of the Dejana acquisition, the Company entered into related party leases. See Note 15 for further details.

During 2016, one of the Company’s non-employee directors, served as the Chief Executive Officer of Fleetpride, Inc., an independent distributor of parts for heavy duty trucks and trailers. During 2016, the Company purchased parts from Fleetpride, Inc. for use in Henderson Products, Inc. trucks. The total amount of these purchases during 2016 was \$242. There were no other related party purchases during 2017 or 2018.

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Warranty cost recognition

The Company accrues for estimated warranty costs as revenue is recognized. All warranties are assurance-type warranties. See Note 10 for further details.

Defined benefit plans

The Company has noncontributory, defined benefit retirement plans and postretirement benefit plans covering certain employees. Management reviews underlying assumptions on an annual basis. Refer to Note 12.

Advertising expenses

Advertising expenses include costs for the production of marketing media, literature, CD-ROM, website content and displays. The Company participates in trade shows and advertises in the yellow pages and billboards. Advertising expenses amounted to \$5,213, \$4,471 and \$4,269 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. All costs associated with the Company's advertising programs are expensed as incurred.

Research and development expenses

Research and development expenses include costs to develop new technologies to enhance existing products and to expand the range of product offerings. Research and development expenses amounted to \$3,194, \$2,926 and \$3,132 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Shipping and handling costs

Generally, shipping and handling costs are paid directly by the customer to the shipping agent. Those shipping and handling costs billed by the Company are recorded as a component of sales with the corresponding costs included in cost of sales.

Share-based payments

The Company applies the guidance codified in ASC 718, *Compensation—Stock Compensation*. This standard requires the measurement of the cost of employee services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the fair value of the award at the grant date and recognition of the compensation expense over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award (generally the vesting period).

Accumulated Other Comprehensive loss

Accumulated other comprehensive loss is defined as the change in equity (net assets) of a business enterprise during a period from transactions and other events and circumstances from non-owner resources and is comprised of net income or loss and "other comprehensive loss". The Company's other comprehensive loss is comprised of the adjustments for pension and postretirement benefit liabilities as well as the impact of its interest rate swaps. See Note 19 for the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss.

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Segment Reporting

As a result of the Dejana acquisition which closed on July 15, 2016, the Company operates through two operating segments for which separate financial information is available, and for which operating results are evaluated regularly by the Company's chief operating decision maker in determining resource allocation and assessing performance. Prior to the acquisition of Dejana, the Company operated one operating segment and one reportable business segment which consisted of the manufacture and sale of snow and ice control products. The Company's two current reportable business segments are described below.

Work Truck Attachments. The Work Truck Attachments segment includes snow and ice management attachments sold under the FISHER®, WESTERN®, HENDERSON® and SNOWEX® brands. This segment consists of the Company's operations that, prior to the Company's acquisition of Dejana, were a single operating segment, consisting of the manufacture and sale of snow and ice control products.

Work Truck Solutions. The Work Truck Solutions segment, which was created as a result of the Dejana acquisition, includes the upfit of market leading attachments and storage solutions for commercial work vehicles under the DEJANA® brand and its related sub-brands.

Segment performance is evaluated based on segment net sales and adjusted EBITDA. Items not allocated to segment operating income include corporate administrative expenses and certain other amounts that include various support functions, such as information technology, corporate finance, legal, executive administration and human resources. Sales are primarily within the United States and substantially all assets are located within the United States.

3. Revenue Recognition

On January 1, 2018, the Company adopted Topic 606 applying the modified retrospective method to all contracts that were not completed as of January 1, 2018. Results for reporting periods beginning after January 1, 2018 are presented under Topic 606, while prior period amounts are not adjusted and continue to be reported under the accounting standards in effect for the prior period. The Company recorded a net increase to opening retained earnings of \$377 as of January 1, 2018 due to the cumulative impact of adopting Topic 606. The implementation of the guidance had no impact on the measurement or recognition of revenue of prior periods; however, additional disclosures have been added in accordance with the ASU.

The adoption of Topic 606 did not have a significant impact on the Work Truck Attachments segment. In the Work Truck Solutions segment, the standard changed the timing of revenue for truck upfits of customer-owned chassis from a point in time to over time. This change in timing of revenue recognition increased revenue by \$299 in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Revenue Streams

The following is a description of principal activities from which the Company generates revenue. Revenues are recognized when control of the promised goods or services are transferred to the

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3. Revenue Recognition (Continued)

customer, in an amount that reflects the consideration that the Company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. The Company generates all of its revenue from contracts with customers. Additionally, contract amounts represent the full amount of the transaction price as agreed upon with the customer at the time of order, resulting in a single performance obligation in all cases.

Work Truck Attachments

The Company recognizes revenue upon shipment of equipment to the customer. Additionally, the Company performs upfitting services within the Work Truck Attachments segment. For upfit sales, customers are billed separately for the truck chassis by the chassis manufacturer. The Company only records sales for the amount of the upfit, excluding the truck chassis. The Company acts as a garage keeper and never takes ownership or title to the truck chassis and does not pay interest associated with the truck chassis while on its premises within the Work Truck Attachments segment.

Within the Work Truck Attachments segment, the Company offers a variety of discounts and sales incentives to its distributors. The estimated liability for sales discounts and allowances is calculated using the expected value method and recorded at the time of sale as a reduction of net sales. The liability is estimated based on the costs of the program, the planned duration of the program and historical experience.

The Work Truck Attachments segment has three revenue streams, as identified below.

Independent Dealer Sales—Revenues from sales to independent dealers are recognized when the customer obtains control of the Company's product, which occurs at a point in time, typically upon shipment. In these instances, each product is considered a separate performance obligation, and revenue is recognized upon shipment of the goods. Any shipping and handling activities performed by the Company after the transfer of control to the customer (e.g., when control transfers upon shipment) are considered fulfillment activities, and accordingly, the costs are accrued for when the related revenue is recognized.

State and Local (Government) Bids—The Company records revenue of separately sold snow and ice equipment upon shipment and fully upfit vehicles upon delivery. The state and local bid process does not obligate the entity to buy any products from the Company, but merely allows the entity to purchase products in the future typically for a fixed period of time. The entity commits to actually purchasing products from the Company when it issues purchase orders off of a previously awarded bid, which lists out actual quantities of equipment being ordered and the delivery terms. On upfit transactions, the Company is providing a significant service by assembling and integrating the individual products onto the customer's truck. Each individual product and installation activity is highly interdependent and highly interrelated, and therefore the Company considers the manufacture and upfit of a truck a single performance obligation. Any shipping and handling activities performed by the Company after the transfer of control to the Customer (e.g., when control transfers upon shipment) are considered fulfillment activities, and accordingly, the costs are accrued for when the related revenue is recognized.

Parts & Accessory Sales—The Company's equipment is used in harsh conditions and parts frequently wear out. These parts drive recurring revenues through parts and accessory sales. The

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process for recording parts and accessory sales is consistent with the independent dealer sales noted above.

Work Truck Solutions

The Work Truck Solutions segment primarily participates in the truck and vehicle upfitting industry in the United States. Customers are billed separately for the truck chassis by the chassis manufacturer. The Company only records sales for the amount of the upfit, excluding the truck chassis. The Company obtains the truck chassis from the truck chassis manufacturer through either its floor plan agreement with a financial institution or bailment pool agreement with the truck chassis manufacturer. Additionally, in some instances the Company upfits chassis which are owned by the end customer. For truck chassis acquired through the floor plan agreement, the Company holds title to the vehicle from the time the chassis is received by the Company until the completion of the upfit. Under the bailment pool agreement, the Company does not take title to the truck chassis, but rather only holds the truck chassis on consignment. The Company pays interest on both of these arrangements. The Company records revenue in the same manner net of the value of the truck chassis in both the Company's floor plan and bailment pool agreements. The Company does not set the price for the truck chassis, is not responsible for the billing of the chassis and does not have inventory risk in either the bailment pool or floor plan agreements.

Revenues from the sales of the Work Truck Solutions products are generally recognized net of the truck chassis with the selling price to the customer recorded as sales and the manufacturing and upfit cost of the product recorded as cost of sales. In these cases, the Company acts as an agent as it does not have inventory or pricing control over the truck chassis. Within the Work Truck Solutions segment, the Company also sells certain third-party products for which it acts as an agent. These sales do not meet the criteria for gross sales recognition, and thus are recognized on a net basis at the time of sale. Under net sales recognition, the cost paid to the third-party service provider is recorded as a reduction to sales, resulting in net sales being equal to the gross profit on the transaction.

The Work Truck Solutions segment has three revenue streams, as identified below.

Fleet Upfit Sales—The Company enters contracts with certain fleet customers. Fleet agreements create enforceable rights without the issuance of a purchase order. Typically these agreements outline the terms of sale, payment terms, standard pricing, and the rights of the customer and seller. Fleet sales are performed on both customer owned vehicles as well as non-customer owned vehicles. For non-customer owned vehicles, revenue is recognized at a point in time upon delivery of the truck to the customer. For customer-owned vehicles, per Topic 606, revenue is recognized over time based on a cost input method. The Company accumulates costs incurred on partially completed customer-owned upfits based on estimated margin and completion. This change to over time recognition for customer owned vehicles increased revenue by \$299 for the year ended December 31, 2018.

Independent Dealer Upfit Sales—The Company upfits work trucks for independent dealer customers. Dealer upfit revenue is recorded upon delivery. The customer does not own the vehicles during the upfit process, and as such revenue is recorded at a point in time upon delivery to the customer.

