COOPER TIRE & RUBBER CO

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

FORM 10-O

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2017

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

Commission File No. 1-4329

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE

34-4297750

(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. employer incorporation or organization) identification no.)

701 Lima Avenue, Findlay, Ohio 45840

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip code)

(419) 423-1321

(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, and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes x No "

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a 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 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act."

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

Number of shares of common stock of registrant outstanding as of July 31, 2017: 52,189,256

Part I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended		Six Months	Ended
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net sales	\$720,753	\$740,294	\$1,363,778	\$1,390,069
Cost of products sold	589,913	560,625	1,123,021	1,059,971
Gross profit	130,840	179,669	240,757	330,098
Selling, general and administrative expense	56,008	69,753	117,255	129,078
Operating profit	74,832	109,916	123,502	201,020
Interest expense	(8,210	(6,286)	(16,037	(12,921)
Interest income	1,755	948	3,557	1,888
Other non-operating (expense) income	(255	1,427	(491	2,888
Income before income taxes	68,122	106,005	110,531	192,875
Provision for income taxes	22,298	34,654	35,325	62,752
Net income	45,824	71,351	75,206	130,123
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling shareholders' interests	514	602	(666	369
Net income attributable to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company	\$45,310	\$70,749	\$75,872	\$129,754
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$0.86	\$1.29	\$1.44	\$2.35
Diluted	\$0.85	\$1.27	\$1.42	\$2.32
Cash dividends declared per share	\$0.105	\$0.105	\$0.210	\$0.210
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Fire	nancial State	ements.		

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Three Mo Ended June 30,	onths	Six Month June 30,	s Ended
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net income	\$45,824	\$71,351	\$75,206	\$130,123
Other comprehensive income				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	14,184	(22,239)	29,572	(25,191)
Financial instruments				
Change in the fair value of derivatives	(2,678)	(295)	(3,077)	(5,751)
Income tax benefit on derivative instruments	958	90	1,111	2,163
Financial instruments, net of tax	(1,720)	(205)	(1,966)	(3,588)
Postretirement benefit plans				
Amortization of actuarial loss	10,631	10,937	21,222	21,869
Amortization of prior service credit	(142)	(142)	(283)	(283)
Income tax provision on postretirement benefit plans	(3,725)	(3,854)	(7,444)	(7,707)
Foreign currency translation effect	(3,702)	5,234	(4,567)	7,263
Postretirement benefit plans, net of tax	3,062	12,175	8,928	21,142
Other comprehensive income	15,526	(10,269)	36,534	(7,637)
Comprehensive income	61,350	61,082	111,740	122,486
Less: comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling shareholders' interests	1,822	(996)	3,513	(1,427)
Comprehensive income attributable to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company	\$59,528	\$62,078	\$108,227	\$123,913
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial	Statement	ts.		

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Dollar amounts in thousands except per-share amounts)

	June 30, 2017 (Unaudited)	December 31, 2016
ASSETS		
Current assets:	¢202.296	¢ 504 422
Cash and cash equivalents	\$302,386	\$ 504,423
Notes receivable	12,542	7,485
Accounts receivable, less allowances of \$6,900 at 2017 and \$7,290 at 2016 Inventories:	490,195	409,913
Finished goods	423,643	338,887
Work in process	33,295	29,922
Raw materials and supplies	121,825	101,342
Naw materials and supplies	578,763	470,151
Other current assets	44,239	28,546
Total current assets	1,428,125	1,420,518
Property, plant and equipment:	1,420,123	1,420,316
Land and land improvements	50,240	47,767
Buildings	304,488	282,960
Machinery and equipment	1,805,161	1,742,449
Molds, cores and rings	228,483	224,662
Wiolds, cores and rings	2,388,372	2,297,838
Less: accumulated depreciation	1,488,783	1,433,611
Net property, plant and equipment	899,589	864,227
Goodwill	53,673	52,705
Intangibles, net of accumulated amortization of \$84,076 at 2017 and \$77,321 at 2016	138,210	140,751
Restricted cash	1,337	1,327
Deferred income tax assets	137,247	133,879
Other assets	5,766	5,988
Total assets	\$2,663,947	\$2,619,395
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Notes payable	\$38,374	\$ 26,286
Accounts payable	261,814	282,416
Accrued liabilities	193,547	183,804
Income taxes payable	25,451	5,887
Current portion of long-term debt	1,514	2,421
Total current liabilities	520,700	500,814
Long-term debt	296,179	297,094
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	247,258	247,227
Pension benefits	274,510	285,852
Other long-term liabilities	131,592	156,924
Deferred income tax liabilities	786	1,248
Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued	_	_

Common stock, \$1 par value; 300,000,000 shares authorized; 87,850,292 shares issued	87,850	87,850	
Capital in excess of par value	20,006	25,876	
Retained earnings	2,385,701	2,321,424	
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(512,796)	(545,151)
	1,980,761	1,889,999	
Less: common shares in treasury at cost	(015 571	(012.005	`
(35,459,674 at 2017 and 34,850,512 at 2016)	(845,574)	(813,985)
Total parent stockholders' equity	1,135,187	1,076,014	
Noncontrolling shareholders' interests in consolidated subsidiary	57,735	54,222	
Total equity	1,192,922	1,130,236	
Total liabilities and equity	\$2,663,947	\$2,619,395	
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.			

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(Dollar amounts in thousands)

	Six Month June 30,	ns Ended
	2017	2016
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$75,206	\$130,123
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	70,676	64,092
Stock-based compensation	2,575	9,699
Change in LIFO inventory reserve	(3,484	(18,232)
Amortization of unrecognized postretirement benefits	20,939	21,586
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts and notes receivable	(77,619	(61,069)
Inventories	(94,490	(82,909)
Other current assets	(15,541	(17,193)
Accounts payable	(23,202	6,898
Accrued liabilities	12,802	7,240
Other items	(33,233	10,929
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(65,371	71,164
Investing activities:		
Additions to property, plant and equipment and capitalized software		(85,479)
Proceeds from the sale of assets	43	331
Net cash used in investing activities	(89,760	(85,148)
Financing activities:		
Net payments on short-term debt	(359	(9,200)
Repayments of long-term debt	(600) (600)
Repurchase of common stock	(38,567	(54,130)
Payments of employee taxes withheld from shared-based awards	(6,429) (2,086)
Payment of dividends to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company stockholders	(11,081	(11,584)
Issuance of common shares related to stock-based compensation	4,122	3,369
Excess tax benefits on stock options		156
Net cash used in financing activities	(52,914	(74,075)
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	6,008	(5,000)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	(202,037)	(93,059)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	504,423	505,157
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$302,386	\$412,098
See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.		

COOPER TIRE & RUBBER COMPANY NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Dollar amounts in thousands except per-share amounts)

1. Basis of Presentation and Consolidation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("U.S. GAAP") for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, the condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are normal and recurring in nature, necessary for fair financial statement presentation. There is a year-round demand for the Company's tires, but sales of light vehicle replacement tires are generally strongest during the third and fourth quarters of the year. Winter tires are sold principally during the months of June through November. Operating results for the six month period ended June 30, 2017 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ended December 31, 2017.

The Company consolidates into its financial statements the accounts of the Company, all wholly-owned subsidiaries, and any partially-owned subsidiary that the Company has the ability to control. Control generally equates to ownership percentage, whereby investments that are more than 50 percent owned are consolidated, investments in affiliates of 50 percent or less but greater than 20 percent are accounted for using the equity method, and investments in affiliates of 20 percent or less are accounted for using the cost method. The Company does not consolidate any entity for which it has a variable interest based solely on power to direct the activities and significant participation in the entity's expected results that would not otherwise be consolidated based on control through voting interests. Further, the Company's joint ventures are businesses established and maintained in connection with the Company's operating strategy. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated.

Truck and Bus Tire Tariffs

Antidumping and countervailing duty investigations into certain truck and bus tires imported from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") into the United States were initiated on January 29, 2016. The preliminary determinations announced in both investigations were affirmative and resulted in the imposition of significant additional duties from each. The Company incurred expense of \$22,042 over the final seven months of the year-ended December 31, 2016 related to these additional duties. On February 22, 2017, the United States ("U.S.") International Trade Commission determined the U.S. market had not suffered material injury because of imports of truck and bus tires from China. As a result of this decision, preliminary antidumping and countervailing duties from Chinese truck and bus tires imported subsequent to the preliminary determination are not to be collected and any amounts previously paid will be refunded by U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Further, prospective imports of truck and bus tires from the PRC are not subject to these additional duties. In the first quarter of 2017, the Company reversed the previously expensed preliminary duties of \$22,042 due to the decision by the U.S. International Trade Commission. This amount was recorded as a reduction of cost of products sold in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the six month period ended June 30, 2017.

