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| BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.  |  |
| (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)   |  |
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Title of each class Name of each exchange on which registered

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No

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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, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Emerging growth company
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The aggregate market value of the voting common equity held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the closing price at which the common stock was sold as of the end of the second quarter ended March 31, 2018, was \$3.60 billion.

The number of shares of common stock outstanding as of October 31, 2018 was 68,156,582.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

The information required by Part III (Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14) will be incorporated by reference from the Registrant's definitive proxy statement, which will be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year to which this report relates.

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#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The matters discussed in this Form 10-K that are forward-looking statements are based on current management expectations that involve substantial risks and uncertainties, which could cause actual results to differ materially from the results expressed in, or implied by, these forward-looking statements. These statements can be identified by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts. They use words such as "aim," "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "project," "should," "will be," "will continue," "will likely result," "would" and and terms of similar meaning in conjunction with a discussion of future operating or financial performance. You should read statements that contain these words carefully, because they discuss our future expectations, contain projections of our future results of operations or of our financial position or state other "forward-looking" information.

We believe that it is important to communicate our future expectations to our investors. However, there are events in the future that we are not able to accurately predict or control. The factors listed under Item 1A, Risk Factors, as well as any cautionary language in this Form 10-K, provide examples of risks, uncertainties and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements. Although we believe that our expectations are based on reasonable assumptions, actual results may differ materially from those in the forward looking statements as a result of various factors, including, but not limited to, those described under Item 1A, Risk Factors and elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Form 10-K. Except as required under federal securities laws and the rules and regulations of the SEC, we do not have any intention, and do not undertake, to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances arising after the date of this Form 10-K, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise. As a result of these risks and uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on the forward-looking statements included in this Form 10-K or that may be made elsewhere from time to time by or on behalf of us. All forward-looking statements attributable to us are expressly qualified by these cautionary statements.

#### PART I

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

Unless the context suggests otherwise, the terms "Beacon," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us" are referring to Beacon Roofin Supply, Inc.

#### Overview

Beacon is the largest publicly traded distributor of residential and non-residential roofing materials in the United States and Canada. We also distribute complementary building products including siding, windows, insulation, waterproofing systems, wallboard, acoustical ceiling tiles, and other specialty exterior and interior building products. We are among the oldest and most established distributors in the industry. We purchase products from a large number of manufacturers and then distribute these goods to a customer base consisting of contractors, and to a lesser extent, home builders, retailers, and building materials suppliers.

As of September 30, 2018, we operated 549 branches throughout all 50 states in the U.S. and 6 provinces in Canada. We stock one of the most extensive assortments of high quality branded products in the industry, with over 90,000 SKUs available across our branch network, enabling us to deliver products to serve over 100,000 customers on a timely basis.

On January 2, 2018, we finalized the acquisition of Allied Building Products Corp. ("Allied"), a New Jersey Corporation, for approximately \$2.625 billion, subject to working capital and other adjustments. As of September 30, 2018, the adjusted purchase price for Allied was \$2.88 billion, and purchase accounting entries had not yet been finalized. Headquartered in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Allied was one of the country's largest exterior and interior building products distributors, distributing products across 208 locations in 31 states in the U.S. with a strong presence in New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Hawaii and the upper Midwest at the time of the acquisition. We believe the acquisition of Allied was a strategically and financially compelling transaction that expanded our geographic footprint, enhanced our scale and market presence, diversified our product offerings, and positioned us to provide new growth opportunities that will increase our long-term profitability.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018 ("fiscal year 2018" or "2018"), residential roofing products comprised 43.6% of our sales, non-residential roofing products accounted for 25.5% of our sales, and complementary products provided the remaining 30.9% of our sales. Approximately 97% of our net sales were to customers located in the United States.

We provide our customers with a comprehensive array of value-added benefits. These services and tools are focused on supporting the entire business lifecycle, with a particular focus on enhancing our customers' ability to meet and exceed the needs of their clientele (see "Our Products and Services" for a full listing). We believe the additional services we provide distinguish us from our competition and promote high levels of customer retention, as the vast majority of orders require at least some of these services. Our ability to provide value-add services efficiently and reliably can save our customers time and money while also enabling us to achieve attractive gross profit margins on our product sales. We have earned a reputation for providing a high level of product availability and high-quality customer service thanks to our experienced employees who provide timely, accurate and safe delivery of our products.

Our customer base includes a diverse population of residential and non-residential building contractors from the markets in which we operate. These local, regional, and national contractors work on new construction projects as well as the repair or remodeling of residential and commercial properties, particularly in the areas of roofing/re-roofing. We utilize a branch-based operating model that allows branches to maintain local customer relationships and benefit from our centralized infrastructure. This operating model allows us to benefit from the resources and scale efficiencies of being a national distributor while still providing customers with specialized

products and personalized local services tailored to their specific geographic region.

Since our initial public offering ("IPO") in 2004, we have achieved growth through a combination of completing 46 strategic and complementary acquisitions, opening 82 new branch locations and broadening the scope of our product offerings. In fiscal year 2018 alone, we acquired 215 branches and opened 3 new branches. We have grown from net sales of \$652.9 million in fiscal year 2004 to net sales of \$6.42 billion in fiscal year 2018, representing

a compound annual growth rate ("CAGR") of 17.7%. Over the same period, income from operations has increased from \$34.7 million to \$204.6 million, representing a CAGR of 13.5%. Our organic growth, which includes growth from existing and newly opened branches ("greenfields") but excludes growth from acquired branches, has averaged a CAGR of 4.8% per annum since 2004. Acquired branches are excluded from organic growth measures until they have been under our ownership for at least four full fiscal quarters at the start of the reporting period. We believe that our proven business model can continue to deliver industry-leading growth and operating profit margins.

#### Our Industry

#### Market Size

Based on management's estimates, we believe the roofing distribution market in the United States and Canada represents approximately \$26 billion in revenue with roughly 60% of the market in residential roofing and 40% in commercial. We also participate in other exterior and interior building products categories, including siding, wallboard, acoustical ceiling tile, waterproofing, windows and insulation. Collectively, we believe these other building products have a larger addressable market opportunity than our primary roofing distribution business.

#### **Demand Drivers**

We believe the majority of roofing demand is driven by re-roofing activity (estimated at 80-90%), with the remaining balance being tied to new construction. Re-roofing projects are considered to be necessary maintenance and repair expenditures, and are therefore less likely to be postponed during periods of recession or slower economic growth. As a result, demand for roofing products historically has been less volatile than overall demand for construction products.

Our complementary building products demand shows exposure to both the residential and commercial sectors. These products possess greater exposure to new residential/commercial construction than within roofing, but they also have less seasonality, and lower exposure to weather conditions and severe storm volatility.

Regional variations in economic activity influence the level of demand for roofing products across the United States. Of particular importance are regional differences in the level of new home construction and renovation. Demographic trends, including population growth and migration, contribute to the regional variations through their influence on regional housing starts and existing home sales.

In addition to our domestic operations, we also operate in 6 provinces across Canada. These international locations represented approximately 3% of our total net sales for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. We expect overall demand for operations in Canada to grow at rate similar to our United States operations. For further geographic information, see Note 13 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### **Distribution Channels**

Wholesale distribution is the primary distribution channel for both residential and commercial roofing products. Wholesale roofing product distributors serve the important role of facilitating the purchasing relationships between roofing materials manufacturers and thousands of contractors. Wholesale distributors can maintain localized inventories, extend trade credit, give product advice and provide delivery and logistics services.

Given significant consolidation the past decade, Beacon and two other distributors now represent over 50% of the industry. The industry is characterized by these "national" distributors, a large number of local and regional roofing supply participants, as well as home improvement retailers and lumberyards. Our competition primarily involves the local, regional and national specialty roofing distributors.

Our complementary products are distributed from traditional exteriors locations or branches designed to address a specific product and customer subset (i.e. interiors). The competitive landscape within interiors shares similar fragmentation characteristics to roofing, as four large participants, including Beacon, hold more than a 50% combined position in the market. The other product categories are typically more fragmented and have more meaningful involvement from manufacturer direct sales, home improvement and specialty retailers and lumber yards.

#### Our Strengths

We believe the sales and earnings growth we have achieved over time has been, and will continue to be, driven by our primary competitive strengths, which include the following:

- Leading distribution platform with a national scope. We are the largest publicly traded distributor of residential and non-residential roofing materials in the United States and Canada. We also distribute a broad and growing range of complementary building products. We maintain leading positions in key metropolitan markets across all the regions that we serve and utilize a branch-based operating model whereby branches cultivate and maintain local customer relationships while benefiting from the scale efficiencies of centralized corporate functions.

  Strategic geographic presence and regional specialization. Our geographic footprint is designed to provide
- Strategic geographic presence and regional specialization. Our geographic footprint is designed to provide advantages in the regional markets we serve. We provide our customers with specialized products and personalized local services tailored to their specific geographic region with the resources and scale efficiencies of a national distributor.
  - Diversified and stable business model. Our business has been protected in times of economic downturn because of the non-discretionary nature of the demand for our products as well as the diversity of both our product offerings and our customer base. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, no single customer accounted for more than 1% of our net sales. We have a long history of organic sales growth and healthy gross margins through a variety of economic cycles. Since our 2004 IPO, our total and existing market net sales have increased by a CAGR of 17.7% and 4.8%, respectively, and our total and existing market gross margins have averaged approximately 24.0% and 23.9%, respectively.

Strong cash flow generation. We have increased net sales in twelve of the fourteen fiscal years since our IPO, including increases in each of the last eight consecutively. Our track record of growth, combined with limited capital expenditure requirements, has resulted in strong free cash flow generation that has allowed us to manage our debt leverage effectively.

Superior customer service and product delivery to our loyal and growing customer base. A significant number of our customers have relied on us as their vendor of choice for decades, and we believe that these strong customer relationships cannot be easily replicated. We believe that the services provided by our employees improve our customers' efficiency and profitability, which, in turn, strengthens our customer relationships. We consider customer relations and our employees' knowledge of roofing and building materials as being vital to our ability to increase customer loyalty and maintain customer satisfaction. We invest significant resources in professional development, management skills, product knowledge and operational proficiency. The in-depth knowledge of both the materials we sell and their respective applications allows our sales team to provide guidance to our customers throughout the project lifecycle.

Industry-leading management team with a successful track record of growth and integration. We believe that our key employees, including executive officers, regional presidents, and branch managers, are among the most experienced members of the roofing and building materials industry and have a track record of achieving growth and delivering profitability. Since our 2004 IPO, the Beacon management team has successfully completed and integrated 46 acquisitions and opened 82 new greenfield locations. We generally have improved the financial and operating performance of our acquired businesses and helped them to grow their operations following integration onto our platform.

Well-designed technological infrastructure that continues to evolve. We have made a significant investment in our information systems and technological resources. Nearly our entire branch network operates on the same management information systems, providing us with a consistent platform to deliver excellent customer service and achieve operating efficiencies in purchasing, pricing and inventory management. Our unified platform has promoted the seamless integration of all our acquired businesses, and allows us to pursue additional growth opportunities without concerns of significant additional investment.

#### Our Growth Strategy

Our objective is to be the preferred supplier of roofing and other complementary building product materials across markets in the United States and Canada while continuing to increase net sales, maximize profitability and maintain a strong balance sheet. We plan to attain these goals by executing the following initiatives:

Selectively pursue opportunities for organic growth and strategic acquisitions. We believe that there will be meaningful opportunities to further expand or intensify our geographic focus in contiguous or existing regions. Our disciplined approach to opening new branches focuses on locations that are: (1) within existing markets; (2) where existing customers have expanded into new markets; or (3) in areas that have limited or no acquisition candidates and are a good fit with our business model and culture. We believe we can continue to expand and improve our distribution platform by strategically acquiring additional building product distributors in locations that are new or complement our existing operations in an area.

Expand product offerings and increase cross-selling activities. Due to the unique characteristics of each geographic region, our local customers typically require market-specific product offerings. We believe we have one of the most extensive offerings of high-quality branded products in the industry, with over 90,000 SKUs available across our branch network, and we feel that there are opportunities for our branches to expand their current product rosters. This will create additional opportunities for our branches to cross-sell more products throughout our existing network. In particular, we seek to expand non-residential roofing sales into markets where we currently sell mostly residential roofing. In addition, we work closely with customers and suppliers to identify new products and services, and continue to expand our product offering to include complementary building materials such as windows, siding, doors, waterproofing systems, insulation and metal fabrication.

Continue to provide exceptional customer service and expertise. We provide a comprehensive array of high-quality products and offer value-added services. In fiscal year 2018, we were able to support our customers by fulfilling approximately 93.8% of warehouse orders through our in-stock inventory as a result of the breadth and depth of the inventory maintained at our local branches. We believe that our focus on providing both value-added services and accurate and rapid order fulfillment enables us to attract and retain customers.

Our Products and Services

#### **Products**

The ability to provide a broad range of products is essential to success in roofing materials distribution. We carry one of the most extensive arrays of high-quality branded products in the industry, enabling us to deliver a wide variety of products to our customers on a timely basis. We are able to fulfill the vast majority of our warehouse orders with inventory on hand because of the breadth and depth of the inventories at our branches.

Our product portfolio includes residential and non-residential roofing products as well as complementary building products, including:

Product Portfolio

ResidentialNon-ResidentialComplementaryRoofing ProductsRoofing ProductsBuilding ProductsAsphalt shinglesSingle-ply roofingVinyl siding

Synthetic slate and tile Asphalt Fiber cement siding

Clay tile Metal Drywall Concrete tile Modified bitumen Insulation Slate Build-up roofing Acoustic tile Nail base insulation Cements and coatings Stone veneer Insulation (flat stock/tapered) Metal roofing Windows **Felts** Commercial fasteners Doors Metal edges and flashings Synthetic underlayment **Skylights** Wood shingles and shakes Smoke/roof hatches Waterproofing

Nails and fasteners Sheet metal (copper/aluminum/steel) Gutters and downspouts Metal edgings and flashings Roofing tools Decking and railing

Prefabricated flashings PVC membrane Air barrier

Ridge and soffit vents TPO membrane Concrete restoration systems

Solar systems EPDM membrane

Our product lines are designed to meet the requirements of our customers, comprised mainly of contractors that are engaged in new construction or renovation projects. The products that we distribute are supplied by the industry's leading manufacturers of high-quality roofing materials, siding, insulation, drywall, acoustic tiles, waterproofing, windows, doors, decking and related products (See "Purchasing and Suppliers").

In the residential market, asphalt shingles comprise the largest share of the products we sell. We also distribute products such as shingles, roofing tile, gutters and various other roofing products.

In the non-residential market, single-ply roofing systems and the associated insulation products comprise the largest share of our product offering. Our single-ply roofing systems consist primarily of Ethylene Propylene Diene Monomer (synthetic rubber) or "EPDM" and Thermoplastic Olefin or "TPO", along with other roofing materials and related components. In addition to the broad range of single-ply roofing components, we sell asphaltic membranes and the insulation required in most non-residential roofing applications, such as tapered insulation.

In the area of complementary building products, siding, drywall, waterproofing and acoustic tiles comprise the largest share of the products we sell out of our portfolio. Additionally, we distribute windows, decking and related exterior shelter products to meet the expansive needs of our customers.

Services

We emphasize superior value-added services to our customers. We employ a knowledgeable sales force that possesses an in-depth understanding of the various roofing and complementary building products we provide. Our sales force is capable of providing guidance to our customers throughout the lifecycles of their various projects. Specifically, we support our customers with the following value-added services:

- advice and assistance on product identification, specification and technical support, and training services;
- a large, service ready fleet with a broad footprint supporting timely job site delivery, rooftop loading and logistical services;
- •apered insulation engineered with enhanced computer-aided design and related layout services;
- metal fabrication and related metal roofing design and layout services;
- access to Beacon Pro+, our e-commerce platform that provides customers with 24/7 online access;

- access to Beacon 3D+, our residential estimating tool that helps our customers attract and retain more business;
- exclusive relationships with vendors that help promote delivery tracking and lead generation;
- trade credit and online bill pay; and
- marketing support, including project leads for contractors.

**Our Customers** 

We serve over 100,000 customers, comprised of contractors, home builders, building owners, and other resellers across the continental United States and Canada. Our customer base varies by size, ranging from relatively small contractors to large-sized contractors and builders that operate on a national scale. A significant number of our customers have relied on us as their vendor of choice for decades. We believe that we have strong customer relationships that our competitors cannot easily displace or replicate. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, no single customer accounted for more than 1% of our net sales.

## Our Culture and Employees

We believe that our values based culture is a key differentiator, which is critical to our success. We pride ourselves on attracting and retaining highly dedicated and customer-focused employees at all levels of the organization. We maintain a safety-first environment and strong relations with our employees.

As of September 30, 2018, we had 8,356 employees consisting of 2,034 in sales and marketing, 872 branch and assistant branch managers, 4,075 drivers, delivery helpers and warehouse workers, 1,311 general and administrative employees and 64 executives. We have 450 employees that are represented by labor unions and there are no material outstanding labor disputes.

#### Sales and Marketing

#### Sales Strategy

Our sales strategy is to provide a comprehensive array of high-quality products and superior customer service to our customers, both accurately and on time. We believe that our proficiency in order fulfillment and robust catalog of value-added services, particularly the Beacon Pro+ e-commerce platform, enable us to attract and retain customers and differentiate ourselves from the competition.

#### **Sales Organization**

We have an experienced sales force that is responsible for generating sales at the local branch level. We also have a core group of high-level sales associates who focus on national account customers, as well as sales personnel that have specialized knowledge in topics like solar and insulation. The expertise of our salespeople helps us to increase sales to existing customers and add new customers.

Each of our branches is led by a branch manager, who also functions as the branch's sales manager. There is also a sales director at each location that is responsible for overseeing and coaching the sales team. The typical branch sales team is composed of one to four outside salespeople and one to five inside salespeople. Branches that focus primarily on the residential market generally staff a larger number of outside salespeople.

The primary objectives of our outside salespeople are to increase sales to existing customers and prospect for new customers. These activities are supported by utilizing our CRM (Customer Relationship Management) system throughout our selling organization. Each outside sales representative has a strategic group of existing customers that they actively manage to ensure that Beacon is meeting and exceeding their respective needs. They also spend time seeking new customers in order to grow and expand their portfolio.

To complement our outside sales force, we have built an experienced and technically proficient inside sales staff with vital product expertise to address inquiries from our customers. Our inside sales force is on the front line of customer engagement and is also responsible for fielding incoming orders and providing price quotes.

In addition to our outside and inside sales forces, we employ representatives who act as liaisons for certain roofing materials manufacturers to assist with the promotion of specific products to professional contractors, architects and building owners.

#### Marketing

Our marketing efforts are designed to ensure that our customers understand the benefits they receive from their local branch being part of a broader network of locations. As a supplement to the efforts of our sales force, each of our branches communicates with customers in their local markets through email, newsletters, direct mail, social media and the key industry websites. In order to build and strengthen relationships with customers and vendors, we offer exclusive promotions and sponsor our own regional trade shows, which feature general business and roofing seminars for our customers and product demonstrations by our vendors. In addition, we attend numerous industry trade shows throughout the regions in which we compete, and we are an active member of the National Roofing Contractors Association, National Women in Roofing, as well as certain regional contractors' associations.

In fiscal year 2017, we introduced Beacon Pro+, our innovative e-commerce portal that enables customers to order online from our catalog of over 90,000 products and have 24/7 access to view real time pricing, review the status of orders, request and approve quotes, and pay their bills online.

In fiscal year 2018, we introduced Beacon 3D+, a leading edge service offering to our residential customers that transforms smartphone photos of any home to a fully measured, customizable 3D model. Beacon 3D+ both saves our customers time with measuring and pricing estimates and helps homeowners easily visualize what the finished project will look like.

#### Purchasing and Suppliers

Our status as a leader in our core geographic markets, as well as our reputation in the industry, has allowed us to forge strong relationships with numerous manufacturers of roofing materials and complementary building products, including Atlas Roofing, Berger Building Products, Building Products of Canada, Carlisle Syntec, CertainTeed Roofing, CertainTeed Siding, Firestone Building Products, GAF, IKO Manufacturing, James Hardie Building Products, Johns Manville Roofing, Malarkey, Owens Corning Roofing, Ply Gem, Soprema, and TAMKO Building Products.

We are positioned as a key distributor with our suppliers due to our industry expertise, market share, track record of growth and financial strength, and the substantial volume of products that we distribute.

We manage the procurement of products through our national headquarters and regional offices, allowing us to take advantage of both our scale and local market conditions. We believe this enables us to purchase products more economically than most of our competitors. Product is shipped directly by the manufacturers to our branches or customers.

#### Operations and Infrastructure

#### **Operations**

Our branch-based model provides each location with a significant amount of autonomy to operate within the parameters of our overall business model. Operations at each branch are tailored to meet local customer needs. Branch

managers are responsible for sales, pricing and staffing activities, and have full operational control of customer service and deliveries. We provide our branch managers with significant incentives that allow them to share in the profitability of their respective branches and the company as a whole. Employees at our regional and corporate operations assist the branches with, among other things, procurement, credit and safety services, fleet management, information systems support, contract management, accounting, treasury and legal services, human resources, benefits administration and sales and use tax services.