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Over the Counter / Parts & Accessory Sales—Work Truck Solutions part and accessory sales are recorded as revenue upon shipment. Additionally, customers can purchase parts at any of the Company’s showrooms. In these instances, each product is considered a separate performance obligation, and revenue is recognized upon shipment of the goods or customer pick up.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The following table provides information about disaggregated revenue by customer type and timing of revenue recognition, and includes a reconciliation of the disaggregated revenue with reportable segments.

Revenue by customer type was as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Work Truck Attachments</u>	<u>Work Truck Solutions</u>	<u>Corporate and Eliminations</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
Independent dealer	\$327,054	\$ 82,330	\$ —	\$409,384
Government	52,582	—	—	52,582
Fleet	—	58,500	—	58,500
Other	—	13,234	(9,633)	3,601
Total revenue	<u>\$379,636</u>	<u>\$154,064</u>	<u>\$(9,633)</u>	<u>\$524,067</u>

Revenue by timing of revenue recognition was as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Work Truck Attachments</u>	<u>Work Truck Solutions</u>	<u>Corporate and Eliminations</u>	<u>Total Revenue</u>
Point in time	\$379,636	\$ 59,114	\$(9,633)	\$429,117
Over time	—	94,950	—	94,950
Total revenue	<u>\$379,636</u>	<u>\$154,064</u>	<u>\$(9,633)</u>	<u>\$524,067</u>

Contract Balances

The following table shows the changes in the Company’s contract liabilities during the year ended December 31, 2018:

<u>Year Ended December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Balance at Beginning of Period</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance at End of Period</u>
Contract liabilities	\$2,048	\$12,131	\$(12,173)	\$2,006

The Company receives payments from customers based upon contractual billing schedules. Contract assets include amounts related to our contractual right to consideration for completed performance objectives not yet invoiced. There were no contract assets as of December 31, 2018. Contract liabilities include payments received in advance of performance under the contract, variable

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freight allowances which are refunded to the customer, and rebates paid to distributors under the Company's municipal rebate program, and are realized with the associated revenue recognized under the contract.

The Company recognized all of the amount that was included in contract liabilities at the beginning of the period as revenue in the year ended December 31, 2018.

Transaction Price Allocated to the Remaining Performance Obligations

Topic 606 requires that the Company disclose the aggregate amount of transaction price that is allocated to performance obligations that have not yet been satisfied as of December 31, 2018. The guidance provides certain optional exemptions that limit this requirement. The Company has various contracts that meet the following optional exemptions provided by ASC 606:

1. The performance obligation is part of a contract that has an original expected duration of one year or less.
2. Revenue is recognized from the satisfaction of the performance obligations in the amount billable to the customer in accordance with ASC 606-10-55-18.
3. The variable consideration is allocated entirely to a wholly unsatisfied performance obligation or to a wholly unsatisfied promise to transfer a distinct good or service that forms part of a single performance obligation in accordance with ASC 606-10-25-14(b), for which the criteria in ASC 606-10-32-40 have been met.

After considering the above optional exemptions, the estimated revenue expected to be recognized in the future related to performance obligations that are unsatisfied or partially unsatisfied at the end of the reporting period is immaterial. Specifically, all obligations are expected to be less than one year, revenue is recognized from the satisfaction of the performance obligations and variable consideration is allocated entirely to wholly unsatisfied performance obligations.

Practical Expedients and Exemptions

As allowed under Topic 606, the Company adopted the following practical expedients and exemptions:

- The Company generally expenses sales commissions when incurred because the amortization period would have been less than one year. The Company records these costs within selling, general and administrative expenses.
- The Company does not disclose the value of unsatisfied performance obligations for (i) contracts with an original expected length of one year or less and (ii) contracts for which the Company recognizes revenue at the amount to which it has the right to invoice for services performed.
- The Company does not assess whether promised goods or services are performance obligations if they are immaterial in the context of the contract with the customer.

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- The Company excludes from the transaction price all sales taxes that are assessed by a governmental authority.
- The Company does not adjust the promised amount of consideration for the effects of a significant financing component, as it expects at contract inception that the period between the transfer to a promised good or service to a customer and the customer's payment for the good or service will be one year or less.
- The Company accounts for shipping and handling activities that occur after control of the related good transfers as fulfillment activities instead of assessing such activities as performance obligations.

Impact of New Revenue Guidance on Financial Statement Line Items

In accordance with Topic 606, the disclosure of the impact of adoption to the condensed consolidated statements of operations was as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2018		
	As Reported	Balances without adoption of Topic 606	Effect of Change Higher/(Lower)
Net sales	\$524,067	\$523,768	\$ 299
Cost of sales	369,177	368,913	264
Gross profit	154,890	154,855	35
Income from operations	73,460	73,425	35
Income tax expense	11,854	11,845	9
Net income	<u>\$ 43,905</u>	<u>\$ 43,879</u>	<u>\$ 26</u>
Earnings per common share:			
Basic	\$ 1.91	\$ —	\$1.91
Diluted	\$ 1.89	\$ —	\$1.89

In accordance with Topic 606, the disclosure of the impact of adoption to the condensed consolidated balance sheet was as follows:

	As of December 31, 2018		
	As Reported	Balances without adoption of Topic 606	Effect of Change Higher/(Lower)
Assets:			
Accounts Receivable	\$ 81,485	\$ 78,801	\$ 2,684
Inventory	81,996	84,135	(2,139)
Liabilities:			
Deferred tax liability	48,198	48,056	142
Shareholder's Equity:			
Retained Earnings	136,765	136,388	377

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4. Acquisitions

On May 1, 2017, the Company purchased substantially all of the assets of Arrowhead Equipment, Inc. (“Arrowhead”). Total consideration was \$7,385. The acquisition includes Arrowhead’s assets acquired at two upfit locations in Albany and Queensbury, New York that are both being leased by the Company. The assets were acquired with on hand cash and short term borrowings under the Company’s Revolving Credit Agreement. The acquired assets are included in the Work Truck Solutions segment and were acquired to expand the geographical footprint of that segment. The Company incurred \$343 of transaction expenses related to this acquisition that are included in selling, general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income in the year ended December 31, 2017.

The following table summarizes the allocation of the purchase price paid and the subsequent working capital adjustment to the fair value of the net assets acquired as of the acquisition date:

Accounts receivable—trade	\$ 852
Inventories	1,547
Prepays and other current assets	6
Property and equipment	624
Goodwill	2,720
Intangible assets	2,700
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(957)
Unfavorable lease	<u>(107)</u>
Total	<u>\$7,385</u>

The goodwill for the acquisition is a result of acquiring and retaining the existing workforces and expected synergies from integrating the operations into the Company. The Company expects to be able to deduct amortization of goodwill for income tax purposes over a fifteen-year period. The acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, and accordingly, the results of operations are included in the Company’s financial statements from the date of acquisition. From the date of acquisition through December 31, 2017, the Arrowhead assets contributed \$7,964 of revenues and \$607 of pre-tax operating income to the Company.

On July 15, 2016, the Company acquired Dejana. Total consideration was \$191,544 including a preliminary working capital adjustment of \$3,989 that reduced the purchase price at the close of the transaction on July 15, 2016 that was subsequently adjusted by \$5,417 paid by the Company to the seller. Thus, the net working capital adjustment paid to the former owners of Dejana was \$1,428 in addition to contingent consideration with an estimated fair value of \$10,200. The acquisition was financed through exercising the accordion feature on the Company’s term loan for \$130,000 less an original issue discount of \$650 and \$20,000 of short term revolver borrowings and through the use of \$31,994 of on hand cash. The Company incurred \$3,422 of transaction expenses related to the Dejana acquisition that are included in selling, general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income in the year ended December 31, 2016.

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4. Acquisitions (Continued)

The Dejana purchase agreement includes contingent consideration in the form of an earn out capped at \$26,000. Under the earn out agreement, the former owners of Dejana are entitled to receive payments contingent upon the revenue growth and financial performance of the acquired business for the years 2016, 2017 and 2018. The preliminary estimated fair value of the earn out consideration was \$10,200 which was further adjusted at December 31, 2016 to \$10,373 as a result of the 2016 performance exceeding the 2016 fair value established at the opening balance sheet by \$173. The subsequent adjustment is included in selling, general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income in the year ended December 31, 2016. Based on the year ended December 31, 2016 results, the new possible range of outcomes was reduced from \$26,000 to a maximum earnout of \$21,487. The Company made a payment to the former owners of Dejana of \$5,487 in the year ended December 31, 2017. The purchase agreement was amended on September 20, 2017 to extend the earnout measurement periods for an additional two years, namely the fiscal years ended December 31, 2019 and December 31, 2020, with the potential for the former owners of Dejana to earn up to 50% of the remaining unearned earnout payments based on the original earnout targets and measurement periods. During the third quarter of 2017, there was a fair value adjustment to reduce the earn out by (\$1,186), which was further reduced during the fourth quarter by (\$600), for a total fair value adjustment to the earnout for the year of (\$1,786), which is included as a reduction to selling, general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 2017. During the fourth quarter of 2018, there was a fair value adjustment to reduce the earn out by (\$900), which is included as a reduction to selling, general and administrative expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 2018.