North American Distribution Center

On January 22, 2017, a tornado hit the Company's leased Albany, Georgia distribution center, causing damage to the Company's assets and disrupting certain operations. Insurance, less applicable deductibles, covers the repair or replacement of the Company's assets that suffered loss or damage, and the Company is working closely with its insurance carriers and claims adjusters to ascertain the full amount of insurance proceeds due to the Company as a result of the damages and the loss the Company suffered. The Company's insurance policies also provide coverage for interruption to its business, including lost profits, and reimbursement for other expenses and costs that have been incurred relating to the damages and losses suffered. In the second quarter of 2017, the Company recorded insurance recoveries of \$5,500 for direct costs caused by the tornado through the first six months of 2017, while incurring direct costs of \$1,974 in the second quarter related to the disposal of damaged tires, freight to move product to other warehouses and professional fees to secure and maintain the site. Through the first half of 2017, the Company

incurred direct expenses of \$8,772 related to damages caused by the tornado, less proceeds of \$5,500 recovered from insurance. These amounts were recorded as a component of cost of products sold in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2017. At this time, the full amount of combined property damage and business interruption costs and recoveries cannot be estimated, and accordingly, no additional amounts, including amounts for insurance recoveries, have been recorded as of June 30, 2017.

Accounting Pronouncements

Each change to U.S. GAAP is established by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") in the form of an accounting standards update ("ASU") to the FASB's Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC").

The Company considers the applicability and impact of all accounting standards updates. Accounting standards updates not listed below were assessed and determined to be either not applicable or are expected to have minimal impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Accounting Pronouncements – Recently Adopted

Stock Compensation

In March 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting," which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory withholding requirements, as well as classification in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. Application of the standard is required for the annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company adopted the standard in the first quarter of 2017. As a result of the adoption, on a prospective basis, we recognized \$30 and \$1,939 of excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation as discrete items in our provision for income taxes for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017, respectively. Additionally, the cash flow benefit of the excess tax benefits is included as an operating activity in the Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows for the period ended June 30, 2017. In accordance with the standard, the prior year Condensed Consolidated Statement of Income and Condensed Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows presentation of the Company's excess tax benefits have not been restated. The new standard also requires that employee taxes paid when an employer withholds shares for tax-withholding purposes be reported as financing activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows on a retrospective basis. Previously, this activity was included in operating activities. The impact of this change in the first half of 2017 and first half of 2016 was \$6,429 and \$2,086, respectively. Finally, as permitted by the standard, we will account for forfeitures of share-based payments when they occur.

Accounting Pronouncements – To Be Adopted

Revenue Recognition

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," which will supersede most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance. The core principle is that an entity will recognize revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that the entity expects to be entitled to in exchange for those goods or services. The standard provides a five-step model to determine when and how revenue is recognized. Other major provisions of the standard include capitalization of certain contract costs, consideration of time value of money in the transaction price, and allowing estimates of variable consideration to be recognized before contingencies are resolved in certain circumstances. The standard also requires enhanced disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from an entity's contracts with customers. In July 2015, the FASB approved the deferral of the new standard's effective date by one year. The new standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017. In 2016, the FASB issued several amendments to the standard, which provided clarification, additional guidance, practical expedients, technical corrections and other improvements to ASU 2014-09.

The guidance permits two methods of adoption: the full retrospective method, in which case the standard would be applied to each prior reporting period presented and the cumulative effect of applying the standard would be recognized at the earliest period shown, or the modified retrospective transition method, in which case the cumulative effect of applying the standard would be recognized at the date of initial application.

The Company has substantially completed its evaluation of significant contracts and the review of its current accounting policies and practices to identify potential differences that would result from applying the requirements of the new standard to the Company's revenue contracts. In addition, the Company has identified, and is in the process of implementing, appropriate changes to business processes, systems and controls to support recognition and disclosure under the new standard.

While a final decision has not been made, the Company expects to adopt the new revenue standard in the first quarter of 2018, applying the modified retrospective transition method. The Company does not expect the adoption of the new revenue standard to have a material impact on the amount and timing of revenue recognized in the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases," which requires balance sheet recognition of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets for most leases having terms of twelve months or longer. Application of the standard, which should be applied using a modified retrospective approach, is required for the annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the new standard will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Goodwill

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, "Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment," which simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill by eliminating Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. The standard requires goodwill impairment to be measured as the amount by which a reporting unit's carrying amount exceeds its fair value, not to exceed the carrying amount of its goodwill. Application of the standard, which should be applied prospectively, is required for the annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact the new standard will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

Pensions and Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, "Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost," which requires changes to the income statement presentation of net periodic benefit cost. The service cost component of net periodic benefit cost will continue to be classified in the same line item as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The other components of net periodic benefit cost are required to be presented in the income statement separately from the service cost component and outside of operating profit. In addition, the new standard will allow only the service cost component to be eligible for capitalization, when applicable. Application of the standard, which should be applied retrospectively for the income statement presentation changes and prospectively for the capitalization changes, is required for the annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted if adopted in the first interim period of the fiscal year. As reported in the Company's 2016 Form 10-K, 2016 and 2015 net periodic benefit costs were \$64,842 and \$58,384, respectively. The service cost component of these amounts in 2016 and 2015, which will remain as a component of operating profit, were \$11,771 and \$13,559, respectively. Net income will not change as a result of the adoption of this standard. The Company is currently evaluating the remaining impacts the new standard will have on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

2. GRT Acquisition

On January 4, 2016, the Company announced that it had entered into an agreement to purchase a majority of China-based Qingdao Ge Rui Da Rubber Co., Ltd. ("GRT"). In the first quarter of 2016, the Company made a down payment in the amount of \$5,929 for this transaction in accordance with the purchase agreement. The down payment was fully refundable in the event that the transaction did not close and did not provide the Company with any power to direct the activities of the existing GRT entity prior to the transaction closing. After the transaction closed on December 1, 2016, the Company owned 65 percent of GRT. Based on the Company's ownership percentage and corresponding control of voting rights, the results of GRT and 100 percent of its assets and liabilities are consolidated from the date of the closing. GRT is expected to serve as a global source of truck and bus radial tire production for the Company. Passenger car radial tires may also be manufactured at the facility in the future.

The down payment of \$5,929, as well as an additional \$8,090 at the time of closing, were paid to the non-controlling shareholder of GRT. In December 2016, the Company contributed an additional \$35,842 to GRT to purchase additional shares issued by GRT, as well as to fund working capital requirements. The Company contributed \$14,570 in the first quarter of 2017, and an additional \$22,125 to GRT in the second quarter of 2017 to fund working capital requirements. In total, the Company has invested \$86,556 related to GRT, with \$14,019 paid directly to a third party and the remainder invested in GRT.

The GRT acquisition has been accounted for as a purchase transaction. The total consideration has been allocated to the preliminary assets acquired, liabilities assumed and noncontrolling shareholder interest based on their estimated fair values at December 1, 2016. The excess purchase price over the estimated fair value of the net assets acquired has been allocated to goodwill. Goodwill consists of anticipated growth opportunities for GRT and is recorded in the Asia

Operations segment. Goodwill is not deductible for federal income tax purposes.

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The amounts are provisional and are based on the information that was available as of the acquisition date to estimate the fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed on December 1, 2016, translated into U.S. dollars at the exchange rate on that date. The preliminary allocations of the fair value of the GRT acquisition will be finalized when the valuation is completed later this year.

	December
	1, 2016
Assets	
Cash	\$8,091
Accounts receivable	2,844
Notes receivable	3,050
Inventory	7,983
Other current assets	981
Property, plant & equipment	46,712
Intangible assets	7,412
Other long-term assets	289
Goodwill	33,861
Liabilities	
Accounts payable	(61,570)
Notes payable	(10,122)
Accrued liabilities	(2,866)
Long-term debt	(3,383)
Other long-term liabilities	(940)
	32,342
Noncontrolling shareholder interest	(18,323)

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company consideration \$14,019

The Company has determined that the nonrecurring fair value measurements related to each of these assets and liabilities rely primarily on Company-specific inputs and the Company's assumptions about the use of the assets and settlement of liabilities, as observable inputs are not available and, as such, reside within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as defined in Footnote 5. The Company utilized a third party to assist in the fair value determination of certain components of the preliminary purchase price allocation, namely Property, plant and equipment and the Noncontrolling shareholder interest. Changes to these allocations may occur as additional information becomes available and the appraisals and valuations become finalized. The valuation of Property, plant and equipment was developed using primarily the cost approach. The fair value of the noncontrolling shareholder interest was determined based upon internal and external inputs considering various relevant market transactions and discounted cash flow valuation methods, among other factors.

3. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is computed on the basis of the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share includes the dilutive effect of stock options and other stock units. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Mon June 30,	ths Ended
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Numerator				
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share - Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$45,310	\$70,749	\$75,872	\$129,754
Denominator				
Denominator for basic earnings per share - weighted average shares outstanding	52,796	55,020	52,815	55,280
Effect of dilutive securities - stock options and other stock units	395	582	542	572
Denominator for diluted earnings per share - adjusted weighted average shares outstanding	53,191	55,602	53,357	55,852
Earnings per share:				
Basic	\$0.86	\$1.29	\$1.44	\$2.35
Diluted	\$0.85	\$1.27	\$1.42	\$2.32

All options to purchase shares of the Company's common stock were included in the computation of diluted earnings per share as the options' exercise prices were less than the average market price of the common shares at both June 30, 2017 and 2016.

4. Inventories

Inventory costs are determined using the last-in, first-out ("LIFO") method for substantially all U.S. inventories. The current cost of the U.S. inventories under the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method was \$487,219 and \$409,034 at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. These FIFO values have been reduced by approximately \$81,629 and \$85,113 at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, to arrive at the LIFO value reported on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets. The remaining inventories have been valued under the FIFO or average cost methods. All LIFO inventories are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value.

5. Fair Value Measurements

Derivative financial instruments are utilized by the Company to reduce foreign currency exchange risks. The Company has established policies and procedures for risk assessment and the approval, reporting and monitoring of derivative financial instrument activities. The Company does not enter into financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. The derivative financial instruments include fair value and cash flow hedges of foreign currency exposures. The change in values of the fair value foreign currency hedges and cash flow hedges offsets exchange rate fluctuations on the foreign currency-denominated intercompany loans and obligations. The Company presently hedges exposures in the Euro, Canadian dollar, British pound sterling, Swiss franc, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Mexican peso, Chinese yuan and Serbian dinar generally for transactions expected to occur within the next 12 months. Additionally, the Company utilizes cash flow hedges that hedge already recognized intercompany loans with maturities of up to four years. The notional amount of these foreign currency derivative instruments at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016 was \$145,770 and \$89,414, respectively. The counterparties to each of these agreements are major commercial banks.

The Company uses non-designated foreign currency forward contracts to hedge its net foreign currency monetary assets and liabilities primarily resulting from non-functional currency denominated receivables and payables of certain U.S. and foreign entities.

Foreign currency forward contracts are also used to hedge variable cash flows associated with forecasted sales and purchases denominated in currencies that are not the functional currency of certain entities. The forward contracts have maturities of less than twelve months pursuant to the Company's policies and hedging practices. These forward

contracts meet the criteria for and have been designated as cash flow hedges. Accordingly, the effective portion of the change in fair value of such forward contracts (approximately \$(2,237) and \$1,029 as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively) are recorded as a

separate component of stockholders' equity in the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets and reclassified into earnings as the hedged transactions occur.

The Company utilizes cross-currency interest rate swaps to hedge the principal and interest repayment of some intercompany loans. These contracts have maturities of up to four years and meet the criteria for and have been designated as cash flow hedges. Spot to spot changes are recorded in income and all other effective changes are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity.

The Company assesses hedge effectiveness, prospectively and retrospectively, based on regression of the change in foreign currency exchange rates. Time value of money is included in effectiveness testing. The Company measures ineffectiveness on a trade by trade basis, using the hypothetical derivative method. Any hedge ineffectiveness is recorded in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income in the period in which the ineffectiveness occurs. The derivative instruments are subject to master netting arrangements with the counterparties to the contracts. The following table presents the location and amounts of derivative instrument fair values in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

	June 30,	December
	2017	31, 2016
Assets/(liabilities)		
Designated as hedging instruments:		
Gross amounts recognized	\$(2,573)	\$ 1,029
Gross amounts offset	336	_
Net amounts	\$(2,237)	\$ 1,029
Not designated as hedging instruments:		
Gross amounts recognized	(253)	109
Gross amounts offset	120	(76)
Net amounts	\$(133)	\$ 33
Net amounts presented:		
Accrued current liabilities	\$(2,098)	\$ <i>—</i>
Other long-term liabilities	\$(272)	\$ <i>—</i>
Other current assets	\$ —	\$ 1,062
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The following table presents the location and amount of gains and losses on derivative instruments in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income:

	Three Mo Ended June 30,	onths	Six Mont June 30,	hs Ended
Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedges	2017	2016	2017	2016
Amount of Loss Recognized in Other Comprehensive Income on Derivatives (Effective Portion)	\$(2,335)	\$(312)	\$(2,724)	\$(4,356)
Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified from Cumulative Other Comprehensive Loss into Income (Effective Portion)	343	(17)	353	1,395

Amount of Gain (Loss) Reclassified Loss into Income (Effective Portion)	from Cumulative Other Comprehensive	343	(17)	353	1,395
	Location of (Loss) Gain Recognized in Income on Derivatives	Re De Th	cognize crivative	ed in	oss) Gain Income of FindMont June 30,	
Derivatives not Designated as Hedging Instruments		20	17 20	016	2017	2016
Foreign exchange contracts For foreign exchange hedges of fored	Other non-operating (expense) income casted sales and purchases designated as ef	`			\$(1,405) y reclassif	. ,

non-operating income (expense).

The Company has categorized its financial instruments, based on the priority of the inputs to the valuation technique, into the three-level fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3). If the inputs used to measure the financial instruments fall within the different levels of the hierarchy, the categorization is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities recorded on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets are categorized based on the inputs to the valuation techniques as follows:

Level 1. Financial asset and liability values are based on unadjusted quoted prices for an identical asset or liability in an active market that the Company has the ability to access.

Level 2. Financial asset and liability values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable either directly or indirectly for substantially the full term of the asset or liability. Level 2 inputs include the following:

- a. Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- b. Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in non-active markets;
- c. Pricing models whose inputs are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability; and Pricing models whose inputs are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data through correlation or other means for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3. Financial asset and liability values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. These inputs reflect management's own assumptions about the assumptions a market participant would use in pricing the asset or liability.

The valuation of foreign currency derivative instruments was determined using widely accepted valuation techniques. This analysis reflected the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and used observable market-based inputs, including forward points. The Company incorporated credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both its own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. Although the Company determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with its derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as current credit ratings, to evaluate the likelihood of default by itself and its counterparties. As of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the Company assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and determined that the credit valuation adjustments were not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives. As a result, the Company determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety were classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. The valuation of stock-based liabilities was determined using the Company's stock price, and as a result, these liabilities are classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table presents the Company's fair value hierarchy for those assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

on a recurring casis.				
	June 30, 20	017		
	Total Assets (Liabilities	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical (Assets Level (1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level (2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level (3)
Foreign Currency Derivative Instruments	\$(2,370)	\$ —	\$ (2,370)	\$
Stock-based Liabilities	\$(16,729)	\$ (16,729)	\$ <i>—</i>	\$
	December	31, 2016		
		Quoted Prices	Significant	Cianificant
	Total	in Active Markets	Other	Significant
	Assets	for Identical	Observable	Unobservable
	(Liabilities	s)Assets	Inputs	Inputs
		Level (1)	Level (2)	Level (3)

Foreign Currency Derivative Instrumen	ats \$1,062 \$ —	\$ 1,062	\$	_
Stock-based Liabilities	\$(20,336) \$ (20,336) \$ —	\$	
The fair market value of Cash and cash	equivalents, Notes receiva	ble, Restricted ca	ash, Note	s payable and Current
portion of long-term debt at June 30, 20 reported on the	017 and December 31, 2010	of are equal to the	ir corresp	oonding carrying values as
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Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively. Each of these classes of assets and liabilities is classified as Level 1 within the fair value hierarchy.

The fair market value of Long-term debt is \$332,163 and \$331,941 at June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively, and is classified within Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy. The carrying value of Long-term debt is \$296,179 and \$297,094 as reported on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets as of June 30, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively.

6. Income Taxes

For the three month period ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$22,298 (effective rate of 32.7 percent) compared with \$34,654 (effective rate of 32.7 percent) for the comparable period in 2016. For the six month period ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$35,325 (effective rate of 32.0 percent) compared with \$62,752 (effective rate of 32.5 percent) for the comparable period in 2016. The 2017 three and six month period provision for income taxes is calculated using the forecasted multi-jurisdictional annual effective tax rates to determine a blended annual effective tax rate. The effective tax rate for the three month period ended June 30, 2017 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35 percent primarily due to the projected mix of earnings in international jurisdictions with lower tax rates, partially offset by losses in jurisdictions where valuation allowances are recorded. The effective tax rate for the six month period ended June 30, 2017 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35 percent primarily due to the projected mix of earnings in international jurisdictions with lower tax rates, partially offset by losses in jurisdictions where valuation allowances are recorded, and due to a discrete tax benefit recognized as a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Accounting," which requires all excess tax benefits or deficiencies from share-based payments to be recognized as income tax expense or benefit in the income statement. For the quarter and six month periods ended June 30, 2017, the Company recognized excess tax benefits from share-based payments of \$30 and \$1,939, respectively.

