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

For the quarter ended
September 30, 2015

Commission File Number
0-16093

CONMED CORPORATION
(Exact name of the registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)
525 French Road, Utica, New York
(Address of principal executive offices)

16-0977505
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)
13502
(Zip Code)

(315) 797-8375
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports) and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

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company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one).

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

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

Yes No

The number of shares outstanding of registrant's common stock, as of October 21, 2015 is 27,704,856 shares.

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QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q
FOR THE QUARTER ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1.

CONMED CORPORATION

CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited, in thousands except per share amounts)

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net sales	\$169,184	\$174,961	\$528,151	\$545,052
Cost of sales	75,638	78,547	248,825	245,028
Gross profit	93,546	96,414	279,326	300,024
Selling and administrative expense	72,056	87,055	220,423	243,653
Research and development expense	6,652	6,910	20,695	20,674
Operating expenses	78,708	93,965	241,118	264,327
Income from operations	14,838	2,449	38,208	35,697
Interest expense	1,504	1,540	4,453	4,572
Income before income taxes	13,334	909	33,755	31,125
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	4,461	(1,063)	11,109	10,272
Net income	\$8,873	\$1,972	\$22,646	\$20,853
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$3,741	\$(4,173)	\$8,656	\$17,001
Per share data:				
Net income				
Basic	\$0.32	\$0.07	\$0.82	\$0.76
Diluted	0.32	0.07	0.81	0.75
Dividends per share of common stock	\$0.20	\$0.20	\$0.60	\$0.60
Weighted average common shares				
Basic	27,701	27,454	27,636	27,354
Diluted	27,898	27,688	27,853	27,777

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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CONMED CORPORATION
CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS
(Unaudited, in thousands except share and per share amounts)

	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$65,326	\$66,332
Accounts receivable, net	124,697	129,287
Inventories	161,555	148,149
Deferred income taxes	12,968	14,348
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	19,148	23,034
Total current assets	383,694	381,150
Property, plant and equipment, net	130,717	133,429
Deferred income taxes	1,134	1,398
Goodwill	260,755	256,232
Other intangible assets, net	308,059	316,440
Other assets	9,688	9,545
Total assets	\$1,094,047	\$1,098,194
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Current portion of long-term debt	\$1,285	\$1,234
Accounts payable	31,588	23,752
Accrued compensation and benefits	28,822	36,446
Income taxes payable	2,157	2,668
Other current liabilities	47,804	51,856
Total current liabilities	111,656	115,956
Long-term debt	260,545	240,201
Deferred income taxes	115,398	112,223
Other long-term liabilities	29,023	48,516
Total liabilities	516,622	516,896
Commitments and contingencies		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, par value \$.01 per share; authorized 500,000 shares; none outstanding	—	—
Common stock, par value \$.01 per share; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 31,299,194 shares issued in 2015 and 2014, respectively	313	313
Paid-in capital	319,710	319,752
Retained earnings	412,196	406,145
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(53,812) (39,822)

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Less: 3,598,089 and 3,744,473 shares of common stock in treasury, at cost in 2015 and 2014, respectively	(100,982) (105,090)
Total shareholders' equity	577,425	581,298	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$1,094,047	\$1,098,194	

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(Unaudited, in thousands)

	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$22,646	\$20,853
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	13,919	14,702
Amortization	18,389	19,318
Stock-based compensation	5,561	7,691
Deferred income taxes	4,159	(1,121)
Increase (decrease) in cash flows from changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	310	13,699
Inventories	(25,129)	(30,023)
Accounts payable	7,992	1,812
Income taxes receivable (payable)	(152)	891
Accrued compensation and benefits	(7,040)	(2,507)
Other assets	2,431	375
Other liabilities	(4,366)	(6,161)
	16,074	18,676
Net cash provided by operating activities	38,720	39,529
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(11,478)	(12,250)
Payments related to business acquisitions	(6,104)	(1,245)
Net cash used in investing activities	(17,582)	(13,495)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Net proceeds from common stock issued under employee plans	664	1,716
Repurchase of common stock	—	(16,862)
Payments on mortgage notes	(605)	(558)
Proceeds from senior credit agreement	21,000	33,000
Payments related to distribution agreement	(16,667)	(16,667)
Payment related to contingent consideration	(2,423)	—
Payments related to debt issuance costs	(1,410)	—
Dividends paid on common stock	(16,565)	(16,455)
Other, net	751	3,220
Net cash used in financing activities	(15,255)	(12,606)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(6,889)	(3,257)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,006)	10,171
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	66,332	54,443

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$65,326	\$64,614
Non-cash financing activities:		
Dividends payable	\$5,540	\$5,504

See notes to consolidated condensed financial statements.

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 NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 (Unaudited, in thousands except per share amounts)

Note 1 – Operations

CONMED Corporation (“CONMED”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) is a medical technology company that provides surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures. The Company’s products are used by surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery and gastroenterology.

Note 2 - Interim Financial Information

The accompanying unaudited consolidated condensed financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles 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 generally accepted accounting principles for annual financial statements. Results for the period ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015.

The consolidated condensed financial statements and notes thereto should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes for the year ended December 31, 2014 included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation. These reclassifications had no impact on net earnings or shareholders' equity as previously reported.