The following table summarizes the allocation of the purchase price paid and the subsequent working capital adjustment to the fair value of the net assets acquired as of the acquisition date:

Accounts receivable	\$ 13,509
Inventories	20,017
Truck chassis floor plan inventory	13,479
Prepays and other current assets	705
Property and equipment	5,821
Goodwill	77,354
Intangible assets	77,800
Other assets—long term	219
Accounts payable and other liabilities	(3,881)
Floor plan obligations	(13,479)
Earn out liability	(10,200)
Total	<u>\$181,344</u>

The goodwill for the acquisition is a result of acquiring and retaining the existing workforces and expected synergies from integrating the operations into the Company. The Company expects to be able to deduct amortization of goodwill for income tax purposes over a fifteen-year period.

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4. Acquisitions (Continued)

The acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method of accounting, and accordingly, the results of operations are included in the Company's financial statements from the date of acquisition. From the date of acquisition through December 31, 2016, the Dejana assets contributed \$65,044 of revenues and (\$1,397) of pre-tax operating losses.

The following unaudited pro forma information presents the combined results of operations of the Company and Dejana for the year ended December 31, 2016 as if the acquisition had occurred on January 1, 2015, with pro forma adjustments to give effect to amortization of intangible assets, depreciation of fixed assets, an increase in interest expense from the acquisition financing and certain other adjustments:

	Year ended December 31,
	2016
Net sales	\$490,243
Net income	\$ 45,983
Earnings per common share assuming dilution attributable to common shareholders	\$ 2.00

The unaudited pro forma information above includes the historical financial results of the Company and Dejana, adjusted to record depreciation and intangible asset amortization related to valuation of the acquired tangible and intangible assets at fair value and the addition of incremental costs related to debt to finance the acquisition, and the tax benefits related to the increased costs. This information is presented for information purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of what the Company's results of operations would have been had the acquisition been in effect for the periods presented or future results.

5. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Finished goods	\$43,192	\$35,547
Work-in-process	7,357	7,774
Raw material and supplies	31,447	28,203
	\$81,996	\$71,524

The inventories in the table above do not include truck chassis inventory financed through a floor plan financing agreement as discussed in Note 8. The Company takes title to truck chassis upon receipt of the inventory through its floor plan agreement and performs upfitting service installations to the truck chassis inventory during the installation period. The floor plan obligation is then assumed by the dealer customer upon delivery. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Company had \$4,204 and \$7,711

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5. Inventories (Continued)

of chassis inventory and related floor plan financing obligation, respectively. The Company recognizes revenue associated with upfitting and service installations net of the truck chassis.

Unlike the floorplan agreement, the Company does not record inventory related to truck chassis acquired through the bailment pool agreement as these truck chassis are held on consignment. Like the revenue recognized on floorplan arrangement, revenue recognized for upfitting services on chassis acquired through the bailment agreement, are also recognized net of the truck chassis.

6. Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are summarized as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Land	\$ 2,378	\$ 2,378
Land improvements	4,357	4,357
Leasehold improvements	4,079	4,183
Buildings	28,238	26,846
Machinery and equipment	50,129	44,618
Furniture and fixtures	16,360	13,681
Mobile equipment and other	4,883	4,576
Construction-in-process	3,084	4,320
Total property, plant and equipment	113,508	104,959
Less accumulated depreciation	(58,313)	(50,997)
Net property, plant and equipment	<u>\$ 55,195</u>	<u>\$ 53,962</u>

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7. Other Intangible Assets

The following is a summary of the Company's other intangible assets:

	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Less Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
December 31, 2018			
Indefinite-lived intangibles:			
Trademark and tradenames	\$ 77,600	\$ —	\$ 77,600
Amortizable intangibles:			
Dealer network	80,000	59,000	21,000
Customer relationships	80,920	16,607	64,313
Patents	21,136	11,974	9,162
Noncompete agreements	8,640	7,877	763
Trademarks	5,459	3,619	1,840
Backlog	1,900	1,900	—
License	20	20	—
Amortizable intangibles, net	<u>198,075</u>	<u>100,997</u>	<u>97,078</u>
Total	<u>\$275,675</u>	<u>\$100,997</u>	<u>\$174,678</u>
	<u>Gross Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Less Accumulated Amortization</u>	<u>Net Carrying Amount</u>
December 31, 2017			
Indefinite-lived intangibles:			
Trademark and tradenames	\$ 77,600	\$ —	\$ 77,600
Amortizable intangibles:			
Dealer network	80,000	55,000	25,000
Customer relationships	80,920	11,304	69,616
Patents	21,136	10,721	10,415
Noncompete agreements	8,640	7,055	1,585
Trademarks	5,459	3,525	1,934
Backlog	1,900	1,900	—
License	20	20	—
Amortizable intangibles, net	<u>198,075</u>	<u>89,525</u>	<u>108,550</u>
Total	<u>\$275,675</u>	<u>\$89,525</u>	<u>\$186,150</u>

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7. Other Intangible Assets (Continued)

Amortization expense for intangible assets was \$11,472, \$11,401 and \$10,596 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Estimated amortization expense for the next five years is as follows:

2019	\$10,954
2020	10,932
2021	10,670
2022	10,520
2023	10,520

The weighted average remaining life for intangible assets is 10.5 years at December 31, 2018.

The Company relies on a combination of patents, trade secrets and trademarks to protect certain of the proprietary aspects of its business and technology. In the year ended December 31, 2017, the Company received a settlement resulting from an ongoing lawsuit with one of its competitors that had been ordered to stop using the Company's intellectual property. Under the settlement agreement the Company received \$1,275 as part of defending its intellectual property. In the year ended December 31, 2016, the Company received a settlement resulting from an ongoing lawsuit with another of its competitors. Previously under the same lawsuit the competitor was required to stop using the Company's intellectual property. Under the settlement agreement the Company received \$10,050 as part of defending its intellectual property. The proceeds of the lawsuits are included on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income as Litigation proceeds.

8. Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt is summarized below:

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Term Loan, net of debt discount of \$1,172 and \$1,562 at December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017, respectively . . .	\$278,081	\$310,830
Less current maturities	<u>32,749</u>	<u>32,749</u>
Long term debt before deferred financing costs	<u>245,332</u>	<u>278,081</u>
Deferred financing costs, net	2,386	3,209
Long term debt, net	<u>\$242,946</u>	<u>\$274,872</u>

The scheduled maturities on long term debt at December 31, 2018, are as follows:

2019	\$ 32,749
2020	2,749
2021	<u>242,583</u>
	<u>\$278,081</u>

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8. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

On July 15, 2016, the Company amended its senior credit facilities to, among other things, (i) provide for an incremental senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$130,000 to finance the acquisition of Dejana; (ii) permit the Company to enter into floor plan financing arrangements in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$20,000; (iii) revise the calculation of excess cash flow in determining the amount of mandatory prepayments under the agreement for the term loan facility (the “Term Loan Credit Agreement”) to reduce the amount of excess cash flow by the cash portion of the purchase price of a permitted acquisition paid during any fiscal year, net of any proceeds of any related financings with respect to such purchase price and any sales of capital assets used to finance such purchase price; and (iv) extend the final maturity date of the revolving credit facility from December 31, 2019 to June 30, 2021.

On February 8, 2017, the Company amended its Term Loan Credit Agreement to, among other things, (i) convert the existing senior secured term loan facilities into a consolidated senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$315,540; and (ii) decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility from 3.25% to 2.50% for ABR Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and from 4.25% to 3.50% for Eurodollar Rate Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement).

On August 17, 2017, the Company amended its Term Loan Credit Agreement to, among other things, (i) replace the existing senior secured term loan facility with a new senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$313,962; and (ii) decrease the interest rate margins that apply to the term loan facility from 2.50% to 2.00% for ABR Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and from 3.50% to 3.00% for Eurodollar Rate Loans (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement).

Prior to the 2017 amendments, the Company’s senior credit facilities consisted of a \$190,000 term loan facility and a \$100,000 revolving credit facility with a group of banks, of which \$10,000 was available in the form of letters of credit and \$5,000 was available for the issuance of short-term swingline loans. After the amendments, the Company’s senior credit facility consists of a \$313,962 term loan facility and the original \$100,000 revolving credit facility, of which \$10,000 will be available in the form of letters of credit and \$5,000 will be available for the issuance of short-term swingline loans.

The Term Loan Credit Agreement provides for a senior secured term loan facility in the aggregate principal amount of \$313,962 and generally bears interest (at the Company’s election) at either (i) 2.00% per annum plus the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) in effect on such day, (b) the weighted average of the rates on overnight Federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by Federal funds brokers plus 0.50% and (c) 1.00% plus the greater of (1) the LIBOR for a one month interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate (as defined in the Term Loan Credit Agreement) and (2) 1.00% or (ii) 3.00% per annum plus the greater of (a) the LIBOR for the applicable interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate and (b) 1.00%. The Term Loan Credit Agreement also allows the Company to request the establishment of one or more additional term loan commitments in an aggregate amount not in excess of \$80,000 subject to specified terms and conditions, which amount may be further increased so long as the First Lien Debt Ratio (as defined in the Term Loan Credit

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Agreement) is not greater than 3.25 to 1.00. The actual interest rate on the Term Loan Credit Agreement for the years ended December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 was 5.35% and 4.70%, respectively.