Our distribution fulfillment process is initiated upon receiving a request for a contract job order or direct product order from a customer. Under a contract job order, the customer typically requests roofing or other construction materials and technical support services. The customer discusses the project's requirements with a salesperson and the salesperson provides a price quote for the package of products and services. Subsequently, the salesperson processes the order and we deliver the products to the customer's job site. In fiscal year 2018, we were able to support our customers by fulfilling approximately 93.8% of warehouse orders through our in-stock inventory as a result of the breadth and depth of the inventory maintained at our local branches.

#### **Facilities**

As of September 30, 2018, our network of 549 branches was serving key metropolitan areas in all 50 states throughout the U.S. and 6 Canadian provinces. This network has enabled us to effectively and efficiently serve a broad customer base and to achieve a leading market position in each of our geographic markets.

#### Fleet

For the year ended September 30, 2018, our distribution infrastructure supported 2 million deliveries. To service our customer base, we maintained a dedicated owned fleet of 2,307 straight trucks, 809 tractors and 1,349 trailers as of September 30, 2018. Nearly all of our delivery vehicles are equipped with specialized equipment, including 1,383 truck-mounted forklifts, cranes, hydraulic booms and conveyors, which are necessary to deliver products to rooftop job sites in an efficient and safe manner and in accordance with our customers' requirements.

Our branches typically focus on providing materials to customers who are located within a two-hour radius of their respective facilities. Our branches generally make deliveries each business day.

#### **Management Information Systems**

We have fully integrated management information systems across our locations. Acquired businesses are moved to our IT platform as soon as feasible following acquisition. Our systems support every major internal operational function, providing complete integration of purchasing, receiving, order processing, shipping, inventory management, sales analysis and accounting. The same databases are shared within the systems, allowing our branches to easily acquire products from other branches or schedule deliveries by other branches, greatly enhancing our customer service. Our systems also include a pricing matrix which allows us to refine pricing by region, branch, customer and customer type, or even a specific customer project. In addition, our systems allow us to centrally monitor all branch and regional performance as often as daily. We have centralized many functions to leverage our growing size, including accounts payable, insurance, payroll, employee benefits, vendor relations, and banking.

All of our branches are connected to a common computer network via secure Internet connections or private data lines. We maintain redundant systems with transactional data getting replicated throughout each business day. We have the capability of electronically switching our operations to the disaster recovery system.

We place purchase orders electronically with some of our major vendors. The vendors then transmit their invoices electronically to us. Our system matches these invoices with the related purchase orders and then schedules the associated payment. We retain many financial, credit and other documents for purposes of internal approvals, online viewing and auditing.

## **Government Regulations**

We are subject to regulation by various federal, state, provincial and local agencies. These agencies include the Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Transportation, Occupational Safety and Health Administration and Department of Labor and Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. We believe we are in compliance in all

material respects with existing applicable statutes and regulations affecting environmental issues and our employment, workplace health and workplace safety practices.

In 2012, the United States Supreme Court upheld the majority of the provisions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (the "Act"). The Act places requirements on employers to provide a minimum level of benefits to employees and assesses penalties on employers if the benefits do not meet the required minimum level or if the cost of coverage to employees exceeds affordability thresholds specified in the Act. The minimum benefits and affordability requirements took effect in 2014. The Act also imposes an excise tax beginning in 2018 on plans whose average cost exceeds specified amounts. We have analyzed the effects on us from the provisions of the Act and we do not currently anticipate a significant financial impact.

#### Competition

Although we are one of the two largest roofing materials and complementary building product distributors in the United States and Canada, the industry remains highly competitive. The vast majority of our competition comes from local and regional roofing supply distributors, and, to a lesser extent, other building supply distributors and big box retailers. Among distributors, we compete against a small number of large distributors and many small and local privately owned distributors. The principal competitive factors in our business include, but are not limited to, the availability of materials and supplies; technical product knowledge and expertise; advisory or other service capabilities; pricing of products; and the availability of credit and capital. We generally compete on the basis of the quality of our products and services, and to a lesser extent, price.

#### Order Backlog

Order backlog is not a material aspect of our business and no material portion of our business is subject to government contracts.

#### Seasonality

In general, sales and net income are highest during our first, third and fourth fiscal quarters, which represent the peak months of construction and re-roofing, especially in our branches in the northern and midwestern regions of the United States and in Canada. Our sales are substantially lower during the second quarter, when we usually incur net losses.

We generally experience our peak working capital needs during the third quarter after we build our inventories following the winter season but before we begin collecting on most of our spring receivables. Our principal sources of liquidity are cash and borrowings under our revolving credit facility, so our borrowings tend to be highest in the third quarter of our fiscal year.

#### History and Additional Information

Our predecessor, Beacon Sales Company, Inc., was founded in Charlestown, Massachusetts (part of Boston) in 1928. Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. was incorporated in Delaware in 1997. Our principal executive offices are located at 505 Huntmar Park Drive, Suite 300, Herndon, Virginia 20170 and our telephone number is (571) 323-3939. Our Internet website address is www.becn.com.

We are subject to the information and periodic reporting requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended ("Exchange Act"), and, in accordance with such requirements, furnish or file periodic reports, proxy statements, and other information with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). These periodic reports, proxy statements, and other information are available at the SEC website, www.sec.gov. We also maintain an investor relations page on our website where our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and other required SEC filings may be accessed free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the SEC.

#### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described below and other information included in this Form 10-K in evaluating us and our business. If any of the events described below occur, our business and financial results could be adversely affected in a material way. This could cause the trading price of our common stock to decline, perhaps significantly.

#### Risks Related to Our Business

We may not be able to effectively integrate newly acquired businesses into our operations or achieve expected cost savings or profitability from our acquisitions.

Our growth strategy includes acquiring other distributors of roofing materials and complementary products. Acquisitions involve numerous risks, including:

unforeseen difficulties in integrating operations, technologies, services, accounting and employees, including difficulties in operating and integrating Allied's interior products business line, a business line which we have operated for a limited period of time;

• diversion of financial and management resources from existing operations;

unforeseen difficulties related to entering geographic regions where we do not have prior experience; potential loss of key employees;

unforeseen liabilities associated with businesses acquired; and

inability to generate sufficient revenue or realize sufficient cost savings to offset acquisition or investment costs. As a result, if we fail to evaluate and execute acquisitions properly, we might not achieve the anticipated benefits of such acquisitions and we may incur costs in excess of what we anticipate. These risks would likely be greater in the case of larger acquisitions, including the Allied Acquisition. See "—Risks Related to the Allied Acquisition" below.

We may not be able to successfully complete acquisitions on acceptable terms, which would slow our growth rate.

The acquisition of other distributors of roofing materials and complementary products is an important part of our growth strategy. We continually seek additional acquisition candidates in selected markets and from time to time engage in exploratory discussions with potential candidates. We are unable to predict whether or when we will be able to identify any suitable additional acquisition candidates, or the likelihood that any potential acquisition will be completed. If we cannot complete acquisitions that we identify on acceptable terms, it is unlikely that we will sustain the historical growth rates of our business.

An inability to obtain the products that we distribute could result in lost revenues and reduced margins and damage relationships with customers.

We distribute roofing and other exterior building materials that are manufactured by a number of major suppliers. Disruptions in our sources of supply may occur as a result of unanticipated demand or production or delivery difficulties. When shortages occur, roofing material suppliers often allocate products among distributors. Although we believe that our relationships with our suppliers are strong and that we would have access to similar products from competing suppliers should products be unavailable from current sources, any supply shortage, particularly of the most commonly sold items, could result in a loss of revenues and reduced margins and damage relationships with customers.

Loss of key talent or our inability to attract and retain new qualified talent could hurt our ability to operate and grow successfully.

Our success will continue to depend to a significant extent on our executive officers and key management personnel, including our divisional executive vice presidents and regional vice presidents. We do not have key man life insurance covering any of our executive officers. We may not be able to retain our executive officers and key personnel or attract additional qualified management. The loss of any of our executive officers or other key management employees, or our inability to recruit and retain qualified employees, could hurt our ability to operate and make it difficult to execute our acquisition and internal growth strategies. Further, the Allied Acquisition may negatively impact our ability to retain key personnel.

A change in vendor pricing and demand could adversely affect our income and gross margins.

Many of the products that we distribute are subject to price changes based upon manufacturers' raw material costs and other manufacturer pricing decisions. For example, as a distributor of residential roofing supplies, our business is sensitive to asphalt prices, which are highly volatile and often linked to oil prices, as oil is a significant input in asphalt production. Shingle prices have been volatile in recent years, partly due to volatility in asphalt prices. Historically, we have generally been able to pass increases in the prices of shingles on to our customers. Although we often are able to pass on manufacturers' price increases, our ability to pass on increases in costs and our ability to do so in a timely fashion depends on market conditions. The inability to pass along cost increases or a delay in doing so could result in lower operating margins. In addition, higher prices could impact demand for these products, resulting in lower sales volumes.

A change in vendor rebates could adversely affect our income and gross margins.

The terms on which we purchase products from many of our vendors entitle us to receive a rebate based on the volume of our purchases. These rebates effectively reduce our costs for products. If market conditions change, vendors may adversely change the terms of some or all of these programs. Although these changes would not affect the net recorded costs of product already purchased, it may lower our gross margins on products we sell and therefore the income we realize on such sales in future periods.

Cyclicality in our business and general economic conditions could result in lower revenues and reduced profitability.

A portion of the products we sell are for residential and non-residential construction. The strength of these markets depends on new housing starts and business investment, which are a function of many factors beyond our control, including credit and capital availability, interest rates, foreclosure rates, housing inventory levels and occupancy, changes in the tax laws, employment levels, consumer confidence and the health of the United States economy and mortgage markets. Economic downturns in the regions and markets we serve could result in lower revenues and, since many of our expenses are fixed, lower profitability. The challenging economic conditions in recent years, including tighter credit markets, have adversely affected demand for new residential and non-residential projects and, to a lesser extent, re-roofing projects, and may continue to negatively affect expenditures for roofing in the near term. Unfavorable changes in demographics, credit markets, consumer confidence, housing affordability, or housing inventory levels and occupancy, or a weakening of the United States economy or of any regional or local economy in which we operate could adversely affect consumer spending, result in decreased demand for our products, and adversely affect our business. In addition, instability in the economy and financial markets, including as a result of terrorism or civil or political unrest, may result in a decrease in housing starts, which would adversely affect our business.

Seasonality and weather-related conditions may have a significant impact on our financial results from period to period

The demand for our outdoor building materials is heavily correlated to both seasonal changes and unpredictable weather patterns. Seasonal demand fluctuations are expected, such as in our second quarter, when winter construction cycles and cold weather patterns have an adverse impact on new construction and re-roofing activity. The timing of weather patterns (unseasonable temperatures) and severe weather events (hurricanes and storms) may impact our financial results within a given period either positively or negatively, making it difficult to accurately forecast our results of operations. We expect that these seasonal and weather-related variations will continue in the near future.

If we encounter difficulties with our management information systems, we could experience problems with inventory, collections, customer service, cost control and business plan execution.

We believe our management information systems are a competitive advantage in maintaining our leadership position in the roofing distribution industry. However, if we experience problems with our management information systems, we could experience, among other things, product shortages and/or an increase in accounts receivable aging. Any failure by us to properly maintain and protect our management information systems could adversely impact our ability to attract and serve customers and could cause us to incur higher operating costs and experience delays in the execution of our business plan.

Since we rely heavily on information technology both in serving our customers and in our enterprise infrastructure in order to achieve our objectives, we may be vulnerable to damage or intrusion from a variety of deliberate cyber-attacks carried out by insiders or third parties, including computer viruses, worms or other malicious software programs that may access our systems. Despite the precautions we take to mitigate the risks of such events, an attack on our enterprise information technology system could result in theft or disclosure of our proprietary or confidential information or a breach of confidential customer or employee information. Such events could have an adverse impact on revenue, harm our reputation, and cause us to incur significant legal liability and costs to address and remediate such events and related security concerns.

An impairment of goodwill and/or other intangible assets could reduce net income.

Acquisitions frequently result in the recording of goodwill and other intangible assets. We recorded significant additional goodwill and other intangible assets upon consummation of the Allied Acquisition. At September 30, 2018, goodwill represented approximately 38.3% of our total assets. Goodwill is not amortized for financial reporting purposes and is subject to impairment testing at least annually using a fair-value based approach. The identification and measurement of goodwill impairment involves the estimation of the fair value of our reporting units. Our accounting for impairment contains uncertainty because management must use judgment in determining appropriate assumptions to be used in the measurement of fair value. We determine the fair values of our reporting units by using a qualitative approach.

We evaluate the recoverability of goodwill for impairment in between our annual tests when events or changes in circumstances, including a sustained decline in our market capitalization, indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable. Any impairment of goodwill will reduce net income in the period in which the impairment is recognized.

We might need to raise additional capital, which may not be available, thus limiting our growth prospects.

In the future we may require equity or additional debt financing in order to consummate an acquisition, for additional working capital for expansion, or if we suffer more than seasonally expected losses. In the event such additional financing is unavailable to us on commercially attractive terms or at all, we may be unable to expand or make acquisitions or pursue other growth opportunities.

Major disruptions in the capital and credit markets may impact both the availability of credit and business conditions.

If the financial institutions that have extended credit commitments to us are adversely affected by major disruptions in the capital and credit markets, they may become unable to fund borrowings under those credit commitments. This could have an adverse impact on our financial condition since we need to borrow funds at times for working capital, acquisitions, capital expenditures and other corporate purposes.

Major disruptions in the capital and credit markets could also lead to broader economic downturns, which could result in lower demand for our products and increased incidence of customers' inability to pay their accounts. The majority of

our net sales volume is facilitated through the extension of trade credit to our customers. Additional customer bankruptcies or similar events caused by such broader downturns may result in a higher level of bad debt expense than we have historically experienced. Also, our suppliers may be impacted, causing potential disruptions or delays of product availability. These events would adversely impact our results of operations, cash flows and financial position.

Our level and terms of indebtedness could adversely affect our ability to raise additional capital to fund our operations, take advantage of new business opportunities, and prevent us from meeting our obligations under our debt instruments.

As of September 30, 2018, we had \$1.3 billion in aggregate principal amount of our 4.875% senior notes due in 2025 outstanding, \$300.0 million in aggregate principal amount of our 6.375% senior notes due in 2023 outstanding, \$930.3 million outstanding under our senior secured term loan due in 2025, \$92.4 million drawn under our asset-based revolving line of credit with a 2023 maturity date, and \$23.6 million of total other indebtedness. Our substantial debt could have important consequences to us, including:

- increasing our vulnerability to general economic and industry conditions;
- requiring a substantial portion of our cash flow used in operations to be dedicated to the payment of principal and interest on our indebtedness, therefore reducing our liquidity and our ability to use our cash flow to fund our operations, capital expenditures and future business opportunities;
- exposing us to the risk of increased interest rates, and corresponding increased interest expense, because borrowings under our asset-based revolving line of credit and term loan are at variable rates of interest;
- reducing funds available for working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and other general corporate purposes, due to the costs and expenses associated with such debt;
- making it more difficult to satisfy our obligations under the terms of our indebtedness;
- 4 imiting our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, debt service requirements, acquisitions, and general corporate or other purposes; and
- 4 imiting our ability to adjust to changing marketplace conditions and placing us at a competitive disadvantage compared to our competitors who may have less debt.

In addition, the debt agreements that currently govern our asset-based revolving line of credit and term loan and the indentures governing our outstanding senior notes impose significant operating and financial restrictions on us, including limitations on our ability to, among other things, pay dividends and make other distributions on, or redeem or repurchase, capital stock; make certain investments; incur certain liens; enter into transactions with affiliates; merge or consolidate; enter into agreements that restrict the ability of our subsidiaries to make dividends or other payments to Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.; and transfer or sell assets. In addition, the terms of our preferred stock contain restrictions on our ability to pay dividends on our common stock, and the holders of such shares would participate in any declared common stock dividends, reducing the cash available to holders of common stock. As a result of these restrictions, we will be limited as to how we conduct our business and we may be unable to raise additional debt or equity financing to compete effectively or to capitalize on available business opportunities.

If our cash flows and capital resources are insufficient to fund our debt service obligations, we may be forced to reduce or delay capital expenditures, sell assets, seek additional capital, or restructure or refinance our indebtedness. These alternative measures may not be successful and may not permit us to meet our scheduled debt service obligations, which could cause us to default on our debt obligations and impair our liquidity. In the event of a default under any of our indebtedness, the holders of the defaulted debt could elect to declare all the funds borrowed to be due and payable, together with accrued and unpaid interest, which in turn could result in cross-defaults under our other indebtedness. The lenders under our asset-based revolving line of credit could also elect to terminate their commitments thereunder and cease making further loans, and the lenders under the asset-based revolving line of credit and term loan could institute foreclosure proceedings against their collateral, which could potentially force us into bankruptcy or liquidation.

Despite our current level of indebtedness, we may be able to incur substantially more debt and enter into other transactions which could further exacerbate the risks to our financial condition described above.

We may be able to incur significant additional indebtedness in the future. Although the debt agreements that currently govern our asset-based revolving line of credit, term loan, outstanding senior notes and other debt instruments contain restrictions on the incurrence of additional indebtedness and entering into certain types of other transactions, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and exceptions. Additional indebtedness incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. These restrictions also do not prevent us from incurring obligations, such as trade payables, that do not constitute indebtedness as defined under our debt instruments. To the extent we incur additional indebtedness or other obligations, the risks described in the immediately preceding risk factor and others described herein may increase.

#### Risks Related to our Preferred Stock

The holders of Preferred Stock issued in connection with the Allied Acquisition have rights, preferences and privileges that are not held by, and are preferential to, the rights of, our common shareholders. We may be required, under certain circumstances, to repurchase the preferred stock for cash, and such obligations could adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition.

On January 2, 2018 we issued 400,000 shares of Series A Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock") to CD&R Boulder Holdings, L.P. (the "CD&R Stockholder"), an entity affiliated with the investment firm Clayton, Dubilier & Rice LLC, pursuant to an Investment Agreement dated August 24, 2017 (the "Investment Agreement"). The proceeds of the issuance were used to partially finance the Allied Acquisition. The Preferred Stock is convertible perpetual participating preferred stock of Beacon, with an initial conversion price of \$41.26 per share, and accrues dividends at a rate of 6.0% per annum (payable in cash or in-kind, subject to specified limitations). The Preferred Stock may be converted at any time at the option of the holder into 9,694,619 shares of our common stock, which would represent approximately 12.5% of our outstanding shares of common stock as of September 30, 2018 (giving effect to the conversion). In addition, under the terms of the Preferred Stock, we may, at our option, force the conversion of all (but not less than all) of the outstanding shares of Preferred Stock to common stock if at any time the market price of our common stock exceeds 200% of the then-effective conversion price per share for at least 75 days out of any trailing 90-trading day period. Any conversion of the Preferred Stock may significantly dilute our common shareholders and adversely affect both our net income per share and the market price of our common stock.

If we issue additional shares of Preferred Stock as "in-kind" dividend payments that, together with the 400,000 shares of Preferred Stock issued to the CD&R Stockholder, represent in excess of 12,071,937 shares of our common stock on an as-converted basis, and in certain other circumstances as provided in the Preferred Stock certificate of designations, a "Triggering Event" would occur. Upon the occurrence of a "Triggering Event," the dividend rate will increase to 9.0% per annum for so long as the Triggering Event remains in effect, which will further dilute our common shareholders if we issue additional shares of Preferred Stock to satisfy our dividend payment obligations. Moreover, if we declare or pay a cash dividend on our common stock, we will be required to declare and pay a dividend on the outstanding Preferred Stock on a pro rata basis with the common shares determined on an as-converted basis at the time the dividend is declared. The maximum number of shares of common stock into which the Preferred Stock may be converted (taking into account any shares of Preferred Stock issued as in-kind dividend payments) will be limited to 12,071,937 shares of our common stock, which represents 19.99% of the total number of shares of common stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the execution of the Investment Agreement, unless and until we were to obtain shareholder approval of such issuance under the Nasdaq listing rules. The terms of the Investment Agreement and Preferred Stock do not require us to obtain shareholder approval in these circumstances.

Holders of the Preferred Stock generally are entitled to vote with the holders of the shares of common stock on an as converted basis on all matters submitted for a vote of holders of shares of common stock, voting together with the holders of shares of common stock as one class (subject to the limitation that any one Preferred Stock holder, together with its affiliates, cannot vote any shares in excess of 19.99% of the aggregate voting power of the common stock outstanding immediately prior to the execution of the Investment Agreement). The prior written consent of the holders of a majority of the Preferred Stock is required to, among other things, (i) amend or modify our charter, by-laws or the certificate of designations governing the Preferred Stock that would adversely affect the Preferred Stock or (ii) amend our debt agreements to, among other things, adversely affect our ability to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock, subject to certain exceptions.

The conversion price of the Preferred Stock is subject to customary anti-dilution adjustments, including in the event of any stock split, stock dividend, recapitalization or similar event. Adjustments to the conversion price could dilute the ownership interest of our common shareholders. In addition, holders of Preferred Stock have the right to receive a liquidation preference entitling them to be paid out of our assets available for distribution to shareholders, before any payment may be made to holders of shares of common stock, an amount equal to the greater of (a) 100% of the liquidation preference thereof plus all accrued and unpaid dividends or (b) the amount that such holder would have been entitled to receive upon our liquidation, dissolution and winding up if all outstanding shares of Preferred Stock had been converted into common stock immediately prior to such liquidation, dissolution or winding up, without regard to any of the limitations on conversion or convertibility.