Note 3 – Comprehensive Income

Comprehensive income consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$8,873	\$1,972	\$22,646	\$20,853
Other comprehensive income (loss):				
Pension liability, net of income tax (income tax expense of \$298 and \$138 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$896 and \$454 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	510	237	1,529	776
Cash flow hedging gain (loss), net of income tax (income tax expense (benefit) of (\$212) and \$2,090 for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and (\$560) and \$2,205 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively)	(361	) 3,566	(956	) 3,763
Foreign currency translation adjustment	(5,281) (9,948) (14,563) (8,391
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$3,741	\$(4,173) \$8,656	\$17,001

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Accumulated other comprehensive loss consists of the following:

	Cash Flow Hedging Gain (Loss)	Pension Liability	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$3,276	\$ (30,760)	\$ (12,338)	\$ (39,822)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	3,666	—	(14,563)	(10,897)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) before tax ^a	(7,330 )	) 2,425	—	(4,905)
Income tax	2,708	(896)	—	1,812
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	(956 )	) 1,529	(14,563)	(13,990)
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$2,320	\$ (29,231)	\$ (26,901)	\$ (53,812)
	Cash Flow Hedging Gain (Loss)	Pension Liability	Cumulative Translation Adjustments	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
Balance, December 31, 2013	\$ (1,385 )	) \$ (18,918)	\$ 2,731	\$ (17,572)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before reclassifications	3,477	—	(8,391)	(4,914)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) before tax ^a	454	1,230	—	1,684
Income tax	(168 )	) (454)	—	(622)
Net current-period other comprehensive income (loss)	3,763	776	(8,391)	(3,852)
Balance, September 30, 2014	\$2,378	\$ (18,142)	\$ (5,660)	\$ (21,424)

(a) The cash flow hedging gain (loss) and pension liability accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) components are included in sales or cost of sales and as a component of net periodic pension cost (income), respectively. The amounts recorded in the charts above are for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, \$2.3 million of the cash flow hedging gain and \$0.8 million of the pension liability were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to the statement of income. For the three months ended September 30, 2014, \$0.1 million of the cash flow hedging gain and \$0.4 million of the pension liability were reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss to the statement of income. Refer to Note 4 and Note 9, respectively, for further details.

Note 4 – Fair Value of Financial Instruments

We enter into derivative instruments for risk management purposes only. We operate internationally and, in the normal course of business, are exposed to fluctuations in interest rates, foreign exchange rates and commodity prices. These fluctuations can increase the costs of financing, investing and operating the business. We use forward contracts, a type of derivative instrument, to manage certain foreign currency exposures.

By nature, all financial instruments involve market and credit risks. We enter into forward contracts with major investment grade financial institutions and have policies to monitor the credit risk of those counterparties. While there can be no assurance, we do not anticipate any material non-performance by any of these counterparties.

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Foreign Currency Forward Contracts. We hedge forecasted intercompany sales denominated in foreign currencies through the use of forward contracts. We account for these forward contracts as cash flow hedges. To the extent these forward contracts meet hedge accounting criteria, changes in their fair value are not included in current earnings but are included in accumulated other comprehensive loss. These changes in fair value will be recognized into earnings as a component of sales or cost of sales when the forecasted transaction occurs. The notional contract amounts for forward contracts outstanding at September 30, 2015 which have been accounted for as cash flow hedges totaled \$98.1 million. Net realized gains (losses) recognized for forward contracts accounted for as cash flow hedges approximated \$2.3 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$7.3 million and \$(0.5) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Net unrealized gains on forward contracts outstanding, which have been accounted for as cash flow hedges and which have been included in other comprehensive income totaled \$2.3 million at September 30, 2015. It is expected these unrealized gains will be recognized in the consolidated condensed statement of comprehensive income in 2015 and 2016.

We also enter into forward contracts to exchange foreign currencies for United States dollars in order to hedge our currency transaction exposures on intercompany receivables denominated in foreign currencies. These forward contracts settle each month at month-end, at which time we enter into new forward contracts. We have not designated these forward contracts as hedges and have not applied hedge accounting to them. The notional contract amounts for forward contracts outstanding at September 30, 2015 which have not been designated as hedges totaled \$27.7 million. Net realized gains recognized in connection with those forward contracts not accounted for as hedges approximated \$0.9 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, offsetting losses on our intercompany receivables of \$(0.8) million and \$(0.5) million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Net realized gains (losses) recognized in connection with those forward contracts not accounted for as hedges approximated \$0.8 million and \$(0.3) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, offsetting losses on our intercompany receivables of \$(1.1) million and \$(0.3) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These gains and losses have been recorded in selling and administrative expense in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income.

We record these forward foreign exchange contracts at fair value; the following tables summarize the fair value for forward foreign exchange contracts outstanding at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

September 30, 2015	Asset Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Liabilities Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Net Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedged instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$4,912	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$(1,233)	\$3,679
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	5	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(46)	(41)
Total derivatives		\$4,917		\$(1,279)	\$3,638

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December 31, 2014	Asset Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Liabilities Balance Sheet Location	Fair Value	Net Fair Value
Derivatives designated as hedged instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$6,167	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	\$(971)	\$5,196
Derivatives not designated as hedging instruments:					
Foreign exchange contracts	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	44	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(61)	(17)
Total derivatives		\$6,211		\$(1,032)	\$5,179

Our forward foreign exchange contracts are subject to a master netting agreement and qualify for netting in the consolidated balance sheets. Accordingly, at September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we have recorded the net fair value of \$3.6 million and \$5.2 million, respectively, in prepaid expenses and other current assets.

Fair Value Disclosure. FASB guidance defines fair value and establishes a framework for measuring fair value and related disclosure requirements. This guidance applies when fair value measurements are required or permitted. The guidance indicates, among other things, that a fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell an asset or transfer a liability occurs in the principal market for the asset or liability or, in the absence of a principal market, the most advantageous market for the asset or liability. Fair value is defined based upon an exit price model.

Valuation Hierarchy. A valuation hierarchy was established for disclosure of the inputs to the valuations used to measure fair value. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities. Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active; inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability, including interest rates, yield curves and credit risks or inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data through correlation. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on our own assumptions used to measure assets and liabilities at fair value. A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement. There have been no significant changes in the assumptions since the EndoDynamix, Inc. acquisition.

Valuation Techniques. Assets and liabilities carried at fair value and measured on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 consist of forward foreign exchange contracts and contingent liabilities associated with the EndoDynamix, Inc. acquisition as further described in Note 7. The Company values its forward foreign exchange contracts using quoted prices for similar assets. The most significant assumption is quoted currency rates. The value of the forward foreign exchange contract assets and liabilities were determined within Level 2 of the valuation hierarchy and are listed in the table above.