The agreement for the revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Agreement”) provides that the Company has the option to select whether borrowings will bear interest at either (i) a margin ranging from 1.50% to 2.00% per annum, depending on the utilization of the facility, plus the LIBOR for the applicable interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate (as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement) or (ii) a margin ranging from 0.50% to 1.00% per annum, depending on the utilization of the facility, plus the greatest of (a) the Prime Rate (as defined in the Revolving Credit Agreement) in effect on such day, (b) the weighted average of the rates on overnight federal funds transactions with members of the Federal Reserve System arranged by federal funds brokers plus 0.50% and (c) the LIBOR for a one month interest period multiplied by the Statutory Reserve Rate plus 1%. The maturity date for the Revolving Credit Agreement is June 30, 2021, and the Company’s term loan amortizes in nominal amounts quarterly with the balance payable on December 31, 2021.

The term loan was originally issued at a \$1,900 discount and the incremental term loan was issued at a \$650 discount both of which are being amortized over the term of the term loan. The Company incurred \$2,320 in financing costs in conjunction with the 2016 amendment, of which \$2,120 relates to the term loan and \$200 related to the revolving line of credit, which are included as deferred financing costs as a reduction to Long-Term Debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. The amendment to the term loan facility in the year ended December 31, 2016 was deemed not to be a significant modification.

The amendments to the term loan facility in 2017 did not result in a significant debt modification under ASC 470-50. Additionally, the Company expensed as incurred approximately \$1,608 in costs with third parties directly related to the amendment in the year ended December 31, 2017.

At December 31, 2018, the Company had outstanding borrowings under the term loan of \$278,081, no outstanding borrowings on the revolving credit facility and remaining borrowing availability of \$94,631.

The Company’s senior credit facilities include certain negative and operating covenants, including restrictions on its ability to pay dividends, and other customary covenants, representations and warranties and events of default. The senior credit facilities entered into and recorded by the Company’s subsidiaries significantly restrict its subsidiaries from paying dividends and otherwise transferring assets to the Company. The terms of the Company’s revolving credit facility specifically restrict subsidiaries from paying dividends if a minimum availability under the revolving credit facility is not maintained, and both senior credit facilities restrict subsidiaries from paying dividends above certain levels or at all if an event of default has occurred. These restrictions would affect the Company indirectly since the Company relies principally on distributions from its subsidiaries to have funds available for the payment of dividends. In addition, the Company’s revolving credit facility includes a requirement that, subject to certain exceptions, capital expenditures may not exceed \$12,500 in any calendar year (plus the unused portion of permitted capital expenditures from the preceding year subject to a \$12,500 cap and a separate one-time \$15,000 capital expenditures to be used for the

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8. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

consolidation of facilities and costs associated with the acquiring and/or development and construction of one new manufacturing facility) and, if certain minimum availability under the revolving credit facility is not maintained, that the Company comply with a monthly minimum fixed charge coverage ratio test of 1.0: 1.0. Compliance with the fixed charge coverage ratio test is subject to certain cure rights under the Company's revolving credit facility. The credit facilities are collateralized by substantially all assets of the Company.

In accordance with the senior credit facilities, the Company is required to make additional principal prepayments over the above scheduled payments under certain conditions. This includes, in the case of the term loan facility, 100% of the net cash proceeds of certain asset sales, certain insurance or condemnation events, certain debt issuances, and, within 150 days of the end of the fiscal year, 50% of excess cash flow, as defined, including a deduction for certain distributions (which percentage is reduced to 0% upon the achievement of certain leverage ratio thresholds), for any fiscal year. Excess cash flow is defined in the senior credit facilities as consolidated adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization) plus a working capital adjustment less the sum of repayments of debt and capital expenditures subject to certain adjustments, interest and taxes paid in cash, management fees and certain restricted payments (including dividends or distributions). Working capital adjustment is defined in the senior credit facilities as the change in working capital, defined as current assets excluding cash and cash equivalents less current liabilities excluding current portion of long term debt. As of December 31, 2018, the Company was not required to make an excess cash flow payment. The Company made a voluntary payment of \$30,000 on its debt on February 13, 2019. As of December 31, 2017, the Company was required to make an excess cash flow payment of \$11,279, which was paid on January 31, 2018 along with a voluntary payment of \$18,721.

The Company entered into interest rate swap agreements on February 20, 2015 to reduce its exposure to interest rate volatility. The three interest rate swap agreements have notional amounts of \$45,000, \$90,000 and \$135,000 effective for the periods December 31, 2015 through March 29, 2018, March 29, 2018 through March 31, 2020 and March 31, 2020 through June 30, 2021, respectively. On February 5, 2018, the Company entered into additional interest rate swap agreements to reduce its exposure to interest rate volatility. The two interest rate swap agreements have notional amounts of \$50,000 and \$150,000 effective for the periods December 31, 2018 through June 30, 2021 and June 30, 2021 through December 10, 2021, respectively. The interest rate swaps are accounted for as cash flow hedges. The interest rate swaps' negative fair value at December 31, 2018 was \$2,031, of which \$127 and \$1,904 are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively. The interest rate swaps' negative fair value at December 31, 2017 was \$2,178, of which \$597 and \$1,581 are included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheet, respectively. The Company has counterparty credit risk resulting from the interest rate swap, which it monitors on an on-going basis. This risk lies with one global financial institution. Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of December 31, 2015, the Company either received or made payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 1.860% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 29, 2018, the Company will either

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receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.670% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement, effective as of March 31, 2020, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.918% and LIBOR (with a LIBOR floor of 1.0%). Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of December 31, 2018, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.613% and LIBOR. Under the interest rate swap agreement effective as of June 30, 2021, the Company will either receive or make payments on a monthly basis based on the differential between 2.793% and LIBOR.

The Company receives on consignment, truck chassis on which it performs upfitting service installations under “bailment pool” arrangements with major truck manufacturers. The Company never receives title to the truck chassis. The aggregate value of all bailment pool chassis on hand as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$15,197 and \$17,447, respectively. The Company is responsible to the manufacturer for interest on chassis held for upfitting. Interest rates vary depending on the number of days in the bailment pool. As of December 31, 2018, rates were based on prime (5.50% at December 31, 2018) plus a margin ranging from 0% to 8%. During 2018, the Company incurred \$49 in interest on the bailment pool arrangement. During 2017, the Company incurred \$201 in interest on the bailment pool arrangement.

The Company has a floor plan line of credit for up to \$20,000 with a financial institution. The current terms of the line of credit are contained in a credit agreement dated July 15, 2016 and expired on July 31, 2017, which the Company renewed through December 31, 2018. Under the floor plan agreement the Company receives truck chassis and title on upfitting service installations. Upon upfit completion, the title transfers from the Company to the dealer customer. The note bears interest at an adjusted LIBOR rate, plus an applicable rate of 1.75%. The obligation under the floor plan agreement as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 is \$4,204 and \$7,711, respectively. During 2018, the Company incurred \$230 in interest on the floor plan arrangements. During 2017, the Company incurred \$186 in interest on the floor plan arrangements.

9. Accrued Expenses and Other Current Liabilities

Accrued expenses and other current liabilities are summarized as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Payroll and related costs	\$ 9,607	\$ 6,923
Employee benefits	5,281	4,701
Accrued warranty	3,662	3,262
Other	4,756	6,118
	<u>\$23,306</u>	<u>\$21,004</u>

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10. Warranty Liability

The Company accrues for estimated warranty costs as sales are recognized and periodically assesses the adequacy of its recorded warranty liability and adjusts the amount as necessary. The Company's warranties generally provide, with respect to its snow and ice control equipment, that all material and workmanship will be free from defect for a period of one to two years after the date of purchase by the end-user, and with respect to its parts and accessories purchased separately, that such parts and accessories will be free from defect for a period of one year after the date of purchase by the end-user. Certain snowplows only provide for a one year warranty. The Company determines the amount of the estimated warranty costs (and its corresponding warranty reserve) using the expected value method, and is based on the Company's prior five years of warranty history utilizing a formula driven by historical warranty expense and applying management's judgment. The Company adjusts its historical warranty costs to take into account unique factors such as the introduction of new products into the marketplace that do not provide a historical warranty record to assess. All of the Company's warranties are assurance-type warranties. The warranty reserve is \$6,174 at December 31, 2018 of which \$2,512 is included in Other long term liabilities and \$3,662 is included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet. At December 31, 2017, the warranty reserve is \$5,677 of which \$2,415 is included in Other long term liabilities and \$3,262 is included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The following is a rollforward of the Company's warranty liability:

	December 31,		
	2018	2017	2016
Balance at the beginning of the period	\$ 5,677	\$ 6,160	\$ 7,423
Establish warranty liability for Dejana	—	—	35
Establish warranty liability for Arrowhead	—	65	—
Warranty provision	4,076	2,506	2,452
Claims paid/settlements	<u>(3,579)</u>	<u>(3,054)</u>	<u>(3,750)</u>
Balance at the end of the period	<u>\$ 6,174</u>	<u>\$ 5,677</u>	<u>\$ 6,160</u>

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11. Income Taxes

The provision for income tax expense (benefit) consists of the following:

	Year ended December 31		
	2018	2017	2016
Current:			
Federal	\$ 3,953	\$ 11,897	\$16,664
State	1,736	988	1,866
	<u>5,689</u>	<u>12,885</u>	<u>18,530</u>
Deferred:			
Federal	5,001	(17,264)	4,930
State	1,164	1,970	1,227
	<u>6,165</u>	<u>(15,294)</u>	<u>6,157</u>
	<u>\$11,854</u>	<u>\$ (2,409)</u>	<u>\$24,687</u>