The Company continues to maintain a valuation allowance pursuant to ASC 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes," against portions of its U.S. and non-U.S. deferred tax assets at June 30, 2017, as it cannot assure the future realization of the associated tax benefits prior to their reversal or expiration. In the U.S., the Company has offset a portion of its deferred tax asset relating primarily to a loss carryforward by a valuation allowance of \$2,350. In addition, the Company has recorded valuation allowances of \$18,517 relating to non-U.S. net operating losses and other deferred tax assets for a total valuation allowance of \$20,867. In conjunction with the Company's ongoing review of its actual results and anticipated future earnings, the Company will continue to reassess the possibility of releasing all or part of the valuation allowances currently in place when the associated deferred tax assets are deemed to be realizable. The Company maintains an ASC 740-10, "Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes," liability for unrecognized tax benefits for permanent and temporary differences. At June 30, 2017, the Company's liability, exclusive of interest, totals approximately \$2,590. The Company accrued an immaterial amount of interest expense related to these unrecognized tax benefits during the quarter and six month periods ended June 30, 2017. Based upon the outcome of tax examinations, judicial proceedings, or expiration of statutes of limitations, it is possible that the ultimate resolution of these unrecognized tax benefits may result in a payment that is materially different from the current estimate of the tax liabilities.

The Company and its subsidiaries are subject to income tax examination in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. The Company has effectively settled U.S. federal tax examinations for years before 2013 and state and local examinations for years before 2012, with limited exceptions. Non-U.S. subsidiaries of the Company are no longer subject to income tax examinations in major foreign taxing jurisdictions for years prior to 2008. The income tax returns of various subsidiaries in various jurisdictions are currently under examination and it is possible that these examinations will conclude within the next twelve months. However, it is not possible to estimate net increases or decreases to the Company's unrecognized tax benefits during the next twelve months.

7. Pensions and Postretirement Benefits Other than Pensions

The following tables disclose the amount of net periodic benefit costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2017 and 2016 for the Company's defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:

2017 and 2010 for the Company's defined		•	- Domesti	
	Three M			
	Ended			ths Ended
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	\$2,465	\$2,403	\$4,930	\$4,806
Interest cost	9,813	10,617	19,626	21,233
Expected return on plan assets	(13,514)	(13,391)	(27,029)	(26,783)
Amortization of actuarial loss	9,280	9,576	18,561	19,152
Net periodic benefit cost	\$8,044	\$9,205	\$16,088	\$18,408
•	Pension	Benefits -	- Internati	onal
	Three M	onths	Six Mon	ths
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Components of net periodic benefit cost:				
Service cost	\$ —	\$2	\$ —	\$4
Interest cost	2,860	3,737	5,630	7,461
Expected return on plan assets		•	(5,502)	•
Amortization of actuarial loss	1,351	1,361	2,661	2,717
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1,416	\$2,098	\$2,789	\$4,190
	Other Po	octretirem	ent Benef	iite
	Three M		Six Mon	
	Ended	Ontils	Ended	1113
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Components of net periodic benefit cost:	2017	2010	2017	2010
Service cost	\$501	\$537	\$1,002	\$1,074
Interest cost	2,516	2,705	5,031	5,410
Amortization of prior service credit		•	•	(283)
Net periodic benefit cost	\$2,875	\$3,100	\$5,750	\$6,201
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8. Product Warranty Liabilities

The Company provides for the estimated cost of product warranties at the time revenue is recognized based primarily on historical return rates, estimates of the eligible tire population and the value of tires to be replaced. The following table summarizes the activity in the Company's product warranty liabilities:

	2017	2016
Reserve at beginning of year	\$10,634	\$12,339
Additions	4,483	4,792
Payments	(4,403)	(5,121)
Reserve at June 30	\$10.714	\$12,010

9. Stockholders' Equity

The following table reconciles the beginning and end of the period equity accounts attributable to Cooper Tire & Rubber Company and to the noncontrolling shareholders' interests:

Total Equity		
	Noncontrolling	
Total Parent	Shareholders'	Total
Stockholders	Interests in	Stockholders'
Equity	Consolidated	Equity
	Subsidiary	
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	Equity	Consolidated	Equity	
		Subsidiary		
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$1,076,014	\$ 54,222	\$1,130,236	
Net income (loss)	75,872	(666)	75,206	
Other comprehensive income	32,355	4,179	36,534	
Share repurchase program	(38,567)	_	(38,567)
Stock compensation plans	594	_	594	
Cash dividends - \$0.210 per share	(11,081)	_	(11,081)
Balance at June 30, 2017	\$1,135,187	\$ 57,735	\$1,192,922	

10. Share Repurchase Programs

On August 6, 2014, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to \$200,000 of the Company's outstanding common stock pursuant to an accelerated share repurchase program, and the Company entered into a \$200,000 accelerated share repurchase program (the "2014 ASR Program") with J.P. Morgan Chase Bank (the "ASR Counterparty"). The Company paid \$200,000 to the ASR Counterparty in August 2014 and received 5,567,154 shares of its common stock, which represented approximately 80 percent of the shares expected to be purchased pursuant to the 2014 ASR Program, based on the closing price on August 6, 2014. Under the terms of the 2014 ASR Program, the ASR Counterparty was permitted, in accordance with the applicable requirements of the federal securities laws, to separately trade in the Company's shares in connection with the hedging activities related to the 2014 ASR Program and as part of other aspects of the ASR Counterparty's business.

On February 13, 2015, the Company completed the 2014 ASR Program. Based on the terms of the 2014 ASR Program, the total number of shares repurchased under the 2014 ASR Program was based on the volume-weighted average price of the Company's common stock, less a discount, during the repurchase period, which resulted in the Company receiving an additional 784,694 shares of its common stock from the ASR Counterparty at maturity. As a result, under the 2014 ASR Program, the Company paid a total of \$200,000 to the ASR Counterparty and received a total of 6,351,848 shares (5,567,154 shares initially received, plus 784,694 shares received at maturity) of its common stock, which represents a volume weighted average price, as adjusted pursuant to the terms of the 2014 ASR Program, of \$31.49 over the duration of the 2014 ASR Program.

On February 20, 2015, the Board of Directors authorized a new program to repurchase up to \$200,000, excluding commissions, of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2016 (the "2015 Repurchase Program"). The 2015 Repurchase Program did not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares and could have been suspended or discontinued at any time without notice. Under the 2015 Repurchase Program, shares could have been repurchased in privately negotiated and/or open market transactions, including under plans complying with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

During 2015, subsequent to the Board of Directors' February 20, 2015 authorization, the Company repurchased 2,751,454 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2015 Repurchase Program for \$108,821, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$39.55 per share. As of December 31, 2015, approximately \$91,261 remained of the \$200,000 2015 Repurchase Program.

For the period January 1, 2016 through February 19, 2016, the Company repurchased an additional 497,094 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2015 Repurchase Program for \$17,622, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$35.45 per share. All repurchases under the 2015 Repurchase Program were made using cash resources.

On February 19, 2016, the Board of Directors increased the amount under and expanded the duration of the 2015 Repurchase Program (as amended, the "2016 Repurchase Program"). The 2016 Repurchase Program amended and superseded the 2015 Repurchase Program and allowed the Company to repurchase up to \$200,000, excluding commissions, of the Company's common stock from February 22, 2016 through December 31, 2017. The approximately \$73,654 remaining under the 2015 Repurchase Program as of February 19, 2016 was included in the \$200,000 maximum amount authorized by the 2016

Repurchase Program. No other changes were made. The 2016 Repurchase Program did not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares and could have been suspended or discontinued at any time without notice. Under the 2016 Repurchase Program, shares could have been repurchased in privately negotiated and/or open market transactions, including under plans complying with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

For the period February 22, 2016 through December 31, 2016, the Company repurchased 2,630,433 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2016 Repurchase Program for \$90,377, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$34.36 per share. As of December 31, 2016, approximately \$109,702 remained of the \$200,000 2016 Repurchase Program.

For the period January 1, 2017 through February 16, 2017, the Company repurchased an additional 383,690 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2016 Repurchase Program for \$14,080, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$36.70 per share. All repurchases under the 2016 Repurchase Program were made using cash resources.

On February 16, 2017, the Board of Directors increased the amount under and expanded the duration of the 2016 Repurchase Program (as amended, the "2017 Repurchase Program"). The 2017 Repurchase Program amended and superseded the 2016 Repurchase Program and allows the Company to repurchase up to \$300,000, excluding commissions, of the Company's common stock through December 31, 2019. The approximately \$95,634 remaining authorization under the 2016 Repurchase Program as of February 16, 2017 is included in the \$300,000 maximum amount authorized by the 2017 Repurchase Program. No other changes were made. The 2017 Repurchase Program does not obligate the Company to acquire any specific number of shares and can be suspended or discontinued at any time without notice. Under the 2017 Repurchase Program, shares can be repurchased in privately negotiated and/or open market transactions, including under plans complying with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

For the period February 17, 2017 through June 30, 2017, the Company repurchased an additional 657,501 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2017 Repurchase Program for \$24,488, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$37.24 per share. All repurchases under the 2017 Repurchase Program have been made using cash resources.