The EndoDynamix, Inc. acquisition involves the potential for the payment of future contingent consideration upon the achievement of certain product development milestones and revenue based payments as further described in Note 7.

Contingent consideration is recorded at the estimated fair value of the contingent milestone and revenue based payments on the acquisition date. The fair value of the contingent consideration is remeasured at the estimated fair value at each reporting period with the change in fair value recognized as income or expense within selling and administrative expenses in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income. We measure the initial liability and remeasure the liability on a recurring basis using Level 3 inputs as defined under authoritative guidance for fair value measurements.

The carrying amounts reported in our consolidated condensed balance sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and long-term debt approximate fair value.

Note 5 - Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

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	September 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Raw materials	\$46,893	\$44,847
Work-in-process	16,089	13,876
Finished goods	98,573	89,426
Total	\$161,555	\$148,149

Note 6 – Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share (“basic EPS”) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the reporting period. Diluted earnings per share (“diluted EPS”) gives effect to all dilutive potential shares outstanding resulting from employee stock options, restricted stock units, performance share units and stock appreciation rights during the period. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$8,873	\$1,972	\$22,646	\$20,853
Basic – weighted average shares outstanding	27,701	27,454	27,636	27,354
Effect of dilutive potential securities	197	234	217	423
Diluted – weighted average shares outstanding	27,898	27,688	27,853	27,777
Net income				
Basic (per share)	\$0.32	\$0.07	\$0.82	\$0.76
Diluted (per share)	0.32	0.07	0.81	0.75

The shares used in the calculation of diluted EPS exclude options and SARs to purchase shares where the exercise price was greater than the average market price of common shares for the period and the effect of the inclusion would be antidilutive. Such shares were not material in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014.

Note 7 – Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets

The changes in the net carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 are as follows:

Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$256,232
Goodwill resulting from business acquisitions	5,369
Reduction in goodwill resulting from a business acquisition purchase price allocation adjustment	(525)
Foreign currency translation	(321)
Balance as of September 30, 2015	\$260,755

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Assets and liabilities of acquired businesses are recorded at their estimated fair values as of the date of acquisition. Goodwill represents costs in excess of fair values assigned to the underlying net assets of acquired businesses. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company entered into three acquisitions totaling a cash purchase price of \$6.1 million. Goodwill resulting from business acquisitions in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 amounted to \$5.4 million. The purchase price in a prior acquisition was allocated based on information available at the acquisition date. During the quarter ended March 31, 2015, we recorded a measurement period adjustment, which reduced goodwill by \$0.5 million. The amount was not considered material and therefore prior periods have not been revised.

Other intangible assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization
Amortized intangible assets:				
Customer relationships	\$ 136,898	\$(63,260)	\$ 136,126	\$(59,707)
Promotional, marketing and distribution rights	149,376	(22,500)	149,376	(18,000)
Patents and other intangible assets	63,423	(42,422)	63,464	(41,363)
Unamortized intangible assets:				
Trademarks and tradenames	86,544	—	86,544	—
	\$436,241	\$(128,182)	\$435,510	\$(119,070)

Customer relationships, trademarks and tradenames and patents and other intangible assets primarily represent allocations of purchase price to identifiable intangible assets of acquired businesses. Promotional, marketing and distribution rights represent intangible assets created under our Sports Medicine Joint Development and Distribution Agreement (the "JDDA") with Musculoskeletal Transplant Foundation ("MTF").

On January 3, 2012, the Company entered into the JDDA with MTF to obtain MTF's worldwide promotion rights with respect to allograft tissues within the field of sports medicine and related products. The initial consideration from the Company included a \$63.0 million up-front payment for the rights and certain assets, with an additional \$84.0 million contingently payable over a four year period depending on MTF meeting supply targets for tissue. On January 5, 2015 and January 3, 2014, we paid equal installments of \$16.7 million and on January 3, 2013, we paid \$34.0 million of the additional consideration. The remaining \$16.7 million of the additional consideration is due in January 2016 and is accrued in other current liabilities as we believe it is probable MTF will meet the supply targets.

On July 30, 2014, the Company purchased the stock of EndoDynamix, Inc., a developer of minimally invasive surgical instruments. The purchase price included \$13.9 million in contingent consideration based upon certain milestones being achieved totaling \$10.3 million and future royalties to be incurred of \$3.6 million. Contingent consideration was valued using a discounted cash flow method. We paid \$3.7 million of the milestone payment on October 17, 2014 and another \$2.4 million payment on April 13, 2015. We expect the remaining milestones to be achieved, and royalty payments to be made, between 2016 and 2021. The remaining contingent consideration totaled \$7.8 million as of September 30, 2015 and is included in other current and other long term liabilities.

Amortization expense related to intangible assets which are subject to amortization totaled \$3.1 million and \$3.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$9.5 million and \$9.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and is included as a reduction of revenue (for amortization related to our promotional, marketing and distribution rights) and in selling and administrative expense (for all other intangible assets) in the consolidated condensed statements of comprehensive income. The weighted average amortization period for intangible assets which are amortized is 27 years. Customer relationships are being amortized over a weighted average life of 34 years. Promotional, marketing

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and distribution rights are being amortized over a weighted average life of 25 years. Patents and other intangible assets are being amortized over a weighted average life of 14 years. Included in patents and other intangible assets at September 30, 2015 is an in-process research and development asset related to the EndoDynamix, Inc. acquisition that is not currently amortized.

The estimated intangible asset amortization expense remaining for the year ending December 31, 2015 and for each of the five succeeding years is as follows:

	Amortization included in expense	Amortization recorded as a reduction of revenue	Total
Remaining, 2015	\$1,436	\$1,500	\$2,936
2016	6,877	6,000	12,877
2017	7,309	6,000	13,309
2018	7,279	6,000	13,279
2019	7,279	6,000	13,279
2020	7,186	6,000	13,186

Note 8 – Guarantees

We provide warranties on certain of our products at the time of sale. The standard warranty period for our capital and reusable equipment is generally one year. Liability under service and warranty policies is based upon a review of historical warranty and service claim experience. Adjustments are made to accruals as claim data and historical experience warrant.