A reconciliation of income tax expense computed at the federal statutory rate to the provision for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	2018	2017	2016
Federal income tax expense at statutory rate	\$11,709	\$ 18,520	\$22,294
State taxes, net of federal benefit	2,349	1,539	2,547
Change in uncertain tax positions, net	(1,292)	1,043	50
Research and development credit	(226)	(160)	(274)
State rate change	287	240	64
Manufacturing tax benefits	—	(933)	(1,248)
Prior period adjustments	—	—	1,096
Federal deferred rate change	(836)	(22,452)	—
Other	(137)	(206)	158
	<u>\$11,854</u>	<u>\$ (2,409)</u>	<u>\$24,687</u>

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11. Income Taxes (Continued)

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax liabilities and assets are as follows:

	December 31,	
	2018	2017
Deferred tax assets:		
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$ 212	\$ 259
Inventory reserves	1,353	967
Warranty liability	1,559	1,421
Deferred compensation	1,264	781
Earnout liabilities	516	694
Pension and retiree health benefit obligations	1,219	3,242
Accrued vacation	702	656
Medical claims reserve	78	189
State net operating losses	4,416	3,386
Other accrued liabilities	2,176	2,092
Valuation allowance	(1,473)	(777)
Total deferred tax assets	12,022	12,910
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Tax deductible goodwill and other intangibles	(53,565)	(47,163)
Accelerated depreciation	(6,547)	(5,084)
Other	(108)	68
Total deferred tax liabilities	(60,220)	(52,179)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$(48,198)	\$(39,269)

Deferred income tax balances reflect the effects of temporary differences between the carrying amount of assets and liabilities and their tax bases and are stated at enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when taxes are actually paid or recovered.

State operating loss carry forwards for tax purposes will result in future tax benefits of approximately \$3,721. These loss carry-forwards will begin to expire in 2021. The Company evaluated the need to maintain a valuation allowance against certain deferred tax assets. Based on this evaluation, which included a review of recent profitability, future projections of profitability, and future deferred tax liabilities, the Company concluded that a valuation allowance of approximately \$1,473 is necessary at December 31, 2018 for the state net operating loss carry-forwards which are likely to expire prior to the Company's ability to use the tax benefit.

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11. Income Taxes (Continued)

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending liability for uncertain tax positions is as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 3,531	\$2,361	\$ 490
Increases for tax positions taken in the current year	21	97	73
Increases for tax positions taken in the prior years	146	1,602	1,809
Decreases due to settlements with taxing authorities	(693)	(8)	(11)
Decreases due to lapses in the statute of limitations	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>(521)</u>	<u>—</u>
Balance at the end of year	<u>\$ 1,795</u>	<u>\$3,531</u>	<u>\$2,361</u>

The amount of the unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the effective tax rate, if recognized, was approximately \$1,174 at December 31, 2018. The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to the unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense. Approximately \$502 and \$804 of accrued interest and penalties is reported as an income tax liability at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The liability for unrecognized tax benefits is reported in Other Long-term Liabilities on the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2018 and 2017.

The Company files income tax returns in the United States (federal) and various states. Tax years open to examination by tax authorities under the statute of limitations include 2015, 2016 and 2017 for Federal and 2014 through 2017 for most states. The Federal 2015 audit have been closed; however, the statute of limitations is still open for this tax year. Tax returns for the 2018 tax year have not yet been filed.

On December 22, 2017, the President of the United States signed into law the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (“The Act”). Over the long term, the Company generally expects to benefit from the lower statutory rates provided by The Act. The Company operates solely in the United States; therefore, the international provisions of The Act do not apply. The only material item that impacted the Company in 2017 is the reduction in the deferred tax rate. As a result of the reduction in the U.S. corporate income tax rate from 35.0 percent to 21.0 percent under The Act, the Company recorded a reduction to its net deferred tax liability of \$22,452, and a corresponding decrease to income tax expense in the Company’s Consolidated Statement of Operations for the year ended December 31, 2017.

On December 22, 2017, the SEC staff issued Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 118 (“SAB 118”) to address the application of U.S. GAAP in situations when a registrant does not have the necessary information available, prepared, or analyzed (including computations) in reasonable detail to complete the accounting for certain income tax effects of The Tax Reform Act. As of the financial reporting date, we have recorded all known enactment-date income tax effects of the Act. These adjustments have been recorded as a component of income tax expense and include the revaluation of deferred tax assets and liabilities. In the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company did not have any material tax accounting adjustments to the provisional estimate recorded in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2017, the first measurement period under SAB 118 and amounts are now complete.

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12. Employee Retirement Plans

Pension benefits

The Company provides noncontributory defined benefit pension plans for certain employees. Plans covering salaried employees generally provide pension benefits that are based on the employee's average earnings and credited service. Such plans were partially frozen as of December 31, 2011 and subsequently were completely frozen as of December 31, 2018. Plans covering hourly employees generally provide benefits of stated amounts for each year of service. Such plans were frozen as of December 31, 2011. The Company's funding policy for the plans is to contribute amounts sufficient to meet the minimum funding requirement of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, plus any additional amounts that the Company may determine to be appropriate.

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the fair value of plan assets, funded status of plans, and amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets consisted of the following:

	<u>December 31</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$43,664	\$39,407
Service cost	409	356
Interest cost	1,555	1,613
Actuarial (gain) loss	(3,296)	3,571
Benefits paid	(1,391)	(1,283)
Curtailment	(759)	—
Benefit obligation at end of year	40,182	43,664
Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year	33,903	29,223
Actual return on plan assets	(1,506)	4,294
Employer contributions through December 31	7,047	1,669
Benefits paid	(1,391)	(1,283)
Fair value of plan assets at end of year	<u>38,053</u>	<u>33,903</u>
Funded status at end of year	<u>\$ (2,129)</u>	<u>\$ (9,761)</u>

The components of net periodic pension cost consisted of the following for the years ended December 31,

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Components of net periodic pension cost:			
Service cost	\$ 409	\$ 356	\$ 321
Interest cost	1,555	1,613	1,639
Expected return on plan assets	(1,901)	(1,790)	(1,824)
Amortization of net loss	706	723	724
Net periodic pension cost	<u>\$ 769</u>	<u>\$ 902</u>	<u>\$ 860</u>

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12. Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

The accumulated benefit obligation for all pension plans as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, was \$40,182 and \$42,876, respectively.

In accordance with its adoption of ASC 715-20, the Company uses December 31 as its measurement date for all periods presented. Assumptions used in determining net periodic pension cost for the plans consisted of the following:

	Year ended December 31		
	2018	2017	2016
Discount rates	3.6%	4.2%	4.5%
Rates of increase in compensation levels:			
Salaried	3.5	3.5	3.5
Hourly	N/A	N/A	N/A
Expected long-term rate of return on assets			
Salaried	5.8	6.5	7.25
Hourly	6.5	6.5	7.25

The discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation at December 31, 2018 was 4.2% for both the hourly and salaried pension plans. Meanwhile the discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation at December 31, 2017 was 3.6% for both the hourly and salaried pension plans.

For 2019, the expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is 3.6% for the salaried plan and 3.2% for the hourly plan. To determine the long-term rate of return assumption for plan assets, the Company studies historical markets and preserves the long-term historical relationships between equities and fixed-income securities consistent with the widely accepted capital market principle that assets with higher volatility generate a greater return over the long run. The Company evaluates current market factors such as inflation and interest rates before it determines long-term capital market assumptions and reviews peer data and historical returns to check for reasonableness and appropriateness.

The expected benefit payments under the pension plans are as follows:

2019	\$ 1,540
2020	1,530
2021	1,560
2022	1,740
2023	1,820
2024 - 2028	10,920

The Company made required minimum pension funding contributions of \$47 and voluntary contributions of \$7,000 to the pension plans in 2018 and currently expects to make \$0 of required minimum pension funding contributions in 2019 as a result of the \$7,000 in voluntary contributions in 2018.

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12. Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

The Company maintains target allocation percentages among various asset classes based on an investment policy established for the pension plans, which is designed to achieve long-term objectives of return, while mitigating downside risk and considering expected cash flows. The current weighted-average target asset allocations are reflective of actual investments at December 31, 2018 and 2017. The investment policy is reviewed periodically in order to achieve overall objectives in light of current circumstances. In the year ended December 31, 2018, the Company rebalanced its investments to fixed income and cash equivalents in conjunction with the changes in funding status resulting from the \$7.0 million voluntary contribution.