Furthermore, the holders of the Preferred Stock will have certain redemption rights, including upon certain change of control events involving us, which, if exercised, could require us to repurchase all of the outstanding Preferred Stock for cash at the original purchase price of the Preferred Stock plus all accrued and unpaid dividends thereon. Our obligations to pay regular dividends to the holders of the Preferred Stock or any required repurchase of the outstanding Preferred Stock could impact our liquidity and reduce the amount of cash available for working capital, capital expenditures, growth opportunities, acquisitions, and other general corporate purposes. Our obligations to the holders of Preferred Stock could also limit our ability to obtain additional financing or increase our borrowing costs, which could have an adverse effect on our financial condition. The preferential rights could also result in divergent interests between the holders of the Preferred Stock and our common shareholders.

Following the expiration of an 18-month lock-up period on July 2, 2019, the CD&R Stockholder may sell shares of our common stock in the public market, which may cause the market price of our common stock to decrease, and therefore make it more difficult to raise equity financing or issue equity as consideration in an acquisition.

Our registration rights agreement with the CD&R Stockholder requires us to register all shares held by the CD&R Stockholder and its permitted transferees (including shares of our common stock issued upon conversion of Preferred Stock) under the Securities Act promptly following the expiration of an 18-month lock-up period on July 2, 2019. The registration rights for the CD&R Stockholder will allow it to sell its shares without compliance with the volume and manner of sale limitations under Rule 144 promulgated under the Securities Act and will facilitate the resale of such securities into the public market. The market value of our common stock could decline as a result of sales by the CD&R Stockholder from time to time. In particular, the sale of a substantial number of our shares by the CD&R Stockholder within a short period of time, or the perception that such sale might occur, could cause our stock price to decrease, make it more difficult for us to raise funds through future offerings of Beacon common stock or acquire other businesses using Beacon common stock as consideration.

The CD&R Stockholder holds a significant equity interest in our business and may exercise significant influence over us, including through its ability to designate up to two directors to our board of directors, and its interests as a preferred equity holder may diverge from, or even conflict with, the interests of our common shareholders.

The CD&R Stockholder beneficially owns Preferred Stock convertible into 9,694,619 shares of common stock, or approximately 12.5% of our outstanding common stock as of September 30, 2018. In addition, the CD&R Stockholder owns 314,400 shares of common stock purchased in the open market with cash dividends paid on the Preferred Stock. The terms of the Investment Agreement permit the C&R Stockholder to acquire additional shares of common stock in the open market with future cash dividends paid on the Preferred Stock or as otherwise consented to by our board of directors. As a result, the CD&R Stockholder may have the indirect ability to significantly influence our policies and operations. In addition, under the Investment Agreement, the CD&R Stockholder is entitled to appoint up to two directors to our board of directors (Nathan K. Sleeper and Philip W. Knisely currently serve as the CD&R Stockholder designees). Notwithstanding that all directors will be subject to fiduciary duties to us and to applicable law, the interests of the directors designated by the CD&R Stockholder may differ from the interests of our other directors or

common shareholders as a whole. With such representation on our board of directors, the CD&R Stockholder has influence over the appointment of management and any action requiring the vote of our board of directors, including significant corporate action such as mergers and sales of substantially all of our assets. The directors controlled by the CD&R Stockholder will also be able to influence decisions affecting our capital structure, including decisions to issue additional capital stock and incur additional debt. Additionally, for so long as the CD&R Stockholder owns Preferred Stock, the following matters will require the approval of the CD&R Stockholder: (1) amendments or modifications to our charter, by-laws or the certificate of designations governing the Preferred

Stock that would adversely affect the Preferred Stock, (2) authorization, creation, increase in the authorized amount of, or issuance of any class or series of senior or parity equity securities or any security convertible into, shares of senior or parity equity securities (but not junior securities), (3) any increase or decrease in the authorized number of shares of Preferred Stock or the issuance of additional shares of Preferred Stock, (4) amendments to our debt agreements that would, among other things, adversely affect our ability to pay dividends on the Preferred Stock, subject to certain exceptions, and (5) the liquidation, dissolution or filing of a voluntary petition for bankruptcy or receivership. The CD&R Stockholder and its affiliates are in the business of making or advising on investments in companies, including businesses that may directly or indirectly compete with certain portions of our business. In addition, the CD&R Stockholder may have an interest in pursuing acquisitions, divestitures, financings or other transactions that, in their judgment, could enhance their equity investments and have a negative impact to our common shareholders. Furthermore, the CD&R Stockholder may, in the future, own businesses that directly or indirectly compete with us. The CD&R Stockholder may also pursue acquisition opportunities that may be complementary to our business, and as a result, those acquisition opportunities may not be available to us.

#### ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

#### ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

As of October 31, 2018, we leased 526 branch facilities and 15 non-branch facilities throughout the United States and Canada. These leased facilities range in size from approximately 2,000 to 348,000 square feet. In addition, as of October 31, 2018 we owned 22 branch facilities. These owned facilities range in size from 11,505 square feet to 68,000 square feet. We believe that our properties are in good operating condition and adequately serve our current business operations.

The following table summarizes the locations of our branches and facilities as of October 31, 2018:

| Location                   | Branches | Non-Branch<br>Facilities |
|----------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| U.S. State                 | Dianenes | 1 defittes               |
| Alabama                    | 7        |                          |
| Alaska                     | 1        |                          |
| Arizona                    | 5        |                          |
| Arkansas                   | 4        |                          |
| California                 | 50       |                          |
| Colorado                   | 20       |                          |
| Connecticut                | 7        | 1                        |
| Delaware                   | 3        |                          |
| Florida                    | 36       | 1                        |
| Georgia                    | 15       | 1                        |
| Hawaii                     | 11       |                          |
| Idaho                      | 2        |                          |
| Illinois                   | 15       |                          |
| Indiana                    | 8        |                          |
| Iowa                       | 3        |                          |
| Kansas                     | 4        |                          |
| Kentucky                   | 5        |                          |
| Louisiana                  | 9        |                          |
| Maine                      | 4        |                          |
| Maryland                   | 22       | 1                        |
| Massachusetts              | 15       |                          |
| Michigan                   | 13       |                          |
| Minnesota                  | 8        |                          |
| Mississippi                | 2        |                          |
| Missouri                   | 10       |                          |
| Montana                    | 1        |                          |
| Nebraska                   | 7        |                          |
| Nevada                     | 3        |                          |
| New Hampshire              | 2        | 0                        |
| New Jersey                 | 21       | 2                        |
| New Mexico                 | 1        |                          |
| New York<br>North Carolina | 19       | 2                        |
|                            | 24       | 2                        |
| North Dakota<br>Ohio       | 4        | 1                        |
| Oklahoma                   | 12 2     | 1                        |
|                            | 7        |                          |
| Oregon<br>Pennsylvania     | 33       |                          |
| Rhode Island               | 2        |                          |
| South Carolina             | 8        |                          |
| South Dakota               | 3        |                          |
| Tennessee                  | 9        |                          |
| Texas                      | 38       | 2                        |
| Utah                       | 6        | <u>د</u>                 |
| Otali                      | U        |                          |

| Vermont       | 1  |   |  |
|---------------|----|---|--|
| Virginia      | 16 | 1 |  |
| Washington    | 18 | 1 |  |
| West Virginia | 4  |   |  |

| Wisconsin         | 4               |    |
|-------------------|-----------------|----|
| Wyoming           | 2               |    |
| Total— United Sta | ate <b>§</b> 26 | 14 |
|                   |                 |    |
| Canadian Province |                 |    |
| Alberta           | 3               |    |
| British Columbia  | 4               |    |
| Nova Scotia       | 1               |    |
| Ontario           | 6               | 1  |
| Quebec            | 6               |    |
| Saskatchewan      | 2               |    |
| Total— Canada     | 22              | 1  |
|                   |                 |    |
| Total - All       | 548             | 15 |

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, we are involved in lawsuits that are brought against us in the normal course of business. We are not currently a party to any legal proceedings that would be expected, either individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on our business or financial condition.

## ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

#### PART II

# ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

Our common stock trades on the Nasdaq Global Select Market (the "Nasdaq") under the symbol "BECN". As of October 31, 2018, there were 89 registered holders of record of our common stock.

We have not paid cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate paying dividends in the foreseeable future. Our board of directors currently intends to retain any future earnings for reinvestment in our growing business. Any future determination to pay dividends will also be at the discretion of our board of directors and will be dependent upon our results of operations and cash flows, our financial position and capital requirements, general business conditions, legal, tax, regulatory and any contractual restrictions on the payment of dividends, and any other factors our board of directors deems relevant.

#### Stock Performance Graph

This stock performance graph shall not be deemed "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the SEC for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), or otherwise subject to the liabilities under that Section, and shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing of Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act. The performance of Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.'s common stock depicted in the stock performance graph represents historical results only, and is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

The following graph compares the cumulative total shareholder return on Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.'s common stock (based on market prices) for the last five fiscal years with the cumulative total return on (i) the Nasdaq Index and (ii) the S&P 1500 Trading Companies & Distributors Index, assuming a hypothetical \$100 investment in each on September 30, 2013 and the re-investment of all dividends. The closing price of our common stock on September 30, 2018, was \$36.19.

|   | Base INDEXED RETURNS Period Years Ended September 30, |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Company / Index                                 | 9/30/13   | 2014   | 2015   | 2016   | 2017   | 2018   |
| Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.                     | 100   | 69.11  | 88.12  | 114.10 | 139.00 | 98.16  |
| Nasdaq Index                                    | 100   | 120.61 | 125.43 | 146.03 | 180.62 | 226.08 |
| S&P 1500 Trading Companies & Distributors Index | 100   | 107.95 | 83.92  | 98.72  | 112.22 | 154.62 |

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

You should read the following selected financial information together with our financial statements and related notes and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" also included in this Form 10-K. We have derived the statement of operations data for the years ended September 30, 2018, September 30, 2017, and September 30, 2016, and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2018, and September 30, 2017, from our audited financial statements included in this Form 10-K. We have derived the statements of operations data for the years ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, and the balance sheet data as of September 30, 2016, September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, from our audited financial statements not included in this Form 10-K.

# Consolidated Statement of Operations Data:

| Year Ended September 30,                     |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|  | 2018        | 2017        | 2016        | 2015        | 2014        |  |  |
| Net sales                                    | \$6,418,311 | \$4,376,670 | \$4,127,109 | \$2,515,169 | \$2,326,905 |  |  |
| Cost of products sold                        | 4,824,990   | 3,300,731   | 3,114,040   | 1,919,804   | 1,799,065   |  |  |
| Gross profit                                 | 1,593,321   | 1,075,939   | 1,013,069   | 595,365     | 527,840     |  |  |
| Operating expense                            | 1,388,695   | 859,843     | 808,085     | 478,284     | 428,977     |  |  |
| Income (loss) from operations                | 204,626     | 216,096     | 204,984     | 117,081     | 98,863      |  |  |
| Interest expense, financing costs, and other | 136,544     | 52,751      | 58,452      | 11,037      | 10,095      |  |  |
| Income (loss) before provision for income    |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| taxes  | 68,082      | 163,345     | 146,532     | 106,044     | 88,768      |  |  |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes    | (30,544)    | 62,481      | 56,615      | 43,767      | 34,922      |  |  |
| Net income (loss)                            | \$98,626    | \$100,864   | \$89,917    | \$62,277    | \$53,846    |  |  |
| Dividends on preferred shares                | 18,000      | -           | -           | -           | -           |  |  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common     |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| shareholders                                 | \$80,626    | \$100,864   | \$89,917    | \$62,277    | \$53,846    |  |  |
|  |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| Weighted-average common stock                |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| outstanding:                                 |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| Basic  | 68,012,879  | 60,315,648  | 59,424,372  | 49,578,130  | 49,227,466  |  |  |
| Diluted                                      | 69,191,039  | 61,344,263  | 60,418,067  | 50,173,478  | 49,947,699  |  |  |
|  |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| Net income (loss) per share:                 |             |             |             |             |             |  |  |
| Basic  | \$1.07      | \$1.67      | \$1.51      | \$1.26      | \$1.09      |  |  |
| Diluted                                      | \$1.05      | \$1.64      | \$1.49      | \$1.24      | \$1.08      |  |  |

# Balance Sheet Data:

|   | September 30, |           |           |           |           |  |  |  |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
|   | 2018          | 2017      | 2016      | 2015      | 2014      |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$129,927     | \$138,250 | \$31,386  | \$45,661  | \$54,472  |  |  |  |
| Total assets                              | 6,508,662     | 3,449,557 | 3,113,859 | 1,539,428 | 1,433,896 |  |  |  |
| Total long-term indebtedness <sup>1</sup> | 2,606,096     | 750,233   | 1,117,711 | 192,567   | 216,460   |  |  |  |
| Total stockholders' equity                | 1,884,305     | 1,781,806 | 1,323,827 | 883,116   | 817,101   |  |  |  |

<sup>1</sup>Net of debt issuance costs

#### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

To provide investors with additional information regarding our financial results, we prepare certain financial measures that are not calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States ("GAAP"), specifically:

- Adjusted Net Income (Loss)/Adjusted EPS
- Adjusted EBITDA

We define Adjusted Net Income (Loss) as net income that excludes non-recurring acquisition costs, the amortization of intangibles, business restructuring costs, and the non-recurring effects of tax reform. Adjusted net income per share ("Adjusted EPS") is calculated by dividing the Adjusted Net Income (Loss) for the period by the weighted-average diluted shares outstanding for the period after assuming the full conversion of the participating Preferred Stock.

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income plus interest expense (net of interest income), income taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock-based compensation, non-recurring acquisition costs, and business restructuring costs. EBITDA is a measure commonly used in the distribution industry.

We use these supplemental measures to evaluate performance period over period and to analyze the underlying trends in our business and to establish operational goals and forecasts that are used in allocating resources. We expect to compute our non-GAAP financial measures consistently using the same methods each period.

We believe these non-GAAP measures are useful because they allow investors to better understand year-over-year changes in underlying operating performance. We believe that these non-GAAP measures provide investors and analysts with a measure of operating results unaffected by differences in capital structures and capital investment cycles among otherwise comparable companies. Further, we believe these measures are useful to investors because they improve comparability of results of operations since they eliminate the impact of purchase accounting adjustments that can render operating results non-comparable between periods. However, our calculations of these non-GAAP measures may not align with similarly titled measures reported by other companies.

Although we believe that these non-GAAP financial measures are useful in evaluating our business, this information should be considered as supplemental in nature and is not meant as a substitute for the related financial information prepared in accordance with GAAP. You should not consider any of these measures as a substitute alongside other financial performance measures presented in accordance with GAAP.

The following tables present a reconciliation of net income, the most directly comparable financial measure as measured in accordance with GAAP, to Adjusted Net Income (Loss)/Adjusted EPS and Adjusted EBITDA for each of the periods indicated (in thousands, except per share amounts):

Adjusted Net Income (Loss)/Adjusted EPS

|                                    | Year Ende | d Septem           | ber 30,   |                    |           |                    |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------|--------------------|
|                                    | 2018      |                    | 2017      |                    | 2016      |                    |
|                                    |           | Per                |           | Per                |           | Per                |
|                                    |           |                    |           |                    |           |                    |
|                                    | Amount    | Share <sup>1</sup> | Amount    | Share <sup>2</sup> | Amount    | Share <sup>3</sup> |
| Net income (loss)                  | \$98,626  | \$1.29             | \$100,864 | \$ 1.64            | \$89,917  | \$ 1.49            |
| Acquisition costs <sup>4</sup>     | 156,859   | 2.05               | 63,627    | 1.04               | 65,143    | 1.08               |
| Effects of tax reform <sup>5</sup> | (48,805)  | (0.64)             | -         | -                  | -         | -                  |
| Adjusted Net Income (Loss)         | \$206,680 | \$2.70             | \$164,491 | \$ 2.68            | \$155,060 | \$ 2.57            |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Per share amounts are calculated using the diluted weighted-average common stock outstanding totals for each respective period after assuming the full conversion of the participating Preferred Stock. The weighted-average share count utilized in the 2018 calculation of Adjusted EPS is 76,415,522. This amount is the 69,191,039 diluted weighted-average shares outstanding plus the assumed conversion of 7,224,483 weighted-average shares of participating Preferred Stock, which were excluded from the GAAP net income (loss) per share calculation for the period due to their anti-dilutive nature.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>The weighted-average share count utilized in the 2017 calculation of Adjusted EPS is 61,344,263. 25

Adjusted EBITDA

|                                     | Year Ended September 30, |           |           |  |  |  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|
|                                     | 2018                     | 2017      | 2016      |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss)                   | \$98,626                 | \$100,864 | \$89,917  |  |  |  |
| Acquisition costs <sup>1</sup>      | 54,441                   | 15,745    | 24,749    |  |  |  |
| Interest expense, net               | 143,074                  | 53,802    | 58,145    |  |  |  |
| Income taxes                        | (30,544)                 | 62,481    | 56,615    |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization       | 201,503                  | 116,467   | 100,191   |  |  |  |
| Stock-based compensation            | 16,473                   | 15,074    | 17,749    |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA                     | \$483,573                | \$364,433 | \$347,366 |  |  |  |
| Adjusted EBITDA as a % of net sales | 7.5 %                    | 8.3 %     | 8.4 %     |  |  |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Acquisition costs reflect non-recurring charges related to acquisitions (excluding the impact of tax) that are not embedded in other balances of the table. Certain portions of the total acquisition costs incurred are included in interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and stock-based compensation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>The weighted-average share count utilized in the 2016 calculation of Adjusted EPS is 60,418,067.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Acquisition costs for 2018 include 79.3 million of non-recurring charges related to acquisitions and 141.2 million of amortization expense related to intangibles, both net of 63.6 million in tax in total. Acquisition costs for 2017 include 21.2 million of non-recurring charges related to acquisitions and 82.5 million of amortization expense related to intangibles, both net of 40.0 million in tax in total. Acquisition costs for 2016 include 36.7 million of non-recurring charges related to acquisitions and 68.3 million of amortization expense related to intangibles, both net of 39.8 million in tax in total.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Impact of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 – see Note 12 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes and other financial information appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. All references to "2018," "2017" and "2016" are referring to the twelve month period ended September 30 for each of those respective fiscal years. The following discussion may contain forward-looking statements that reflect our plans and expectation. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated by these forward-looking statements due to the factors discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, particularly in the "Risk Factors" section. We do not undertake, and specifically disclaim, any obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect the occurrence of events or circumstances after the date of such statements except as required by law.

#### Overview

We are the largest publicly traded distributor of residential and non-residential roofing materials in the United States and Canada. We also distribute complementary building products, including siding, windows, specialty exterior building products, insulation, and waterproofing systems, wallboard and acoustical ceiling tiles. We are among the oldest and most established distributors in the industry. We purchase products from a large number of manufacturers and then distribute these goods to a customer base consisting of contractors and, to a lesser extent, general contractors, retailers, and building materials suppliers.

As of September 30, 2018, we operated 549 branches throughout all 50 states in the U.S. and 6 provinces in Canada. We stock one of the most extensive assortments of high quality branded products in the industry with approximately 90,000 SKUs available across our branch network, enabling us to deliver products to serve over 100,000 customers on a timely basis.

On January 2, 2018, we finalized the acquisition of Allied Building Products Corp. ("Allied"), a New Jersey Corporation, for approximately \$2.625 billion, subject to working capital and other adjustments. As of September 30, 2018, the adjusted purchase price for Allied was \$2.88 billion, and purchase accounting entries had not yet been finalized. Headquartered in East Rutherford, New Jersey, Allied was one of the country's largest exterior and interior building products distributors, distributing products across 208 locations in 31 states in the U.S. with a strong presence in New York, New Jersey, Florida, California, Hawaii and the upper Midwest at the time of the acquisition. We believe the acquisition of Allied was a strategically and financially compelling transaction that expanded our geographic footprint, enhanced our scale and market presence, diversified our product offerings, and positioned us to provide new growth opportunities that will increase our long-term profitability.

Effective execution of both the sales and operating plans enables us to grow beyond the relative strength of the markets we serve. Our business model is a bottom-up approach, where each of our branches uses its regional knowledge and experience to assist with the development of a marketing plan and stocking a product mix that is best suited for its respective market. Local alignment with overall strategic goals provides the foundation for significant ownership of results at the branch level.

Our distinctive operational model combined with significant branch level autonomy differentiates us from the competition. We provide our customers with value-added services, including, but not limited to, job site delivery, custom designed tapered roofing systems, metal fabrication, and trade credit. We consider customer relations and our employees' knowledge of roofing and building materials to be vital to our ability to increase customer loyalty and maintain customer satisfaction. Our customers' business success can be enhanced when they are supported by our efficient and effective distribution network. We invest significant resources in professional development, management skills, product knowledge and operational proficiency. We pride ourselves on providing these capabilities developed on a foundation of continuous improvement driving service excellence, productivity and efficiencies.

We seek opportunities to expand our business operations through both acquisitions and organic growth (opening branches, growing sales with existing customers, adding new customers and introducing new products). Our main acquisition strategy is to target market leaders that do business in geographic areas that we currently do not service or that complement our existing regional operations. In addition to our acquisition of Allied, our recent success in delivering on our growth strategy is highlighted by the following:

On December 16, 2016, we purchased certain assets of BJ Supply Company, a distributor of roofing and related building products with 1 branch serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey and annual sales of approximately \$4 million. On January 3, 2017, we acquired American Building & Roofing, Inc., a distributor of mainly residential roofing and related building products with 7 branches around Washington State and annual sales of approximately \$36 million. On January 9, 2017, we acquired Eco Insulation Supply, a distributor of insulation and related accessories with 1 branch serving Connecticut, Southern New England and the New York City metropolitan area and annual sales of approximately \$8 million.