In the first half of 2017, the Company repurchased 1,041,191 shares of the Company's common stock under the 2016 Repurchase Program and the 2017 Repurchase Program for \$38,567, including applicable commissions, which represented an average price of \$37.04 per share.

Since the share repurchases began in August 2014 through June 30, 2017, the Company has repurchased 13,272,020 shares of the Company's common stock at an average cost of \$34.31 per share.

11. Stock-Based Compensation

The Company's incentive compensation plans allow the Company to grant awards to employees in the form of stock options, stock awards, restricted stock units, stock appreciation rights, performance stock units, dividend equivalents and other awards. Compensation related to these awards is determined based on the grant-date fair value and is amortized to expense over the vesting period. The Company recognizes compensation expense based on the earlier of the vesting date or the date when the employee becomes eligible to retire without forfeiture of the award. If awards can be settled in cash, these awards are recorded as liabilities and marked to market.

The following table discloses the amount of stock-based compensation expense:

-	Three N	Months	Six Mo	nths
	Ended		Ended	
	June 30),	June 30	,
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Stock options	\$—	\$27	\$14	\$458
Restricted stock units	1,082	1,946	1,782	3,769
Performance stock units	210	2,974	779	5,472
Total stock-based compensation	\$1,292	\$4,947	\$2,575	\$9,69

Stock Options

No stock options were granted in the six month periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. In February 2014, employees participating in the 2014-2016 Long-Term Incentive Plan were granted 380,064 stock options which vested one-third each year through February 2017. In February 2013, employees participating in the 2013-2015 Long-Term Incentive Plan were granted 330,639 stock options which vested one-third each year through February 2016.

The following table provides details of the stock option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2017:

Number of Shares
Outstanding at December 31, 2016 495,704
Exercised (204,384)
Expired —
Canceled —
Outstanding at June 30, 2017 291,320
Exercisable 291,320

Restricted Stock Units

Under the Company's Incentive Compensation Plans, restricted stock units may be granted to officers and certain other employees as awards for exceptional performance, as a hiring or retention incentive or as part of the Long-Term Incentive Plan. In February 2017, employees participating in the 2017-2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan were granted 82,563 restricted stock units which vest one-third each year through February 2020. In February 2016, employees participating in the 2016-2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan were granted 106,287 restricted stock units which vest one-third each year through February 2019. In February 2015, employees participating in the 2015-2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan were granted 105,102 restricted stock units which vest one-third each year through February 2018. Compensation related to the restricted stock units granted is determined based on the fair value of the Company's stock on the date of grant. The Company recognizes compensation expense based on the earlier of the vesting date or the date when the employee becomes eligible to retire. Employees must remain employed for at least six months to vest in the restricted stock units, even if retirement eligible. The weighted average fair values of restricted stock units granted in the first half of 2017 and for the full year 2016 were \$38.73 and \$36.02, respectively.

The following table provides details of the nonvested restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended June 30, 2017:

	Number of Restricted Stock
	Units
Nonvested at December 31, 2016	240,574
Granted	94,707
Vested	(117,198)
Canceled	(7,829)
Accrued dividend equivalents	1,293
Nonvested at June 30, 2017	211,547
Performance Stock Units	

Employees participating in the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan earn performance stock units. Under the Company's 2017 – 2019 Long-Term Incentive Plan, any units earned during 2017 will vest at December 31, 2019. Under the Company's 2016 – 2018 Long-Term Incentive Plan, any units earned during 2016 and 2017 will vest at December 31, 2018. Under the Company's 2015 – 2017 Long-Term Incentive Plan, any units earned during 2015, 2016 and 2017 will vest at December 31, 2017.

The following table provides details of the nonvested performance stock units under the Company's Long-Term Incentive Plan:

	Number of	
	Performance	Stock
	Units	
Performance stock units outstanding at December 31, 2016	163,967	
Granted	64,208	
Canceled	(6,807)
Accrued dividend equivalents	942	
Performance stock units outstanding at June 30, 2017	222,310	

The Company's restricted stock units and performance stock units are not participating securities. These units will be converted into shares of Company common stock in accordance with the distribution date indicated in the agreements. Restricted stock units earn dividend equivalents from the time of the grant until distribution is made in common shares. Performance stock units earn dividend equivalents from the time the units have been notionally earned based upon Company performance metrics, until distribution is made in common shares. Dividend equivalents are only earned subject to vesting of the underlying restricted stock units and performance stock units. Accordingly, such units do not represent participating securities.

12. Changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss by Component

The following tables present the changes in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss by Component for the three and six month periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

	Cumulative Translation Adjustment	Derivative Instrument	Post-retirements Benefits	^{it} Total
Beginning balance, March 31, 2017	(62,898)	1,721	(465,837)	(527,014)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	12,876	(2,335)	_	10,541
Foreign currency translation effect			(3,702)	(3,702)
Income tax effect	_	759	_	759
Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive				
income (loss)				
Cash flow hedges		(343)		(343)
Amortization of prior service credit			(142)	(142)
Amortization of actuarial losses	_		10,631	10,631
Income tax effect	_	199	(3,725)	(3,526)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	12,876	(1,720)	3,062	14,218
Ending balance, June 30, 2017	(50,022)	1	(462,775)	(512,796)

	Cumulative Translation Adjustment Derivative Post-retirement Instruments Benefits
Beginning balance, March 31, 2016 Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications Foreign currency translation effect	(24,788) 71 (482,220) (506,937) (20,641) (312) — (20,953) — 5,234 5,234
Income tax effect Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	— 102 — 102
Cash flow hedges	_ 17 _ 17
Amortization of prior service credit	—
Amortization of actuarial losses	<u> </u>
Income tax effect	— (12) (3,854) (3,866)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(20,641) (205) 12,175 (8,671)
Ending balance, June 30, 2016	(45,429) (134) (470,045) (515,608)
	Cumulative Post-
	Translation Instruments Process
Paginning balance December 21, 2016	Adjustment Benefits (471.703) (545.151)
Beginning balance, December 31, 2016 Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(75,415) 1,967 (471,703) (545,151) 25,393 (2,724) — 22,669
Foreign currency translation effect	- $(2,724)$ $ (2,724)$ $ (4,567)$ $(4,567)$
Income tax effect	— 908 — 908
Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive incom	
(loss)	
Cash flow hedges	- (353) $-$ (353)
Amortization of prior service credit	— (283) (283)
Amortization of actuarial losses	<u> </u>
Income tax effect	— 203 (7,444) (7,241)
Other comprehensive (loss) income	25,393 (1,966) 8,928 32,355
Ending balance, June 30, 2017	(50,022) 1 (462,775) (512,796)
	Cumulative Post-
	Translation Instruments retirement Total Benefits
Beginning balance, December 31, 2015	(22,034) 3,454 (491,187) (509,767)
Other comprehensive (loss) income before reclassifications	(23,395) (4,356) - (27,751)
Foreign currency translation effect	— 7,263 7,263
Income tax effect	— 1,659 — 1,659
Amount reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive incom	ne
(loss)	
Cash flow hedges	- (1,395) $-$ (1,395)
Amortization of prior service credit	— (283) (283)
Amortization of actuarial losses	— 21,869 21,869
Income tax effect	$\begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$
Other comprehensive (loss) income	(23,395) (3,588) 21,142 (5,841)
Ending balance, June 30, 2016	(45,429) (134) (470,045) (515,608)
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13. Comprehensive Income (Loss) Attributable to Noncontrolling Shareholders' Interests The following table provides the details of the comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling shareholders' interests:

> Three Months Six Months Ended Ended June 30. June 30. 2017 2016 2017 2016 \$514 \$602 \$(666) \$369

Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling shareholders' interests

Other comprehensive income (loss):

Currency translation adjustments

1,308 (1,598) 4,179 (1.796)Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling shareholders' interests \$1,822 \$(996) \$3,513 \$(1,427)

14. Contingent Liabilities

Product Liability Claims

The Company is a defendant in various product liability claims brought in numerous jurisdictions in which individuals seek damages resulting from motor vehicle accidents allegedly caused by defective tires manufactured by the Company. Each of the product liability claims faced by the Company generally involves different types of tires and circumstances surrounding the accident such as different applications, vehicles, speeds, road conditions, weather conditions, driver error, tire repair and maintenance practices, service life conditions, as well as different jurisdictions and different injuries. In addition, in many of the Company's product liability lawsuits the plaintiff alleges that his or her harm was caused by one or more co-defendants who acted independently of the Company. Accordingly, both the claims asserted and the resolutions of those claims have an enormous amount of variability. The aggregate amount of damages asserted at any point in time is not determinable since often times when claims are filed, the plaintiffs do not specify the amount of damages. Even when there is an amount alleged, at times the amount is wildly inflated and has no rational basis.