The Company's weighted-average asset allocation and actual allocation for the qualified hourly pension plan by asset category at December 31 is as follows:

	<u>Target</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>Target</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Large Cap Equity	5%	\$ —	0%	34%	\$2,259	35%
Mid Cap Equity	0%	—	0%	3%	199	3%
Small Cap Equity	0%	—	0%	1%	73	1%
International Equity	2%	—	0%	14%	950	15%
Emerging Markets Equity	0%	—	0%	2%	128	2%
Fixed Income and Cash Equivalents	90%	7,388	99%	40%	2,447	38%
Real Estate	3%	107	1%	6%	382	6%
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$7,495</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$6,438</u>	<u>100%</u>

The Company's weighted-average asset allocation and actual allocation for the qualified salaried pension plan by asset category at December 31 is as follows:

	<u>Target</u>	<u>2018</u>		<u>Target</u>	<u>2017</u>	
Large Cap Equity	5%	\$ —	0%	21%	\$ 6,111	23%
Mid Cap Equity	0%	—	0%	2%	542	2%
Small Cap Equity	0%	—	0%	1%	201	1%
International Equity	2%	—	0%	9%	2,573	9%
Emerging Markets Equity	0%	—	0%	1%	348	1%
Fixed Income and Cash Equivalents	90%	30,009	98%	60%	16,046	58%
Real Estate	3%	549	2%	6%	1,644	6%
Total	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$30,558</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>100%</u>	<u>\$27,465</u>	<u>100%</u>

Historically, the investment strategy was to build an efficient, well-diversified portfolio based on a long-term, strategic outlook of the investment markets. The investment market outlook utilized both historical-based and forward-looking return forecasts to establish future return expectations for various asset classes. These return expectations are used to develop a core asset allocation based on the needs of the plan. The core asset allocation utilizes investment portfolios of various asset classes and multiple investment managers in order to help maximize the plan's return while providing multiple layers of

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12. Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

diversification to help minimize risk. As a result of the change in funding status in the year ended 2018, the Company rebalanced its investments to minimize market risk.

The following table presents the fair values of the plan assets related to the Company's pension plans within the fair value hierarchy as defined in Note 2.

The fair values of the Company's pension plan assets as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

	<u>Balance as of December 31, 2018</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Assets:				
Fixed-income holdings	\$37,397	\$—	\$37,397	\$ —
Alternative investments	<u>656</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>656</u>
Total pension plan assets	<u>\$38,053</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$37,397</u>	<u>\$656</u>

The fair values of the Company's pension plan assets as of December 31, 2017 are as follows:

	<u>Balance as of December 31, 2017</u>	<u>Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)</u>	<u>Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)</u>	<u>Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)</u>
Assets:				
Equity holdings	\$13,384	\$—	\$13,384	\$ —
Fixed-income holdings	18,493	—	18,493	—
Alternative investments	<u>2,026</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2,026</u>
Total pension plan assets	<u>\$33,903</u>	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$31,877</u>	<u>\$2,026</u>

Level 2 investments are based on quoted prices for similar assets in markets that are not active while Level 3 investments are comprised of a real estate fund for which the fair value is determined by taking the appraised values of the properties on hand plus other assets and subtracting mortgage loans and other liabilities.

The following table presents a reconciliation of the fair value measurements using significant unobservable inputs (Level 3):

	<u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 2,026	\$1,748
Deposits	213	100
Actual return on plan assets held at reporting date	136	142
Withdrawals and transfers	<u>(1,719)</u>	<u>36</u>
Balance, end of year	<u>\$ 656</u>	<u>\$2,026</u>

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12. Employee Retirement Plans (Continued)

Postretirement benefits

The Company provides postretirement healthcare benefits for certain employee groups. The postretirement healthcare plans are contributory and contain certain other cost-sharing features such as deductibles and coinsurance. The plans are unfunded. Employees do not vest until they retire from active employment with the Company and have at least twelve years of service. These benefits can be amended or terminated at anytime and are subject to the same ongoing changes as the Company's healthcare benefits for employees with respect to deductible, co-insurance and participant contributions.

Effective January 1, 2004, the postretirement healthcare benefits were extended to all active employees of the Company as of December 31, 2003. The period of coverage was reduced and the retiree contribution percentage was increased in order to keep the cost of the plan equivalent to the previous plan design.

Maximum coverage under the plan is limited to ten years. All benefits terminate upon the death of the retiree. Employees who began working for the Company after December 31, 2003, are not eligible for postretirement healthcare benefits.

The reconciliation of the beginning and ending balances of the projected benefit obligation for the Company consisted of the following:

	<u>December 31</u>	
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Change in projected benefit obligation:		
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$6,949	\$7,333
Service cost	189	205
Interest cost	233	278
Participant contributions	25	25
Changes in actuarial assumptions	(926)	(853)
Benefits paid	<u>(50)</u>	<u>(39)</u>
Projected benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$6,420</u>	<u>\$6,949</u>
Amounts recognized in the consolidated balance sheets consisted of:		
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 180	\$ 140
Retiree health benefit obligation	<u>6,240</u>	<u>6,809</u>
	\$6,420	\$6,949

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The components of postretirement healthcare benefit cost consisted of the following for the year ended December 31,

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Components of net postretirement health benefit cost:			
Service cost	\$ 189	\$ 205	\$ 210
Interest cost	233	278	278
Amortization of net gain	(211)	(107)	(127)
Net postretirement healthcare benefit cost (income)	<u>\$ 211</u>	<u>\$ 376</u>	<u>\$ 361</u>

The assumed discount and healthcare cost trend rates are summarized as follows:

	<u>Year Ended December 31</u>		
	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Discount rate	3.4%	3.8%	4.1%
Immediate healthcare cost trend rate	*	**	***
Ultimate healthcare cost trend rate	4.5	4.5	4.5
Assumed annual reduction in trend rate	*	**	***
Participation	60	60	60

* Health Care Cost Trend rate is assumed to be 6.8% beginning in 2018 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2027.

** Health Care Cost Trend rate is assumed to be 7.0% beginning in 2017 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2026.

*** Health Care Cost Trend rate is assumed to be 7.0% beginning in 2016 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2025.

The discount rate used to determine the benefit obligation at December 31, 2018 and 2017 is 3.8% and 4.1%, respectively. For December 31, 2018, the health care cost trend rate is assumed to be 6.8% beginning in 2018 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2027. For December 31, 2017, the health care cost trend rate is assumed to be 7.0% beginning in 2017 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2026. For December 31, 2016, the health care cost trend rate is assumed to be 7.0% beginning in 2015 gradually reducing to an ultimate rate of 4.5% in 2025.

A one percentage point change in the healthcare cost trend rate would have the following effect at December 31, 2018:

	<u>1% Increase</u>	<u>1% Decrease</u>
Effect on total service and interest cost	\$ 48	\$ (42)
Effect on postretirement benefit obligation	653	(577)

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Amounts included in accumulated other comprehensive loss, net of tax, at December 31, 2018, which have not yet been recognized in net periodic pension or OPEB cost, were net actuarial gain (loss) of (\$6,637) and \$2,118 for the pension plans and postretirement healthcare benefit plans, respectively. The estimated actuarial gain (loss) for the defined benefit plans that will be amortized from accumulated other comprehensive loss into net periodic pension or OPEB cost during 2019 are (\$595) and \$88 for the pension plans and postretirement healthcare benefit plans, respectively.

Defined contribution plan

The Company has a defined contribution plan, which qualifies under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides substantially all employees an opportunity to accumulate personal funds for their retirement. Contributions are made on a before-tax basis to the plan and are invested, at the employees' direction, among a variety of investment alternatives including, commencing January 1, 2013, a Company common stock fund designated as an employee stock ownership plan.

As determined by the provisions of the plan, the Company matches a portion of the employees' basic voluntary contributions. The Company matching contributions to the plan were approximately \$1,700, \$625 and \$863 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Beginning January 1, 2012, the Company amended its defined contribution plan to permit non-discretionary employer contributions. The Company made non-discretionary employer contributions of \$1,237, \$1,128 and \$901 in the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company merged the plan into the Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C. 401(k) plan in 2016. The Company additionally made contributions in the year ended December 31, 2016 of \$119 into a separate Dejana defined contribution plan. The Company merged the Dejana plan into the Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C. 401(k) plan in 2018.

Non-qualified plan

The Company also maintains a supplemental non-qualified plan for certain officers and other key employees. Expense for this plan was \$542, \$526 and \$511 for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The amount accrued was \$5,243, \$4,980 and \$3,471 as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Amounts were determined based on the fair value of the liability at December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The Company holds assets that substantially equivalent to the liability and are intended to fund the liability.

13. Stock-Based Compensation

2010 Stock Incentive Plan

In connection with the IPO, in May 2010, the Company's Board of Directors and stockholders adopted the 2010 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2010 Plan"). The material terms of the performance goals under the 2010 Plan, as amended and restated, were approved by stockholders at the Company's 2014 annual meeting of stockholders. The 2010 Plan provides for the issuance of nonqualified stock options, incentive stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock awards and restricted stock units, any of which may be performance-based, and for incentive bonuses, which may be paid in cash or stock or a combination of both, to eligible employees, officers, non-employee directors and other service

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providers to the Company and its subsidiaries. A maximum of 2,130,000 shares of common stock may be issued pursuant to all awards under the 2010 Plan. As of December 31, 2018, the Company had 1,017,215 shares of common stock available for future issuance of awards under the 2010 Plan. The shares of common stock to be issued under the 2010 Plan will be made available from authorized and unissued Company common stock.

Restricted Stock

Restricted stock carries both voting and dividend rights. There was no restricted stock activity in the years ended December 31, 2018 or December 31, 2017. A summary of restricted stock activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
Unvested at December 31, 2015	14,701	14.78	0.01 years
Granted	—	—	— years
Vested	(14,701)	14.78	
Cancelled and forfeited	—	—	
Unvested at December 31, 2016	—	—	— years

The fair value of the Company's restricted stock awards is the closing stock price on the date of grant. The Company recognized \$0, \$0 and \$0 of compensation expense related to restricted stock awards for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. There was no unrecognized compensation expense for shares expected to vest as of December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016.