• On March 1, 2017, we acquired Acme Building Materials, Inc., a distributor of residential roofing and related building products with 3 branches in Eastern Michigan and annual sales of approximately \$13 million.

On May 1, 2017, we purchased certain assets of Lowry's Inc., a distributor of waterproofing and concrete restoration materials with 11 branches operating in California, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii and annual sales of approximately \$76 million.

On May 1, 2018, we acquired Tri-State Builder's Supply, a wholesale supplier of roofing, siding, windows, doors and related building products with 1 branch located in Duluth, Minnesota and annual sales of approximately \$6 million.

• On July 16, 2018, we acquired Atlas Supply, Inc., the Pacific Northwest's leading distributor of sealants, coatings, adhesives and related waterproofing products, with 6 branches operating in Seattle, Tacoma, and Mountlake Terrace in Washington, as well as locations in Portland, Oregon and Boise, Idaho, and annual sales of approximately \$37 million.

In addition, we opened three new branches in 2018, four new branches in 2017, and one new branch in 2016. These eight new branch locations allow us to penetrate deeper into our existing markets and establish a greater presence.

#### General

We sell all materials necessary to install, replace and repair residential and non-residential roofs, including:

- Shingles, standard and specialty;
- Single-ply roofing;
- Metal roofing and accessories;
- Modified bitumen;
- Built-up roofing;
- Insulation;
- Slate and tile roofing;
- Fasteners, coatings and cements; and
- Other roofing accessories.

We also sell complementary building products such as:

- Vinyl, wood and fiber cement siding;
- Doors, windows and millwork;
- Decking and railing;
- Building insulation;
- Waterproofing systems;
- Wallboard; and
- Acoustical ceiling tiles.

We serve over 100,000 customers, none of which individually represents more than 1% of our total net sales. Many of our customers are small to mid-size contractors with relatively limited capital resources. We maintain strict credit review and approval policies, which has helped to keep losses from uncollectible customer receivables within our expectations. Our expenses consist primarily of the cost of products purchased for resale, labor, fleet, occupancy, and selling and administrative expenses.

# **Results of Operations**

The following tables set forth consolidated statement of operations data and such data as a percentage of total net sales for the periods presented (in thousands):

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|
|   | 2018                     | 2017        | 2016        |  |  |
| Net sales   | \$6,418,311              | \$4,376,670 | \$4,127,109 |  |  |
| Cost of products sold                                 | 4,824,990                | 3,300,731   | 3,114,040   |  |  |
| Gross profit  | 1,593,321                | 1,075,939   | 1,013,069   |  |  |
| Operating expense:                                    |                          |             |             |  |  |
| Selling, general and administrative                   | 1,187,192                | 743,376     | 707,893     |  |  |
| Depreciation  | 60,318                   | 34,002      | 31,876      |  |  |
| Amortization  | 141,185                  | 82,465      | 68,316      |  |  |
| Total operating expense                               | 1,388,695                | 859,843     | 808,085     |  |  |
| Income (loss) from operations                         | 204,626                  | 216,096     | 204,984     |  |  |
| Interest expense, financing costs, and other          | 136,544                  | 52,751      | 58,452      |  |  |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes       | 68,082                   | 163,345     | 146,532     |  |  |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes             | (30,544)                 | 62,481      | 56,615      |  |  |
| Net income (loss)                                     | 98,626                   | 100,864     | 89,917      |  |  |
| Dividends on preferred shares                         | 18,000                   | -           | -           |  |  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders | 80,626                   | 100,864     | 89,917      |  |  |
|   |                          |             |             |  |  |

|   | Year Ended September 30, |    |       |    |       | ,  |
|---|--------------------------|----|-------|----|-------|----|
|   | 2018                     |    | 2017  |    | 2016  |    |
| Net sales   | 100.0                    | )% | 100.0 | )% | 100.0 | )% |
| Cost of products sold                                 | 75.2                     | %  | 75.4  | %  | 75.5  | %  |
| Gross profit  | 24.8                     | %  | 24.6  | %  | 24.5  | %  |
| Operating expense:                                    |                          |    |       |    |       |    |
| Selling, general and administrative                   | 18.5                     | %  | 16.9  | %  | 17.1  | %  |
| Depreciation  | 0.9                      | %  | 0.8   | %  | 0.8   | %  |
| Amortization  | 2.2                      | %  | 1.9   | %  | 1.7   | %  |
| Total operating expense                               | 21.6                     | %  | 19.6  | %  | 19.6  | %  |
| Income (loss) from operations                         | 3.2                      | %  | 5.0   | %  | 4.9   | %  |
| Interest expense, financing costs, and other          | 2.1                      | %  | 1.2   | %  | 1.4   | %  |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes       | 1.1                      | %  | 3.8   | %  | 3.5   | %  |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes             | (0.4)                    | %) | 1.5   | %  | 1.3   | %  |
| Net income (loss)                                     | 1.5                      | %  | 2.3   | %  | 2.2   | %  |
| Dividends on preferred shares                         | 0.2                      | %  | 0.0   | %  | 0.0   | %  |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders | 1.3                      | %  | 2.3   | %  | 2.2   | %  |

In managing our business, we consider all growth, including the opening of new branches, to be organic growth unless it results from an acquisition. When we refer to growth in existing markets or organic growth, we include growth from existing and newly opened branches but exclude growth from acquired branches until they have been under our ownership for at least four full fiscal quarters at the start of the fiscal reporting period. We believe the existing market information is useful to investors because it helps explain organic growth or decline. When we refer to regions, we are referring to our geographic regions. When we refer to our net product costs, we are referring to our invoice cost less the impact of short-term buying programs (also referred to as "special buys" given the manner in which they are offered).

As of September 30, 2018, we had a total of 549 branches in operation. Our existing market calculations include 315 branches and exclude 234 branches that were acquired after the start of fiscal year 2017.

## 2018 vs. 2017

The following table summarizes our results of operations by market type (existing and acquired) for the periods presented (in thousands):

|                                      | Existing Markets Year Ended September 30, |             | Acquired Mar | kets      | Consolidated |             |  |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|-------------|--|
|                                      | 2018                                      | 2017        | 2018         | 2017      | 2018         | 2017        |  |
| Net sales                            | \$3,900,455                               | \$3,880,952 | \$2,517,856  | \$495,718 | \$6,418,311  | \$4,376,670 |  |
|                                      |   |             |              |           |              |             |  |
| Gross profit                         | \$933,798                                 | \$945,494   | \$659,523    | \$130,445 | \$1,593,321  | \$1,075,939 |  |
| Gross margin                         | 23.9 %                                    | 24.4 %      | 26.2 %       | 26.3 %    | 24.8 %       | 24.6 %      |  |
|                                      |   |             |              |           |              |             |  |
| Operating expense:                   |   |             |              |           |              |             |  |
| Selling, general, and administrative | \$710,112                                 | \$659,970   | \$477,080    | \$83,406  | \$1,187,192  | \$743,376   |  |

| Depreciation                         | 30,823    | 29,993    | 29,495    | 4,009     | 60,318      | 34,002    |   |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------|---|
| Amortization                         | 54,540    | 66,250    | 86,645    | 16,215    | 141,185     | 82,465    |   |
| Operating expense <sup>(1)</sup>     | \$795,475 | \$756,213 | \$593,220 | \$103,630 | \$1,388,695 | \$859,843 |   |
| Operating expense as a % of no sales | et 20.4   | % 19.5    | % 23.6    | % 20.9 %  | 21.6 %      | 19.6      | % |
|                                      |           |           |           |           |             |           |   |
| Operating income (loss)              | \$138,324 | \$189,281 | \$66,302  | \$26,815  | \$204,626   | \$216,096 |   |
| Operating margin                     | 3.5       | % 4.9     | % 2.6     | % 5.4 %   | 3.2         | 5.0       | % |

<sup>1</sup>Total operating expense for 2018 and 2017 included non-recurring charges of \$54.4 million (\$0.9 million from acquired markets) and \$15.7 million (None from acquired markets), respectively, for the recognition of certain costs related to acquisitions.

Net Sales

Consolidated net sales increased 2.04 billion, or 46.6%, to \$6.42 billion in 2018 from \$4.38 billion in 2017. Existing market sales increased 19.5 million, or 0.5%, over the same comparative period. We believe the increase in our 2018 existing market sales was influenced primarily by the following factors:

higher average selling prices across all major product lines;

increased average sales volume for our complementary product line; and

• high demand in Florida and Texas following Hurricanes Irma and Harvey, respectively;

partially offset by:

decreased average volume for our residential product line; and

below-average hail demand and decreased storm activity compared to 2017.

Existing markets net sales by geographical region increased (decreased) from 2017 to 2018 as follows: Northeast 7.2%; Mid-Atlantic 1.1%; Southeast 11.2%; Southwest (6.2%); Midwest (10.3%); West 3.2%; and Canada 0.7%. Net sales within our acquired markets were 2.52 billion in 2018, an increase from 2017 primarily due to the impact from the acquisition of Allied.

We estimate the impact of inflation or deflation on our sales and gross profit by looking at changes in our average selling prices and gross margins (discussed below). Average overall selling prices in existing markets were up over 3-4% in 2018 compared to 2017, driven primarily by price increases across all product lines and highlighted by an increase in complementary product pricing of over 5%.

Product line sales for our existing markets were as follows (in thousands):

|                                  | Year Ended  | Septembe | er 30,      |        |            |        |
|----------------------------------|-------------|----------|-------------|--------|------------|--------|
|                                  | 2018        |          | 2017        |        | Change     |        |
|                                  | Net Sales   | %        | Net Sales   | %      | \$         | %      |
| Residential roofing products     | \$2,046,899 | 52.5 %   | \$2,096,474 | 54.1 % | \$(49,575) | (2.4%) |
| Non-residential roofing products | 1,189,085   | 30.5 %   | 1,169,696   | 30.1 % | 19,389     | 1.7 %  |
| Complementary building products  | 664,471     | 17.0 %   | 614,782     | 15.8 % | 49,689     | 8.1 %  |
| Total existing market sales      | \$3,900,455 | 100.0%   | \$3,880,952 | 100.0% | \$19,503   | 0.5 %  |

For 2018, our acquired markets recognized sales of \$751.9 million, \$446.9 million and \$1.32 billion in residential roofing products, non-residential roofing products and complementary building products, respectively. The combination of our 2018 existing market sales of \$3.90 billion plus the sales from acquired markets of \$2.52 billion equals our total 2018 sales of \$6.42 billion. We believe the existing market information is useful to investors because it helps explain organic growth or decline.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit and gross margin for our consolidated and existing markets were as follows (in thousands):

|                                 | Year Ended                        | 1 |             |   |           |         |  |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|-------------|---|-----------|---------|--|
|                                 | September 30, Change <sup>1</sup> |   |             |   |           |         |  |
|                                 | 2018                              |   | 2017        |   | \$        | %       |  |
| Gross profit - consolidated     | \$1,593,321                       |   | \$1,075,939 | ) | \$517,382 | 48.1%   |  |
| Gross profit - existing markets | 933,798                           |   | 945,494     |   | (11,696)  | (1.2 %) |  |
| Gross margin - consolidated     | 24.8                              | % | 24.6        | % | N/A       | 0.2 %   |  |
| Gross margin - existing markets | 23.9                              | % | 24.4        | % | N/A       | (0.5 %) |  |

<sup>1</sup>Percentage changes for dollar amounts represent the ratable increase or decrease from period-to-period. Percentage changes for percentages represent the net period-to-period change in basis points.

Our consolidated gross profit increased \$517.4 million, or 48.1%, to \$1.59 billion in 2018. Existing market gross profit decreased \$11.7 million, or 1.2%, to \$933.8 million in 2018, and gross profit within our acquired markets was \$659.5 million for the same period. Consolidated gross margins were 24.8% in 2018, a 0.2% increase from 2017, and existing market gross margin decreased 0.5% over 2017, to 23.9%.

The decrease in existing market gross margin was primarily driven by an average product cost increase of greater than 4%, partially offset by a price increase of approximately 3-4% across all products over the comparative period as well as favorable product mix related to higher complementary sales volume. Consolidated gross margin was slightly higher than existing market gross margin, primarily due to the positive impact of recent acquisitions.

Consolidated direct sales (products shipped by our vendors directly to our customers), which typically have substantially lower gross margins (and operating expense) compared to our warehouse sales, represented 12.8% and 15.0% of our net sales in 2018 and 2017, respectively.

## Operating Expense

Operating expense for our consolidated and existing markets was as follows (in thousands):

|                                      | Year Ende   | d   |          |    |                     |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|-----|----------|----|---------------------|-------|
|                                      | September   | 30, |          |    | Change <sup>1</sup> |       |
|                                      | 2018        |     | 2017     |    | \$                  | %     |
| Operating expense - consolidated     | \$1,388,695 | 5   | \$859,84 | 13 | \$528,852           | 61.5% |
| Operating expense - existing markets | 795,475     |     | 756,21   | 3  | 39,262              | 5.2 % |
| % of net sales - consolidated        | 21.6        | %   | 19.6     | %  | N/A                 | 2.0 % |
| % of net sales - existing markets    | 20.4        | %   | 19.5     | %  | N/A                 | 0.9 % |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Percentage changes for dollar amounts represent the ratable increase or decrease from period-to-period. Percentage changes for percentages represent the net period-to-period change in basis points.

Operating expense in our existing markets increased by \$39.3 million, or 5.2% in 2018, to \$795.5 million, as compared to \$756.2 million in 2017, while operating expense within our acquired markets was \$593.2 million in 2018. The following factors were the leading causes of the increase in operating expense in our existing markets:

- an increase in general and administrative expense of \$39.6 million due to one-time costs incurred as part of the Allied acquisition;
- an increase in payroll and employee benefit costs of \$4.5 million due to higher insurance costs and higher salaries and wages from annual merit increases as well as additional headcount;
- an increase in selling expense of \$2.9 million due to higher sales volume and related costs; and
- an increase in bad debt expense of \$2.1 million due to a decrease in the rate of collections, particularly in the West region;

partially offset by:

a decrease in amortization expense of \$11.7 million due to the scheduled declining run-rate of intangible amortization related to the Roofing Supply Group ("RSG") acquisition.

During 2018 and 2017, we recorded amortization expense related to the intangible assets recorded under purchase accounting within our existing markets of \$54.5 million and \$66.3 million, respectively. Our existing markets operating expense as a percentage of the related net sales in 2018 was 20.4%, compared to 19.5% in 2017.

## Interest Expense, Financing Costs and Other

Interest expense, financing costs and other expense was \$136.5 million in 2018, as compared to \$52.8 million in 2017. The primary driver of the increase is the additional interest costs related to the higher average outstanding debt balance over the comparative periods stemming from acquisitions.

#### **Income Taxes**

There was an income tax benefit of \$30.5 million in 2018, as compared to a \$62.5 million income tax provision in 2017. The decrease in expense was primarily driven by lower corporate income tax rates and the revaluation of our deferred tax liabilities stemming from the enactment of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). Excluding the impact of tax reform and the adoption of new accounting guidance, our effective tax rate in 2018 was 30.7%, as compared to 38.3% in 2017.

### Net Income (Loss)/Net Income (Loss) Per Share

Net income was \$98.6 million in 2018, as compared to a net income of \$100.9 million in 2017. There were \$18.0 million of dividends on preferred shares in 2018 and none in 2017, making net income attributable to common shareholders of \$80.6 million in 2018, as compared to net income attributable to common shareholders of \$100.9 million in 2017. We calculate net income (loss) per share by dividing net income (loss), less dividends on preferred shares and adjustments for participating securities, by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per share is calculated by utilizing the most dilutive result after applying and comparing the two-class method and if-converted method (see Note 4 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion).

The following table presents all of the components utilized to calculate basic and diluted net income (loss) per share (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

|   | Year Ended S | September 30, |
|---|--------------|---------------|
|   | 2018         | 2017          |
| Net income (loss)   | \$98,626     | \$100,864     |
| Dividends on preferred shares   | (18,000      | ) -           |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders                                   | 80,626       | 100,864       |
| Undistributed income allocated to participating securities                              | (7,742       | ) -           |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders - basic and diluted (if-converted | \$72,884     | \$100,864     |
| method)   | \$ 72,004    | φ100,004      |
| Undistributed income allocated to participating securities                              | 7,742        | -             |
| Re-allocation of undistributed income to preferred shares                               | (7,623       | ) -           |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders - diluted (two-class method)      | \$73,003     | \$100,864     |
|   |              |               |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic                                      | 68,012,879   | 60,315,648    |
| Effect of common share equivalents  | 1,178,160    | 1,028,615     |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted (if-converted and two-class        |              |               |
| method)   | 69,191,039   | 61,344,263    |
|   |              |               |
| Net income (loss) per share - basic   | \$1.07       | \$1.67        |
| Net income (loss) per share - diluted (two-class method)                                | 1.06         | 1.64          |
| Net income (loss) per share - diluted (if-converted method)                             | 1.05         | 1.64          |
| 33  |              |               |

2017 vs. 2016

The following table summarizes our results of operations by market type (existing and acquired) for the periods presented (in thousands):

|                                       | Existing Markets Year Ended September 30, |   |             | Acquired Markets |           |   |           | Consolida |            |   |             |   |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|------------------|-----------|---|-----------|-----------|------------|---|-------------|---|
|                                       | 2017                                      |   | 2016        | ,                | 2017      |   | 2016      |           | 2017       |   | 2016        |   |
| Net sales                             | \$4,063,328                               | } | \$3,960,322 | 2                | \$313,342 | 2 | \$166,787 | 7         | \$4,376,67 | 0 | \$4,127,109 | 9 |
|                                       |   |   |             |                  |           |   |           |           |            |   |             |   |
| Gross profit                          | 986,691                                   |   | 969,705     |                  | 89,248    |   | 43,364    |           | 1,075,93   | 9 | 1,013,069   | 9 |
| Gross margin                          | 24.3                                      | % | 24.5        | %                | 28.5      | % | 26.0      | %         | 24.6       | % | 24.5        | % |
|                                       |   |   |             |                  |           |   |           |           |            |   |             |   |
| Operating expense:                    |   |   |             |                  |           |   |           |           |            |   |             |   |
| Selling, general, and                 | 683,170                                   |   | 676,053     |                  | 60,206    |   | 31,840    |           | 743,376    |   | 707,893     |   |
| administrative                        | 003,170                                   |   | 070,033     |                  | 00,200    |   | 31,040    |           | 743,370    |   | 707,073     |   |
| Depreciation                          | 30,957                                    |   | 29,976      |                  | 3,045     |   | 1,900     |           | 34,002     |   | 31,876      |   |
| Amortization                          | 68,167                                    |   | 61,850      |                  | 14,298    |   | 6,466     |           | 82,465     |   | 68,316      |   |
| Operating expense <sup>(1)</sup>      | 782,294                                   |   | \$767,879   |                  | \$77,549  |   | \$40,206  |           | \$859,843  |   | \$808,085   |   |
| Operating expense as a % of net sales | 19.3                                      | % | 19.4        | %                | 24.7      | % | 24.1      | %         | 19.6       | % | 19.6        | % |
|                                       |   |   |             |                  |           |   |           |           |            |   |             |   |
| Operating income (loss)               | \$204,398                                 |   | \$201,826   |                  | \$11,698  |   | \$3,158   |           | \$216,096  |   | \$204,984   |   |
| Operating margin                      | 5.0                                       | % | 5.1         | %                | 3.7       | % | 1.9       | %         | 5.0        | % | 4.9         | % |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Total operating expense for 2017 and 2016 included non-recurring charges of \$15.7 million (none from acquired markets) and \$29.1 million (none from acquired markets), respectively, for the recognition of certain costs related to acquisitions.

Net Sales

Consolidated net sales increased \$249.6 million, or 6.0%, to \$4.38 billion in 2017 from \$4.13 billion in 2016. Existing market sales increased \$103.0 million, or 2.6% over the same comparative periods. We believe the increase in our 2017 existing market sales were influenced primarily by the following factors:

- increased volume in our residential roofing and complementary products lines;
- increased levels of re-roofing activity; and
- continued strong storm activity across the Midwest and the impact of Hurricane Matthew; partially offset by:
- decreased volume in our non-residential product line; and
- lower residential and non-residential roofing average selling prices.

Existing markets net sales by geographical region increased (decreased) from 2016 to 2017 as follows: Northeast (3.0%); Mid-Atlantic 4.8%; Southeast 6.6%; Southwest (2.3%); Midwest 10.8%; West (4.7%); and Canada (0.2%). Net sales within our acquired markets were \$313.3 million in 2017, an increase from 2016 due to the sales impact from recent acquisitions.

We estimate the impact of inflation or deflation on our sales and gross profit by looking at changes in our average selling prices and gross margins (discussed below). Average overall selling prices in existing markets declined less

than 1% in 2017 compared to 2016, driven primarily by declines in residential and non-residential selling prices which were both down approximately 1% year-over-year. The average selling prices of complementary products increased more than 1% year-over-year. During the same period, net product costs for complementary products increased over 2%, while residential and non-residential net product costs decreased less than 1% year-over-year.

