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Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2019

or

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission File Number: 0-17196

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

KANSAS

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

45-4082531

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

100 Commercial Street, Atchison, Kansas

(Address of principal executive offices)

66002

(Zip Code)

(913) 367-1480

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if smaller reporting company) Smaller Reporting Company

Emerging growth company

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

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

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

| Title of each class | Trading Symbol | Name of each exchange on which registered |
|---------------------|----------------|---|
| Common | MGPI | NASDAQ |

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

17,014,882 shares of Common Stock, no par value as of April 25, 2019

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METHOD OF PRESENTATION

Throughout this Report, when we refer to "the Company," "MGP," "we," "us," "our," and words of similar import, we are referring to the combined business of MGP Ingredients, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, except to the extent that the context otherwise indicates. In this document, for any references to Note 1 through Note 10, refer to the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 1.

All amounts in this report, except for share, par values, bushels, gallons, pounds, mmbtu, proof gallons, per share, per bushel, per gallon, per proof gallon and percentage amounts, are shown in thousands unless otherwise noted.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

| | Quarter Ended March | |
|--|---------------------|------------|
| | 31, | |
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Sales | \$89,096 | \$ 87,956 |
| Cost of sales | 72,436 | 69,005 |
| Gross profit | 16,660 | 18,951 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 8,147 | 8,562 |
| Operating income | 8,513 | 10,389 |
| Interest expense, net | (252) | (207) |
| Income before income taxes | 8,261 | 10,182 |
| Income tax expense (benefit) (Note 4) | (1,459) | 1,255 |
| Net income | \$9,720 | \$ 8,927 |
| Income attributable to participating securities | 66 | 175 |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders and used in earnings per share calculation (Note 5) | \$9,654 | \$ 8,752 |
| Share information: | | |
| Basic and diluted weighted average common shares | 16,967,631 | 16,843,255 |
| Basic and diluted earnings per common share | \$0.57 | \$ 0.52 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

| | Quarter Ended | |
|--|---------------|---------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Net income | \$9,720 | \$8,927 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | |
| Change in Company-sponsored post-employment benefit plan | 14 | (13) |
| Comprehensive income | \$9,734 | \$8,914 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
 (Unaudited)
 (Dollars in thousands)

| | March 31, 2019 | December 31, 2018 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$— | \$ 5,025 |
| Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018 - \$24) | 43,885 | 38,797 |
| Inventory | 111,330 | 108,769 |
| Prepaid expenses | 2,263 | 1,320 |
| Refundable income taxes | 2,361 | 712 |
| Total current assets | 159,839 | 154,623 |
| Property, plant, and equipment | 297,420 | 295,893 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (177,478) | (175,105) |
| Property, plant, and equipment, net | 119,942 | 120,788 |
| Operating lease right-of-use asset, net | 6,686 | — |
| Other assets | 3,633 | 2,481 |
| Total assets | \$290,100 | \$ 277,892 |
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Current maturities of long-term debt | \$390 | \$ 386 |
| Accounts payable | 19,398 | 25,363 |
| Accrued expenses | 10,629 | 11,714 |
| Total current liabilities | 30,417 | 37,463 |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities | 20,946 | 21,040 |
| Credit agreement - revolver | 21,641 | 10,588 |
| Operating lease liability | 4,631 | — |
| Deferred credits | 1,482 | 1,565 |
| Accrued retirement, health, and life insurance benefits | 2,526 | 2,595 |
| Other noncurrent liabilities | 1,516 | 1,523 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,822 | 1,677 |
| Total liabilities | 84,981 | 76,451 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (Note 7) | | |
| Stockholders' Equity | | |
| Capital stock | | |
| Preferred, 5% non-cumulative; \$10 par value; authorized 1,000 shares; issued and outstanding 437 shares | 4 | 4 |
| Common stock | | |
| No par value; authorized 40,000,000 shares; issued 18,115,965 shares at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, and 17,014,882 and 16,856,414 shares outstanding at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, respectively | 6,715 | 6,715 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 12,636 | 15,375 |
| Retained earnings | 206,851 | 198,914 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (81) | (164) |

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| | | |
|---|-----------|------------|
| Treasury stock, at cost | | |
| Shares of 1,101,083 at March 31, 2019, and 1,259,551 at December 31, 2018 | (21,006) | (19,403) |
| Total stockholders' equity | 205,119 | 201,441 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$290,100 | \$ 277,892 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
 (Unaudited)
 (Dollars in thousands)

| | Quarter Ended March 31, | |
|---|----------------------------|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Net income | \$9,720 | \$8,927 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 2,810 | 2,929 |
| Gain on sale of assets | (138) | — |
| Share-based compensation | 1,125 | 1,191 |
| Deferred income taxes, including change in valuation allowance | 145 | 279 |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Receivables, net | (5,088) | (185) |
| Inventory | (2,561) | (5,727) |
| Prepaid expenses | (943) | (1,005) |
| Refundable income taxes | (1,649) | 1,048 |
| Accounts payable | (3,976) | (2,238) |
| Accrued expenses | (3,140) | (4,009) |
| Deferred credits | (83) | (217) |
| Accrued retirement health, and life insurance benefits | (11) | (114) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities | (3,789) | 879 |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | |
| Additions to property, plant, and equipment | (3,741) | (6,978) |
| Deferred compensation plan investments | (1,166) | — |
| Other | — | (62) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (4,907) | (7,040) |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities | | |
| Payment of dividends and dividend equivalents | (1,714) | (1,375) |
| Purchase of treasury stock for tax withholding on equity-based compensation | (5,467) | (2,073) |
| Principal payments on long-term debt | (95) | (93) |
| Proceeds from credit agreement - revolver | 11,025 | 7,741 |
| Other | (78) | — |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | 3,671 | 4,200 |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (5,025) | (1,961) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 5,025 | 3,084 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$— | \$1,123 |

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MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.
 CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF
 CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)

(Dollars in thousands)

| | Capital Stock Preferred | Issued Common | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Treasury Stock | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2018 | \$ 4 | \$ 6,715 | \$ 15,375 | \$ 198,914 | \$ (164) | \$(19,403) | \$ 201,441 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 9,720 | — | — | 9,720 |
| Other comprehensive income | — | — | — | — | 14 | — | 14 |
| Dividends and dividend equivalents of \$.10 per common share and per restricted stock unit, net of estimated forfeitures | — | — | — | (1,714) | — | — | (1,714) |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 1,031 | — | — | — | 1,031 |
| Stock shares awarded, forfeited, or vested | — | — | (3,770) | — | — | 3,864 | 94 |
| Purchase of treasury stock for tax withholding on share-based compensation | — | — | — | — | — | (5,467) | (5,467) |
| Adjustment related to Accounting Standards Update 2018-02 adoption | — | — | — | (69) | 69 | — | — |
| Balance, March 31, 2019 | \$ 4 | \$ 6,715 | \$ 12,636 | \$ 206,851 | \$ (81) | \$(21,006) | \$ 205,119 |