Restricted Stock Units

Restricted stock units ("RSUs") are granted to both non-employee directors and management. Prior to 2013, RSUs were only issued to directors. However, in 2013, the Company changed the timing and form of management's annual stock grants and began to grant RSUs to management. RSUs do not carry voting rights. While all non-employee director RSUs participate in dividend equivalents, there are two classes of management RSUs, one that participates in dividend equivalents, and a second that does not participate in dividend equivalents. Each RSU represents the right to receive one share of the Company's common stock and is subject to time based vesting restrictions. Participants are not required to pay any consideration to the Company at either the time of grant of a RSU or upon vesting.

In 2013, the Company's compensation committee approved a retirement provision for RSUs issued to management. The retirement provision provides that members of management who either (1) are age 65 or older or (2) have at least ten years of service and are at least age 55 will continue to vest in unvested RSUs upon retirement. As the retirement provision does not qualify as a substantive service condition, the Company incurred \$2,968, \$619 and \$528 in additional expense in the years ended

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December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively, as a result of accelerated stock based compensation expense for employees who meet the thresholds of the retirement provision. The Company's nominating and governance committee also approved a retirement provision for the RSUs issued to non-employee directors that accelerates the vesting of such RSUs upon retirement. Such awards are fully expensed immediately upon grant in accordance with ASC 718, as the retirement provision eliminates substantive service conditions associated with the awards.

A summary of RSU activity for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair value	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term
Unvested at December 31, 2015	48,665	17.33	1.00 years
Granted	131,765	21.37	0.35 years
Vested	(132,640)	20.27	
Cancelled and forfeited	—	—	
Unvested at December 31, 2016	47,790	20.31	0.96 years
Granted	128,893	24.31	0.31 years
Vested	(128,697)	22.93	
Cancelled and forfeited	(444)	33.60	
Unvested at December 31, 2017	47,542	23.95	0.84 years
Granted	134,804	35.73	0.43 years
Vested	(136,747)	32.45	
Cancelled and forfeited	—	—	
Unvested at December 31, 2018	45,599	\$33.28	1.32 years
Expected to vest in the future at December 31, 2018	43,957	\$33.28	1.32 years

The Company recognized \$2,670, \$1,732 and \$1,516 of compensation expense related to the RSU awards in the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The unrecognized compensation expense, net of expected forfeitures, calculated under the fair value method for shares that were, as of December 31, 2018, expected to be earned through the requisite service period was approximately \$839 and is expected to be recognized through 2021.

Vested director RSUs are “settled” by the delivery to the participant or a designated brokerage firm of one share of common stock per vested RSU as soon as reasonably practicable following a termination of service of the participant that constitutes a separation from service, and in all events no later than the end of the calendar year in which such termination of service occurs or, if later, two and one-half months after such termination of service. Vested management RSU's are “settled” by the delivery to the participant or a designated brokerage firm of one share of common stock per vested RSU as soon as reasonably practicable following vesting.

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Performance Share Unit Awards

The Company granted performance share units as performance based awards under the 2010 Plan in the first quarter of 2018 that are subject to performance conditions over a three year performance period for the years ending 2018 through 2020. Upon meeting the prescribed performance conditions, employees will be issued shares which vest immediately at the end of the measurement period. Currently the Company expects participants to earn 61,700 shares related to the 2018 performance share grants. For performance share grants in prior years, upon meeting the prescribed performance conditions, in the first quarter of the year subsequent to grant, employees were issued RSUs, a portion of which is subject to vesting over the two years following the end of the performance period. In accordance with ASC 718, such awards are being expensed over the vesting period from the date of grant through the requisite service period, based upon the most probable outcome. In the first quarter of 2018 and 2017 there were 64,040 and 87,876 performance share units that converted into RSUs, respectively. Upon conversion, the first third of the RSUs issued will immediately vest and be converted into common shares. The remaining two thirds of the RSUs issued will vest ratably over the remaining two-year vesting period. The fair value per share of the awards is the closing stock price on the date of grant, which was \$37.40, \$33.60 and \$19.88 for the 2018, 2017 and 2016 grants, respectively. The Company recognized \$1,880, \$1,768 and \$1,382 of compensation expense related to the awards granted in the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. The unrecognized compensation expense calculated under the fair value method for shares that were, as of December 31, 2018, expected to be recognized through the requisite service period was \$431 and is expected to be recognized through 2021.

14. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share of common stock is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share of common stock is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares, using the two-class method. As the Company has granted RSUs that both participate in dividend equivalents and do not participate in dividend equivalents, the Company has calculated earnings per share pursuant to the two-class method, which is an earnings allocation formula that determines earnings per share for common stock and participating securities according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Under this method, all earnings (distributed and undistributed) are allocated to common shares and participating securities based on their respective rights to receive dividends. Diluted net earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income attributable to common stockholders as adjusted for the effect of dilutive non-participating securities, by the weighted average number of common stock and dilutive common stock outstanding during the

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14. Earnings Per Share (Continued)

period. Potential common shares in the diluted net earnings per share computation are excluded to the extent that they would be anti-dilutive.

	2018	2017	2016
<i>Basic earnings per common share</i>			
Net income	\$ 43,905	\$ 55,324	\$ 39,009
Less income allocated to participating securities	584	715	540
Net income allocated to common shareholders	\$ 43,321	\$ 54,609	\$ 38,469
Weighted average common shares outstanding	22,681,888	22,576,381	22,480,679
	\$ 1.91	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.71
<i>Earnings per common share assuming dilution</i>			
Net income	\$ 43,905	\$ 55,324	\$ 39,009
Less income allocated to participating securities	584	715	540
Net income allocated to common shareholders	\$ 43,321	\$ 54,609	\$ 38,469
Weighted average common shares outstanding	22,681,888	22,576,381	22,480,679
Incremental shares applicable to stock based compensation . .	22,968	11,267	—
Weighted average common shares assuming dilution	22,704,856	22,587,648	22,480,679
	\$ 1.89	\$ 2.40	\$ 1.70

15. Commitments and Contingencies

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is engaged in various litigation including product liability and intellectual property disputes. However, the Company does not believe that any pending litigation will have a material adverse effect on its consolidated financial position, consolidated results of operations or liquidity. In addition, the Company is not currently a party to any environmental-related claims or legal matters.

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15. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

The Company leases facilities under non-cancelable operating leases, some of which contain renewal options. Total future minimum lease payments consisted of the following at December 31, 2018:

	<u>Related Party Leases</u>	<u>Third Party Leases</u>	<u>Total Leases</u>
2019	\$ 2,250	\$2,009	\$ 4,259
2020	2,250	1,654	3,904
2021	2,250	1,364	3,614
2022	2,250	949	3,199
2023	2,130	574	2,704
Thereafter	<u>4,410</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>5,910</u>
Total lease obligations	<u>\$15,540</u>	<u>\$8,050</u>	<u>\$23,590</u>

The Company entered into lease agreements at the time of the close of the Dejana acquisition with parties that are affiliated with the former owners of Dejana and are still employed at Dejana post-acquisition. The related parties continue to own land and buildings where Dejana conducts business. The Company incurred \$4,078 of total operating lease rent expense in the year ended 2018, of which \$1,923 were to related parties. The Company incurred \$3,561 of total operating lease rent expense in the year ended 2017, of which \$1,918 were to related parties. As the Company makes monthly payments to the related parties, there are no amounts owed to the related parties at December 31, 2018 or 2017.

16. Segments

The Company operates through two operating segments for which separate financial information is available, and for which operating results are evaluated regularly by the Company's chief operating decision maker in determining resource allocation and assessing performance. The Company's two current reportable business segments are described below.

Work Truck Attachments. The Work Truck Attachments segment includes snow and ice management attachments sold under the FISHER®, WESTERN®, HENDERSON® and SNOWEX® brands. This segment consists of the Company's operations that, prior to the acquisition of Dejana, was a single operating segment, consisting of the manufacture and sale of snow and ice control products.

Work Truck Solutions. The Work Truck Solutions segment, which was created as a result of the Dejana acquisition, includes the upfit of market leading attachments and storage solutions for commercial work vehicles under the DEJANA® brand and its related sub-brands.

Segment performance is evaluated based on segment net sales and adjusted EBITDA. Items not allocated to segment operating income include corporate administrative expenses and certain other amounts that include various support functions, such as information technology, corporate finance, legal, executive administration and human resources. No single customer's revenues amounted to 10%

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16. Segments (Continued)

or more of the Company's total revenue. Sales are primarily within the United States and substantially all assets are located within the United States.