Product line sales for our existing markets were as follows (in thousands):

|                                  | Year Ended September 30, |       |               |       |             |        |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|---------------|-------|-------------|--------|--|--|--|
|                                  | 2017                     |       | 2016          |       | Change      |        |  |  |  |
|                                  | Net Sales                | %     | Net Sales     | %     | \$          | %      |  |  |  |
| Residential roofing products     | \$2,269,105              | 55.9  | % \$2,140,405 | 54.1  | % \$128,700 | 6.0 %  |  |  |  |
| Non-residential roofing products | 1,249,001                | 30.7  | % 1,307,731   | 33.0  | % (58,730)  | (4.5%) |  |  |  |
| Complementary building products  | s 545,222                | 13.4  | % 512,186     | 12.9  | % 33,036    | 6.5 %  |  |  |  |
| Total existing market sales      | \$4,063,328              | 100.0 | % \$3,960,322 | 100.0 | \$103,006   | 2.6 %  |  |  |  |

For 2017, our acquired markets recognized sales of \$111.3 million, \$24.2 million and \$177.9 million in residential roofing products, non-residential roofing products and complementary building products, respectively. The combination of our 2017 existing market sales of \$4.06 billion plus the sales from acquired markets of \$313.4 million equals our total 2017 sales of \$4.38 billion. We believe the existing market information is useful to investors because it helps explain organic growth or decline.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit and gross margin for our consolidated and existing markets were as follows (in thousands):

|                                 | Year Ended  |             |                     |        |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------|--|
|                                 | September : | 30,         | Change <sup>1</sup> |        |  |
|                                 | 2017        | 2016        | \$                  | %      |  |
| Gross profit - consolidated     | \$1,075,939 | \$1,013,069 | \$62,870            | 6.2 %  |  |
| Gross profit - existing markets | 986,691     | 969,705     | 16,986              | 1.8 %  |  |
| Gross margin - consolidated     | 24.6        | % 24.5 %    | N/A                 | 0.1 %  |  |
| Gross margin - existing markets | 24.3        | % 24.5 %    | N/A                 | (0.2%) |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Percentage changes for dollar amounts represent the ratable increase or decrease from period-to-period. Percentage changes for percentages represent the net period-to-period change in basis points.

Our consolidated gross profit increased \$62.9 million, or 6.2%, to \$1.08 billion in 2017. Existing market gross profit increased \$17.0 million, or 1.8%, over 2017, and gross profit within our acquired markets was \$89.2. Consolidated gross margins were 24.6% in 2017, a 0.1% increase from the prior year, and existing market gross margins slightly decreased 0.2% over 2017, to 24.3%.

Consolidated direct sales (products shipped by our vendors directly to our customers), which typically have substantially lower gross margins (and operating expense) compared to our warehouse sales, represented 15.0% and 15.8% of our net sales in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

#### **Operating Expense**

Operating expense for our consolidated and existing markets was as follows (in thousands):

|                                      | Year Ende | d         |                     |        |  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|--------|--|
|                                      | September | 30,       | Change <sup>1</sup> |        |  |
|                                      | 2017      | 2016      | \$                  | %      |  |
| Operating expense - consolidated     | \$859,843 | \$808,085 | \$51,758            | 6.4 %  |  |
| Operating expense - existing markets | 782,294   | 767,879   | 14,415              | 1.9 %  |  |
| % of net sales - consolidated        | 19.6      | 6 19.6 %  | N/A                 | 0.0 %  |  |
| % of net sales - existing markets    | 19.3 %    | 6 19.4 %  | N/A                 | (0.1%) |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Percentage changes for dollar amounts represent the ratable increase or decrease from period-to-period. Percentage changes for percentages represent the net period-to-period change in basis points.

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Operating expense in our existing markets increased by \$14.4 million, or 1.9% in 2017, to \$782.3 million, as compared to \$767.9 million in 2016, while operating expense within our acquired markets was \$77.5 million in 2017. The following factors were the leading causes of the increased operating expense in our existing markets:

- an increase in amortization expense of \$6.3 million due to the increased amortization of intangibles related to the RSG acquisition;
- an increase in general and administrative expense of \$5.3 million mainly due to acquisition and due diligence costs incurred in connection with our 2017 acquisitions and the pending Allied acquisition; and
- an increase in selling expense of \$3.1 million due to higher sales volume and related costs.

During 2017 and 2016, we recorded amortization expense related to the intangible assets recorded under purchase accounting within our existing markets of \$68.2 million and \$61.8 million, respectively. Our existing markets operating expense as a percentage of the related net sales in 2017 was 19.3%, compared to 19.4% in 2016.

Interest Expense, Financing Costs and Other

Interest expense, financing costs and other expense was \$52.8 million in 2017, as compared to \$58.5 million in 2016. The primary driver of the decrease is a \$4.3 million reduction in interest expense in 2017 related to the \$368.1 million decrease in total net debt outstanding and the September 2016 refinancing of our 2022 Term Loan.

#### Income Taxes

Income tax expense was \$62.5 million in 2017, compared to \$56.6 million in 2016. The increase in expense was primarily due to a \$16.8 million increase in pre-tax income. The effective tax rate decreased to 38.3% in 2017 from 38.6% in 2016, a change that was primarily driven by the reduction in professional fees related to the RSG acquisition that were non-deductible and increased the 2016 effective tax rate.

Net Income (Loss)/Net Income (Loss) Per Share

We declared no dividends on preferred shares in 2017 and 2016; therefore the methodology and amounts utilized in the calculation of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share can be seen in Note 4 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Seasonality

In general, sales and net income are highest during our first, third and fourth fiscal quarters, which represent the peak months of construction and re-roofing, especially in our branches in the northern and mid-western U.S. and in Canada. We have historically incurred low net income levels or net losses during the second quarter when our sales are substantially lower.

We generally experience an increase in inventory, accounts receivable and accounts payable during the third and fourth quarters of the year as a result of the seasonality of our business. Our peak cash usage generally occurs during the third quarter, primarily because accounts payable terms offered by our suppliers typically have due dates in April, May and June, while our peak accounts receivable collections typically occur from June through November.

We generally experience a slowing of our accounts receivable collections during our second quarter, mainly due to the inability of some of our customers to conduct their businesses effectively in inclement weather in certain divisions. We continue to attempt to collect those receivables, which require payment under our standard terms. We do not provide material concessions to our customers during this quarter of the year.

We generally experience our peak working capital needs during the third quarter after we build our inventories following the winter season but before we begin collecting on most of our spring receivables.

# Quarterly Financial Data

The following table sets forth certain unaudited quarterly data for 2018 and 2017 which, in the opinion of management, reflect all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of this data. Results of any one or more quarters are not necessarily indicative of results for an entire fiscal year or of continuing trends (in thousands, except per share amounts):

|  | 2018<br>Qtr 1 |   | Qtr 2      |    | Qtr 3       |   | Qtr 4       |   | 2017<br>Qtr 1 |   | Qtr 2    |    | Qtr 3      |   | Qtr 4      |   |
|--|---------------|---|------------|----|-------------|---|-------------|---|---------------|---|----------|----|------------|---|------------|---|
| Net sales                                | \$1,121,979   | ) | \$1,425,62 | 5  | \$1,934,951 | 1 | \$1,935,756 | 5 | \$1,002,18    | 4 | \$870,72 | 4  | \$1,213,89 | 4 | \$1,289,86 | 8 |
| % of year's sales                        | 17.5          | % | 22.2       | %  | 30.1        | % | 30.2        | % | 22.9          | % | 19.9     | %  | 27.7       | % | 29.5       | % |
| Gross profit                             | \$269,753     |   | \$338,377  |    | \$493,894   |   | \$491,297   |   | 251,067       |   | 204,47   | 7  | 297,754    |   | 322,641    |   |
| % of year's gross profit                 | 16.9          | % | 21.2       | %  | 31.0        | % | 30.8        | % | 23.3          | % | 19.0     | %  | 27.7       | % | 30.0       | % |
| Income (loss) from operations            | \$49,096      |   | \$(57,398  | )  | \$104,813   |   | \$108,115   |   | 46,957        |   | (3,056   | )  | 84,871     |   | 87,324     |   |
| % of year's income from operations       | 24.0          | % | (28.1      | %) | 51.2        | % | 52.8        | % | 21.7          | % | (1.4     | %) | 39.3       | % | 40.4       | % |
| Net income (loss)                        | \$67,596      |   | \$(66,655  | )  | \$49,375    |   | \$48,310    |   | 20,430        |   | (9,356   | )  | 44,659     |   | 45,131     |   |
| Dividends or preferred shares            | n<br>-        |   | 6,000      |    | 6,000       |   | 6,000       |   | -             |   | -        |    | -          |   | -          |   |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common |               |   |            |    |             |   |             |   |               |   |          |    |            |   |            |   |
| shareholders                             | \$67,596      |   | \$(72,655  | )  | \$43,375    |   | \$42,310    |   | \$20,430      |   | \$(9,356 | )  | \$44,659   |   | \$45,131   |   |
| Net income (loss) per share - basic      | \$1.00        |   | \$(1.07    | )  | \$0.56      |   | \$0.54      |   | \$0.34        |   | \$(0.16  | )  | \$0.74     |   | \$0.74     |   |
| Net income (loss) per share - diluted    | \$0.98        |   | \$(1.07    | )  | \$0.55      |   | \$0.54      |   | \$0.33        |   | \$(0.16  | )  | \$0.73     |   | \$0.73     |   |
|  |               |   |            |    |             |   |             |   |               |   |          |    |            |   |            |   |

# Impact of Inflation

We believe that our results of operations are not materially impacted by moderate changes in the economic inflation rate. In general, we have historically been successful in passing on price increases from our vendors to our customers in a timely manner. Following modest levels of price deflation in recent years, 2018 saw increased product inflation

from our suppliers. During periods of inflation, Beacon has a successful history of offsetting higher products costs with increased selling prices.

## Liquidity

Liquidity is defined as the current amount of readily available cash and the ability to generate adequate amounts of cash to meet the current needs for cash. We assess our liquidity in terms of our cash and cash equivalents on hand and the ability to generate cash to fund our operating activities, taking into consideration the seasonal nature of our business.

Our principal sources of liquidity as of September 30, 2018, were our cash and cash equivalents of \$129.9 million and our available borrowings of \$1.12 billion under our asset based lending revolving credit facility.

Significant factors which could affect future liquidity include the following:

- the adequacy of available bank lines of credit;
- the ability to attract long-term capital with satisfactory terms;
- eash flows generated from operating activities;
- acquisitions; and
- capital expenditures.

Our primary capital needs are for working capital obligations and other general corporate purposes, including acquisitions and capital expenditures. Our primary sources of working capital are cash from operations and cash equivalents supplemented by bank borrowings. In the past, we have financed larger acquisitions initially through increased bank borrowings and the issuance of common or preferred stock. We then repay any such borrowings with cash flows from operations. We have funded most of our capital expenditures with cash on hand or through increased bank borrowings, including equipment financing, and then have reduced those obligations with cash flows from operations.

We believe we have adequate current liquidity and availability of capital to fund our present operations, meet our commitments on our existing debt and fund anticipated growth, including expansion in existing and targeted market areas. We seek potential acquisitions from time to time and hold discussions with certain acquisition candidates. If suitable acquisition opportunities or working capital needs arise that require additional financing, we believe that our financial position and earnings history provide a sufficient base for obtaining additional financing resources at reasonable rates and terms. We may also choose to issue additional shares of common stock or preferred stock in order to raise funds.

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the periods indicated (in thousands):

|   | Year Ended September 30, |           |             |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|--|--|--|
|   | 2018                     | 2017      | 2016        |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities     | \$539,381                | \$315,200 | \$120,648   |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities     | (2,784,341)              | (166,985) | (1,042,621) |  |  |  |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities     | 2,236,051                | (40,600)  | 906,867     |  |  |  |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and equivalents | 586                      | (751)     | 831         |  |  |  |
|   | \$(8,323                 | \$106,864 | \$(14,275)  |  |  |  |

#### **Operating Activities**

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$539.4 million in 2018, compared to \$315.2 million provided by operating activities in 2017. Cash from operations increased \$224.2 million due to an increase in net income after adjustments for non-cash items of \$61.3 million and an incremental cash inflow of \$162.9 million stemming from changes to our net working capital, mainly driven by increases in accounts payable, accrued expenses and prepaid expenses.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$315.2 million in 2017, compared to \$120.6 million provided by operating activities in 2016. Cash from operations increased \$194.5 million due to an increase in net income after adjustments for non-cash items of \$2.9 million and an incremental cash inflow of \$191.6 million stemming from changes to our net working capital.

# **Investing Activities**

Net cash used in investing activities was \$2.78 billion in 2018, compared to \$167.0 million used in investing activities in 2017. During 2018, we spent \$2.74 billion on acquisitions, compared to \$129.4 million in 2017. Capital expenditures were \$46.0 million in 2018, compared to \$39.8 million in 2017.

Net cash used in investing activities was \$167.0 million in 2017, compared to \$1.04 billion used in investing activities in 2016. During 2017, we spent \$129.4 million on acquisitions, compared to \$1.02 billion in 2016. Capital expenditures were \$39.8 million in 2017, compared to \$26.3 million in 2016.

# Financing Activities

Net cash provided by financing activities was \$2.24 billion in 2018, compared to \$40.6 million used in financing activities in 2017. The net increase of \$2.28 billion was primarily due to the net increase in outstanding debt resulting from the new financing arrangements that we entered into in connection with the Allied Acquisition (see Note 8 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements) as well as the \$400.0 million in gross proceeds received from the Preferred Stock issuance (see Note 3 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements).

Net cash used in financing activities was \$40.6 million in 2017, compared to \$906.9 million provided by financing activities in 2016. The net decrease of \$947.5 million was primarily due to a \$1.07 billion increase in overall debt repayments and a \$219.1 million decrease in overall debt borrowings, partially offset by a net \$330.8 million increase in proceeds from the issuance of common stock, mainly driven by our secondary offering of common stock completed on September 25, 2017.

Monitoring and Assessing Collectability of Accounts Receivable

We perform periodic credit evaluations of our customers and typically do not require collateral, although we typically obtain payment and performance bonds for any type of public work and have the ability to lien projects under certain circumstances. Consistent with industry practices, we require payment from most customers within 30 days, except for sales to our non-residential roofing contractors, which we typically require to pay in 60 days.

As our business is seasonal in certain geographic regions, our customers' businesses are also seasonal. Sales are lowest in the winter months and our past due accounts receivable balance as a percentage of total receivables generally increases during this time. Throughout the year, we closely monitor our receivables and record estimated reserves based upon our judgment of specific customer situations, aging of accounts and our historical write-offs of uncollectible accounts.

Our divisional credit offices are staffed to manage and monitor our receivable aging balances and our systems allow us to enforce pre-determined credit approval levels and properly leverage new business. The credit pre-approval process denotes the maximum credit that each level of management can approve, with the highest credit amount requiring approval by our CEO and CFO. There are daily communications with branch and field staff. Our divisional offices conduct periodic reviews with their branch managers, various regional management staff and the Chief Credit Officer. Depending on the state of the respective division's receivables, these reviews can be weekly, bi-weekly or monthly. Additionally, the divisions are required to submit a monthly receivable forecast to the Chief Credit Officer. On a monthly basis, the Chief Credit Officer reviews and discusses these forecasts, as well as a prior month recap, with the Company's executive management team.

Periodically, we perform a specific analysis of all accounts past due and write off account balances when we have exhausted reasonable collection efforts and determined that the likelihood of collection is remote based upon the following factors:

- aging statistics and trends;
- customer payment history;
- review of the customer's financial statements when available;
- independent credit reports; and
- discussions with customers.

We still pursue collection of amounts written off in certain circumstances and credit the allowance for any subsequent recoveries. Over the past three fiscal years, bad debt expense has been, on average, 0.08% of net sales. The continued limitation of bad debt expense is primarily attributed to the continued strengthening of our collections process and overall credit environment.

#### Commitments

As of September 30, 2018, our contractual obligations were as follows (in thousands):

|                           | Payments D  | ue by Perio | d         |           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
|                           | Total       | < 1 year    | 1-3 Years | 3-5 Years | > 5 Years   |
| 2023 ABL                  | \$103,090   | \$-         | \$-       | \$103,090 | \$-         |
| 2025 Term Loan            | 965,150     | 9,700       | 19,400    | 19,400    | 916,650     |
| Senior Notes <sup>1</sup> | 1,600,000   | -           | -         | 300,000   | 1,300,000   |
| Equipment financing       | 23,454      | 9,929       | 13,341    | 184       | -           |
| Operating leases          | 512,028     | 105,425     | 177,175   | 109,137   | 120,291     |
| Interest <sup>2</sup>     | 840,264     | 133,325     | 265,707   | 257,912   | 183,320     |
| Total                     | \$4,043,986 | \$258,379   | \$475,623 | \$789,723 | \$2,520,261 |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Represent principal amounts for 2023 Senior Notes and 2025 Senior Notes.

Capital Resources

As of September 30, 2018 we had access to the following financing arrangements:

- an asset-based revolving line of credit in the United States;
- an asset-based revolving line of credit in Canada;
- a term loan; and
- two separate senior notes instruments.

Financing - Allied Acquisition

In connection with the Allied Acquisition, we entered into various financing arrangements totaling \$3.57 billion, including an asset-based revolving line of credit of \$1.30 billion ("2023 ABL"), \$525.0 million of which was drawn at closing, and a \$970.0 million term loan ("2025 Term Loan"). We also raised an additional \$1.30 billion through the issuance of senior notes (the "2025 Senior Notes").

The proceeds from these financing arrangements were used to finance the Allied Acquisition, to refinance or otherwise extinguish all third-party indebtedness, to pay fees and expenses associated with the acquisition, and to provide working capital and funds for other general corporate purposes. We capitalized new debt issuance costs totaling approximately \$65.8 million related to the 2023 ABL, the 2025 Term Loan and the 2025 Senior Notes.

Since the financing arrangements entered into in connection with the Allied Acquisition had certain lenders who also participated in our previous financing arrangements, portions of the transactions were accounted for as either a debt modification or a debt extinguishment. In accordance with the accounting for debt modification, we expensed \$1.5 million of debt issuance costs related to the Allied financing arrangements and recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$1.2 million. The remainder of the debt issuance costs will be amortized over the term of the Allied financing arrangements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>Interest payments reflect all currently scheduled and projected amounts as calculated using future LIBOR projections.

#### 2023 ABL

On January 2, 2018, we entered into a \$1.30 billion asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2023 ABL consists of revolving loans in both the United States ("2023 U.S. Revolver") in the amount of \$1.20 billion and Canada ("2023 Canada Revolver") in the amount of \$100.0 million. The 2023 ABL has a maturity date of January 2, 2023. The 2023 ABL has various borrowing tranches with an interest rate based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The current unused commitment fees on the 2023 ABL are 0.25% per annum.

There is one financial covenant under the 2023 ABL, which is a Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio. The Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio is calculated by dividing consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) by Consolidated Fixed Charges (both as defined in the agreement). Per the covenant, our Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio has to be a minimum of 1.00 at the end of each fiscal quarter, calculated on a trailing four quarter basis.

The 2023 ABL is secured by a first priority lien over substantially all of our and each guarantor's accounts, chattel paper, deposit accounts, books, records and inventory (as well as intangibles related thereto), subject to certain customary exceptions (the "ABL Priority Collateral"), and a second priority lien over substantially all of our and each guarantor's other assets, including all of the equity interests of any subsidiary held by us or any guarantor, subject to certain customary exceptions (the "Term Priority Collateral"). The 2023 ABL is guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by our active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the total balance outstanding on the 2023 ABL, net of \$10.6 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$92.4 million. We also have outstanding standby letters of credit related to the 2023 U.S. Revolver in the amount of \$13.4 million as of September 30, 2018.

#### 2025 Term Loan

On January 2, 2018, we entered into a \$970.0 million Term Loan with Citibank N.A., and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2025 Term Loan requires quarterly principal payments in the amount of \$2.4 million, with the remaining outstanding principal to be paid on its maturity date of January 2, 2025. The interest rate is based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. We have the option of selecting a LIBOR period that determines the rate at which interest can accrue on the Term Loan as well as the period in which interest payments are made.

The 2025 Term Loan is secured by a first priority lien on the Term Priority Collateral and a second priority lien on the ABL Priority Collateral. Certain excluded assets will not be included in the Term Priority Collateral and the ABL Priority Collateral. The Term Loan is guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by our active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2025 Term Loan, net of \$34.4 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$930.7 million.

#### 2025 Senior Notes

On October 25, 2017, Beacon Escrow Corporation, our wholly-owned subsidiary (the "Escrow Issuer"), completed a private offering of \$1.30 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Senior Notes due 2025 at an issue price of 100%. The 2025 Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears, beginning May 1, 2018. We anticipate repaying the 2025 Senior Notes at the maturity date of November 1, 2025. Per the terms of the Escrow Agreement, the net proceeds from the 2025 Senior Notes remained in escrow until they were used to fund a portion of the purchase price of the Allied Acquisition payable at closing on January 2, 2018.