Changes in the carrying amount of service and product warranties for the nine months ended September 30, are as follows:

	2015	2014
Balance as of January 1,	\$2,286	\$2,422
Provision for warranties	2,850	2,622
Claims made	(2,682)	(2,703)
Balance as of September 30,	\$2,454	\$2,341

Note 9 – Pension Plan

Net periodic pension (income) cost consists of the following:

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	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Service cost	\$60	\$68	\$180	\$203
Interest cost on projected benefit obligation	849	866	2,546	2,599
Expected return on plan assets	(1,424)	(1,496)	(4,273)	(4,489)
Net amortization and deferral	808	410	2,425	1,230
Net periodic pension (income) cost	\$293	\$(152)	\$878	\$(457)

We do not expect to make any pension contributions during 2015.

Note 10 – Restructuring and Other Expense

Restructuring and other expense consists of the following:

	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Restructuring costs included in cost of sales	\$1,316	\$1,448	\$5,179	\$3,754
Restructuring costs	\$1,331	\$687	\$9,795	\$1,855
Management restructuring costs	—	11,022	—	11,022
Patent dispute and other matters	—	334	—	3,677
Shareholder activism costs	—	2,441	—	3,966
Restructuring and other expense included in selling and administrative expense	\$1,331	\$14,484	\$9,795	\$20,520

During the nine months ended September 30, 2014, we incurred \$1.9 million in legal fees associated with a patent infringement claim, including \$0.9 million in settlement costs during the first quarter of 2014. In addition, the nine months ended September 30, 2014 included \$1.3 million in consulting fees and costs associated with a legal matter in which we prevailed at trial. Finally, the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, included \$0.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively, in costs associated with a business acquisition.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we incurred \$2.4 million and \$4.0 million, respectively, in professional fees related to shareholder activism.

During 2015 and 2014, we continued our operational restructuring plan. In 2015, we continued the consolidation of our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing operations into other existing CONMED manufacturing facilities. We expect our Centennial, Colorado consolidation to be completed over the next 3 months. During 2014, we completed the consolidation of our Finland operations into our Largo, Florida and Utica, New York manufacturing facilities and the consolidation of our Westborough, Massachusetts manufacturing operations into our Largo, Florida and Chihuahua, Mexico facilities. We incurred \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million in costs associated with the operational restructuring during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$5.2 million and \$3.8 million during

the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These costs were charged to cost of sales and include severance and other charges associated with the consolidation of our Finland, Westborough, Massachusetts and Centennial, Colorado operations.

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During 2015 and 2014, we restructured certain selling and administrative functions and incurred severance and other related costs in the amount of \$1.3 million and \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$9.8 million and \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we incurred \$11.0 million in costs associated with restructuring of executive management. These costs include severance payments, accelerated vesting of stock-based compensation awards, accrual of the present value of deferred compensation and other benefits to our then Chief Executive Officer as defined in his termination agreement; accelerated vesting of stock-based compensation awards to certain members of executive management and other benefits earned as further described in our Form 8-K filing on July 23, 2014.

We have recorded an accrual in current and other long term liabilities of \$5.2 million at September 30, 2015 mainly related to severance and lease impairment costs associated with the restructuring. Below is a rollforward of the accrual:

Balance as of January 1, 2015	\$8,254
Expenses incurred	4,449
Payments made	(7,516)
Balance at September 30, 2015	\$5,187

Note 11 — Business Segments

We are accounting and reporting for our business as a single operating segment entity engaged in the development, manufacturing and sale on a global basis of surgical devices and related equipment. Our chief operating decision maker (the CEO) evaluates the various global product portfolios on a net sales basis and evaluates profitability, investment and cash flow metrics on a consolidated worldwide basis due to shared infrastructure and resources. Our product lines consist of orthopedic surgery, general surgery and surgical visualization. Orthopedic surgery consists of sports medicine instrumentation and small bone, large bone and specialty powered surgical instruments and service fees related to the promotion and marketing of sports medicine allograft tissue. General surgery consists of a complete line of endo-mechanical instrumentation for minimally invasive laparoscopic and gastrointestinal procedures, a line of cardiac monitoring products as well as electrosurgical generators and related instruments. Surgical visualization consists of imaging systems for use in minimally invasive orthopedic and general surgery procedures including 2DHD and 3DHD vision technologies. These product lines' net sales are as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Orthopedic surgery	\$89,382	\$92,750	\$284,781	\$301,059
General surgery	66,123	69,735	203,295	203,941
Surgical visualization	13,679	12,476	40,075	40,052
Consolidated net sales	\$169,184	\$174,961	\$528,151	\$545,052

Note 12 – Legal Proceedings

From time to time, we are subject to claims alleging product liability, patent infringement or other claims incurred in the ordinary course of business. These may involve our United States or foreign operations, or sales by foreign

distributors. Likewise, from time to time, the Company may receive an information request or subpoena from a government agency such as the Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of Justice, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Department of Labor, the Treasury Department or other federal and state agencies or foreign governments or government agencies. These information requests or subpoenas may or may not be routine inquiries, or may begin as routine inquiries and over time develop into enforcement actions of various types. The product liability claims are generally covered by

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various insurance policies, subject to certain deductible amounts, maximum policy limits and certain exclusions in the respective policies or as required as a matter of law. In some cases, we may be entitled to indemnification by third parties. We establish reserves sufficient to cover probable losses associated with any such pending claims. We do not expect that the resolution of any pending claims or investigations will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. There can be no assurance, however, that future claims or investigations, or the costs associated with responding to such claims or investigations, especially claims and investigations not covered by insurance, will not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

Manufacturers of medical products may face exposure to significant product liability claims. To date, we have not experienced any product liability claims that have been material to our financial statements or financial condition, but any such claims arising in the future could have a material adverse effect on our business or results of operations. We currently maintain commercial product liability insurance of \$25 million per incident and \$25 million in the aggregate annually, which we believe is adequate. This coverage is on a claims-made basis. There can be no assurance that claims will not exceed insurance coverage, that the carriers will be solvent or that such insurance will be available to us in the future at a reasonable cost.