| | Capital Stock Preferred | Issued Common | Additional Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Treasury Stock | Total |
|---|-------------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|------------|
| Balance, December 31, 2017 | \$ 4 | \$ 6,715 | \$ 13,912 | \$ 167,129 | \$ (311) | \$(18,719) | \$ 168,730 |
| Comprehensive income: | | | | | | | |
| Net income | — | — | — | 8,927 | — | — | 8,927 |
| Other comprehensive loss | — | — | — | — | (13) | — | (13) |
| Dividends and dividend equivalents of \$.08 per common share and per restricted stock unit, net of estimated forfeitures | — | — | — | (1,374) | — | — | (1,374) |
| Share-based compensation | — | — | 1,052 | — | — | — | 1,052 |
| Stock shares awarded, forfeited, or vested | — | — | (981) | — | — | 1,120 | 139 |
| Purchase of treasury stock for tax withholding on share-based compensation | — | — | — | — | — | (2,073) | (2,073) |
| Balance, March 31, 2018 | \$ 4 | \$ 6,715 | \$ 13,983 | \$ 174,682 | \$ (324) | \$(19,672) | \$ 175,388 |

See accompanying notes to unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

Note 1. Accounting Policies and Basis of Presentation

The Company. MGP Ingredients, Inc. ("Company") is a Kansas corporation headquartered in Atchison, Kansas and is a leading producer and supplier of premium distilled spirits and specialty wheat protein and starch food ingredients. Distilled spirits include premium bourbon and rye whiskeys and grain neutral spirits, including vodka and gin. MGP is also a top producer of high quality industrial alcohol for use in both food and non-food applications. The Company's protein and starch food ingredients provide a host of functional, nutritional, and sensory benefits for a wide range of food products to serve the packaged goods industry. The Company's distillery products are derived from corn and other grains (including rye, barley, wheat, barley malt, and milo), and its ingredient products are derived from wheat flour. The majority of the Company's sales are made directly or through distributors to manufacturers and processors of finished packaged goods or to bakeries.

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. These unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements as of and for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The results of operations for interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

In the opinion of management, the accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments (consisting of normal and recurring adjustments) necessary to fairly present the results for interim periods in accordance with United States ("U.S.") generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"). Pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC, certain information and note disclosures normally included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted.

Use of Estimates. The financial reporting policies of the Company conform to GAAP. The preparation of unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The application of certain of these policies places demands on management's judgment, with financial reporting results relying on estimation about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. For all of these policies, management cautions that future events rarely develop as forecast, and estimates routinely require adjustment and may require material adjustment.

Inventory. Inventory includes finished goods, raw materials in the form of agricultural commodities used in the production process and certain maintenance and repair items. Bourbon and whiskeys are normally aged in barrels for several years, following industry practice; all barreled bourbon and whiskey is classified as a current asset. The Company includes warehousing, insurance, and other carrying charges applicable to barreled whiskey in inventory costs.

Inventories are stated at lower of cost or net realizable value on the first-in, first-out, or FIFO, method. Inventory valuations are impacted by constantly changing prices paid for key materials, primarily corn. Inventory consists of the following:

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| | March 31, December 31, | |
|---|------------------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Finished goods | \$ 16,681 | \$ 17,296 |
| Barreled distillate (bourbons and whiskeys) | 79,461 | 76,374 |
| Raw materials | 4,736 | 4,906 |
| Work in process | 1,508 | 1,550 |
| Maintenance materials | 7,623 | 7,541 |
| Other | 1,321 | 1,102 |
| Total | \$ 111,330 | \$ 108,769 |

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Revenue Recognition. Revenue is recognized when control of the promised goods or services, through performance obligations by the Company, is transferred to the customer in an amount that reflects the consideration it expects to be entitled to in exchange for the performance obligations. The term between invoicing and when payment is due is not significant and the period between when the entity transfers the promised good or service to the customer and when the customer pays for that good or service is one year or less.

Excise taxes that are both imposed on and concurrent with a specific revenue-producing transaction, that are collected by the Company from a customer are excluded from revenue. Revenue is recognized for the sale of products at the point in time finished products are delivered to the customer in accordance with shipping terms. This is a faithful depiction of the satisfaction of the performance obligation because, at that point control passes to the customer, the customer has legal title and the risk and rewards of ownership have transferred, and the customer has present obligation to pay.

The Company's distillery products segment routinely enters into bill and hold arrangements, whereby the Company produces and sells unaged distillate to customers, and the product is subsequently barreled at the customer's request and warehoused at a Company location for an extended period of time in accordance with directions received from the Company's customers. Even though the unaged distillate remains in the Company's possession, a sale is recognized at the point in time when the customer obtains control of the product. Control is transferred to the customer in bill and hold transactions when: customer acceptance specifications have been met, legal title has transferred, the customer has a present obligation to pay for the product, the risk and rewards of ownership have transferred to the customer, and all the following additional bill and hold criteria have been met: the customer has requested the product be warehoused, the product has been identified as separately belonging to the customer, the product is currently ready for physical transfer to the customer, and the Company does not have the ability to use the product or direct it to another customer.

Warehouse services revenue is recognized over the time that warehouse services are rendered and as they are rendered. This is a faithful depiction of the satisfaction of the performance obligation because control of the aging products has already passed to the customer and there are no additional performance activities required by the Company, except as requested by the customer. The performance of the service activities, as requested, is invoiced as satisfied and revenue is concurrently recognized.

Income Taxes. The Company accounts for income taxes using an asset and liability method which requires the recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax basis. A valuation allowance is recognized if it is "more likely than not" that at least some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

Earnings Per Share ("EPS"). Basic and diluted EPS are computed using the two-class method, which is an earnings allocation formula that determines net income per share for each class of Common Stock and participating security according to dividends declared and participation rights in undistributed earnings. Per share amounts are computed by dividing net income attributable to common shareholders by the weighted average shares outstanding during the period.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments. The Company determines the fair values of its financial instruments based on a fair value hierarchy, which requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based upon the observability of inputs. Fair values determined by Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, and include situations where there is little, if

any, market activity for the asset or liability. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement in its entirety falls has been determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

The Company's short term financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable. The carrying value of the short term financial instruments approximates the fair value due to their short term nature. These financial instruments have no stated maturities or the financial instruments have short term maturities that approximate market.

The fair value of the Company's debt is estimated based on current market interest rates for debt with similar maturities and credit quality. The fair value of the Company's debt was \$42,204 and \$32,018 at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, respectively. The financial statement carrying value of total debt was \$42,977 (including unamortized loan fees) and \$32,014 (including unamortized loan fees) at March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, respectively. These fair values are considered Level 2 under the fair value hierarchy (also see Note 9).