Historically, sales from Work Truck Attachments to Work Truck Solutions were recorded at third party pricing. In 2018, sales between Work Truck Attachments and Work Truck Solutions reflect the Company's intercompany pricing policy. The following table shows summarized financial information concerning the Company's reportable segments:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Net sales			
Work Truck Attachments	\$379,636	\$350,564	\$360,638
Work Truck Solutions	154,064	137,770	65,044
Corporate & Eliminations	<u>(9,633)</u>	<u>(13,407)</u>	<u>(9,414)</u>
	<u>\$524,067</u>	<u>\$474,927</u>	<u>\$416,268</u>
Adjusted EBITDA			
Work Truck Attachments	\$ 95,766	\$ 90,287	\$ 96,565
Work Truck Solutions	12,710	14,155	8,254
Corporate & Eliminations	<u>(12,033)</u>	<u>(13,515)</u>	<u>(13,372)</u>
	<u>\$ 96,443</u>	<u>\$ 90,927</u>	<u>\$ 91,447</u>
Depreciation and amortization expense			
Work Truck Attachments	\$ 12,668	\$ 12,437	\$ 12,281
Work Truck Solutions	6,314	6,004	4,264
Corporate & Eliminations	<u>103</u>	<u>143</u>	<u>197</u>
	<u>\$ 19,085</u>	<u>\$ 18,584</u>	<u>\$ 16,742</u>
Assets			
Work Truck Attachments	\$427,563	\$425,148	\$439,937
Work Truck Solutions	212,132	220,211	203,811
Corporate & Eliminations	<u>36,498</u>	<u>39,817</u>	<u>22,425</u>
	<u>\$676,193</u>	<u>\$685,176</u>	<u>\$666,173</u>
Capital expenditures			
Work Truck Attachments	\$ 7,814	\$ 6,408	\$ 8,752
Work Truck Solutions	<u>2,034</u>	<u>1,972</u>	<u>1,078</u>
	<u>\$ 9,848</u>	<u>\$ 8,380</u>	<u>\$ 9,830</u>

17. Stockholders' equity

Preferred Stock

The Company is authorized to issue 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share. Subject to any limitations under law or the Company's certificate of incorporation, the Company's

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17. Stockholders' equity (Continued)

board of directors is authorized to provide for the issuance of the shares of preferred stock in one or more series; to establish the number of shares to be included in each series; and to fix the designation, powers, privileges, preferences, relative participating, optional or other rights (if any), and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of the shares of each series. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, no shares of preferred stock were issued and outstanding.

Common Stock

The Company has 200,000,000 shares of common stock authorized, of which 22,700,991 and 22,590,897 shares were issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. The par value of the common stock is \$0.01 per share.

The holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, common stockholders would be entitled to share ratably in the Company's assets and funds remaining after payment of liabilities.

18. Valuation and qualifying accounts

The Company's valuation and qualifying accounts for the years ended December 31, 2018, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Balance at beginning of year</u>	<u>Additions charged to earnings</u>	<u>Changes to reserve, net(1)</u>	<u>Balance at end of year</u>
Year ended December 31, 2018				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$1,056	\$ 531	\$ (716)	\$ 871
Valuation of deferred tax assets	777	—	696	1,473
Year ended December 31, 2017				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$1,158	\$1,475	\$(1,577)	\$1,056
Valuation of deferred tax assets	640	—	137	777
Year ended December 31, 2016				
Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$1,343	\$ 208	\$ (393)	\$1,158
Valuation of deferred tax assets	647	—	(7)	640

(1) Increases (deductions) from the allowance for doubtful accounts equal accounts receivable written off and increases related to acquired businesses, less recoveries, against the allowance. Increases (deductions) to the valuation of deferred tax assets relate to the reversals due to changes in management's judgments regarding the future realization of the underlying deferred tax assets.

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19. Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss by Component

In conjunction with the adoption of ASU 2018-02, the Company reclassified \$1,129 of other comprehensive loss, primarily associated with pension and other post retirement plans, from accumulated other comprehensive loss to retained earnings effective December 31, 2018. Changes to accumulated other comprehensive loss by component for the year ended December 31, 2018 is as follows:

	Unrealized Net Loss on Interest Rate Swap	Retiree Health Benefit Obligation	Pension Obligation	Total
Balance at December 31, 2017	\$(1,328)	\$1,392	\$(6,636)	\$(6,572)
Other comprehensive gain before reclassifications	327	683	517	1,527
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss:(1)	(246)	(158)	529	125
Adoption of ASU 2018-02	(283)	201	(1,047)	(1,129)
Balance at December 31, 2018	<u>\$(1,530)</u>	<u>\$2,118</u>	<u>\$(6,637)</u>	<u>\$(6,049)</u>

(1) Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss:

Amortization of Other Postretirement Benefit items:

Actuarial gains(a)	(211)
Tax expense	53
Reclassification net of tax	<u>\$ (158)</u>

Amortization of pension obligation:

Actuarial losses(a)	706
Tax benefit	(177)
Reclassification net of tax	<u>\$ 529</u>

Unrealized gains on interest rate swaps reclassified to

interest expense	(328)
Tax expense	82

Reclassification net of tax \$ (246)

(a)—These components are included in the computation of benefit plan costs in Note 12.

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19. Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss by Component (Continued)

Changes to accumulated other comprehensive loss by component for the year ended December 31, 2017 is as follows:

	<u>Unrealized Net Loss on Interest Rate Swap</u>	<u>Retiree Health Benefit Obligation</u>	<u>Pension Obligation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$(1,195)	\$ 937	\$(6,414)	\$(6,672)
Other comprehensive gain (loss) before reclassifications . . .	(338)	521	(670)	(487)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss:(1)	205	(66)	448	587
Balance at December 31, 2017	<u>\$(1,328)</u>	<u>\$1,392</u>	<u>\$(6,636)</u>	<u>\$(6,572)</u>

(1) Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss:

Amortization of Other Postretirement Benefit items:	
Actuarial gain(a)	(107)
Tax expense	41
Reclassification net of tax	<u>\$ (66)</u>
Amortization of pension obligation:	
Actuarial losses(a)	723
Tax benefit	(275)
Reclassification net of tax	<u>\$ 448</u>
Unrealized losses on interest rate swaps reclassified to interest expense	
Tax benefit	(125)
Reclassification net of tax	<u>\$ 205</u>

(a)—These components are included in the computation of benefit plan costs in Note 12.

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20. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

	2018			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Net sales	\$83,964	\$163,446	\$124,832	\$151,825
Gross profit	\$20,027	\$ 55,849	\$ 34,920	\$ 44,094
Income (loss) before taxes	\$(3,138)	\$ 28,080	\$ 11,069	\$ 19,748
Net income (loss)	\$(1,876)	\$ 21,164	\$ 9,921	\$ 14,696
Basic net earnings (loss) per common share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.92	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.64
Earnings (loss) per common share assuming dilution attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.08)	\$ 0.91	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.63
Dividends per share	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.27
	2017			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Net sales	\$72,248	\$139,371	\$125,339	\$137,969
Gross profit	\$17,187	\$ 45,033	\$ 36,055	\$ 44,811
Income (loss) before taxes	\$(5,971)	\$ 22,354	\$ 15,081	\$ 21,451
Net income (loss)	\$(3,277)	\$ 14,746	\$ 9,327	\$ 34,528
Basic net earnings (loss) per common share attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.41	\$ 1.51
Earnings (loss) per common share assuming dilution attributable to common shareholders	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.50
Dividends per share	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24	\$ 0.24

Due to changes in stock prices during the year and timing of issuance of shares, the sum of quarterly earnings per share may not equal the annual earnings per share.

21. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02 *Leases: Amendments to the FASB Accounting Standards Codification*. ASU 2016-02 increases transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. ASU 2016-02 will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2019. In July 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-11 *Leases: Targeted Improvements* which allows entities to apply the new lease standard at the adoption date, rather than at the earliest period presented. In transition, lessees and lessors are required to recognize and measure leases using a modified retrospective approach. The Company is in the process of analyzing the impact of the guidance on its inventory of lease contracts and will adopt the standard in the first quarter of fiscal 2019. The Company expects this ASU to have an impact of approximately \$22,000 on its consolidated financial statements upon recognition of the lease liability and right-of-use asset for lease contracts which are currently accounted for as operating leases. The Company has identified and implemented changes to processes and controls to meet the standard's updated reporting and disclosure requirements.

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21. Recent Accounting Pronouncements (Continued)

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU No. 2017-12, *Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815), Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities*, which amends and simplifies existing guidance to improve the transparency and understandability of information and to allow companies to more accurately present the economic effects of risk management activities in the financial statements. The amendments in this ASU are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018 and interim periods within those annual periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of this new standard on its consolidated financial statements.

Subsidiary List

Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company

Douglas Dynamics Finance Company, a Delaware corporation

Fisher, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Henderson Enterprises Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Henderson Products, Inc., a Delaware corporation

Dejana Truck & Utility Equipment Company, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-169342) pertaining to the Amended and Restated 2010 Stock Incentive Plan of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-184781) pertaining to the Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C. 401(k) Plan of our reports dated February 26, 2019, relating to the consolidated financial statements of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., appearing in this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2018.

/s/ Deloitte & Touche LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 26, 2019

Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-169342) pertaining to the Amended and Restated 2010 Stock Incentive Plan of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. and the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-184781) pertaining to the Douglas Dynamics, L.L.C. 401(k) Plan of our report dated March 13, 2017, except for Note 1, as to which the date is February 26, 2019, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of Douglas Dynamics, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2019.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
February 26, 2019

**Certification of Chief Executive Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Rule 13a-14(a)
or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

I, Robert McCormick, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Douglas Dynamics, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 26, 2019

/s/ ROBERT MCCORMICK

Robert McCormick
Chief Executive Officer

Certification of Chief Financial Officer
Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and Rule 13a-14(a)
or 15d-14(a) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

I, Sarah Lauber, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this Annual Report on Form 10-K of Douglas Dynamics, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 26, 2019

/s/ SARAH LAUBER

Sarah Lauber
Chief Financial Officer

**Written Statement of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer
Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350**

Solely for the purposes of complying with 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we, the undersigned Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of Douglas Dynamics, Inc. (the “Company”), hereby certify, based on our knowledge, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2018 (the “Report”) fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ ROBERT MCCORMICK

Robert McCormick
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ SARAH LAUBER

Sarah Lauber
Chief Financial Officer

Date: February 26, 2019



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