Upon closing of the Allied Acquisition on January 2, 2018, (i) the Escrow Issuer merged with and into us, and we assumed all obligations under the 2025 Senior Notes; and (ii) all our existing domestic subsidiaries (including the entities acquired in the Allied Acquisition) became guarantors of the 2025 Senior Notes.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2025 Senior Notes, net of \$19.9 million of debt issuance costs, was \$1.28 billion.

## Financing - RSG Acquisition

In connection with the Roofing Supply Group ("RSG") acquisition, we entered into various financing arrangements totaling \$1.45 billion, including an asset-based revolving line of credit ("2020 ABL") of \$700.0 million (\$350.0 million of which was drawn at closing) and a \$450.0 million term loan ("2022 Term Loan"). We also raised an additional \$300.0 million through the issuance of senior notes (the "2023 Senior Notes").

The proceeds from these financing arrangements were used to provide working capital and funds for other general corporate purposes, to refinance or otherwise extinguish all third-party indebtedness, to finance the acquisition, and to pay fees and expenses associated with the RSG acquisition. We incurred debt issuance costs totaling approximately \$31.3 million related to the 2020 ABL, 2022 Term Loan, and 2023 Senior Notes.

#### 2020 ABL

On October 1, 2015, we entered into a \$700.0 million asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2020 ABL had an original maturity date of October 1, 2020 and consisted of revolving loans in both the United States ("2020 U.S. Revolver") in the amount of \$670.0 million and Canada ("Canada Revolver") in the amount of \$30.0 million. The 2020 ABL had various borrowing tranches with an interest rate based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The full balance of the 2020 ABL was paid on January 2, 2018 in conjunction with the Allied Acquisition.

#### 2022 Term Loan

On October 1, 2015, we entered into a \$450.0 million Term Loan with Citibank N.A., and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2022 Term Loan required quarterly principal payments in the amount of \$1.1 million, with the remaining outstanding principal to be paid on its original maturity date of October 1, 2022. The interest rate was based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. We had the option of selecting a LIBOR period that determines the rate at which interest would accrue, as well as the period in which interest payments are made. The full balance of the 2022 Term Loan was paid on January 2, 2018 in conjunction with the Allied Acquisition, including the write-off of \$0.7 million in debt issuance costs.

#### 2023 Senior Notes

On October 1, 2015, we raised \$300.0 million by issuing senior notes due 2023. The 2023 Senior Notes have a coupon rate of 6.38% per annum and are payable semi-annually in arrears, beginning April 1, 2016. There are early payment provisions in the indenture in which we would be subject to "make whole" provisions. We anticipate repaying the notes at the maturity date of October 1, 2023.

The 2023 Senior Notes are guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by our active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2023 Senior Notes, net of \$6.4 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$293.6 million.

#### **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with GAAP. Accounting policies, methods and estimates are an integral part of the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. GAAP and, in part, are based upon management's current judgments. Those judgments are normally based on knowledge and experience with regard to past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting policies, methods and estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the consolidated financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ markedly from management's current judgments. While there are a number of accounting policies, methods and estimates affecting our consolidated financial statements, areas that are particularly significant include:

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Inventories

Inventories, consisting substantially of finished goods, are valued at the lower of cost or market (net realizable value). Cost is determined using the moving weighted-average cost method.

Our arrangements with vendors typically provide for rebates after we make a special purchase and/or monthly, quarterly and/or annual rebates of a specified amount of consideration payable when a number of measures have been achieved. Annual rebates are generally related to a specified cumulative level of purchases on a calendar-year basis. We account for such rebates as a reduction of the inventory value until the product is sold, at which time such rebates reduce cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Throughout the year, we estimate the amount of the periodic rebates based upon the expected level of purchases. We continually revise these estimates to reflect actual rebates earned based on actual purchase levels. Amounts due from vendors under these arrangements are included in "Prepaid expenses and other current assets" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

#### **Business Combinations**

We record acquisitions resulting in the consolidation of a business using the acquisition method of accounting. Under this method, we record the assets acquired, including intangible assets that can be identified and named, and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. We use an income approach to determine the fair value of acquired intangible assets, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method for customer relationships and the relief from royalty method for trade names. Various Level 3 fair value assumptions are used in the determination of these estimated fair values, including items such as sales growth rates, cost synergies, customer attrition rates, discount rates, and other prospective financial information. The purchase price in excess of the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. We believe these estimates are based on reasonable assumptions, however they are inherently uncertain and unpredictable, therefore actual results may differ. Estimates associated with the accounting for acquisitions may change as additional information becomes available regarding the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Transaction costs associated with acquisitions are expensed as incurred.

# Goodwill and Indefinite-Lived Intangibles

On an annual basis and at interim periods when circumstances require, we test the recoverability of our goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. Examples of such indicators include a significant change in the business climate, unexpected competition, loss of key personnel or a decline in our market capitalization below net book value.

We perform impairment assessments at the reporting unit level, which is defined as an operating segment or one level below an operating segment, also known as a component. We currently have five components which we evaluate for aggregation by examining the distribution methods, sales mix, and operating results of each component to determine if these characteristics will be sustained over a long-term basis. For purposes of this evaluation, we expect components to exhibit similar economic characteristics 3-5 years after events such as an acquisition within our core roofing business or management/business restructuring. Components that exhibit similar economic characteristics are subsequently aggregated into a single reporting unit. Based on our most recent impairment assessment performed as of August 31, 2018, it was determined that all components exhibited similar economic characteristics, and therefore should be aggregated into a single reporting unit (collectively the "Reporting Unit").

To test for the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, we first perform a qualitative assessment based on economic, industry and company-specific factors for all or selected reporting units to determine whether the existence of events and circumstances indicates that it is more likely than not that the goodwill or

indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. Based on the results of the qualitative assessment, two additional steps in the impairment assessment may be required. The first step would require a comparison of each reporting unit's fair value to the respective carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, a second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss on a relative fair value basis, if any.

Based on our most recent impairment assessment performed as of August 31, 2018, we concluded that it was more likely than not that the fair value of the goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets exceeded their net carrying amount, therefore the quantitative two-step impairment test was not required. Our total market capitalization exceeded carrying value by approximately 11.6% as of August 31, 2018. This compares to 50.8% and 47.7% for that same measure as of August 31, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The decline in the market capitalization is due to a recent decline in our stock price and our increased carrying value due to the Allied acquisition. A continued decline in our stock price during the first half of fiscal year 2019 could result in a triggering event that would require an interim assessment for goodwill recovery. Other than the results of the market capitalization test, we did not identify any macroeconomic, industry conditions or cost-related factors that would indicate it is more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit was less than its carrying value.

We amortize certain identifiable intangible assets that have finite lives, currently consisting of non-compete agreements, customer relationships and trade names. Non-compete agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the associated contractual agreements; customer relationship assets are amortized on an accelerated basis based on the expected cash flows generated by the existing customers; and trade names are amortized on an accelerated basis over a five or ten year period. Amortizable intangible assets are tested for impairment, when deemed necessary, based on undiscounted cash flows and, if impaired, are written down to fair value based on either discounted cash flows or appraised values. In connection with certain financing arrangements, we have debt issuance costs that are amortized over the lives of the associated financings.

#### **Evaluation of Long-Lived Assets**

We evaluate the recoverability of long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the future undiscounted cash flows the asset is expected to generate. If the asset is considered to be impaired, the amount of any impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the impaired asset.

#### Income Taxes

We account for income taxes using the liability method, which requires us to recognize a current tax liability or asset for current taxes payable or refundable and a deferred tax liability or asset for the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences between the financial statement and tax reporting bases of assets and liabilities to the extent that they are realizable. Deferred tax expense (benefit) results from the net change in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year.

FASB ASC Topic 740, Income Taxes ("ASC 740") prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Based on this guidance, we analyze our filing positions in all of the federal and state jurisdictions where we are required to file income tax returns, as well as all open tax years in these jurisdictions. Tax benefits from uncertain tax positions are recognized if it is more likely than not that the position is sustainable based solely on its technical merits.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to certain market risks as part of our on-going business operations. Our primary exposure includes changes in interest rates and foreign exchange rates.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Our interest rate risk relates primarily to the variable-rate borrowings under we have outstanding. The following discussion of our interest rate is based on a 10% change in interest rates. These changes are hypothetical scenarios used to calibrate potential risk and do not represent our view of future market changes. As the hypothetical figures discussed below indicate, changes in fair value based on the assumed change in rates generally cannot be extrapolated because the relationship of the change in assumption to the change in fair value may not be linear. The effect of a variation in a particular assumption is calculated without changing any other assumption. In reality, changes in one factor may result in changes in another, which may magnify or counteract the sensitivities.

As of September 30, 2018, net of debt issuance fees, we had outstanding borrowings of \$92.4 million under our asset-based revolving line of credit, \$930.3 million under our term loan, \$1.57 billion under our respective senior notes and \$23.6 million under our equipment financing facilities. Borrowings under our asset-based revolving line of credit and term loan incur interest on a floating rate basis while borrowings under our senior notes and equipment lease facilities incur interest on a fixed rate basis.

As of September 30, 2018, our weighted-average effective interest rate on debt instruments with variable rates was 3.3%. Based on our analysis, the financial impact of a hypothetical 10% interest rate fluctuation in effect as of September 30, 2018 would be immaterial.

## Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

We have exposure to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations for net sales generated by our operations outside the United States, which can adversely impact our net income and cash flows. Approximately 3% of our net sales in 2018 were derived from sales to customers in Canada. This business is primarily conducted in the local currency. This exposes us to risks associated with changes in foreign currency that can adversely affect net sales, net income and cash flows. A 10% fluctuation of foreign currency exchange rates would not have a material impact on our results of operations or cash flows; therefore we currently do not enter into financial instruments to manage this minimal foreign currency exchange risk.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

# BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

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Report of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Shareholders and the Board of Directors of

Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. (the Company) as of September 30, 2018 and 2017, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at September 30, 2018 and 2017, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2018, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2018, based on criteria established in Internal Control — Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated November 20, 2018 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

#### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the 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 audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures include 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. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 1997.

Tysons, Virginia

November 20, 2018

## BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|  | September 3 | 0,          |
|--|-------------|-------------|
|  | 2018        | 2017        |
| Assets   |             |             |
| Current assets:  |             |             |
| Cash and cash equivalents  | \$129,927   | \$138,250   |
| Accounts receivable, less allowance of \$17,584 and \$11,829 as of                         |             |             |
| September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively  | 1,090,533   | 704,527     |
| Inventories, net   | 936,047     | 551,924     |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets  | 244,360     | 209,138     |
| Total current assets   | 2,400,867   | 1,603,839   |
| Property and equipment, net  | 280,407     | 156,129     |
| Goodwill   | 2,491,779   | 1,251,986   |
| Intangibles, net   | 1,334,366   | 429,069     |
| Other assets, net  | 1,243       | 8,534       |
| Total Assets   | \$6,508,662 | \$3,449,557 |
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| Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity   |             |             |
| Current liabilities:   |             |             |
| Accounts payable   | 880,872     | 503,697     |
| Accrued expenses   | 611,539     | 261,297     |
| Current portions of long-term debt   | 19,661      | 14,141      |
| Total current liabilities  | 1,512,072   | 779,135     |
| Borrowings under revolving lines of credit, net  | 92,442      | 3,205       |
| Long-term debt, net  | 2,494,725   | 721,268     |
| Deferred income taxes, net   | 106,994     | 138,383     |
| Long-term obligations under equipment financing and other, net                             | 13,639      | 23,213      |
| Other long-term liabilities  | 5,290       | 2,547       |
| Total liabilities  | 4,225,162   | 1,667,751   |
|  |             |             |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9)   |             |             |
| Convertible preferred stock; \$0.01 par value; aggregate liquidation preference \$400,000; |             |             |
| 400,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2018; none           |             |             |
| authorized, issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017                                | \$399,195   | \$-         |
| , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,  |             |             |
| Stockholders' equity:  |             |             |
| Common stock (voting); \$.01 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized;                     |             |             |
| 68,135,790 issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2018 and                             |             |             |
| 67,700,858 issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2017                                 | 681         | 677         |
| Undesignated preferred stock; 5,000,000 shares authorized, none issued                     | -           | -           |
| ondesignated preferred stock, 3,000,000 shares authorized, none issued                     | -           | -           |

or outstanding

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|--|-------------|-------------|
| Additional paid-in capital                 | 1,067,040   | 1,047,506   |
| Retained earnings                          | 833,834     | 748,186     |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss       | (17,250 )   | (14,563)    |
| Total stockholders' equity                 | 1,884,305   | 1,781,806   |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity | \$6,508,662 | \$3,449,557 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts)

|   | Year Ended September 30, |             |             |
|---|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|
|   | 2018                     | 2017        | 2016        |
| Net sales   | \$6,418,311              | \$4,376,670 | \$4,127,109 |
| Cost of products sold                                 | 4,824,990                | 3,300,731   | 3,114,040   |
| Gross profit  | 1,593,321                | 1,075,939   | 1,013,069   |
| Operating expense                                     |                          |             |             |
| Selling, general and administrative                   | 1,187,192                | 743,376     | 707,893     |
| Depreciation  | 60,318                   | 34,002      | 31,876      |
| Amortization  | 141,185                  | 82,465      | 68,316      |
| Total operating expense                               | 1,388,695                | 859,843     | 808,085     |
| Income (loss) from operations                         | 204,626                  | 216,096     | 204,984     |
| Interest expense, financing costs, and other          | 136,544                  | 52,751      | 58,452      |
| Income (loss) before provision for income taxes       | 68,082                   | 163,345     | 146,532     |
| Provision for (benefit from) income taxes             | (30,544)                 | 62,481      | 56,615      |
| Net income (loss)                                     | \$98,626                 | \$100,864   | \$89,917    |
| Dividends on preferred shares <sup>1</sup>            | 18,000                   | -           | -           |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders | \$80,626                 | \$100,864   | \$89,917    |
|   |                          |             |             |
| Weighted-average common stock outstanding:            |                          |             |             |
| Basic   | 68,012,879               | 60,315,648  | 59,424,372  |
| Diluted   | 69,191,039               | 61,344,263  | 60,418,067  |
|   |                          |             |             |
| Net income (loss) per share <sup>2</sup> :            |                          |             |             |
| Basic   | \$1.07                   | \$1.67      | \$1.51      |
| Diluted   | \$1.05                   | \$1.64      | \$1.49      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For the year ended September 30, 2018, \$18.0 million is comprised of \$5.0 million undeclared cumulative dividends as well as an additional \$13.0 million of preferred share dividends that had been declared and paid as of period end.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See Note 4 for detailed calculations and further discussion.

## BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(In thousands)

|   | Year Ended September 30, |           |          |
|---|--------------------------|-----------|----------|
|   | 2018                     | 2017      | 2016     |
| Net income (loss)                       | \$98,626                 | \$100,864 | \$89,917 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):      |                          |           |          |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment | (2,687)                  | 3,706     | 1,024    |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss) | (2,687)                  | 3,706     | 1,024    |
| Comprehensive income (loss)             | \$95,939                 | \$104,570 | \$90,941 |

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity

(In thousands, except share amounts)

|  |            |        | A 4.4545 1  |           | Accumulated |                   |
|--|------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
|  | C C.       | 1      | Additional  | D ( 1     | Other       | Total             |
|  | Common Sto |        | Paid-in     | Retained  | _           | ive Stockholders' |
| D 1  | Shares     | Amount | •           | Earnings  | Loss        | Equity            |
| Balance at September 30, 2015              | 49,790,743 | \$ 497 | \$345,934   | \$557,405 | \$ (20,720  | ) \$883,116       |
| Issuance of common stock, net of           | 1061101    |        | 0111        |           |             | 24450             |
| shares withheld for taxes                  | 1,061,134  | 11     | 24,147      | -         | -           | 24,158            |
| Issuance of common stock in                |            |        |             |           |             |                   |
| connection with RSG acquisition            | 9,039,008  | 90     | 306,734     |           |             | 306,824           |
| Stock-based compensation                   | -          | -      | 17,749      | -         | -           | 17,749            |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)          | -          | -      | -           | -         | 2,063       | 2,063             |
| Net income (loss)                          | -          | -      | -           | 89,917    | -           | 89,917            |
| Balance at September 30, 2016              | 59,890,885 | \$ 598 | \$694,564   | \$647,322 | \$ (18,657  | ) \$1,323,827     |
| Issuance of common stock, net of           |            |        |             |           |             |                   |
| shares withheld for taxes                  | 536,223    | 6      | 8,621       | -         | -           | 8,627             |
| Issuance of common stock from              |            |        |             |           |             |                   |
| secondary offering, net of issuance        |            |        |             |           |             |                   |
| costs                                      | 7,273,750  | 73     | 329,250     | -         | -           | 329,323           |
| Stock-based compensation                   | -          | -      | 15,071      | -         | -           | 15,071            |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)          | -          | -      | -           | -         | 4,094       | 4,094             |
| Net income (loss)                          | -          | _      | -           | 100,864   | -           | 100,864           |
| Balance at September 30, 2017              | 67,700,858 | \$ 677 | \$1,047,506 | \$748,186 | \$ (14,563  | ) \$1,781,806     |
| Issuance of common stock, net of           |            |        |             | ,         |             |                   |
| shares withheld for taxes                  | 434,932    | 4      | 3,535       | -         | _           | 3,539             |
| Issuance costs related to secondary        | ,          |        |             |           |             | ,                 |
| offering of common stock                   | _          |        | (474        |           |             | (474)             |
| Stock-based compensation                   | _          | -      | 16,473      | _         | _           | 16,473            |
| Other comprehensive income (loss)          | _          | -      | -           | -         | (2,687      | ) (2,687 )        |
| Net income (loss)                          | -          | _      | -           | 98,626    | -           | 98,626            |
| Dividends on preferred shares <sup>1</sup> |            |        |             | (12,978)  |             | (12,978)          |
| Balance at September 30, 2018              | 68,135,790 | \$ 681 | \$1,067,040 | \$833,834 |             | ) \$1,884,305     |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Amount represents only dividends that have been declared and paid as of September 30, 2018.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

## BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(In thousands)

|   | Year Ended So<br>2018 | eptember 30,<br>2017 | 2016        |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Operating Activities  |                       |                      |             |
| Net income (loss)   | \$98,626              | \$100,864            | \$89,917    |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating         |                       |                      |             |
| activities:   |                       |                      |             |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 201,503               | 116,467              | 100,191     |
| Stock-based compensation  | 16,473                | 15,071               | 17,749      |
| Certain interest expense and other financing costs                            | 17,338                | 10,497               | 8,329       |
| Loss on debt extinguishment   | 1,248                 | -                    | -           |
| Gain on sale of fixed assets  | (1,294)               | (839                 | (1,882)     |
| Deferred income taxes <sup>1</sup>  | (30,118)              | 393                  | 25,200      |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of businesses |                       |                      |             |
| acquired:   |                       |                      |             |
| Accounts receivable   | (45,093)              | (60,185)             | (30,408)    |
| Inventories   | (65,069)              | (51,768)             | 43,489      |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | 57,554                | (44,208)             | (12,841)    |
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses   | 287,428               | 228,908              | (119,096)   |
| Other liabilities   | 785                   | -                    | -           |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities                           | 539,381               | 315,200              | 120,648     |
|   |                       |                      |             |
| Investing Activities  |                       |                      |             |
| Purchases of property and equipment   | (46,010 )             | (39,828)             | (26,315)    |
| Acquisition of businesses, net  | (2,740,480)           | (129,390)            | (1,018,188) |
| Proceeds from the sale of assets  | 2,149                 | 2,233                | 1,882       |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                           | (2,784,341)           | (166,985)            | (1,042,621) |
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| Financing Activities  |                       |                      |             |
| Borrowings under revolving lines of credit                                    | 2,807,741             | 2,464,128            | 1,892,459   |
| Repayments under revolving lines of credit                                    | (2,707,741)           | (2,833,230)          | (1,541,532) |
| Borrowings under term loan  | 970,000               | _                    | 490,793     |
| Repayments under term loan  | (445,850)             | (4,500               | (230,918)   |
| Borrowings under senior notes   | 1,300,000             | _                    | 300,000     |
| Payment of debt issuance costs  | (65,788)              | (1,669               | (28,325)    |
| Repayments under equipment financing facilities and other                     | (11,593)              | (10,034)             | (4,724)     |
| Proceeds from issuance of convertible preferred stock                         | 400,000               | -                    | -           |
| Proceeds from secondary offering of common stock                              | -                     | 345,503              | -           |
| Payment of stock issuance costs   | (1,279)               | (14,684              | ) -         |
| Payment of dividends on preferred stock                                       | (12,978)              | -                    | -           |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock related to equity awards               | 7,514                 | 11,341               | 24,160      |
| Taxes paid related to net share settlement of equity awards                   | (3,975)               | (392                 | ) (2        |
| Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation                              | -                     | 2,937                | 4,956       |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities                           | 2,236,051             | (40,600              | 906,867     |
|   | , ,                   |                      |             |

| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents | 586       | (751      | ) 831    |
|--|-----------|-----------|----------|
|  |           |           |          |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents         | (8,323    | ) 106,864 | (14,275  |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period               | 138,250   | 31,386    | 45,661   |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period                     | \$129,927 | \$138,250 | \$31,386 |
|  |           |           |          |
| Supplemental cash flow information                           |           |           |          |
| Cash paid during the period for:                             |           |           |          |
| Interest   | 111,283   | 49,067    | 57,934   |
| Income taxes, net of tax refunds                             | 35,105    | 56,158    | 14,425   |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes impact of provisional amounts recognized relating to estimated impact of Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 – see Note 12 for further discussion.