Our operations are subject, and in the past have been subject, to a number of environmental laws and regulations governing, among other things, air emissions; wastewater discharges; the use, handling and disposal of hazardous substances and wastes; soil and groundwater remediation and employee health and safety. In some jurisdictions, environmental requirements may be expected to become more stringent in the future. In the United States, certain environmental laws can impose liability for the entire cost of site restoration upon each of the parties that may have contributed to conditions at the site regardless of fault or the lawfulness of the party's activities. While we do not believe that the present costs of environmental compliance and remediation are material, there can be no assurance that future compliance or remedial obligations would not have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

During the third quarter of 2013, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") inspected our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing facility and issued a Form 483 with observations on September 20, 2013. We subsequently submitted responses to the Observations and the FDA issued a Warning Letter on January 30, 2014 relating to the inspection and the responses to the Form 483 Observations. Accordingly, we undertook corrective actions. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the FDA again inspected our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing facility and, on November 18, 2014, issued a Form 483 with eight observations, three of which the FDA characterized as repeat observations. On December 10, 2014, we responded to the Form 483 Observations. We have received some additional questions from the FDA and have responded to these questions. The remediation costs to date have not been material, although there can be no assurance that a future inspection by the FDA will not result in an additional Form 483 or warning letter, or other regulatory actions, which may include consent decrees or fines that could be material.

Note 13 – New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers". This ASU is a comprehensive new revenue recognition model that requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the company expects to receive in exchange for those goods or services. In July 2015, the FASB decided to delay the effective date of ASU 2014-09 by one year. This ASU is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and early adoption is permitted as of January 1, 2017. We plan to adopt this ASU on January 1, 2018. The new standard will become effective beginning with the first quarter of 2018 and can be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. The Company is currently evaluating both the impact of adopting this new guidance on the consolidated financial

statements and the method of adoption.

In July 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-11, "Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory". An entity should measure inventory within the scope of this Update at the lower of cost and net realizable value. Net realizable value is the estimated selling prices in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal, and transportation. Subsequent measurement is unchanged for inventory measured using LIFO or the retail inventory method. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Company does not believe this new guidance will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-15, "Presentation and Subsequent Measurement of Debt Issuance Costs Associated with Line-of-Credit Arrangements". This ASU was issued to clarify the guidance included in ASU 2015-03 "Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs", which requires entities to present debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. ASU 2015-03 does not address presentation or subsequent measurement of debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements. Given the absence of authoritative guidance within

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Update 2015-03 for debt issuance costs related to line-of-credit arrangements, ASU 2015-15 was issued to clarify that the SEC staff would not object to an entity deferring and presenting debt issuance costs as an asset and subsequently amortizing the deferred debt issuance costs ratably over the term of the line-of-credit arrangement, regardless of whether there are any outstanding borrowings on the line-of-credit arrangement. This ASU is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, and interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted for financial statements that have not been previously issued. The Company does not believe this new guidance will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, "Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments". This ASU simplifies the accounting for changes in measurement period adjustments associated with a business combination. It requires that an acquirer recognize adjustments to provisional amounts that are identified during the measurement period in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. This ASU is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2015. The Company does not believe this new guidance will have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

Note 14 - Income Taxes

A provision for income taxes has been recorded at an effective tax rate of 32.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the 33.0% effective tax rate recorded in the same period a year ago due to a write-off of deferred tax assets in the quarter ended March 31, 2014 as a result of New York State corporate tax legislation changes, offset by favorable results and taxing authority settlements in connection with the prior year tax return finalization process recorded in the quarter ended September 30, 2014.

Note 15 - Amended and Restated Senior Credit Agreement

On April 28, 2015 we entered into an amended and restated \$450.0 million senior credit agreement (the "amended and restated senior credit agreement"). The amended and restated senior credit agreement consists of a \$450.0 million revolving credit facility expiring on April 28, 2020. The amended and restated senior credit agreement was used to repay borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facility under the then existing senior credit agreement. Initial interest rates are at LIBOR plus 1.50% (1.69% at September 30, 2015) or an alternative base rate. For those borrowings where the Company elects to use the alternative base rate, the base rate will be the greater of the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Rate in effect on such date plus 0.50%, or the one month Eurocurrency rate plus 1%, plus an additional margin of 0.50%. The agreement also contains customary covenants and restrictions, all of which the Company was in full compliance with as of September 30, 2015.

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

Forward-Looking Statements

In this Report on Form 10-Q, we make forward-looking statements about our financial condition, results of operations and business. Forward-looking statements are statements made by us concerning events that may or may not occur in the future. These statements may be made directly in this document or may be "incorporated by reference" from other documents. Such statements may be identified by the use of words such as "anticipates", "expects", "estimates", "intends" and "believes" and variations thereof and other terms of similar meaning.

Forward-Looking Statements are not Guarantees of Future Performance

Forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements or industry results, to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include those identified under "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014 and the following, among others:

- general economic and business conditions;
- changes in foreign exchange and interest rates;
- cyclical customer purchasing patterns due to budgetary and other constraints;
- changes in customer preferences;
- competition;
- changes in technology;
- the introduction and acceptance of new products;
- the ability to evaluate, finance and integrate acquired businesses, products and companies;
- changes in business strategy;
- the availability and cost of materials;
- the possibility that United States or foreign regulatory and/or administrative agencies may initiate enforcement actions against us or our distributors;
- future levels of indebtedness and capital spending;
- quality of our management and business abilities and the judgment of our personnel;
- the availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- the risk of litigation, especially patent litigation, as well as the cost associated with patent and other litigation;
- the risk of a lack of allograft tissue due to reduced donations of such tissues or due to tissues not meeting the appropriate high standards for screening and/or processing of such tissues; and
- compliance with and changes in regulatory requirements.