Recently Adopted Accounting Standard Updates. The Company adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842), as of January 1, 2019, using the modified retrospective approach (Note 6). The modified retrospective approach provides a method for recording existing leases at adoption and using the effective date as the date of application (the "effective date method"). Under the effective date method, the comparative period reporting is unchanged. Comparative reporting periods are presented in accordance with Topic 840 (previous lease guidance), while periods subsequent to the effective date are presented in accordance with Topic 842. In addition, the Company elected the available practical expedients and implemented internal controls to enable the preparation of financial information on adoption. Adoption of the new standard resulted in the recording by the Company of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities in its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet of \$6,598 and \$6,952, respectively, as of January 1, 2019. The standard did not impact the Company's consolidated net earnings and also had no impact on its cash flows.

In February 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-02, Reclassification of Certain Tax Effects from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income, which allows a reclassification from accumulated other comprehensive income to retained earnings for stranded tax effects resulting from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"). This ASU was effective for all entities for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and was adopted by the Company during the quarter ended March 31, 2019, and had an immaterial effect on its financial results and disclosures.

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-07, Improvements to Nonemployee Share-Based Payment Accounting, which more closely aligns the accounting for employee and nonemployee share-based payments. This ASU was effective for public business entities for annual and interim periods in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, and was adopted by the Company during the quarter ended March 31, 2019, and had no impact on its financial results and disclosures.

Note 2. Revenue

Disaggregation of Revenue.

The following table presents the Company's revenues by segment and major products and services:

| | SALES | |
|---|---------------|----------|
| | Quarter Ended | |
| | March 31, | |
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Distillery Products | | |
| Brown Goods | \$24,827 | \$28,201 |
| White Goods | 17,182 | 15,870 |
| Premium beverage alcohol | 42,009 | 44,071 |
| Industrial alcohol | 20,443 | 19,344 |
| Food grade alcohol | 62,452 | 63,415 |
| Fuel grade alcohol | 1,501 | 1,863 |
| Distillers feed and related co-products | 7,095 | 6,224 |
| Warehouse services | 3,529 | 2,875 |
| Total distillery products | \$74,577 | \$74,377 |
| Ingredient Solutions | | |
| Specialty wheat starches | \$6,881 | \$6,801 |
| Specialty wheat proteins | 4,442 | 4,736 |
| Commodity wheat starches | 2,262 | 2,042 |
| Commodity wheat proteins | 934 | — |
| Total ingredient solutions | \$14,519 | \$13,579 |
| Total sales | \$89,096 | \$87,956 |

The Company generates revenues from the distillery products segment by the sale of products and by providing warehouse services related to the storage and aging of customer products. The Company generates revenues from the ingredient solutions segment by the sale of products. Contracts with customers in both segments include a single performance obligation (either the sale of products or the provision of warehouse services).

Note 3. Corporate Borrowings

Indebtedness Outstanding.

| Description ^(a) | March 31, | December 31, |
|---|-----------|--------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Credit Agreement - Revolver, 3.87% (variable rate) due 2022 | \$ 22,025 | \$ 11,000 |
| Secured Promissory Note, 3.71% (fixed rate) due 2022 | 1,499 | 1,594 |
| Prudential Note Purchase Agreement, 3.53% (fixed rate) due 2027 | 20,000 | 20,000 |
| Total indebtedness outstanding | 43,524 | 32,594 |
| Less unamortized loan fees ^(b) | (547) | (580) |
| Total indebtedness outstanding, net | \$ 42,977 | \$ 32,014 |
| Less current maturities of long-term debt | (390) | (386) |
| Long-term debt | \$ 42,587 | \$ 31,628 |

(a) Interest rates are as of March 31, 2019.

(b) Loan fees are being amortized over the life of the Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement.

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Credit and Note Purchase Agreements. The Company's Credit Agreement with Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, provides for a \$150,000 revolving credit facility. The Company may increase the facility from time to time by an aggregate principal amount of up to \$25,000 provided certain conditions are satisfied and at the discretion of the lender. The Credit Agreement matures on August 23, 2022. The Credit Agreement includes certain requirements and covenants, which the Company was in compliance with at March 31, 2019. As of March 31, 2019, the Company's total outstanding borrowings under the Credit Agreement were \$22,025 leaving \$127,975 available.

The Company's Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement (the "Note Purchase Agreement") with PGIM, Inc., an affiliate of Prudential Financial, Inc., and certain affiliates of PGIM, Inc. The Note Purchase Agreement provides for the issuance of up to \$75,000 of Senior Secured Notes, and the Company issued \$20,000 of Senior Secured Notes with a maturity date of August 23, 2027. The Note Purchase Agreement includes certain requirements and covenants, which the Company was in compliance with at March 31, 2019.

Note 4. Income Taxes

The Company's tax provision for interim periods is determined using an estimated annual effective tax rate, adjusted for discrete items arising in that quarter. In each quarter, the estimated annual effective tax rate is updated and a year-to-date adjustment is made to the provision. The Company's quarterly effective tax rate is subject to significant change due to the effect of discrete items arising in a given quarter. There was an income tax benefit for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, of \$1,459, for an effective tax rate of (17.7) percent. The effective tax rate differed from the 21 percent federal statutory rate on pretax income, primarily due to the tax impact of vested share-based awards, the tax impact of state and federal tax credits, partially offset by state taxes and certain compensation being subject to the compensation deduction limitations applicable for public companies.

Income tax expense for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, was \$1,255, for an effective tax rate for the quarter of 12.3 percent. The effective tax rate differed from the 21 percent federal statutory rate on pretax income, primarily due to the tax impact of vested share-based awards, income tax credits including state income tax credits in Indiana and Kansas, partially offset by state taxes.

Note 5. EPS

The computations of basic and diluted EPS:

| | Quarter Ended March 31, | |
|--|----------------------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Operations: | | |
| Net income ^(a) | \$9,720 | \$ 8,927 |
| Less: Income attributable to participating securities ^(b) | 66 | 175 |
| Net income attributable to common shareholders | \$9,654 | \$ 8,752 |
| Share information: | | |
| Basic and diluted weighted average common shares ^(c) | 16,967,666 | 16,843,255 |
| Basic and diluted EPS | \$0.57 | \$ 0.52 |

(a) Net income attributable to all shareholders.

(b) Participating securities included 112,865 and 338,375 unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs"), at March 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively.

(c)

Under the two-class method, basic and diluted weighted average common shares at March 31, 2019 and 2018, exclude unvested participating securities.

Note 6. Leases

The Company has operating leases for railcars, computer equipment, an office space, and certain equipment. The Company has no finance leases. Leases with terms of twelve months or less are not recorded on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The Company recognizes lease expense for these leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. For leases beginning in 2019 and later, lease components are accounted for separately from non-lease components, such as common-area maintenance, based on the relative, observable standalone prices of the components.

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The Company's leases have remaining lease terms of one year to five years, some of which may include options to extend the lease. Options to renew the Company's leases were not considered when assessing the value of the right-of-use assets because the Company was not reasonably certain that it will assert the options to renew the leases. As most of the Company's leases do not provide an implicit rate, the Company uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at commencement date in determining the present value of lease payments.