See accompanying Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

#### BEACON ROOFING SUPPLY, INC.

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

(In thousands, except share and per share amounts or otherwise indicated)

## 1. Company Overview

Beacon Roofing Supply, Inc. (the "Company") was incorporated in the state of Delaware on August 22, 1997 and is the largest publicly traded distributor of residential and non-residential roofing materials and complementary building products in the United States and Canada.

On January 2, 2018 the Company finalized its acquisition of Allied Building Products Corp. ("Allied"), a New Jersey corporation, for \$2.625 billion, subject to certain working capital and other adjustments. As of September 30, 2018, the adjusted purchase price for Allied was \$2.88 billion, and purchase accounting entries had not yet been finalized (see Note 3 for further discussion). Allied was one of the largest exterior and interior building products distributors in the United States and was a wholly-owned subsidiary of Oldcastle Distribution, Inc.

The Company operates its business under regional and local trade names and services customers in all 50 states throughout the U.S. and 6 provinces in Canada. The Company's material subsidiaries are Beacon Sales Acquisition, Inc., Allied Building Products LLC and Beacon Roofing Supply Canada Company.

#### 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All inter-company transactions have been eliminated. Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Significant items subject to such estimates include inventories, purchase price allocations, recoverability of goodwill and intangibles, and income taxes. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

#### Fiscal Year

The fiscal years presented are the years ended September 30, 2018 ("2018"), September 30, 2017 ("2017"), and September 30, 2016 ("2016"). Each of the Company's first three quarters ends on the last day of the calendar month.

### **Segment Information**

Operating segments are defined as components of a business that can earn revenue and incur expenses for which discrete financial information is evaluated on a regular basis by the chief operating decision maker ("CODM") in order to decide how to allocate resources and assess performance. The Company's CODM, the Chief Executive Officer, reviews consolidated results of operations to make decisions, therefore the Company views its operations and manages its business as one operating segment.

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents also include unsettled credit card transactions. Cash equivalents are comprised of money market funds which invest primarily in commercial paper or bonds with a rating of A-1 or better, and bank certificates of deposit.

#### Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivables are derived from unpaid invoiced amounts and are recorded at their net realizable value. Each month the Company reviews its receivables on a customer-by-customer basis and evaluates whether an allowance for doubtful accounts is necessary based on any known or perceived collection issues. The allowance for doubtful accounts represents the Company's estimate of credit exposure for each customer. Any balances that are eventually deemed uncollectible are written off against the allowance after all means of collection have been exhausted and the potential for recovery is considered remote. The Company's accounts receivable are primarily from customers in the building industry located in the United States and Canada, and no single customer represented at least 10% of the Company's revenue during the year ended September 30, 2018, or accounts receivable as of September 30, 2018.

#### Concentrations of Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentration of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents and accounts receivable. The Company maintains the majority of its cash and cash equivalents with one financial institution, which management believes to be financially sound and with minimal credit risk. The Company's deposits periodically exceed amounts guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

#### **Inventories**

Inventories, consisting substantially of finished goods, are valued at the lower of cost or market (net realizable value). Cost is determined using the moving weighted-average cost method.

The Company's arrangements with vendors typically provide for rebates after it makes a special purchase and/or monthly, quarterly and/or annual rebates of a specified amount of consideration payable when a number of measures have been achieved. Annual rebates are generally related to a specified cumulative level of purchases on a calendar-year basis. The Company accounts for such rebates as a reduction of the inventory value until the product is sold, at which time such rebates reduce cost of sales in the consolidated statements of operations. Throughout the year, the Company estimates the amount of the periodic rebates based upon the expected level of purchases. The Company continually revises these estimates to reflect actual rebates earned based on actual purchase levels. Amounts due from vendors under these arrangements are included in "prepaid expenses and other current assets" in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

#### Property and Equipment

Property and equipment acquired in connection with acquisitions are recorded at fair value as of the date of the acquisition and depreciated utilizing the straight-line method over the estimated remaining lives. All other additions are recorded at cost, and depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. The Company reviews the estimated useful lives of its fixed assets on an ongoing basis and the following table summarizes the estimates currently used:

Asset Class Estimated Useful Life

Buildings and 40 years

improvements

Equipment 3 to 7 years Furniture and fixtures 7 years

Leasehold improvements Shorter of the estimated useful life or the term of the lease, considering renewal options

expected to be exercised.

#### **Business Combinations**

The Company records acquisitions resulting in the consolidation of a business using the acquisition method of accounting. Under this method, the acquiring Company records the assets acquired, including intangible assets that can be identified and named, and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition. The Company uses an income approach to determine the fair value of acquired intangible assets, specifically the multi-period excess earnings method for customer relationships and the relief from royalty method for trade names. Various Level 3 fair value assumptions are used in the determination of these estimated fair values, including items

such sales growth rates, cost synergies, customer attrition rates, discount rates, and other prospective financial information. The purchase price in excess of the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed is recorded as goodwill. Estimates associated with the accounting for acquisitions may change as additional information becomes available regarding the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. Transaction costs associated with acquisitions are expensed as incurred.

## Goodwill and Intangibles

On an annual basis and at interim periods when circumstances require, the Company tests the recoverability of its goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets. Examples of such indicators include a significant change in the business climate, unexpected competition, loss of key personnel or a decline in the Company's market capitalization below the Company's net book value.

The Company performs impairment assessments at the reporting unit level, which is defined as an operating segment or one level below an operating segment, also known as a component. The Company currently has five components which it evaluates for aggregation by examining the distribution methods, sales mix, and operating results of each component to determine if these characteristics will be sustained over a long-term basis. For purposes of this evaluation, the Company expects its components to exhibit similar economic characteristics 3-5 years after events such as an acquisition within the Company's core roofing business or management/business restructuring. Components that exhibit similar economic characteristics are subsequently aggregated into a single reporting unit. Based on the Company's most recent impairment assessment performed as of August 31, 2018, it was determined that all of the Company's components exhibited similar economic characteristics, and therefore should be aggregated into a single reporting unit (collectively the "Reporting Unit").

To test for the recoverability of goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets, the Company first performs a qualitative assessment based on economic, industry and company-specific factors for all or selected reporting units to determine whether the existence of events and circumstances indicates that it is more likely than not that the goodwill or indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. Based on the results of the qualitative assessment, two additional steps in the impairment assessment may be required. The first step would require a comparison of each reporting unit's fair value to the respective carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds the fair value, a second step is performed to measure the amount of impairment loss on a relative fair value basis, if any.

Based on the Company's most recent qualitative impairment assessment performed as of August 31, 2018, the Company concluded that there were no indicators of impairment, and that therefore it was more likely than not that the fair value of the goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets exceeded their net carrying amount, therefore the quantitative two-step impairment test was not required.

The Company amortizes certain identifiable intangible assets that have finite lives, currently consisting of non-compete agreements, customer relationships and trade names. Non-compete agreements are amortized on a straight-line basis over the terms of the associated contractual agreements; customer relationship assets are amortized on an accelerated basis based on the expected cash flows generated by the existing customers; and trade names are amortized on an accelerated basis over a five or ten year period. Amortizable intangible assets are tested for impairment, when deemed necessary, based on undiscounted cash flows and, if impaired, are written down to fair value based on either discounted cash flows or appraised values. In connection with certain financing arrangements, the Company has debt issuance costs that are amortized over the lives of the associated financings.

## **Evaluation of Long-Lived Assets**

The Company evaluates the recoverability of its long-lived assets for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of the assets may not be recoverable. Recoverability is measured by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the future undiscounted cash flows the asset is expected to generate. If the asset is

considered to be impaired, the amount of any impairment is measured as the difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the impaired asset.

#### Fair Value Measurement

The Company applies fair value accounting for all financial assets and liabilities that are reported at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received from selling an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The accounting guidance establishes a defined three-tier hierarchy to classify and disclose the fair value of assets and liabilities on both the date of their initial measurement as well as all subsequent periods. The hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value by the lowest level of input that is available and significant to the fair value measurement. The three levels are described as follows:

- Level 1: Observable inputs. Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities;
- Level 2: Observable inputs other than the quoted price. Includes quoted prices for similar instruments, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in inactive markets and amounts derived from valuation models where all significant inputs are observable in active markets; and
- Level 3: Unobservable inputs. Includes amounts derived from valuation models where one or more significant inputs are unobservable and require the Company to develop relevant assumptions.

The Company evaluates its financial assets and liabilities subject to fair value measurements on a recurring basis to determine the appropriate level of classification as of each reporting period.

#### Financial Derivatives

The Company has entered into interest rate swaps to minimize the risks and costs associated with financing activities, as well as to maintain an appropriate mix of fixed-rate and floating-rate debt. The swap agreements are contracts to exchange variable-rate for fixed-interest rate payments over the life of the agreements. The Company's derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedges, for which the Company records the effective portions of changes in their fair value, net of tax, in other comprehensive income. The Company recognizes any ineffective portion of the hedges in the consolidated statement of operations through interest expense, financing costs and other.

#### Net Sales

The Company recognizes revenue (net sales on the consolidated statement of operations) when the following four basic criteria are met:

- persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists;
- delivery has occurred or services have been rendered;
- the price to the buyer is fixed and determinable; and
- collectability is reasonability assured.

Based on these criteria, the Company generally recognizes revenue at the point of sale or upon delivery to the customer site. For goods shipped by third party carriers, the Company recognizes revenue upon shipment since the terms are generally FOB shipping point. The Company also arranges for certain products to be shipped directly from the manufacturer to the customer. The Company recognizes the gross revenue for these sales upon shipment as the terms are FOB shipping point.

#### Leases

The Company leases the majority of its facilities and enters into various other operating lease agreements in conducting its business. At the inception of each lease, the Company evaluates the lease agreement to determine whether the lease is an operating or capital lease. Operating lease expenses are recognized in the statements of operations on a straight-line basis over the term of the related lease. Some of the Company's lease agreements may contain renewal options, tenant improvement allowances, rent holidays or rent escalation clauses. When such items are included in a lease agreement, the Company records a deferred rent asset or liability on the consolidated balance

sheets equal to the difference between the rent expense and cash rent payments.

The cost of property and equipment acquired under capital lease arrangements represents the lesser of the present value of the minimum lease payments or the fair value of the leased asset as of the inception of the lease.

#### **Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company applies the fair value method to recognize compensation expense for stock-based awards. Using this method, the estimated grant-date fair value of the award is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period based on the portion of the award that is expected to vest. The Company estimates forfeitures at the time of grant and revises the estimates, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. For awards with a performance-based vesting condition, the Company accrues stock-based compensation expense if it is probable that the performance condition will be achieved.

Stock-based compensation expense for restricted stock units is measured based on the fair value of the Company's common stock on the grant date. The Company utilizes the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the grant-date fair value of option awards. The exercise price of option awards is set to equal the estimated fair value of the common stock at the date of the grant. The following weighted-average assumptions are also used to calculate the estimated fair value of option awards:

- Expected volatility: The expected volatility of the Company's shares is estimated using the historical stock price volatility over the most recent period commensurate with the estimated expected term of the awards.
- Expected term: For employee stock option awards, the Company determines the weighted average expected term equal to the weighted period between the vesting period and the contract life of all outstanding options.
- Dividend yield: The Company has not paid dividends and does not anticipate paying a cash dividend in the foreseeable future and, accordingly, uses an expected dividend yield of zero.
- Risk-free interest rate: The Company bases the risk-free interest rate on the implied yield available on a U.S.
- Treasury note with a term equal to the estimated expected term of the awards.

Foreign Currency Translation

The Company's operations located outside of the United States where the local currency is the functional currency are translated into U.S. dollars using the current rate method. Results of operations are translated at the average rate of exchange for the period. Assets and liabilities are translated at the closing rates on the period end date. Gains and losses on translation of these accounts are accumulated and reported as a separate component of equity and other comprehensive income (loss). Gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are recognized in the consolidated statements of operations as a component of interest expense, financing costs, and other.

#### Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes using the liability method, which requires it to recognize a current tax liability or asset for current taxes payable or refundable and a deferred tax liability or asset for the estimated future tax effects of temporary differences between the financial statement and tax reporting bases of assets and liabilities to the extent that they are realizable. Deferred tax expense (benefit) results from the net change in deferred tax assets and liabilities during the year.

FASB ASC Topic 740 prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. Based on this guidance, the Company analyzes its filing positions in all of the federal and state jurisdictions where it is required to file income tax returns, as well as all open tax years in these jurisdictions. Tax benefits from uncertain tax positions are recognized if it is more likely than not that the position is sustainable based solely on its technical merits.

## Net Income (Loss) per Share

Basic net income (loss) per share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period, without consideration for common share equivalents or the conversion of Preferred Stock. Common share equivalents consist of the incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of stock options and vesting of restricted stock unit awards. Diluted net income (loss) per common share is calculated by dividing net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders by the fully diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period.

Holders of Preferred Stock participate in dividends on an as-converted basis when declared on common shares. As a result, Preferred Stock is classified as a participating security and thereby requires the allocation income that would have otherwise been available to common shareholders when calculating net income (loss) per share.

Diluted net income (loss) per share is calculated by utilizing the most dilutive result of the if-converted and two-class methods. In both methods, net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders and the weighted-average common shares outstanding are adjusted to account for the impact of the assumed issuance of potential common shares that are dilutive, subject to dilution sequencing rules.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements—Adopted

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, "Compensation—Stock Compensation: Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting." This guidance is intended to simplify several aspects of the accounting for share-based payment transactions, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. The provisions of this standard were effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2016 and early adoption was permitted. The Company adopted this guidance effective October 1, 2017. As a result, the Company now records excess tax benefits (or deficiencies) as income tax benefits (or expenses) in its consolidated statements of operations rather than as additional paid-in-capital in its consolidated balance sheets. ASU 2016-09 allowed for this guidance to be applied prospectively or retrospectively. The Company elected to apply this guidance prospectively, and recognized \$3.1 million of excess tax benefits in its consolidated statement of operations related to equity award transactions executed in the period for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2018. To align with the prospective treatment in its consolidated statements of operations, the Company now classifies excess tax benefits (or deficiencies) along with accrued income taxes in operating activities within its consolidated statements of cash flows. The Company elected to retain its historical approach to accounting for forfeitures and statutory tax withholding requirements, therefore these specific aspects of the new guidance had no impact on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-18, "Restricted Cash." This guidance standardizes the presentation of changes to restricted cash on the statement of cash flows by requiring that a statement of cash flows explain the change during the period in the total of cash, cash equivalents, and amount generally described as restricted cash or restricted cash equivalents. The provisions of this standard are effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. The Company adopted this guidance effective October 1, 2017 and applied it retrospectively, and the standard did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statement and related disclosures.

## Recent Accounting Pronouncements—Not Yet Adopted

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers." This guidance requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers, and will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for public business entities for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The standard permits the use of either the full retrospective or modified retrospective adoption methods. The Company performed a detailed evaluation, using the five-step model specified in the guidance, to assess the impacts of the new standard on the Company's legacy and newly acquired businesses, and will apply the guidance using the modified retrospective method. The Company has determined that the adoption of this new guidance will not have a material impact on its financial statements, but does expect that it will result in additional revenue recognition disclosures beginning in fiscal year 2019.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases." This guidance will replace most existing accounting for lease guidance when it becomes effective. This new standard is effective using the modified retrospective approach for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2018, and early adoption is permitted. In July 2018, the FASB amended the new lease standard which, among other changes, allows a company to elect to adopt ASU 2016-02 using a transition option whereby a cumulative effect adjustment is recorded to the opening balance of its retained earnings on the adoption date. The guidance will require the Company to record a right of use asset and a lease liability for most of the Company's leases, including those currently treated as operating leases. The Company is in the process of evaluating the impact of the standard and has decided that it will use the practical expedients outlined in the transition guidance. The scope of the overall impact on the Company's financial statements and related disclosures is still being quantified.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments – Credit Losses: Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." This guidance is intended to introduce a revised approach to the recognition and measurement of credit losses, emphasizing an updated model based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. This new standard is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2019, and early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact that this guidance may have on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, "Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business." This guidance is intended to assist entities when evaluating when a set of transferred assets and activities constitutes a business. This new standard is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this new guidance to have a material impact on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, "Simplifying the Accounting for Goodwill Impairment." This guidance is intended to introduce a simplified approach to measurement of goodwill impairment, eliminating the need for a hypothetical purchase price allocation and instead measuring impairment by the amount a reporting unit's carrying value exceeds its fair value. This new standard is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2019, and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this new guidance to have a material impact on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-09, "Scope of Modification Accounting." This guidance is intended to provide clarity and reduce both diversity in practice and cost and complexity when applying the guidance in Compensation – Stock Compensation, to a change to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award. This new standard is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2017, and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this new guidance

to have a material impact on its financial statements and related disclosures.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, "Income Statement – Reporting Comprehensive Income." This guidance is intended to address the accounting treatment for the tax effects on items within accumulated other comprehensive income as a result of the adoption of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (see Note 12 for further discussion). This new standard is effective for annual reporting periods, and interim reporting periods contained therein, beginning after December 15, 2018, and early adoption is permitted. The Company does not expect the adoption of this new guidance to have a material impact on its financial statements and related disclosures.

#### 3. Acquisitions

#### Allied Building Products Corp.

On January 2, 2018 (the "Closing Date"), the Company completed its previously announced acquisition (the "Allied Acquisition") of all the outstanding capital stock of Allied Building Products Corp. and an affiliated entity (together, "Allied"), pursuant to that certain Stock Purchase Agreement, dated August 24, 2017 (the "Stock Purchase Agreement"), among the Company, Oldcastle, Inc., as parent, and Oldcastle Distribution, Inc., as seller, for approximately \$2.625 billion in cash, subject to a working capital and certain other adjustments as set forth in the Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Price"). As of September 30, 2018, the adjusted purchase price for Allied was \$2.88 billion (including a recorded a net working capital adjustment that increased the purchase price by \$88.1 million) and purchase accounting entries had not yet been finalized.

In connection with the Allied Acquisition, on the Closing Date the Company entered into (i) a new term loan agreement with Citibank, N.A., providing for a term loan B facility with an initial commitment of \$970.0 million and (ii) an amended and restated credit agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., providing for a senior secured asset-based revolving credit facility with an initial commitment of \$1.30 billion. Base borrowing rates on these facilities are at LIBOR plus 1.25% and LIBOR plus 2.25%, respectively.

In connection with the Allied Acquisition, on the Closing Date, the Company completed the sale of 400,000 shares of Series A Cumulative Convertible Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Preferred Stock"), with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$400.0 million, at a purchase price of \$1,000 per share, to CD&R Boulder Holdings, L.P., pursuant to that certain Investment Agreement, dated as of August 24, 2017, with CD&R Boulder Holdings, L.P. and Clayton, Dubilier & Rice Fund IX, L.P. (solely for the purpose of limited provisions therein) (the "Convertible Preferred Stock Purchase"). The \$400.0 million in proceeds from the Convertible Preferred Stock Purchase were used to finance, in part, the Purchase Price. The Preferred Stock is convertible perpetual participating preferred stock of the Company, and conversion of the Preferred Stock into \$0.01 par value shares of the Company's common stock will be at a conversion price of \$41.26 per share. The Preferred Stock accumulates dividends at a rate of 6.0% per annum (payable in cash or in-kind, subject to certain conditions). The Preferred Stock is not mandatorily redeemable; therefore it is classified on the Company's consolidated balance sheets as mezzanine equity and recognized at \$399.2 million (the \$400.0 million proceeds received on the Closing Date, net of \$0.8 million of issuance costs).

Allied's results of operations have been included with Company's consolidated results beginning January 2, 2018. Allied distributed products in 208 locations across 31 states as of the date of the acquisition.

The Allied Acquisition has been accounted for as a business combination in accordance with the requirements of ASC 805 Business Combinations. The acquisition price has been allocated among assets acquired and liabilities assumed at fair value based on information currently available, with the excess recorded as goodwill. The goodwill recognized is attributable primarily to expected synergies from the Allied assembled workforce operating the branches as part of a larger network and the value stemming from the addition of both new customers and an established new line of business (interiors). The Company has recorded purchase accounting entries on a preliminary basis for the Allied Acquisition, detailed as follows (in thousands):

|                                  | January 2,<br>2018 |             | January 2,<br>2018<br>(as |
|----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------|---------------------------|
|                                  | (as                |             | adjusted at               |
|                                  | reported at        |             | September                 |
|                                  | March 31,          |             | 30,                       |
|                                  | 2018)              | Adjustments | 2018)                     |
| Cash                             | \$19,322           | \$ (19,153) | \$169                     |
| Accounts receivable              | 315,485            | 22,063      | 337,548                   |
| Inventory                        | 322,705            | (7,920)     | 314,785                   |
| Prepaid and other current assets | 59,279             | 16,161      | 75,440                    |
| Property, plant, and equipment   | 139,528            | (168)       | 139,360                   |
| Goodwill                         | 1,130,635          | 102,145     | 1,232,780                 |
| Intangible assets                | 1,037,000          | -           | 1,037,000                 |
| Current liabilities              | (271,252)          | 11,963      | (259,289)                 |
| Non-current liabilities          | (6,820)            | 6,097       | (723)                     |
| Total purchase price             | \$2,745,882        | \$ 131,188  | \$2,877,070               |

The purchase accounting entries above include the impact of the Section 338(h)(10) election under the current U.S. tax code. The Company made this election on October 15, 2018 and has reflected the \$164.0 million impact of this election in the purchase price and its fiscal year 2018 tax provision accordingly. The Company determined that \$1.18 billion of goodwill related to the acquisition of Allied will become tax deductible.