The fact that the Company is a defendant in product liability lawsuits is not surprising given the current litigation climate, which is largely confined to the United States. However, the fact that the Company is subject to claims does not indicate that there is a quality issue with the Company's tires. The Company sells approximately 30 to 35 million passenger car, light truck, SUV, radial medium truck and motorcycle tires per year in North America. The Company estimates that approximately 300 million Company-produced tires – made up of thousands of different specifications – are still on the road in North America. While tire disablements do occur, it is the Company's and the tire industry's experience that the vast majority of tire failures relate to service-related conditions, which are entirely out of the Company's control – such as failure to maintain proper tire pressure, improper maintenance, improper repairs, road hazard and excessive speed.

The Company accrues costs for product liability at the time a loss is probable and the amount of loss can be estimated. The Company believes the probability of loss can be established and the amount of loss can be estimated only after certain minimum information is available, including verification that Company-produced product were involved in the incident giving rise to the claim, the condition of the product purported to be involved in the claim, the nature of the incident giving rise to the claim and the extent of the purported injury or damages. In cases where such information is known, each product liability claim is evaluated based on its specific facts and circumstances. A judgment is then made to determine the requirement for establishment or revision of an accrual for any potential liability. The liability often cannot be determined with precision until the claim is resolved.

Pursuant to ASU 450 "Contingencies", the Company accrues the minimum liability for each known claim when the estimated outcome is a range of possible loss and no one amount within that range is more likely than another. The Company uses a range of losses because an average cost would not be meaningful since the product liability claims faced by the Company are unique and widely variable, and accordingly, the resolutions of those claims have an enormous amount of variability. The costs have ranged from zero dollars to \$33 million in one case with no "average" that is meaningful. No specific accrual is made for individual unasserted claims or for premature claims, asserted claims where the minimum information needed to evaluate the probability of a liability is not yet known. However, an accrual for such claims based, in part, on management's expectations for future litigation activity and the settled claims

history is maintained. Because of the speculative nature of litigation in the U.S., the Company does not believe a meaningful aggregate range of potential loss for asserted and unasserted claims can be determined. The Company's experience has demonstrated that its estimates have been reasonably accurate and, on average, cases are settled at amounts close to the reserves established. However, it is possible an individual claim from time to time may result in an aberration from the norm and could have a material impact.

The Company determines its reserves using the number of incidents expected during a year. During the first six months of 2017, the Company increased its product liability reserve by \$24,226. The addition of another year of self-insured incidents accounted an increase of \$24,678. Settlements and changes in the amount of reserves for cases where sufficient information is known to estimate a liability decreased by \$452.

The time frame for the payment of a product liability claim is too variable to be meaningful. From the time a claim is filed to its ultimate disposition depends on the unique nature of the case, how it is resolved – claim dismissed, negotiated settlement, trial verdict or appeals process – and is highly dependent on jurisdiction, specific facts, the plaintiff's attorney, the court's docket and other factors. Given that some claims may be resolved in weeks and others may take five years or more, it is impossible to predict with any reasonable reliability the time frame over which the accrued amounts may be paid.

The Company paid \$4,198 during the second quarter of 2017 to resolve cases and claims and has paid \$32,791 through the first six months of 2017. The Company's product liability reserve balance at June 30, 2017 totaled \$168,163 (the current portion of \$65,355 is included in Accrued liabilities and the long-term portion is included in Other long-term liabilities on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets), and the balance at December 31, 2016 totaled \$176,995 (current portion of \$58,054).

The product liability expense reported by the Company includes amortization of insurance premium costs, adjustments to settlement reserves and legal costs incurred in defending claims against the Company. Legal costs are expensed as incurred and product liability insurance premiums are amortized over coverage periods.

For the three month periods ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, product liability expenses totaled \$16,179 and \$18,920, respectively. For the six month period ended June 30, 2017 and 2016, product liability expenses totaled \$32,447 and \$35,014, respectively. Product liability expenses are included in Cost of products sold in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income.

The Company regularly reviews the probable outcome of outstanding legal proceedings, the expenses expected to be incurred, the availability and limits of the insurance coverage, and accrues for such legal proceedings at the time a loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be estimated. As part of its regular review, the Company monitors trends that may affect its ultimate liability and analyzes the developments and variables likely to affect pending and anticipated claims against the Company.

15. Business Segments

The Company has four segments under ASC 280, "Segments":

North America, composed of the Company's operations in the United States and Canada; Latin America, composed of the Company's operations in Mexico, Central America and South America; Europe; and

Asia.

North America and Latin America meet the criteria for aggregation in accordance with ASC 280, as they are similar in their production and distribution processes and exhibit similar economic characteristics. The aggregated North America and Latin America segments are presented as "Americas Tire Operations" in the segment disclosure. The Americas Tire Operations segment manufactures and markets passenger car and light truck tires, primarily for sale in the U.S. replacement market. The segment also has a joint venture manufacturing operation in Mexico, Corporacion de Occidente SA de CV ("COOCSA"), which supplies passenger car tires to the North American, Mexican, Central American and South American markets. The segment also distributes tires for racing, medium trucks and motorcycles. The racing and motorcycle tires are manufactured in the Company's European Operations segment and by others. The medium truck tires are sourced primarily through an off-take agreement with Prinx Chengshan (Shandong) Tire Company Ltd. ("PCT"), the Company's former joint venture. Major distribution channels and customers include independent tire dealers, wholesale distributors, regional and national retail tire chains, and large retail chains that sell tires as well as other automotive products. The segment does not currently sell its products directly to end users, except through three Company-owned retail stores. The segment sells a limited number of tires to original equipment manufacturers ("OEMs").

Both the Asia and Europe segments have been determined to be individually immaterial, as they do not meet the quantitative requirements for segment disclosure under ASC 280. In accordance with ASC 280, information about operating segments that are not reportable shall be combined and disclosed in an all other category separate from other reconciling items. As a result, these two segments have been combined in the segment operating results discussion. The results of the combined Asia and Europe segments are presented as "International Tire Operations". The European operations have operations in the United Kingdom ("U.K.") and Serbia. The U.K. entity manufactures and markets passenger car, light truck, motorcycle and racing tires and tire retread material for domestic and global markets. The Serbian entity manufactures light vehicle tires primarily for the

European markets and for export to the U.S. The Asian operations are located in the PRC. In the PRC, Cooper Kunshan Tire manufactures light vehicle tires both for the Chinese domestic market and for export to markets outside of the PRC. On December 1, 2016, the Company acquired 65 percent ownership of GRT, a joint venture manufacturing facility located in the PRC. GRT is expected to serve as a global source of truck and bus radial tire production for the Company. The segment also had another joint venture in the PRC, PCT, which manufactured and marketed radial and bias medium truck tires, as well as passenger car and light truck tires for domestic and global markets. The Company sold its ownership interest in this joint venture in November 2014, and the Company now procures these tires under off-take agreements through mid-2018 from this entity. The majority of the tires manufactured by the segments are sold in the replacement market, with a portion also sold to OEMs. The following table details information on the Company's operating segments.

The following those details information		iths Ended	Six Months	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Net sales				
Americas Tire				
External customers	\$605,234	\$641,037	\$1,127,603	\$1,208,199
Intercompany	10,122	13,684	19,112	25,859
	615,356	654,721	1,146,715	1,234,058
International Tire				
External customers	115,519	99,257	236,175	181,870
Intercompany	35,851	24,421	57,160	45,035
	151,370	123,678	293,335	226,905
Eliminations	(45,973)	(38,105)	(76,272)	(70,894)
Consolidated net sales	\$720,753	\$740,294	\$1,363,778	\$1,390,069
Operating profit (loss):				
Americas Tire	\$83,293	\$116,093	\$146,486	\$222,146
International Tire	1,274	3,152	2,927	1,380
Unallocated corporate charges	(9,561)	(8,730)	(25,385)	(21,749)
Eliminations	(174)	(599)	(526)	(757)
Operating profit	74,832	109,916	123,502	201,020
Interest expense	(8,210)	(6,286)	(16,037)	(12,921)
Interest income	1,755	948	3,557	1,888
Other non-operating (expense) income	(255)	1,427	(491)	2,888
Income before income taxes	\$68,122	\$106,005	\$110,531	\$192,875

$_{\mbox{\scriptsize Item}}$ 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD&A") presents information related to the consolidated results of the operations of the Company, a discussion of past results of the Company's segments, future outlook for the Company and information concerning the liquidity and capital resources of the Company. The Company's future results may differ materially from those indicated herein, for reasons including those indicated under the forward-looking statements heading below.