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| | March |
| Leases | 31, 2019 |
| Assets | |
| Operating | \$6,686 |
| Total leased assets ^(a) | \$6,686 ^(b) |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Operating | \$2,434 ^(c) |
| Noncurrent Operating | 4,631 ^(d) |
| Total operating lease liability ^(a) | \$7,065 |

(a) The Company has no finance lease assets or liabilities.

(b) Recorded in Operating lease right-of-use-asset, net, on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

(c) Recorded as a component of Accrued expenses on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

(d) Recorded in Operating lease liability on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

| | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|
| | Quarter |
| | Ended |
| Lease Costs | March |
| | 31, 2019 |
| Operating lease costs | \$ 589 |
| Short-term lease costs | 303 |
| Sublease income | (24) |
| Net lease costs ^{(a)(b)} | \$ 868 |

(a) The Company has no finance lease costs.

(b) Recorded as a component of Operating income on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income.

| | |
|--|-------------|
| | Quarter |
| | Ended |
| Other Information ^(a) | March |
| | 31, 2019 |
| Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities | |
| Operating cash flows from operating leases | \$565 |
| Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for lease obligations | |
| Operating leases | \$576 |

Weighted average discount rate

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Operating leases | 5.88 % |
| Weighted average remaining lease term | |
| Operating leases | 3.3 years |

(a) The Company has no finance leases.

| | March |
|--|---------|
| Maturity of Operating Lease Liabilities ^(a) | 31, |
| | 2019 |
| 2019 | \$2,168 |
| 2020 | 2,278 |
| 2021 | 1,684 |
| 2022 | 1,079 |
| 2023 | 496 |
| After 2023 | 57 |
| Total lease payments | \$7,762 |
| Less interest | (697) |
| Total operating lease liability | \$7,065 |

(a) The Company has no finance leases.

At December 31, 2018, under ASC 840, Leases, the Company's lease disclosures were: Operating Leases. The Company leases railcars and other assets under various operating leases. For railcar leases, which are the majority, the Company is generally required to pay all service costs associated with the railcars. Rental payments include minimum rentals, and rental expenses with terms longer than one month were \$2,081, \$2,372, and \$2,561 for 2018, 2017, and 2016, respectively. Annual commitments under non-cancelable operating leases totaled \$6,897 for the five years ending December 31, 2023, and an additional \$55 thereafter.

The Company's future minimum rental payments were \$2,224, \$1,858, \$1,357, \$977, and \$481 for the years ending December 31, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023, respectively.

| | December |
|---|----------|
| Maturity of Operating Lease Liabilities | 31, 2018 |
| 2019 | \$ 2,224 |
| 2020 | 1,858 |
| 2021 | 1,357 |
| 2022 | 977 |
| 2023 | 481 |
| After 2023 | 55 |
| Total lease commitments | \$ 6,952 |

Note 7. Commitments and Contingencies

There are various legal and regulatory proceedings involving the Company and its subsidiaries. The Company accrues estimated costs for a contingency when management believes that a loss is probable and can be reasonably estimated.

A chemical release occurred at the Company's Atchison facility on October 21, 2016, which resulted in emissions venting into the air ("the Atchison Chemical Release"). The Company reported the event to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA"), the Occupational Safety and Health Administration ("OSHA"), and to Kansas and local authorities on that date, and has cooperated fully to investigate and ensure that all appropriate response actions were taken.

OSHA completed its investigation of the Atchison Chemical Release and, on April 19, 2017, issued its penalty to the Company in the amount of \$138. Management settled this assessment with OSHA in full for \$75, which was paid on May 16, 2017. A portion, or all, of the penalty amount may be covered by insurance.

The EPA informed the Company on August 1, 2017, that it intends to seek civil penalties of approximately \$250 in connection with its investigation of the Atchison Chemical Release. Since the Company expects a negotiated resolution of the EPA civil case and EPA-proposed civil penalties are not material to the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the Company has not included an accrual in its results. A portion, or all, of the settled penalty amount may be covered by insurance.

On March 6, 2019, federal charges for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act related to the Atchison Chemical Release were filed against a company named Midwest Grain Products, Inc., along with another unaffiliated company. The indicted entity Midwest Grain Products, Inc., has not existed since 2002, but it was part of the corporate lineage of the Company. The Company or one of its subsidiaries may face these charges in the future. If convicted, the statutory maximum penalty could result in a fine of up to \$1,500. If so charged, the Company intends to offer a vigorous defense against the charges. Due to the inherent uncertainty of the matter and because the potential penalties are not material to the quarter ended March 31, 2019, the Company has not included an accrual in its results.

Private plaintiffs have also initiated, and additional private plaintiffs may initiate, legal proceedings for damages resulting from the Atchison Chemical Release, but the Company is currently unable to reasonably estimate the amount of any such damages that might result. The Company's insurance is expected to provide coverage of any damages to private plaintiffs, subject to a deductible of \$250, but certain regulatory fines or penalties may not be covered and there can be no assurance to the amount or timing of possible insurance recoveries if ultimately claimed by the Company.

Note 8. Employee and Non-Employee Benefit Plans

Equity-Based Compensation Plans. The Company's equity-based compensation plans provide for the awarding of stock options, stock appreciation rights, shares of restricted stock ("Restricted Stock"), and RSUs for senior executives and salaried employees, as well as non-employee directors. The Company has two active equity-based compensation plans: the Employee Equity Incentive Plan of 2014 (the "2014 Plan") and the Non-Employee Director Equity Incentive Plan (the "Directors' Plan").

As of March 31, 2019, 344,562 RSUs had been granted of the 1,500,000 shares approved under the 2014 Plan, and 71,523 shares had been granted of the 300,000 shares approved under the Directors' Plan. As of March 31, 2019, there were 118,795 unvested RSUs under the Company's long-term incentive plans and 112,865 were participating securities (Note 5).

Deferred Compensation Plan. The Company established an unfunded Executive Deferred Compensation Plan ("EDC Plan") effective as of June 30, 2018, with a purpose to attract and retain highly-compensated key employees by providing participants with an opportunity to defer receipt of a portion of their salary, bonus, and other specified compensation. The Company's obligations under this plan will change in conjunction with the performance of the participants' investments, along with contributions to and withdrawals from the plan. Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on deferred compensation plan investments were insignificant and were included as a component of operating income in the Company's consolidated statement of income at March 31, 2019, because the Company's deferred compensation investments consist of mutual funds that are considered trading securities.

Plan investments are classified as Level 1 in the fair value hierarchy since the investments trade with sufficient frequency and volume to enable the Company to obtain pricing information on an ongoing basis. From plan inception through December 31, 2018, participants were able to direct the deferral of a portion of their 2018 Short-term incentive plan ("STI Plan") amounts that were paid during first quarter 2019. At the time of payment, the amounts elected for deferral were deposited into the EDC Plan by the Company and allocated by participants among Company-determined investment options.