All of the Company's goodwill plus the indefinite-lived trade name are tested for impairment annually, and all acquired goodwill and intangible assets are subject to review for impairment should future indicators of impairment develop. There were no material contingencies assumed as part of the Allied acquisition.

Net sales from the Allied Acquisition included in the Company's statements of operations for the year ended September 30, 2018 were \$2.15 billion. Net income from the Allied Acquisition included in the Company's statements of operations for the year ended September 30, 2018 was \$62.0 million.

The following table represents the unaudited pro forma consolidated net sales and net income (loss) for the Company for the periods indicated (in thousands):

Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2018 2017 (unaudited)

Net sales \$7,083,960 \$6,989,658 Net income (loss) 62,081 70,701

The above pro forma results have been calculated by combining the historical results of the Company and Allied as if the Allied Acquisition had occurred on the first day of the fiscal year (October 1) for each of the periods presented. The income tax provision used to calculate net income (loss) for the respective periods presented has been adjusted to reflect the effective tax rate for the annual periods as if it had been based on the resulting, combined results. The pro forma results include estimates for intangible asset amortization, depreciation, interest expense and debt issuance costs and are subject to change once final asset values have been determined. No other material pro forma adjustments were deemed necessary to conform to the Company's accounting policies or for any other situation. The pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results that would have been achieved had the transactions occurred on the first day of the fiscal years presented or that may be achieved in the future.

Additional Acquisitions – Fiscal Year 2018

During fiscal year 2018, the Company acquired 7 branches from the following acquisitions:

On May 1, 2018, the Company acquired Tri-State Builder's Supply, a wholesale supplier of roofing, siding, windows, doors and related building products with 1 branch located in Duluth, Minnesota and annual sales of approximately \$6 million

On July 16, 2018, the Company acquired Atlas Supply, Inc., the Pacific Northwest's leading distributor of sealants, coatings, adhesives and related waterproofing products, with 6 branches operating in Seattle, Tacoma, Spokane, and Mountlake Terrace in Washington, as well as locations in Portland, Oregon and Boise, Idaho, and annual sales of approximately \$37 million.

The Company has recorded purchase accounting entries on a preliminary basis for these transactions that recognized the acquired assets and liabilities at their estimated fair values as of the respective acquisition dates. These transactions resulted in goodwill of \$8.1 million (\$8.0 million of which is deductible for tax purposes) and \$10.8 million in intangible assets.

For those acquisitions where the acquisition accounting entries have yet to be finalized, the Company's allocation of the purchase price is subject to change on receipt of additional information, including, but not limited to, the finalization of asset valuations (intangible and fixed) and income tax accounting as well as the Company's continued review of the assumed liabilities that may result in the recognition of changes to the carrying amounts on the opening balance sheet and a related adjustment to goodwill.

Additional Acquisitions – Fiscal Year 2017

During fiscal year 2017, the Company acquired 23 branches from the following five acquisitions:

On December 16, 2016, the Company purchased certain assets of BJ Supply Company, a distributor of roofing and related building products with 1 branch serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey and annual sales of approximately \$4 million. The Company has finalized the acquisition accounting entries for this transaction.

• On January 3, 2017, the Company acquired American Building & Roofing, Inc., a distributor of mainly residential roofing and related building products with 7 branches around Washington State and annual sales of approximately \$36 million. The Company has finalized the acquisition accounting entries for this transaction.

On January 9, 2017, the Company acquired Eco Insulation Supply, a distributor of insulation and related accessories with 1 branch serving Connecticut, Southern New England and the New York City metropolitan area and annual sales of approximately \$8 million. The Company has finalized the acquisition accounting entries for this transaction. On March 1, 2017, the Company acquired Acme Building Materials, Inc., a distributor of residential roofing and related building products with 3 branches in Eastern Michigan and annual sales of approximately \$13 million. The Company has finalized the acquisition accounting entries for this transaction.

On May 1, 2017, the Company purchased certain assets of Lowry's Inc., a distributor of waterproofing and concrete restoration materials with 11 branches operating in California, Arizona, Utah and Hawaii and annual sales of approximately \$76 million. The Company has finalized the acquisition accounting entries for this transaction. The Company recorded the acquired assets and liabilities related to these transactions at their estimated fair values as of the respective acquisition dates, with resulting goodwill of \$53.0 million (all of which is deductible for tax purposes) and \$47.4 million in intangible assets associated with these other acquisitions.

## 4. Net Income (Loss) Per Share

The following table presents the components and calculations of basic and diluted net income (loss) per share for each period presented (in thousands, except share and per share amounts):

|   | Year Ended September 30, |            |            |
|---|--------------------------|------------|------------|
|   | 2018                     | 2017       | 2016       |
| Net income (loss)   | \$98,626                 | \$100,864  | \$89,917   |
| Dividends on preferred shares   | (18,000)                 | -          | -          |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders                     | \$80,626                 | \$100,864  | \$89,917   |
| Undistributed income allocated to participating securities                | (7,742)                  | -          | -          |
| Net income (loss) attributable to common shareholders - basic and diluted | \$72,884                 | \$100,864  | \$89,917   |
|   |                          |            |            |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - basic                        | 68,012,879               | 60,315,648 | 59,424,372 |
| Effect of common share equivalents  | 1,178,160                | 1,028,615  | 993,695    |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding - diluted                      | 69,191,039               | 61,344,263 | 60,418,067 |
|   |                          |            |            |
| Net income (loss) per share - basic                                       | \$1.07                   | \$1.67     | \$1.51     |
| Net income (loss) per share - diluted                                     | \$1.05                   | \$1.64     | \$1.49     |

The following table includes the number of shares that may be dilutive common shares in the future. These shares were not included in the computation of diluted net income (loss) per share because the effect was either anti-dilutive or the requisite performance conditions were not met:

|                        | Year Ended September 30, |         |         |
|------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|
|                        | 2018                     | 2017    | 2016    |
| Stock options          | 388,731                  | 331,681 | 502,294 |
| Restricted stock units | 192,151                  | 61,890  | 45,220  |
| Preferred Stock        | 7,224,483                | -       | -       |

## 5. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets

The following table summarizes the significant components of prepaid expenses and other current assets (in thousands):

|                | September | 30,       |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|
|                | 2018      | 2017      |
| Vendor rebates | \$199,725 | \$193,071 |
| Other          | 44,635    | 16,067    |
|                | \$244,360 | \$209,138 |

## 6. Property and Equipment

The following table provides a detailed breakout of property and equipment, by type (in thousands):

|                                   | September 30, |           |  |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--|
|                                   | 2018          | 2017      |  |
| Land and buildings                | \$82,991      | \$41,791  |  |
| Equipment                         | 419,385       | 293,489   |  |
| Furniture and fixtures            | 34,901        | 23,140    |  |
| Total property and equipment      | 537,277       | 358,420   |  |
| Accumulated depreciation          | (256,870)     | (202,291) |  |
| Total property and equipment, net | \$280,407     | \$156,129 |  |

Depreciation expense for the years ending September 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016 was \$60.3 million, \$34.0 million, and \$31.9 million, respectively.

#### 7. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

#### Goodwill

The following table sets forth the change in the carrying amount of goodwill during the years ended September 30, 2018 and 2017, respectively (in thousands):

| Balance at September 30, 2016     | \$1,197,565 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| Acquisitions                      | 53,012      |
| Translation and other adjustments | 1,409       |
| Balance at September 30, 2017     | \$1,251,986 |
| _                                 |             |
| Balance at September 30, 2017     | \$1,251,986 |
| Acquisitions                      | 1,240,913   |
| Translation and other adjustments | (1,120)     |
| Balance at September 30, 2018     | \$2,491,779 |

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill for the year ended September 30, 2018 and 2017 is primarily attributable to the Company's acquisitions finalized during the respective periods presented (see Note 3 for further discussion). The Company has recognized no goodwill impairments for any of the periods presented.

#### Intangible Assets

In connection with transactions finalized for the year ended September 30, 2018, the Company recorded intangible assets of \$1.05 billion (\$920.8 million of customer relationships, \$7.0 million of beneficial lease arrangements, and \$120.0 million of indefinite-lived trademarks). In connection with transactions finalized for the year ended September 30, 2017, the Company recorded intangible assets of \$47.4 million (\$42.7 million of customer relationships, \$4.6 million of amortizable trademarks and \$0.1 million of beneficial lease arrangements).

The following table summarizes intangible assets by category (in thousands, except time period amounts):

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| fe <sup>1</sup><br>'ears) |
|                           |
| 2.60                      |
| 8.62                      |
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| Beneficial lease arrangements            | 8,060       | 1,060     | 4.48 |
|--|-------------|-----------|------|
| Total amortizable intangible assets      | 1,551,949   | 624,410   |      |
| Accumulated amortization                 | (410,633)   | (268,391) |      |
| Total amortizable intangible assets, net | \$1,141,316 | \$356,019 |      |
| Indefinite lived trademarks              | 193,050     | 73,050    |      |
| Total intangibles, net                   | \$1,334,366 | \$429,069 |      |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As of September 30, 2018

For the years ended September 30, 2018, 2017, and 2016, the Company recorded \$141.2 million, \$82.5 million, and \$68.3 million of amortization expense relating to the above-listed intangible assets, respectively. The

intangible asset lives range from 5 to 20 years and the weighted-average remaining life was 18.5 years as of September 30, 2018.

The following table summarizes the estimated future amortization expense for intangible assets (in thousands):

| Year Ending September 30, |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|
| 2019                      | \$208,404   |
| 2020                      | 179,571     |
| 2021                      | 149,888     |
| 2022                      | 121,396     |
| 2023                      | 97,474      |
| Thereafter                | 384,583     |
|                           | \$1,141,316 |

## 8. Financing Arrangements

The following table summarizes all financing arrangements from the respective periods presented (in thousands):

|  | September 30, 2018 | September 30, 2017 |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|
| Revolving Lines of Credit:   |                    |                    |
| 2020 ABL   |                    |                    |
| U.S. Revolver, expires October 1, 2020 <sup>1</sup>                        | \$ -               | \$ -               |
| Canada Revolver, expires October 1, 2020 <sup>2</sup>                      | -                  | 3,205              |
| 2023 ABL   |                    |                    |
| U.S. Revolver, expires January 2, 2023 <sup>3</sup>                        | 89,352             | -                  |
| Canada Revolver, expires January 2, 2023 <sup>4</sup>                      | 3,090              | -                  |
| Current portion  | -                  | -                  |
| Borrowings under revolving lines of credit, net                            | \$ 92,442          | \$ 3,205           |
|  |                    |                    |
| Term Loans:  |                    |                    |
| Term Loan, matures October 1, 2022 <sup>5</sup>                            | \$ -               | \$ 433,440         |
| Term Loan, matures January 2, 2025 <sup>6</sup>                            | 930,726            | -                  |
| Current portion  | (9,700             | ) (4,500 )         |
| Total long-term borrowings under term loans                                | \$ 921,026         | \$ 428,940         |
|  |                    |                    |
| Senior Notes:  |                    |                    |
| Senior Notes, mature October 2023 <sup>7</sup>                             | 293,607            | 292,328            |
| Senior Notes, mature November 2025 <sup>8</sup>                            | 1,280,092          | -                  |
| Current portion  | -                  | -                  |
| Total long-term borrowings under Senior Notes                              | \$ 1,573,699       | \$ 292,328         |
|  |                    |                    |
| Long-term debt, net  | \$ 2,494,725       | \$ 721,268         |
|  |                    |                    |
| Equipment Financing Facilities and Other:                                  |                    |                    |
| Equipment financing facilities, various maturities through September 20219 | \$ 11,222          | \$ 12,898          |

| Capital lease obligations, various maturities through November 2021 <sup>10</sup> | 12,378    | 19,956    |   |
|---|-----------|-----------|---|
| Current portion   | (9,961    | ) (9,641  | ) |
| Long-term obligations under equipment financing and other, net                    | \$ 13,639 | \$ 23,213 |   |

- <sup>1</sup>Extinguished on January 2, 2018; Effective rate on borrowings of 2.00% as of September 30, 2017
- <sup>2</sup>Extinguished on January 2, 2018; Effective rate on borrowings of 3.70% as of September 30, 2017
- <sup>3</sup>Effective rate on borrowings of 3.36% as of September 30, 2018
- <sup>4</sup>Effective rate on borrowings of 3.95% as of September 30, 2018
- <sup>5</sup>Extinguished on January 2, 2018; Interest rate of 3.50% as of September 30, 2017
- <sup>6</sup>Interest rate of 4.53% as of September 30, 2018
- <sup>7</sup>Interest rate of 6.38% as of September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017
- <sup>8</sup>Interest rate of 4.88% as of September 30, 2018
- <sup>9</sup>Fixed interest rates ranging from 2.33% to 3.25% as of September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017
- <sup>10</sup>Fixed interest rates ranging from 2.72% to 10.39% as of September 30, 2018 and September 30, 2017 Financing Allied Acquisition

In connection with the Allied Acquisition, the Company entered into various financing arrangements totaling \$3.57 billion, including an asset-based revolving line of credit of \$1.30 billion ("2023 ABL"), \$525.0 million of which was drawn at closing, and a \$970.0 million term loan ("2025 Term Loan"). The Company also raised an additional \$1.30 billion through the issuance of senior notes (the "2025 Senior Notes").

The proceeds from these financing arrangements were used to finance the Allied Acquisition, to refinance or otherwise extinguish all third-party indebtedness, to pay fees and expenses associated with the acquisition, and to provide working capital and funds for other general corporate purposes. The Company capitalized new debt issuance costs totaling approximately \$65.8 million related to the 2023 ABL, the 2025 Term Loan and the 2025 Senior Notes.

Since the financing arrangements entered into in connection with the Allied Acquisition had certain lenders who also participated in previous financing arrangements entered into by the Company, portions of the transactions were accounted for as either a debt modification or a debt extinguishment. In accordance with the accounting for debt modification, the Company expensed \$1.5 million of debt issuance costs related to the Allied financing arrangements and recognized a loss on debt extinguishment of \$1.2 million. The remainder of the debt issuance costs will be amortized over the term of the Allied financing arrangements.

#### 2023 ABL

On January 2, 2018, the Company entered into a \$1.30 billion asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2023 ABL consists of revolving loans in both the United States ("2023 U.S. Revolver") in the amount of \$1.20 billion and Canada ("2023 Canada Revolver") in the amount of \$100.0 million. The 2023 ABL has a maturity date of January 2, 2023. The 2023 ABL has various borrowing tranches with an interest rate based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The current unused commitment fees on the 2023 ABL are 0.25% per annum.

There is one financial covenant under the 2023 ABL, which is a Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio. The Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio is calculated by dividing consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) by Consolidated Fixed Charges (both as defined in the agreement). Per the covenant, the Company's Consolidated Fixed Charge Ratio has to be a minimum of 1.00 at the end of each fiscal quarter, calculated on a trailing four quarter basis.

The 2023 ABL is secured by a first priority lien over substantially all of the Company's and each guarantor's accounts, chattel paper, deposit accounts, books, records and inventory (as well as intangibles related thereto), subject to certain customary exceptions (the "ABL Priority Collateral"), and a second priority lien over substantially all of the Company's and each guarantor's other assets, including all of the equity interests of any subsidiary held by the Company or any guarantor, subject to certain customary exceptions (the "Term Priority Collateral"). The 2023 ABL is guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by the Company's active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the total balance outstanding on the 2023 ABL, net of \$10.6 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$92.4 million. The Company also has outstanding standby letters of credit related to the 2023 U.S. Revolver in the amount of \$13.4 million as of September 30, 2018.

2025 Term Loan

On January 2, 2018, the Company entered into a \$970.0 million Term Loan with Citibank N.A., and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2025 Term Loan requires quarterly principal payments in the amount of \$2.4 million, with the remaining outstanding principal to be paid on its January 2, 2025 maturity date. The interest rate is based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The Company has the option of selecting a LIBOR period that determines the rate at which interest can accrue on the Term Loan as well as the period in which interest payments are made.

The 2025 Term Loan is secured by a first priority lien on the Term Priority Collateral and a second priority lien on the ABL Priority Collateral. Certain excluded assets will not be included in the Term Priority Collateral and the ABL Priority Collateral. The Term Loan is guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by the Company's active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2025 Term Loan, net of \$34.4 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$930.7 million.

#### 2025 Senior Notes

On October 25, 2017, Beacon Escrow Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (the "Escrow Issuer"), completed a private offering of \$1.30 billion aggregate principal amount of 4.875% Senior Notes due 2025 at an issue price of 100%. The 2025 Senior Notes bear interest at a rate of 4.875% per annum, payable semi-annually in arrears, beginning May 1, 2018. The Company anticipates repaying the 2025 Senior Notes at the maturity date of November 1, 2025. Per the terms of the Escrow Agreement, the net proceeds from the 2025 Senior Notes remained in escrow until they were used to fund a portion of the purchase price of the Allied Acquisition payable at closing on January 2, 2018.

Upon closing of the Allied Acquisition on January 2, 2018, (i) the Escrow Issuer merged with and into the Company, and the Company assumed all obligations under the 2025 Senior Notes; and (ii) all existing domestic subsidiaries of the Company (including the entities acquired in the Allied Acquisition) became guarantors of the 2025 Senior Notes.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2025 Senior Notes, net of \$19.9 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$1.28 billion.

#### Financing - RSG Acquisition

In connection with the RSG Acquisition, the Company entered into various financing arrangements totaling \$1.45 billion, including an asset-based revolving line of credit ("2020 ABL") of \$700.0 million (\$350.0 million of which was drawn at closing) and a \$450.0 million term loan ("2022 Term Loan"). The Company also raised an additional \$300.0 million through the issuance of senior notes (the "2023 Senior Notes").

The proceeds from these financing arrangements were used to provide working capital and funds for other general corporate purposes, to refinance or otherwise extinguish all third-party indebtedness for borrowed money under Company's and RSG's existing senior secured credit facilities and RSG's unsecured senior notes due 2020, to finance the acquisition, and to pay fees and expenses associated with the RSG acquisition. The Company incurred debt issuance costs totaling approximately \$31.3 million related to the 2020 ABL, 2022 Term Loan and 2023 Senior Notes.

#### 2020 ABL

On October 1, 2015, the Company entered into a \$700.0 million asset-based revolving line of credit with Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2020 ABL had an original maturity date of October 1, 2020 and consisted of revolving loans in both the United States ("2020 U.S. Revolver") in the amount of \$670.0 million and Canada ("Canada Revolver") in the amount of \$30.0 million. The 2020 ABL had various borrowing tranches with an

interest rate based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The full balance of the 2020 ABL was paid on January 2, 2018 in conjunction with the Allied Acquisition.

## 2022 Term Loan

On October 1, 2015, the Company entered into a \$450.0 million Term Loan with Citibank N.A., and a syndicate of other lenders. The 2022 Term Loan required quarterly principal payments in the amount of \$1.1 million,

with the remaining outstanding principal to be paid on its original maturity date of October 1, 2022. The interest rate was based on a LIBOR rate (with a floor) plus a fixed spread. The Company had the option of selecting a LIBOR period that determined the rate at which interest would accrue, as well as the period in which interest payments are made. The full balance of the 2022 Term Loan was paid on January 2, 2018 in conjunction with the Allied Acquisition, including the write-off of \$0.7 million in debt issuance costs.

#### 2023 Senior Notes

On October 1, 2015, the Company raised \$300.0 million by issuing senior notes due 2023. The 2023 Senior Notes have a coupon rate of 6.38% per annum and are payable semi-annually in arrears, beginning April 1, 2016. There are early payment provisions in the indenture in which the Company would be subject to "make whole" provisions. The Company anticipates repaying the notes at the maturity date of October 1, 2023.

The 2023 Senior Notes are guaranteed jointly, severally, fully and unconditionally by the Company's active United States subsidiaries.

As of September 30, 2018, the outstanding balance on the 2023 Senior Notes, net of \$6.4 million of unamortized debt issuance costs, was \$293.6 million.

#### Other Information

Annual principal payments for all outstanding financing arrangements for each of the next five years and thereafter are as follows (in thousands):

|   |          | 2025     |           | Equipment  |           |
|---|----------|----------|-----------|------------|-----------|
|   | 2023     | Term     | Senior    | Financing  |           |
| Year Ending September 30,                               | ABL      | Loan     | Notes     | Facilities | Total     |
| 2019  | \$-      | \$9,700  | \$-       | \$ 9,929   | \$19,629  |
| 2020  | -        | 9,700    | -         | 9,014      | 18,714    |
| 2021  | -        | 9,700    | -         | 4,327      | 14,027    |
| 2022  | -        | 9,700    | -         | 330        | 10,030    |
| 2023  | 103,090  | 9,700    | 300,000   | -          | 412,790   |
| Thereafter  | -        | 916,650  | 1,300,000 | -          | 2,216,650 |
| Total debt  | 103,090  | 965,150  | 1,600,000 | 23,600     | 2,691,840 |
| Unamortized debt issuance costs<br>Total long-term debt | (10,648) | (34,424) | (26,301   | -          | (71,373 ) |