Consolidated Results of Operations

Consolidated Results of Operations									
(Dollar amounts in thousands except per share					Six Months			•	
amounts)	2017	% Cha	nge	2016	2017	% Chan	ge	2016	
Net sales									
Americas Tire									
External customers	\$605,234	(5.6)	\$641,037	\$1,127,603	(6.7)	\$1,208,199	
Intercompany	10,122	(26.0)	13,684	19,112	(26.1)	25,859	
	615,356	(6.0)	654,721	1,146,715	(7.1)	1,234,058	
International Tire									
External customers	115,519	16.4		99,257	236,175	29.9		181,870	
Intercompany	35,851	46.8		24,421	57,160	26.9		45,035	
	151,370	22.4		123,678	293,335	29.3		226,905	
Eliminations	(45,973)	(20.6)	(38,105)	(76,272)	(7.6)	(70,894)	
Consolidated net sales	\$720,753	(2.6)	\$740,294	\$1,363,778	(1.9)	\$1,390,069	
Operating profit (loss):									
Americas Tire	\$83,293	(28.3)	\$116,093	\$146,486	(34.1)	\$222,146	
International Tire	1,274	(59.6)	3,152	2,927	112.1		1,380	
Unallocated corporate charges	(9,561)	(9.5)	(8,730)	(25,385)	(16.7)	(21,749)	
Eliminations	(174)	71.0		(599)	(526)	30.5		(757)	
Operating profit	74,832	(31.9)	109,916	123,502	(38.6)	201,020	
Interest expense	(8,210)	30.6		(6,286)	(16,037)	(24.1)	(12,921)	
Interest income	1,755	85.1		948	3,557	88.4		1,888	
Other non-operating (expense) income	(255)	n/m		1,427	(491)	n/m		2,888	
Income before income taxes	68,122	(35.7)	106,005	110,531	(42.7)	192,875	
Provision for income taxes	22,298	(35.7)	34,654	35,325	(43.7)	62,752	
Net income	45,824	(35.8)	71,351	75,206	(42.2)	130,123	
Net income (loss) attributable to	51 A	(1.4.6		(02	(666			260	
noncontrolling shareholders' interests	514	(14.6)	602	(666)	n/m		369	
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Rubber Company	\$45,310	(36.0)	\$70,749	\$75,872	(41.5)	\$129,754	
Earnings per share:									
Basic	\$0.86	(33.3)	\$1.29	\$1.44	(38.7)	\$2.35	
Diluted	\$0.85	(33.1)	\$1.27	\$1.42	(38.8)	\$2.32	
n/m – not meaningful									

Consolidated net sales for the second quarter of 2017 were \$721 million, a decrease of \$19 million from the comparable period one year ago. In the second quarter of 2017, the company experienced lower unit volumes (\$33 million) and negative foreign currency impact (\$9 million), partially offset by favorable pricing and mix (\$23 million), primarily due to net price increases related to higher raw material costs. Unit volume in the Americas segment was down, with a decrease in North America that

did not overcome a modest increase in Latin America. The Americas result was partially offset by improved unit volume performance in the International segment.

The Company recorded operating profit in the second quarter of 2017 of \$75 million, a decrease of \$35 million compared with the second quarter of 2016. Raw material costs net of price and mix were unfavorable (\$35 million) compared with the second quarter of 2016. Higher raw material costs of \$60 million were partially offset by \$25 million of favorable price and mix impact. Unit volume (\$9 million) was unfavorable compared with the second quarter of 2016, while the Company also experienced increased manufacturing costs (\$9 million), primarily in the Americas, as a result of lower production volumes in North America as a result of the decline in unit volume year over year. Selling, general, and administrative costs (\$14 million) and product liability costs (\$3 million) both decreased compared with the second quarter of 2016. Other operating costs declined (\$1 million) from the prior year, including foreign currency impact and net insurance recoveries. The Company recorded \$5.5 million of insurance recoveries in the second quarter, offset by \$2 million of direct expenses, for damage incurred at a leased North American distribution center related to a January 2017 tornado. At this time, the full amount of combined property damage and business interruption costs and recoveries cannot be estimated, and accordingly, no additional amounts, including amounts for insurance recoveries, have been recorded as of June 30, 2017.

Consolidated net sales for the six month period ended June 30, 2017 were \$1,364 million, a decrease of \$26 million from the comparable period one year ago. Lower unit volume (\$48 million) and negative foreign currency impact (\$18 million), were partially offset by favorable pricing and mix (\$40 million), which was primarily due to net price increases related to higher raw material costs. The negative impact to net sales from lower unit volume was related to a unit volume decline in the Americas, partially offset by improved unit volume in the International segment.

The Company recorded operating profit in the first half of 2017 of \$124 million, a decrease of \$78 million compared with the first half of 2016. Raw material costs net of price and mix were unfavorable (\$76 million) compared with the first half of 2016. Higher raw material costs of \$109 million were partially offset by \$33 million of favorable price and mix impact. The Company also experienced increased manufacturing costs (\$19 million), primarily in the Americas, as a result of lower production volumes in North America, and lower unit volume (\$15 million) compared with the first half of 2016. These costs were partially offset by lower selling, general and administrative costs (\$12 million) and decreased product liability charges (\$3 million) in the first six months of 2017. Other operating costs increased over the prior year (\$5 million), including foreign currency impact and \$9 million of direct expenses related to tornado damage at the leased distribution center, partially offset by \$5.5 million of related insurance recoveries. The Company also had a reversal of \$22 million related to preliminary truck and bus tire duties expensed in 2016. The preliminary truck and bus tire duties were reversed in the first quarter of 2017 as a result of the International Trade Commission's vote nullifying the preliminary duties.

The Company experienced increases in the costs of certain of its principal raw materials in the first six months of 2017 compared with the first six months of 2016. The principal raw materials for the Company include natural rubber, synthetic rubber, carbon black, chemicals and steel reinforcement components. Substantially all U.S. inventories have been valued using the LIFO method of inventory costing which accelerates the impact to cost of products sold from changes to raw material prices.

The Company strives to assure raw material and energy supply and to obtain the most favorable pricing possible. For natural rubber and natural gas, procurement is managed through a combination of buying forward of production requirements and utilizing the spot market. For other principal materials, procurement arrangements include supply agreements that may contain formula-based pricing based on commodity indices, multi-year agreements or spot purchase contracts. While the Company uses these arrangements to satisfy normal manufacturing demands, the pricing volatility in these commodities contributes to the difficulty in managing the costs of raw materials.

Product liability expenses totaled \$16 million in the second quarter of 2017, a decrease of \$3 million from the comparable period one year ago. Product liability expenses totaled \$32 million in the first six months of 2017, a decrease of \$3 million from the first six months of 2016. The change in the expense results from claim settlements and adjustments to existing reserves based on the Company's quarterly comprehensive review of outstanding claims. Additional information related to the Company's accounting for product liability costs appears in the Notes to Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Selling, general, and administrative expenses were \$56 million in the second quarter of 2017 (7.8 percent of net sales) and \$70 million in the second quarter of 2016 (9.4 percent of net sales). The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses was driven primarily by a decrease in incentive compensation. For the six month period ending June 30, 2017, selling, general, and administrative expenses were \$117 million (8.6 percent of net sales) compared with \$129 million (9.3 percent of net sales) for the comparable period of 2016. The decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses was driven by a decrease in

incentive compensation, partially offset by an increase in professional fees, the write-off of assets related to the Company's global ERP system implementation and the mark to market costs of stock-based liabilities.

Interest expense increased \$2 million and \$3 million in 2017 when compared to the corresponding quarter and year-to-date periods ended June 30, 2016, respectively. The increase was a result of increased borrowings and higher interest rates, primarily in Asia. Interest income increased \$1 million in the second quarter of 2017 compared to the second quarter of 2016 and increased \$2 million in the first half of 2017 compared to the first half of 2016.

Other income decreased \$2 million in the second quarter of 2017 and decreased \$3 million in the first half of 2017 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2016. The decrease was due primarily to the impact of foreign currency forward contracts.

For the three month period ended June 30, 2017, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$22 million (effective rate of 32.7 percent) compared with \$35 million (effective rate of 32.7 percent) for the comparable period in 2016. For the six month period ended June 30, 2017, the company recorded tax expense of \$35 million (effective rate of 32.0 percent) compared with \$63 million (effective rate of 32.5 percent) for the comparable period in 2016. The effective tax rate for the three month period ended June 30, 2017 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35 percent primarily due to the projected mix of earnings in international jurisdictions with lower tax rates, partially offset by losses in jurisdictions where valuation allowances are recorded. The effective tax rate for the six month period ended June 30, 2017 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 35 percent primarily due to the projected mix of earnings in international jurisdictions with lower tax rates, partially offset by losses in jurisdictions where valuation allowances are recorded, and due to a discrete tax benefit recognized as a result of the adoption of ASU 2016-09, "Improvements to Employee Share-Based Accounting," which requires all excess tax benefits or deficiencies from share-based payments to be recognized as income tax expense or benefit in the income statement. The Company recognized excess tax benefits from share-based payments of \$2 million in the first half of 2017.