For 2019, participants are able to direct the deferral of a portion of their 2019 base salary and a portion of their estimated, accrued 2019 STI Plan amount. Base salary amounts elected for deferral are deposited into the EDC Plan by the Company on a weekly basis and allocated by participants among Company-determined investment options. At March 31, 2019, the EDC Plan investments were \$1,193 and were recorded in Other assets on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet. The EDC Plan liability for base pay and the 2019 STI Plan was \$1,421. The

current portion of the liability is comprised of estimated amounts to be paid to participants within one year. At March 31, 2019, \$179 of the EDC Plan liability was considered current and was included in Accrued expenses in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, and \$1,242 was considered non-current and was included in Other noncurrent liabilities on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Note 9. Operating Segments

At March 31, 2019 and 2018, the Company had two segments: distillery products and ingredient solutions. The distillery products segment consists of food grade alcohol and distillery co-products, such as distillers feed (commonly called dried distillers grain in the industry) and fuel grade alcohol. The distillery products segment also includes warehouse services, including barrel put away, storage, retrieval, and blending services. Ingredient solutions consists of specialty starches and proteins and commodity starches and proteins.

Operating profit for each segment is based on sales less identifiable operating expenses. Non-direct SG&A, interest expense, other special charges, and other general miscellaneous expenses are excluded from segment operations and are classified as Corporate. Receivables, inventories, and equipment have been identified with the segments to which they relate. All other assets are considered as Corporate.

| | Quarter Ended | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|
| | March 31, | |
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Sales to Customers | | |
| Distillery products | \$74,577 | \$74,377 |
| Ingredient solutions | 14,519 | 13,579 |
| Total | 89,096 | 87,956 |
| Gross Profit | | |
| Distillery products | 15,239 | 15,870 |
| Ingredient solutions | 1,421 | 3,081 |
| Total | 16,660 | 18,951 |
| Depreciation and Amortization | | |
| Distillery products | 2,169 | 2,241 |
| Ingredient solutions | 372 | 434 |
| Corporate | 269 | 254 |
| Total | 2,810 | 2,929 |
| Income (loss) before Income Taxes | | |
| Distillery products | 13,435 | 14,177 |
| Ingredient solutions | 775 | 2,424 |
| Corporate | (5,949) | (6,419) |
| Total | \$8,261 | \$10,182 |

The following table allocates assets to each segment as of:

| | March 31, December 31, | |
|----------------------|------------------------|------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 |
| Identifiable Assets | | |
| Distillery products | \$ 235,306 | \$ 223,890 |
| Ingredient solutions | 36,003 | 35,147 |
| Corporate | 18,791 | 18,855 |
| Total | \$ 290,100 | \$ 277,892 |

Note 10. Subsequent Events

On April 29, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend payable to stockholders of record as of May 15, 2019, of the Company's Common Stock, and a dividend equivalent payable to holders of certain RSUs as of May 15, 2019, of \$.10 per share and per unit, payable on May 31, 2019.

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

(Dollar amounts in thousands, unless otherwise noted)

CAUTIONARY NOTE CONCERNING FACTORS THAT MAY AFFECT FUTURE RESULTS

This Report on Form 10-Q contains forward looking statements as well as historical information. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, regarding the prospects of our industry and our prospects, plans, financial position, and strategic plan may constitute forward looking statements. In addition, forward looking statements are usually identified by or are associated with such words as "intend," "plan," "believe," "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "hopeful," "should," "may," "will," "could," "encouraged," "opportunities," "potential," and/or the negatives or variations of these terms or similar terminology. Forward looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied in the forward looking statements. A detailed discussion of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward looking statements is included in the section titled "Risk Factors" (Item 1A) of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. Forward looking statements are made as of the date of this report, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward looking statements, whether because of new information, future events or otherwise.

OVERVIEW

MGP is a leading producer and supplier of premium distilled spirits and specialty wheat protein and starch food ingredients. Distilled spirits include premium bourbon and rye whiskeys and grain neutral spirits ("GNS"), including vodka and gin. We are also a top producer of high quality industrial alcohol for use in both food and non-food applications. Our protein and starch food ingredients provide a host of functional, nutritional and sensory benefits for a wide range of food products to serve the packaged goods industry. We have two reportable segments: our distillery products segment and our ingredient solutions segment.

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes included in this Form 10-Q, as well as our audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - General, set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated results

| | March 31, | | 2019 v. | |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|---------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | 2018 | |
| Sales | \$89,096 | \$87,956 | 1.3 | % |
| Cost of sales | 72,436 | 69,005 | 5.0 | |
| Gross profit | 16,660 | 18,951 | (12.1) |) |
| Gross margin % | 18.7 | % 21.5 | (2.8) |) pp ^(a) |
| Selling, general, and administrative ("SG&A") expenses | 8,147 | 8,562 | (4.8) |) |
| Operating income | 8,513 | 10,389 | (18.1) |) |
| Operating margin % | 9.6 | % 11.8 | (2.2) |) pp |
| Interest expense, net | (252) |) (207) |) 21.7 | |
| Income before income taxes | 8,261 | 10,182 | (18.9) |) |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | (1,459) |) 1,255 | (216.3) |) |
| Effective tax expense rate % | (17.7) |)% 12.3 | % (30.0) |) pp |
| Net income | \$9,720 | \$8,927 | 8.9 | % |
| Net income margin % | 10.9 | % 10.1 | % 0.8 | pp |

(a) Percentage points ("pp").

Sales - Sales for quarter ended March 31, 2019, were \$89,096, an increase of 1.3 percent compared to the year-ago quarter, which was the result of increased sales in both segments. Within the distillery products segment, sales were up 0.3 percent, primarily due to increases in the sales of white goods within premium beverage alcohol, industrial alcohol, distillers feed and related co-products, and warehouse services, partially offset by a decline in the sales of brown goods within premium beverage alcohol. Within the ingredient solutions segment, sales were up 6.9 percent. Sales of commodity wheat proteins and starches and specialty wheat starches were higher, partially offset by a decrease in sales of specialty wheat proteins (see Segment Results).

Gross profit - Gross profit for quarter ended March 31, 2019, was \$16,660, a decrease of 12.1 percent compared to the year-ago quarter. The decrease was driven by a decrease in gross profit in both the ingredient solutions and distillery products segments. In the ingredient solutions segment, gross profit decreased by \$1,660, or 53.9 percent. In the distillery products segment, gross profit declined by \$631, or 4.0 percent (see Segment Results).

SG&A expenses - SG&A expenses for quarter ended March 31, 2019, were \$8,147, a decrease of 4.8 percent compared to the year-ago quarter. The decrease in SG&A was primarily due to lower professional fees, partially offset by an increase in personnel costs.