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" below and "Risk Factors" and "Business" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014 for a further discussion of these factors. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date hereof. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Overview

CONMED Corporation (“CONMED”, the “Company”, “we” or “us”) is a medical technology company that provides surgical devices and equipment for minimally invasive procedures. The Company’s products are used by surgeons and physicians in a variety of specialties including orthopedics, general surgery, gynecology, neurosurgery and gastroenterology. These product lines as a percentage of consolidated net sales are as follows:

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	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		
	September 30,		September 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Orthopedic surgery	52.8	% 53.0	% 53.9	% 55.2	%
General surgery	39.1	% 39.9	% 38.5	% 37.4	%
Surgical visualization	8.1	% 7.1	% 7.6	% 7.4	%
Consolidated net sales	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%

A significant amount of our products are used in surgical procedures with approximately 80% of our revenues derived from the sale of single-use products. Our capital equipment offerings also facilitate the ongoing sale of related single-use products and accessories, thus providing us with a recurring revenue stream. We manufacture substantially all of our products in facilities located in the United States and Mexico. We market our products both domestically and internationally directly to customers and through distributors. International sales approximated 48% and 50% during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively.

Business Environment

2014 brought with it a year of change for CONMED Corporation. As discussed more fully in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, we have had many changes in senior management and the Board of Directors of the Company.

As a result of these changes, there is a renewed focus on research and development initiatives and our new leadership has been overhauling much of our U.S. selling effort including the combination of our Advanced Energy and Endomechanical sales forces into a new Advanced Surgical sales force and an expanded Orthopedic sales force with new sales management. We believe these changes and others will enable us to leverage our extensive product portfolio and sales and marketing infrastructure and lead to enhanced customer focus and improved sales performance. We will look to further expand our footprint through organic growth and acquisitions that fit into our business model.

We are continuing our efforts to restructure and streamline both our operations and administrative functions in an effort to make our organization more efficient and to reduce costs. These efforts include the ongoing restructuring plan to consolidate our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing operation into other CONMED facilities which we expect to complete by the end of the year.

Finally, our facilities are subject to periodic inspection by the United States Food and Drug Administration (“FDA”) and foreign regulatory agencies or notified bodies for, among other things, conformance to Quality System Regulation and Current Good Manufacturing Practice (“CGMP”) requirements and foreign or international standards. During the third quarter of 2013, the FDA inspected our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing facility and issued a Form 483 with observations on September 20, 2013. We subsequently submitted responses to the Observations, and the FDA issued a Warning Letter on January 30, 2014 relating to the inspection and the responses to the Form 483 Observations. Accordingly, we undertook corrective actions. During the fourth quarter of 2014, the FDA again inspected our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing facility and, on November 18, 2014, issued a Form 483 with eight observations, three of which the FDA characterized as repeat observations. On December 10, 2014, we responded to the Form 483 Observations. We have received some additional questions from the FDA and have responded to these questions. The remediation costs to date have not been material, although there can be no assurance that responding to the Form 483 observations or a future inspection by the FDA will not result in an additional Form 483 or warning letter, or other regulatory actions, which may include consent decrees or fines.

Critical Accounting Policies

Preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions which affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014 describes the significant accounting policies used in preparation of the Consolidated Financial Statements. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate the critical accounting policies used to prepare our consolidated financial statements, including, but not limited to, those related to:

• revenue recognition;

• inventory valuation;

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goodwill and intangible assets;

pension plan;

stock-based compensation costs; and

income taxes.

There have been no material changes in these aforementioned critical accounting policies.

Consolidated Results of Operations

The following table presents, as a percentage of net sales, certain categories included in our consolidated condensed statements of income for the periods indicated:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended			
	September 30,		September 30,			
	2015	2014	2015	2014		
Net sales	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%	
Cost of sales	44.7	44.9	47.1	45.0		
Gross profit	55.3	55.1	52.9	55.0		
Selling and administrative expense	42.6	49.8	41.7	44.7		
Research and development expense	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.8		
Income from operations	8.8	1.4	7.3	6.5		
Interest expense	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.8		
Income before income taxes	7.9	0.5	6.5	5.7		
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	2.6	(0.6)	2.1	1.9		
Net income	5.3	% 1.1	% 4.4	% 3.8	%	
Sales						

Sales for the three months ended September 30, 2015 were \$169.2 million, a decrease of \$5.8 million (-3.3%) compared to sales of \$175.0 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 with decreases in our orthopedic surgery and general surgery products offset by increases in our surgical visualization products. Sales for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$528.2 million, a decrease of \$16.9 million (-3.1%) compared to sales of \$545.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 with decreases in our orthopedic surgery products and relatively flat sales in our general surgery and surgical visualization products. In constant currency, excluding the effects of the hedging program, sales increased 0.5% and 0.3% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, from the same periods one year ago. Sales of capital equipment increased \$1.7 million (5.2%) to \$34.3 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 from \$32.6 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014; sales of single-use products decreased \$7.5 million (-5.2%) to \$134.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 from \$142.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014. Sales of capital equipment increased \$1.7 million (1.6%) to \$107.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 from \$106.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014; sales of single-use products decreased \$18.6 million (-4.2%) to \$420.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 from \$439.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. On a constant currency basis, excluding the effects of our hedging program, sales of capital equipment increased 9.6% and 5.1% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, and single-use products decreased 1.6% and 0.9% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively,

from the same periods one year ago.

Orthopedic surgery sales decreased \$3.4 million (-3.6%) to \$89.4 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 from \$92.8 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to lower sales in our resection product offering. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 sales decreased \$16.3 million (-5.4%) to \$284.8 million from \$301.1 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 mainly due to lower sales in our procedure specific and resection product offerings as well as our powered instrument burs and blades. In constant currency, excluding the effects of the

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hedging program, sales increased 1.4% and decreased 1.0% in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, from the same periods one year ago.

General surgery sales decreased \$3.6 million (-5.2%) in the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$66.1 million from \$69.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to lower sales in our advanced surgical and endoscopic technologies product offerings. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015 sales decreased \$0.6 million (-0.3%) to \$203.3 million from \$203.9 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to lower sales in our endoscopic technologies product offering. In constant currency, excluding the effects of the hedging program, sales decreased 3.2% and increased 1.5% in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, from the same periods one year ago.

Surgical visualization sales increased \$1.2 million (9.6%) in the three months ended September 30, 2015 to \$13.7 million from \$12.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 and remained flat in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 at \$40.1 million compared to the same period a year ago. The increase in the three months ended September 30, 2015 is mainly due to increased sales of our IM8000 video system. In constant currency, excluding the effects of the hedging program, sales increased 13.8% and 3.6% in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, respectively, from the same periods one year ago.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales decreased to \$75.6 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$78.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014. Cost of sales increased to \$248.8 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$245.0 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Gross profit margins increased 0.2 percentage points to 55.3% in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 55.1% in the three months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in gross profit margins of 0.2 percentage points in the three months ended September 30, 2015 is a result of the impact of favorable production variances (1.4 percentage points) and product mix (0.5 percentage points) offset by unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates on sales (1.7 percentage points). Gross profit margins decreased 2.1 percentage points to 52.9% in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 55.0% in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The decrease in gross profit margins of 2.1 percentage points in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 is a result of the impact of unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates on sales (1.6 percentage points), expensing unfavorable production variances (0.3 percentage points) and higher costs associated with the operational restructuring (0.3 percentage points) offset by product mix (0.1 percentage points).

Selling and Administrative Expense

Selling and administrative expense decreased to \$72.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$87.1 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014. Selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales decreased to 42.6% in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 49.8% in the three months ended September 30, 2014 due to 2014 including \$11.0 million in executive management restructuring costs as further described in Note 10 to the consolidated condensed financial statements; lower medical device tax; and 2014 including shareholder activism costs. Selling and administrative expense decreased to \$220.4 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$243.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Selling and administrative expense as a percentage of net sales decreased to 41.7% in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 44.7% in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 mainly due to 2014 including \$11.0 million in executive management restructuring costs as further described in Note 10 to the consolidated condensed financial statements; lower medical device tax; lower benefit costs; 2014 including legal fees associated with a patent infringement claim that we settled in the first quarter of 2014 as well as costs associated with a legal matter in which we prevailed at trial in the second quarter of 2014; and shareholder activism related charges in 2014.

Research and Development Expense

Research and development expense decreased to \$6.7 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$6.9 million in the three months ended September 30, 2014 and remained flat at \$20.7 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014. As a percentage of net sales, research and development expense remained flat at 3.9% in the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and increased 0.1 percentage points to 3.9% in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 3.8% in the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

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Interest Expense

Interest expense remained flat at \$1.5 million in the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014 and relatively flat at \$4.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to \$4.6 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The weighted average interest rates on our borrowings decreased to 2.25% in the three months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2.38% in the three months ended September 30, 2014. The weighted average interest rates on our borrowings decreased to 2.20% in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 as compared to 2.41% in the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

Provision for Income Taxes

A provision for income taxes has been recorded at an effective tax rate of 33.5% for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the -116.9% effective tax rate recorded in the three months ended September 30, 2014. The increase is mainly due to benefits recorded in the quarter ended September 30, 2014 related to settlements with taxing authorities. A provision for income taxes has been recorded at an effective tax rate of 32.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the 33.0% effective tax rate recorded in the nine months ended September 30, 2014 due to a write-off of deferred tax assets in the quarter ended March 31, 2014 as a result of New York State corporate tax legislation changes, offset by favorable results and taxing authority settlements in connection with the prior year tax return finalization process recorded in the quarter ended September 30, 2014. A reconciliation of the United States statutory income tax rate to our effective tax rate is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014, Note 6 to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our liquidity needs arise primarily from capital investments, working capital requirements and payments on indebtedness under the amended and restated senior credit agreement, described below. We have historically met these liquidity requirements with funds generated from operations and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In addition, we have historically used term borrowings, including borrowings under the amended and restated senior credit agreement, and borrowings under separate loan facilities, in the case of real property purchases, to finance our acquisitions. We also have the ability to raise funds through the sale of stock or we may issue debt through a private placement or public offering. We believe that our cash on hand, cash from operating activities and proceeds from our amended and restated senior credit agreement provide us with sufficient financial resources to meet our anticipated capital requirements and obligations as they come due for the foreseeable future.

Operating cash flows

Our net working capital position was \$272.0 million at September 30, 2015. Net cash provided by operating activities was \$38.7 million and \$39.5 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, generated on net income of \$22.6 million and \$20.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Inventory was higher as of September 30, 2015 and 2014 compared to the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 as inventory is built during the seasonally slow third quarter for sale in the stronger fourth quarter.

Investing cash flows

Net cash used in investing activities in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 consisted of capital expenditures, cash paid for business acquisitions and the purchase of a distributor. Capital expenditures were \$11.5 million and \$12.3 million in the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and are expected to approximate

\$16.0 million in 2015. Payments related to acquiring businesses and a distributor resulted in a \$6.1 million use of cash in 2015.

Financing cash flows

Financing activities in the first nine months of 2015 resulted in a use of cash of \$15.3 million compared to \$12.6 million in the same period a year ago. This greater use of cash in 2015 was a result of lower borrowings on our revolving credit facility under our amended and restated senior credit agreement in 2015 at \$21.0 million compared to \$33.0 million in 2014; a milestone payment of \$2.4 million associated with the EndoDynamix acquisition; payments related to issuance of debt were \$1.4 million in 2015; proceeds from the issuance of common stock under our equity compensation plans and employee stock purchase plan of \$0.7 million in 2015 compared to \$1.7 million in 2014 and slightly higher dividend payments of \$16.6 million in 2015 compared to \$16.5 million in 2014. Offsetting this was the Company repurchasing \$16.9 million of common stock in 2014. We did not have any repurchases in the first nine months of 2015. Other uses of cash also included a \$16.7 million payment in both 2015

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and 2014 associated with the distribution and development agreement with MTF and payments on our mortgage note were \$0.6 million in both 2015 and 2014.