The Company continues to maintain a valuation allowance pursuant to ASC 740, "Accounting for Income Taxes," against a portion of its U.S. and non-U.S. deferred tax asset position, as it cannot assure the utilization of these assets before they expire. In the U.S., the Company has offset a portion of its deferred tax asset relating primarily to a loss carryforward by a valuation allowance of \$2 million. In addition, the Company has recorded valuation allowances of \$19 million relating to non-U.S. net operating losses for a total valuation allowance of \$21 million. In conjunction with the Company's ongoing review of its actual results and anticipated future earnings, the Company will continue to reassess the possibility of releasing all or part of the valuation allowances currently in place when they are deemed to be realizable.

Segment Operating Results

The Company has four segments under ASC 280:

North America, composed of the Company's operations in the United States and Canada; Latin America, composed of the Company's operations in Mexico, Central America and South America; Europe; and Asia.

North America and Latin America meet the criteria for aggregation in accordance with ASC 280, as they are similar in their production and distribution processes and exhibit similar economic characteristics. The aggregated North America and Latin America segments are presented as "Americas Tire Operations" in the segment operating results discussion.

Both the Asia and Europe segments have been determined to be individually immaterial, as they do not meet the quantitative requirements for segment disclosure under ASC 280. In accordance with ASC 280, information about operating segments that are not reportable shall be combined and disclosed in an all other category separate from other reconciling items. As a result, these two segments have been combined in the segment operating results discussion. The results of the combined Asia and Europe segments are presented as "International Tire Operations."

Americas Tire	Operations	Segment
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	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Month						
	2017		Change		2016		2016		Change		2015	
(Dollar amounts in thousands)												
Net sales	\$615,356		(6.0)%	\$654,721		\$1,146,715	5	(7.1)%	\$1,234,058	3
Operating profit	\$83,293		(28.3)%	\$116,093	3	\$146,486		(34.1)%	\$222,146	
Operating margin	13.5	%	-4.2 points		17.7	%	12.8	%	-5.2 point	S	18.0	%
Total unit sales change			(4.4)%					(5.8)%		
United States replacement market												
unit shipment changes:												
Total light vehicle tires			(10.0	\01					(10.6	\ 07		
Segment			(10.0))%					(10.6)%		
USTMA members			(2.2))%					(0.5))%		
Total Industry			(1.4)%					0.1	%		
Overview												

The Americas Tire Operations segment is the aggregation of the Company's North America and Latin America operating segments. The Americas Tire Operations segment manufactures and markets passenger car and light truck tires, primarily for sale in the U.S. replacement market. The segment also has a joint venture manufacturing operation in Mexico, which supplies passenger car tires to the North American, Mexican, Central American and South American markets. The segment also distributes tires for racing, medium trucks and motorcycles. The racing and motorcycle tires are manufactured in the Company's European Operations segment and by others. The medium truck tires are sourced primarily through an off-take agreement that was entered into with PCT, the Company's former joint venture, which is now known as Prinx Chengshan (Shandong) Tire Company Ltd. Major distribution channels and customers include independent tire dealers, wholesale distributors, regional and national retail tire chains, and large retail chains that sell tires as well as other automotive products. The segment does not currently sell its products directly to end users, except through three Company-owned retail stores. The segment sells a limited number of tires to OEMs.

Sales

Net sales of the Americas Tire Operations segment for the second quarter of 2017 decreased \$40 million, or 6.0 percent, from the second quarter of 2016. The decrease in sales was a result of lower unit volume (\$44 million) and negative foreign currency impact (\$1 million), which were partially offset by favorable pricing and mix (\$5 million), primarily due to net price increases related to higher raw material costs. Unit shipments for the segment decreased 4.4 percent compared with the second quarter of 2016. In the U.S., the segment's unit shipments of total light vehicle tires decreased 10.0 percent in the second quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2016. This decrease compares with a 2.2 percent decrease in total light vehicle tire shipments experienced by the members of the U.S. Tire Manufacturing Association ("USTMA", formerly the Rubber Manufacturers Association), and a 1.4 percent decrease in total light vehicle tire shipments experienced for the total industry (which includes an estimate for non-USTMA members). The segment's commercial truck tire unit shipments for the U.S. increased 27.4 percent in the second quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2016, outperforming both the industry and the USTMA.

Net sales of the Americas Tire Operations segment for the first half of 2017 decreased \$87 million or 7.1 percent, from the first half of 2016. The decrease in sales was a result of lower unit volume (\$91 million) and negative foreign currency impact (\$4 million), which were partially offset by favorable pricing and mix (\$8 million), primarily due to net price increases related to higher raw material costs. Unit shipments for the segment decreased 5.8 percent compared with the first half of 2016. In the U.S., the segment's unit shipments of total light vehicle tires decreased 10.6 percent in the first half of 2017 compared with the first half of 2016. This decrease compares with a 0.5 percent

decrease in total light vehicle tire shipments experienced by the members of the USTMA and a 0.1 percent increase experienced for the total industry. The segment's commercial truck tire unit shipments for the U.S. increased 29.3 percent in the first half of 2017 compared with the first half of 2016, outperforming both the industry and the USTMA.

Operating Profit

Operating profit for the segment decreased \$33 million to \$83 million in the second quarter of 2017. The segment experienced unfavorable raw material costs net of price and mix (\$31 million) and lower unit volume (\$11 million) compared to the second quarter of 2016. The segment also experienced increased manufacturing costs (\$9 million), which was a result of curtailed production levels in order to manage inventory based on lower unit volume in the U.S. These higher costs were partially offset by lower selling, general and administrative costs (\$14 million), due primarily to decreased incentive compensation, and lower product liability costs (\$3 million). Other operating costs were favorable (\$1 million), including foreign currency impact and net insurance recoveries for the quarter.

Operating profit for the segment decreased \$76 million to \$146 million in the first half of 2017. The segment experienced unfavorable raw material costs net of price and mix (\$68 million) and lower unit volumes (\$23 million) compared to the first half of 2016. The segment also experienced increased manufacturing costs (\$22 million) as a result of curtailed production levels in the first half of 2017. Selling, general and administrative costs (\$16 million) decreased from the first half of 2016, primarily as a result of reduced incentive compensation. Product liability charges (\$3 million) were lower year over year. Other costs increased (\$4 million) compared to the first half of 2016, including foreign currency impact and \$9 million of direct expenses related to tornado damage at the leased distribution center, partially offset by \$5.5 million of insurance recoveries. The first six months of 2017 also included the reversal of \$22 million related to preliminary truck and bus radial tire duties expensed in 2016. The preliminary truck and bus radial tire duties were reversed in the first quarter of 2017 as a result of the International Trade Commission's vote nullifying the preliminary duties.

The segment's internally calculated raw material index of 163.5 during the quarter was an increase of 20.7 percent from the second quarter of 2016. The raw material index decreased 1.7 percent from the quarter ended March 31, 2017.

International Tire Operations Segment

•	Three Months Ended June 30,					Six Months Ended June 30,						
	2017	Change		2016		2017		Change		2016		
(Dollar amounts in thousands)												
Net sales	\$151,370	22.4	%	\$123,678	3	\$293,335		29.3	%	\$226,905		
Operating profit	\$1,274	(59.6)%	\$3,152		\$2,927		112.1	%	\$1,380		
Operating margin	0.8 %	-1.7 points		2.5	%	1.0	%	0.4 points		0.6	%	
Total unit sales change		11.1	%					20.5	%			
Overview												

The International Tire Operations segment is the combination of the Asia and Europe operating segments. The European segment has operations in the U.K. and Serbia. The U.K. entity manufactures and markets passenger car, light truck, motorcycle and racing tires and tire retread material for domestic and global markets. The Serbian entity manufactures light vehicle tires primarily for the European markets and for export. The Asian operations are located in the PRC. In the PRC, Cooper Kunshan Tire manufactures light vehicle tires both for the Chinese domestic market and for export to markets outside of the PRC. On December 1, 2016, the Company acquired 65 percent ownership of GRT, a joint venture manufacturing facility located in the PRC. GRT is expected to serve as a global source of truck and bus radial tire production for the Company. The segment also had another joint venture in the PRC, PCT, which manufactured and marketed radial and bias medium truck tires as well as passenger car and light truck tires for domestic and global markets. The Company sold its ownership interest in this joint venture in November 2014, and the Company now procures these tires under off-take agreements through mid-2018 from this entity. The majority of the tires manufactured by the segments are sold in the replacement market, with a growing portion also sold to OEMs.

Sales

Net sales of the International Tire Operations segment for the second quarter of 2017 increased \$27 million, or 22.4 percent, from the second quarter of 2016. The segment experienced favorable price and mix (\$27 million), primarily due to net price increases related to higher raw material costs, and increased unit volume (\$8 million), which were partially offset by n