Operating income - Operating income for quarter ended March 31, 2019, decreased to \$8,513 from \$10,389 for quarter ended March 31, 2018, primarily due to a decrease in gross profit in both our ingredient solutions and distillery products segments, partially offset by a decrease in the above-described SG&A expenses.

| Operating income, quarter versus quarter | Operating Income | Change | |
|--|---------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Operating income for quarter ended March 31, 2018 | \$10,389 | | |
| Decrease in gross profit - ingredient solutions segment ^(a) | (1,660) |) (16.0) | pp ^(b) |
| Decrease in gross profit - distillery products segment ^(a) | (631) |) (6.1) |) pp |
| Decrease in SG&A expenses | 415 | 4.0 | pp |
| Operating income for quarter ended March 31, 2019 | \$8,513 | (18.1)% | |

- (a) See segment discussion.
- (b) Percentage points ("pp").

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Income tax expense - There was an income tax benefit for quarter ended March 31, 2019, of \$1,459, for an effective tax rate of (17.7) percent. Income tax expense for the quarter ended March 31, 2018, was \$1,255, for an effective tax rate of 12.3 percent. The significant decrease in income tax expense, quarter versus quarter, was primarily due to the tax impact of vested share-based awards.

Earnings per share ("EPS") - EPS was \$0.57 for quarter ended March 31, 2019, compared to \$0.52 for quarter ended March 31, 2018. EPS increased, quarter versus quarter, primarily due to the tax impact of vested share-based awards, partially offset by a decrease in operations (see above).

| Change in basic and diluted EPS, quarter versus quarter | Basic and Diluted EPS | Change | |
|--|--------------------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Basic and diluted EPS for quarter ended March 31, 2018 | \$ 0.52 | | |
| Decrease in operations ^(a) | (0.10) | (19.2) | pp ^(b) |
| Tax: Change in share-based compensation | 0.11 | 21.1 | pp |
| Tax: Change in effective tax rate (excluding above tax item) | 0.04 | 7.7 | pp |
| Basic and diluted EPS for quarter ended March 31, 2019 | \$ 0.57 | 9.6 | % |

(a) Item is net of tax based on the effective tax rate for the base year (2018).

(b) Percentage points ("pp").

SEGMENT RESULTS

Distillery Products

DISTILLERY PRODUCTS SALES

| | Quarter Ended March | | Quarter versus | |
|---|---------------------|----------|----------------|-------------------|
| | 31, | | Quarter Sales | Change Increase / |
| | 2019 | 2018 | \$ | % |
| Brown Goods | \$24,827 | \$28,201 | \$(3,374) | (12.0)% |
| White Goods | 17,182 | 15,870 | 1,312 | 8.3 |
| Premium beverage alcohol | 42,009 | 44,071 | (2,062) | (4.7) |
| Industrial alcohol | 20,443 | 19,344 | 1,099 | 5.7 |
| Food grade alcohol | 62,452 | 63,415 | (963) | (1.5) |
| Fuel grade alcohol | 1,501 | 1,863 | (362) | (19.4) |
| Distillers feed and related co-products | 7,095 | 6,224 | 871 | 14.0 |
| Warehouse services | 3,529 | 2,875 | 654 | 22.7 |
| Total distillery products | \$74,577 | \$74,377 | \$200 | 0.3 % |

Change in
Quarter-versus-Quarter Sales
Attributed to:

| | Total | Volume | Net Price/Mix |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|------------------|
| Premium beverage alcohol | (4.7)% | 0.5% | (5.2)% |

Other Financial Information

| | Quarter Ended March | | Quarter versus | |
|----------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|-------------------|
| | 31, | | Quarter Increase / | (Decrease) |
| | 2019 | 2018 | \$ | % |
| Gross profit | \$15,239 | \$15,870 | \$(631) | (4.0)% |
| Gross margin % | 20.4 % | 21.3 % | (0.9) | pp ^(a) |

(a) Percentage points ("pp").

Total sales of distillery products increased \$200, or 0.3 percent. Sales of white goods within premium beverage alcohol, industrial alcohol, distillers feed and related co-products, and warehouse services increased, while sales of brown goods within premium beverage alcohol and fuel grade alcohol decreased compared to the prior-year quarter. The increase in sales of white goods was driven by higher sales volume and a higher average selling price. The decline in sales of brown goods was driven by lower sales volume, partially offset by a higher average selling price. Industrial alcohol sales growth was driven by higher sales volume and a higher average selling price. The increase in sales of distillers feed and related co-products was primarily due to a higher average selling price and higher sales volume reflecting improved market conditions during the quarter.

Gross profit decreased quarter versus quarter by \$631, or 4.0 percent. Gross margin for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, decreased to 20.4 percent from 21.3 percent for the prior-year quarter. The decline in gross profit was primarily

due to lower gross margins and profits on white goods within premium beverage alcohol, lower sales volume of brown goods within premium beverage alcohol, and lower gross margins and profits on industrial alcohol, partially offset by higher gross profits on distillers feed and related co-products and warehouse services. Both white goods within premium beverage alcohol and industrial alcohol saw slightly-improved pricing, but not enough to cover increased input costs, as oversupply in the market prevented fully passing through changes in input costs.

Ingredient Solutions

INGREDIENT SOLUTIONS SALES

| | Quarter Ended March 31, | | Quarter versus Quarter Sales Change Increase / (Decrease) | |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|---|----------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | \$ Change | % Change |
| Specialty wheat starches | \$6,881 | \$6,801 | \$80 | 1.2 % |
| Specialty wheat proteins | 4,442 | 4,736 | (294) | (6.2) |
| Commodity wheat starches | 2,262 | 2,042 | 220 | 10.8 |
| Commodity wheat proteins | 934 | — | 934 | N/A |
| Total ingredient solutions | \$14,519 | \$13,579 | \$940 | 6.9 % |

Change in
Quarter-versus-Quarter Sales
Attributed to:

| | Total | Volume | Net Price/Mix |
|----------------------------|-------|--------|---------------|
| Total ingredient solutions | 6.9% | 9.2% | (2.3)% |

Other Financial Information

| | Quarter Ended March 31, | | Quarter versus Quarter Increase / (Decrease) | |
|----------------|-------------------------|---------|--|--------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | \$ Change | % Change |
| Gross profit | 1,421 | \$3,081 | \$(1,660) | (53.9)% |
| Gross margin % | 9.8 % | 22.7 % | | (12.9) pp ^(a) |

^(a) Percentage points ("pp").

Total ingredient solutions sales for quarter ended March 31, 2019, increased by \$940, or 6.9 percent, compared to the prior-year quarter. Quarter versus quarter, this increase was driven by higher sales of commodity wheat proteins and starches and specialty wheat starches, partially offset by a decrease in sales of specialty wheat proteins, primarily due to the loss of a large customer.

Gross profit decreased quarter versus quarter by \$1,660, or 53.9 percent. Gross margin for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, decreased to 9.8 percent from 22.7 percent for the prior-year quarter. The decrease in gross profit was primarily due to increased production costs resulting from higher input costs and flood-related costs, and the loss of the above-mentioned specialty wheat protein customer, partially offset by increased sales of commodity wheat proteins.