On April 28, 2015, we entered into an amended and restated \$450.0 million senior credit agreement (the "amended and restated senior credit agreement"). The amended and restated senior credit agreement consists of a \$450.0 million revolving credit facility expiring on April 28, 2020. The amended and restated senior credit agreement was used to repay borrowings outstanding on the revolving credit facility under the then existing senior credit agreement. Initial interest rates are at LIBOR plus 1.50% (1.69% at September 30, 2015) or an alternative base rate. For those borrowings where we elect to use the alternative base rate, the base rate will be the greater of the Prime Rate, the Federal Funds Rate in effect on such date plus 0.50%, or the one month Eurocurrency rate plus 1%, plus an additional margin of 0.50%. As described in Note 7, we entered into a distribution and development agreement with MTF and have \$16.7 million remaining in contingent payments. We expect to fund these payments through cash on hand and available borrowings under our revolving credit facility as the payments come due over the next year.

There were \$256.0 million in borrowings outstanding under the revolving credit facility as of September 30, 2015. Our available borrowings on the revolving credit facility at September 30, 2015 were \$188.9 million with approximately \$5.1 million of the facility set aside for outstanding letters of credit.

The amended and restated senior credit agreement is collateralized by substantially all of our personal property and assets. The senior credit agreement contains covenants and restrictions which, among other things, require the maintenance of certain financial ratios and restrict dividend payments and the incurrence of certain indebtedness and other activities, including acquisitions and dispositions. We were in full compliance with these covenants and restrictions as of September 30, 2015. We are also required, under certain circumstances, to make mandatory prepayments from net cash proceeds from any issuance of equity and asset sales.

We have a mortgage note outstanding in connection with the Largo, Florida property and facilities bearing interest at 8.25% per annum with semiannual payments of principal and interest through June 2019. The principal balance outstanding on the mortgage note aggregated \$5.8 million at September 30, 2015. The mortgage note is collateralized by the Largo, Florida property and facilities.

Our Board of Directors has authorized a \$200.0 million share repurchase program. Through September 30, 2015, we have repurchased a total of 6.1 million shares of common stock aggregating \$162.6 million under this authorization and have \$37.4 million remaining available for share repurchases. We have not purchased any shares of common stock under the share repurchase program during 2015. The repurchase program calls for shares to be purchased in the open market or in private transactions from time to time. We may suspend or discontinue the share repurchase program at any time. We have financed the repurchases and may finance additional repurchases through operating cash flow and from available borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Management believes that cash flow from operations, including cash and cash equivalents on hand and available borrowing capacity under our amended and restated senior credit agreement, will be adequate to meet our anticipated operating working capital requirements, debt service, funding of capital expenditures and common stock repurchases in the foreseeable future.

Restructuring

During 2015 and 2014, we continued our operational restructuring plan. In 2015, we continued the consolidation of our Centennial, Colorado manufacturing operations into other existing CONMED manufacturing facilities. We expect our Centennial, Colorado consolidation is to be completed over the next 3 months. During 2014, we completed the consolidation of our Finland operations into our Largo, Florida and Utica, New York manufacturing facilities and the

consolidation of our Westborough, Massachusetts manufacturing operations into our Largo, Florida and Chihuahua, Mexico facilities. We incurred \$1.3 million and \$1.4 million in costs associated with the operational restructuring during the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$5.2 million and \$3.8 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These costs were charged to cost of sales and include severance and other charges associated with the consolidation of our Finland, Westborough, Massachusetts and Centennial, Colorado operations.

During 2015 and 2014, we restructured certain sales, marketing and administrative functions and incurred severance and other related costs in the amount of \$1.3 million and \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, and \$9.8 million and \$1.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively. These costs were charged to selling and administrative expense.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2014, we incurred \$11.0 million in costs associated with restructuring of executive management. These costs include severance payments, accelerated vesting of stock-based compensation

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awards, accrual of the present value of deferred compensation and other benefits to our then Chief Executive Officer as defined in his termination agreement; accelerated vesting of stock-based compensation awards to certain members of executive management and other benefits earned as further described in our Form 8-K filing on July 23, 2014.

We have recorded an accrual in current and other long term liabilities of \$5.2 million at September 30, 2015 mainly related to severance and lease impairment costs associated with the restructuring.

We plan to continue to restructure both operations and administrative functions as necessary throughout the organization during the remainder of 2015. As the restructuring plan progresses, we will incur additional charges, including employee termination costs and other exit costs. We estimate restructuring costs will approximate \$2.0 million to \$3.0 million, net of tax, for the remainder of 2015 which will be recorded to cost of sales and selling and administrative expense.

We expect \$3.5 million to \$4.5 million in net annual savings in cost of sales from the Centennial consolidation principally as a result of lower employee costs which is expected to result in higher earnings and cash flows in future periods when completed. These savings will not be evident until 2016 and we will incur significant costs during the restructuring as a result of severance and other costs associated with the restructuring. We do not anticipate any reductions in revenues associated with the Centennial consolidation.

See Note 10 to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements for further discussions regarding restructuring.

New accounting pronouncements

See Note 13 to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements for a discussion of new accounting pronouncements.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no significant changes in our primary market risk exposures or in how these exposures are managed during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Reference is made to Item 7A. of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014 for a description of Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation was carried out by CONMED Corporation's management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) and Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. In addition, no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during the quarter ended September 30, 2015 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Reference is made to Item 3 of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year-ended December 31, 2014 and to Note 12 of the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements included in Part I of this Report for a

description of certain legal matters.

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Item 6. Exhibits

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized on the date indicated below.

CONMED CORPORATION

By: /s/ Luke A. Pomilio
Luke A. Pomilio
Executive Vice President, Finance and
Chief Financial Officer

Date:
October 23, 2015

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