CASH FLOW, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND LIQUIDITY

We believe our financial condition continues to be of high quality, as evidenced by our ability to generate adequate cash from operations while having ready access to capital at competitive rates.

Operating cash flow and debt through our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement (Note 3) provide the primary sources of cash to fund operating needs and capital expenditures. These same sources of cash are used to fund shareholder dividends and other discretionary uses. Going forward, we expect to use cash to implement our invest to grow strategy, particularly in the distillery products segment. Our overall liquidity reflects our strong business results and an effective cash management strategy that takes into account liquidity management, economic factors, and tax considerations. We expect our sources of cash, including our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement, to be adequate to provide for budgeted capital expenditures and anticipated operating requirements for the foreseeable future.

Cash Flow Summary

| | Quarter Ended March 31, | | Changes, Quarter vs. Quarter |
|---|----------------------------|------------|---------------------------------------|
| | 2019 | 2018 | |
| Cash provided by (used in) operating activities: | | | . |
| Net income, after giving effect to adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 13,662 | \$ 13,326 | \$ 336 |
| Receivables, net | (5,088) | (185) | (4,903) |
| Inventory | (2,561) | (5,727) | 3,166 |
| Refundable income taxes | (1,649) | 1,048 | (2,697) |
| Accounts payable | (3,976) | (2,238) | (1,738) |
| Other, net | (4,177) | (5,345) | 1,168 |
| Total | \$(3,789) | \$ 879 | \$(4,668) |
| Cash used in investing activities: | | | |
| Additions to property, plant, and equipment | (3,741) | (6,978) | 3,237 |
| Deferred compensation plan investments | (1,166) | — | (1,166) |
| Other | — | (62) | 62 |
| Total | \$(4,907) | \$(7,040) | \$ 2,133 |
| Cash provided by financing activities: | | | |
| Purchase of treasury stock for tax withholding on equity-based compensation | (5,467) | (2,073) | (3,394) |
| Proceeds on debt, net | 10,930 | 7,648 | 3,282 |
| Other | (1,792) | (1,375) | (417) |
| Total | \$ 3,671 | \$ 4,200 | \$(529) |
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | \$(5,025) | \$(1,961) | \$(3,064) |

Changes, quarter versus quarter. Cash decreased \$5,025 in quarter ended March 31, 2019, compared to a decrease of \$1,961 in quarter ended March 31, 2018, for a net decrease in cash of \$3,064, quarter versus quarter.

Cash used in operating activities for quarter ended March 31, 2019, was \$3,789, compared to cash provided by operating activities of \$879 for quarter ended March 31, 2018, resulting in lower cash from operations quarter versus quarter, of \$4,668. Decreased cash flows were primarily due to an increase in receivables, net, of \$4,903, reflecting increased sales in quarter ended March 31, 2019, compared to quarter ended March 31, 2018, and the timing of

customer payments, an increase in refundable income taxes of \$2,697, due to the tax effect of discrete items, and a decline in accounts payable of \$1,738, related to the timing of cash disbursements compared to quarter ended March 31, 2018. Cash flow decreases were partially offset by cash flow increases, primarily related to a decrease in inventory of \$3,166, primarily due to a decrease in the build up of finished goods and raw materials inventories.

Cash used in investing activities for quarter ended March 31, 2019, was \$4,907, compared to cash used in investing activities of \$7,040 for quarter ended March 31, 2018, resulting in decreased cash used in investing activities, quarter versus quarter, of \$2,133. The change in cash outflows was primarily due to a decrease in additions to property, plant, and equipment of \$3,237 (see Capital Spending), partially offset by an increase in the deferred compensation plan balance of \$1,166.

Cash provided by financing activities for quarter ended March 31, 2019, was \$3,671, compared to cash provided by financing activities of \$4,200 for year to date ended March 31, 2018, reflecting a net decrease, quarter versus quarter, in cash provided by financing activities of \$529. Net changes in cash flows from financing activities reflected an increase in the purchase of treasury stock for tax withholding on equity-based compensation of \$3,394, partially offset by an increase in proceeds on debt, net, of \$3,282.

Capital Spending. We manage capital spending to support our business growth plans. Investments in plant, property and equipment were \$3,741 and \$6,978, respectively, for quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018. Adjusted for the change in capital expenditures in accounts payable for quarters ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, of \$(1,989) and \$(3,169), respectively, total capital expenditures were \$1,752 and \$3,809, respectively. We expect approximately \$23,000 in capital expenditures in 2019 for facility improvement and expansion (including warehouse expansion), facility sustenance projects, and environmental health and safety projects.

As part of our strategic plan to support the growth of the American Whiskey category, we previously announced a \$33,800 warehouse expansion project. Based on the continued strong growth in the American Whiskey category and demand for our products, and as announced in 2018, we expanded the scope of the project and added an incremental investment of approximately \$18,000, bringing our total warehouse expansion project investment to approximately \$51,800. As of March 31, 2019, we had incurred approximately \$45,000 of the total investment. The estimated project completion date is by the end of calendar year 2020.

Treasury Purchases. 233,841 RSUs vested and converted to common shares for employees during quarter ended March 31, 2019, of which we withheld and purchased for treasury 76,996 shares valued at \$5,467 to cover payment of associated withholding taxes.

69,363 RSUs vested and converted to common shares for employees during quarter ended March 31, 2018, of which we withheld and purchased for treasury 23,925 shares valued at \$2,073 to cover payment of associated withholding taxes.

Share Repurchases. On February 25, 2019, the Board of Directors approved a \$25,000 share repurchase authorization commencing February 27, 2019, through February 27, 2022. Under the share repurchase program, we can repurchase stock from time to time for cash in open market purchases, block transactions, and privately negotiated transactions in accordance with applicable federal securities laws. This share repurchase program may be modified, suspended, or terminated by us at any time without prior notice. From the commencement date of the authorization period through the end of the quarter ended March 31, 2019, no shares were repurchased under the program.

Dividends and Dividend Equivalents

Dividend and Dividend Equivalent Information (per Share and Unit)

| Declaration date | Record date | Payment date | Declared | Paid | Dividend payment | Dividend equivalent payment ^{(a)(b)} | Total payment ^(b) |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|--------|------------------|---|------------------------------|
| 2019 | | | | | | | |
| February 25, 2019 | March 13, 2019 | March 29, 2019 | \$ 0.10 | \$0.10 | \$ 1,701 | \$ 13 | \$ 1,714 |
| | | | \$ 0.10 | \$0.10 | \$ 1,701 | \$ 13 | \$ 1,714 |
| 2018 | | | | | | | |
| February 21, 2018 | March 9, 2018 | March 23, 2018 | \$ 0.08 | \$0.08 | \$ 1,348 | \$ 27 | \$ 1,375 |

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- (a) Dividend equivalent payments on unvested participating securities.
- (b) Includes estimated forfeitures.

On April 29, 2019, the Board of Directors declared a quarterly dividend payable to stockholders of record as of May 15, 2019, of the Company's Common Stock, and a dividend equivalent payable to holders of certain RSUs as of May 15, 2019, of \$.10 per share and per unit, payable on May 31, 2019.

Long-Term and Short-Term Debt. We maintain debt levels we consider appropriate after evaluating a number of factors, including cash flow expectations, cash requirements for ongoing operations, investment and financing plans (including brand development and share repurchase activities) and the overall cost of capital. Total debt was \$42,977 (net of unamortized loan fees of \$547) at March 31, 2019, and \$32,014 (net of unamortized loan fees of \$580) at December 31, 2018.

Financial Condition and Liquidity. Our principal uses of cash in the ordinary course of business are for input costs used in our production processes, salaries, capital expenditures, and investments supporting our strategic plan, such as the aging of barreled distillate. As part of our strategy, as demand grows for American whiskeys, in both the United States and global markets, we are building our inventories of aged premium whiskeys to fully participate in this growth (see "Barreled distillate (bourbons and whiskeys)" in Note 1). Generally, during periods when commodities prices are rising, our operations require increased use of cash to support inventory levels.

Our principal sources of cash are product sales and borrowing on our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement. Under our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement, we must meet certain financial covenants and restrictions, and at March 31, 2019, we met those covenants and restrictions.

At March 31, 2019, our current assets exceeded our current liabilities by \$129,422, largely due to our inventories, at cost, of \$111,330. At March 31, 2019, our cash balance was \$0 and we have used our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement for liquidity purposes, with \$127,975 remaining for additional borrowings. We anticipate being able to support our short-term liquidity and operating needs largely through cash generated from operations. We regularly assesses our cash needs and the available sources to fund these needs. We utilize short-term and long-term debt to fund discretionary items, such as capital investments and dividend payments. In addition, we have strong operating results such that financial institutions should provide sufficient credit funding to meet short-term financing requirements, if needed.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We are exposed to commodity price and interest rate market risks. We monitor and manage these exposures as part of our overall risk management program. Our risk management program focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to reduce the potentially adverse effects that the volatility of these markets may have on our operating results.

Commodity Costs. Certain commodities we use in our production process, or input costs, expose us to market price risk due to volatility in the prices for those commodities. Through our grain supply contracts for our Atchison and Lawrenceburg facilities, our wheat flour supply contract for our Atchison facility, and our natural gas contracts for both facilities, we purchase grain, wheat flour, and natural gas, respectively, for delivery from one to 24 months into the future at negotiated prices. We have determined that the firm commitments to purchase grain, wheat flour, and natural gas under the terms of our supply contracts meet the normal purchases and sales exception as defined under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 815, Derivatives and Hedging, because the quantities involved are for amounts to be consumed within the normal expected production process.

Interest Rate Exposures. Our Credit Agreement and Note Purchase Agreement (Note 3) expose us to market risks arising from adverse changes in interest rates. Established procedures and internal processes govern the management of this market risk.

Increases in market interest rates would cause interest expense to increase and earnings before income taxes to decrease. The change in interest expense and earnings before income taxes would be dependent upon the weighted average outstanding borrowings during the reporting period following an increase in market interest rates. Based on weighted average outstanding variable-rate borrowings at March 31, 2019, a 100 basis point increase over the non-default rates actually in effect at such date would increase our interest expense on an annualized basis by \$143. Based on weighted average outstanding fixed-rate borrowings at March 31, 2019, a 100 basis point increase in market rates would result in a decrease in the fair value of our outstanding fixed-rate debt of \$957, and a 100 basis point decrease in market rates would result in an increase in the fair value of our outstanding fixed-rate debt of \$1,017.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. As of the quarter ended March 31, 2019, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have each reviewed and evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have each concluded that our current disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms, and include controls and procedures designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Changes in Internal Controls. On January 1, 2019, we adopted Topic 842 (see Note 6). We implemented internal controls to ensure we adequately evaluated our contracts for leases and properly assessed the impact of the new accounting standard on our financial statements. The adoption of the new lease standard had no impact on January 1, 2019, retained earnings. We implemented changes to our business processes related to lease recognition and the control activities within them. The changes included training within business operations management, ongoing contract review and monitoring, and gathering of information for disclosures.

There were no other changes in the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2019, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

PART II – OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Reference is made to Part I, Item 3, Legal Proceedings of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018, and Note 7 to this Report on Form 10-Q for information on certain proceedings to which we are subject.

We are a party to various other legal proceedings in the ordinary course of business, none of which is expected to have a material adverse effect on us. On March 6, 2019, Midwest Grain Products, Inc. was indicted in the U.S. District Court for the District of Kansas for alleged violations of the Clean Air Act related to a chemical release at the Company's Atchison, Kansas facility on October 21, 2016. The indicted entity, Midwest Grain Products, Inc., has not existed since 2002, but it was part of the corporate lineage of the Company. The Company or one of its subsidiaries may face these charges in the future. If convicted, the statutory maximum penalty could result in a fine of up to \$1,500. If so charged, the Company intends to offer a vigorous defense against the charges.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

Risk factors are described in "Item 1A. Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. There have been no material changes thereto during the quarter or year to date ended March 31, 2019.

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

There was no unregistered sale of equity securities during the quarter ended March 31, 2019.

ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

| | (1) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased | (2) Average Price Paid per Share (or Unit) | (3) Total Number of Shares (or Units) Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs | (4) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares (or Units) that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs |
|---|--|--|--|--|
| January 1, 2019, through January 31, 2019 | 45,235 | (a) \$ 67.32 | — | |
| February 1, 2019, through February 28, 2019 | 31,761 | (a) \$ 76.25 | — | |
| March 1, 2019, through March 31, 2019 | | | — | 1,382,411 |
| Total | 76,996 | | — | |

(a) Vested RSUs awarded under the 2014 Plan purchased to cover employee withholding taxes.

ITEM 3. DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

| Exhibit Number | Description of Exhibit |
|----------------|---|
| *31.1 | <u>CEO Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)</u> |
| *31.2 | <u>CFO Certification pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)</u> |
| *32.1 | <u>CEO Certification furnished pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. 1350</u> |
| *32.2 | <u>CFO Certification furnished pursuant to Rule 13a-14(b) and 18 U.S.C. 1350</u> |
| *101 | <u>The following financial information from MGP Ingredients, Inc.'s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2019, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language) includes: (i) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2019, and December 31, 2018, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, (iv) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2019 and 2018, (v) Condensed Consolidated Statement of Changes in Stockholders' Equity, and (vi) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.</u> |

*Filed
herewith

SIGNATURES

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

MGP INGREDIENTS, INC.

Date: May 1, 2019 By/s/ Augustus C. Griffin

Augustus C. Griffin, President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: May 1, 2019 By/s/ Brandon M. Gall

Brandon M. Gall, Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer