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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

Form 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the Quarter Ended August 31, 2014
Commission File Number 1-15147

OMNOVA Solutions Inc.
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	34-1897652
(State of Incorporation)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
175 Ghent Road Fairlawn, Ohio 44333-3300	
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code (330) 869-4200	

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 and 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 website, if any, 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 or a non-accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

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

At August 31, 2014, there were 47,422,442 outstanding shares of OMNOVA Solutions' Common Stock, par value \$0.10.

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Part I. Financial Information

Item 1. Financial Statements

OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

Consolidated Statements of Operations

(Dollars in Millions, Except Per Share Data)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended August 31,		Nine Months Ended August 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net Sales	\$252.1	\$261.2	\$744.4	\$783.7
Cost of products sold (exclusive of depreciation)	202.9	206.5	593.5	622.7
Gross profit	49.2	54.7	150.9	161.0
Other costs and expenses:				
Selling, general and administrative	29.9	28.5	92.0	90.2
Depreciation and amortization	8.7	7.8	26.3	24.4
Loss (gain) on asset sales	.3	(1.8)	.4	(1.9)
Restructuring and severance	—	1.4	.8	6.8
Interest expense	7.8	7.7	23.2	24.3
Debt issuance costs write-off	—	—	—	1.5
Other (income) loss, net	.4	(1.3)	(1.6)	(1.4)
Total other costs and expenses	47.1	42.3	141.1	143.9
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	2.1	12.4	9.8	17.1
Income tax expense	.3	3.4	2.8	5.3
Income from continuing operations	1.8	9.0	7.0	11.8
Discontinued operations:				
(Loss) income from operations	(.1)	—	(1.0)	(.2)
Tax (benefit) expense	(.1)	—	(.4)	(.1)
(Loss) income from discontinued operations	—	—	(.6)	(.1)
Net Income	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Income per share - Basic and Diluted				
Income per share - continuing operations	\$.04	\$.19	\$.15	\$.25
Loss per share - discontinued operations	—	—	(.01)	—
Basic and diluted income per share	\$.04	\$.19	\$.14	\$.25
Weighted average shares outstanding - Basic	46.4	46.2	46.3	46.1
Weighted average shares outstanding - Diluted	46.9	46.7	46.9	46.6

See notes to the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements.

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OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

(Dollars in Millions)

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended August 31,		Nine Months Ended August 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net income	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Components of other comprehensive income (loss):				
Foreign currency translations:				
Unrealized net change during the period	(1.8)	(3.2)	(1.9)	(1.5)
Unrealized net change on intercompany foreign debt during the period	(3.6)	1.2	(3.6)	.9
Tax effect	.9	(.5)	.8	(.5)
Foreign currency translations, net of tax	(4.5)	(2.5)	(4.7)	(1.1)
Defined benefit plans:				
Actuarial net gain:				
Amortization of net gain included in net periodic pension expense	.9	1.9	2.2	3.6
Prior service cost:				
Amortization of prior service credits included in net periodic pension expense	(.1)	(.1)	(.2)	(.2)
Tax effect	(.3)	(1.4)	(.8)	(2.0)
Defined benefit plans, net of tax	.5	.4	1.2	1.4
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(4.0)	(2.1)	(3.5)	.3
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$(2.2)	\$6.9	\$2.9	\$12.0

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Consolidated Statements of Financial Position

(Dollars in Millions, Except Share Amounts)

	August 31, 2014 (Unaudited)	November 30, 2013 (Audited)
ASSETS:		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 147.2	\$ 164.9
Accounts receivable, net	139.9	123.1
Inventories	102.6	88.1
Prepaid expenses and other	14.9	17.6
Deferred income taxes - current	6.5	8.4
Total Current Assets	411.1	402.1
Property, plant and equipment, net	231.0	226.5
Trademarks and other intangible assets, net	68.8	73.6
Goodwill	87.6	88.9
Deferred income taxes - non-current	48.3	46.9
Deferred financing fees	7.8	9.3
Other assets	7.3	7.4
Total Assets	\$861.9	\$ 854.7
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Current Liabilities		
Amounts due banks	\$3.5	\$ 4.6
Accounts payable	93.4	92.1
Accrued payroll and personal property taxes	19.6	20.4
Employee benefit obligations	2.1	2.1
Accrued interest	6.6	1.7
Other current liabilities	12.5	5.8
Total Current Liabilities	137.7	126.7
Senior notes	250.0	250.0
Long-term debt - other	192.7	194.0
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	5.9	6.5
Pension liabilities	62.4	67.2
Deferred income taxes - non-current	21.1	23.3
Other liabilities	9.3	9.0
Total Liabilities	679.1	676.7
Shareholders' Equity		
Preference stock - \$1.00 par value; 15 million shares authorized; none outstanding	—	—
Common stock - \$0.10 par value; 135 million shares authorized, 48.2 million and 47.9 million shares issued as of August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively	4.8	4.8
Additional contributed capital	337.6	334.6
Retained deficit	(61.2	) (67.6)
Treasury stock at cost; .8 and .7 million shares at August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively	(6.3	) (5.2)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(92.1	) (88.6)
Total Shareholders' Equity	182.8	178.0

Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$861.9	\$ 854.7
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OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(Dollars in Millions)

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended August 31,	
	2014	2013
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$6.4	\$11.7
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Loss (Gain) on disposal of fixed assets	.5	(1.9)
Depreciation and amortization	26.3	24.4
Amortization of deferred financing fees	1.8	1.7
Non-cash stock compensation expense	2.1	1.7
Provision for doubtful accounts	.3	—
Provision for obsolete inventories	(.8)	1.8
Deferred income taxes	—	.9
Other	.1	.3
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(14.3)	(12.0)
Inventories	(14.1)	9.7
Other current assets	(.7)	(.5)
Current liabilities	3.3	(3.9)
Other non-current assets	(1.5)	—
Other non-current liabilities	(2.1)	(5.1)
Contributions to defined benefit plan	(4.0)	(8.8)
Discontinued operations	—	(.1)
Net Cash Provided By Operating Activities	3.3	19.9
Investing Activities		
Capital expenditures	(19.6)	(17.5)
Proceeds from notes receivable	2.3	—
Proceeds from insurance settlements	—	.8
Proceeds from asset sales	—	1.7
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(17.3)	(15.0)
Financing Activities		
Repayment of debt obligations	(1.5)	(1.5)
Short-term debt borrowings	15.5	28.5
Short-term debt payments	(16.6)	(32.2)
Payments for debt refinancing	—	(1.2)
Restricted cash	—	5.5
Cash received from exercise of stock options	.3	.1
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	(2.3)	(8.8)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(1.4)	3.0
Net Increase (Decrease) In Cash And Cash Equivalents	(17.7)	7.1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	164.9	143.0
Cash And Cash Equivalents At End Of Period	\$147.2	\$150.1

Supplemental Cash Flows Information

Cash paid for:

Interest

\$16.5

\$17.7

Income taxes

\$3.7

\$3.3

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OMNOVA SOLUTIONS INC.

NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of August 31, 2014

(In Millions of Dollars, Except Per Share Data)

Note A – Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial statements and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X and, therefore, do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. These interim statements should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto included in the OMNOVA Solutions Inc. (“OMNOVA Solutions” or the “Company”) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”).

The balance sheet at August 31, 2014 has been derived from the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements at that date and does not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements.

These interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments that are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period and all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature except as disclosed herein. The results of operations for the interim period are not necessarily indicative, if annualized, of those to be expected for the full year.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could materially differ from those estimates.

A detailed description of the Company’s significant accounting policies and management judgments is located in the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended November 30, 2013, included in the Company’s Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

Description of Business – The Company is an innovator of emulsion polymers, specialty chemicals and engineered surfaces for a variety of commercial, industrial and residential end uses. Our products provide a variety of important functional and aesthetic benefits to hundreds of products that people use daily. We hold leading positions in key market categories, which have been built through innovative products, customized product solutions, strong technical expertise, well-established distribution channels, recognized brands and long-standing customer relationships. We utilize strategically located manufacturing, technical and other facilities in North America, Europe, China, Thailand and India to service our broad customer base. OMNOVA operates two business segments: Performance Chemicals and Engineered Surfaces.

The Company’s operations are located primarily in the United States, France, China, India and Thailand.

Performance Chemicals – The Performance Chemicals segment produces a broad range of emulsion polymers and specialty chemicals based primarily on styrene butadiene (SB), styrene butadiene acrylonitrile (SBA), styrene butadiene vinyl pyridine, nitrile butadiene (NBR), polyvinyl acetate, acrylic, styrene acrylic, vinyl acrylic, glyoxal, phenolic and diphenylamine antioxidants, hollow plastic pigment, fluorochemicals and bio-based chemistries. Performance Chemicals’ custom-formulated products are tailored resins, binders, adhesives, specialty rubbers, antioxidants and elastomeric modifiers which are used in paper, specialty coatings, carpet, nonwovens, construction, oil/gas drilling and recovery, adhesives, tape, tire cord, floor care, textiles, graphic arts, polymer stabilization, industrial rubbers & hoses, bio-based polymers and various other specialty applications. Its products provide a variety of functional properties to enhance the Company’s customers’ products, including greater strength, adhesion, dimensional stability, water resistance, flow and leveling, improved processibility and enhanced appearance. The Performance Chemicals segment consists of two product lines. The Performance Materials product line encompasses products that have applications in the paper, paperboard and carpet industries. Paper and paperboard coatings are used in magazines, catalogs, direct mail advertising, brochures, printed reports, food cartons, household and other consumer and industrial packaging. Carpet binders are used to secure carpet fibers to carpet backing and meet the stringent manufacturing, environmental, odor, flammability and flexible installation requirements. The

Specialty Chemicals product line encompasses products that have applications for specialty coatings, nonwovens (such as disposable hygiene products, engine filters, roofing mat, scrub pads), construction, oil/gas drilling and recovery, adhesives, tape, tire cord, floor care, textiles, graphic arts, polymer stabilization, industrial rubbers & hoses, bio-based polymers, and various other specialty applications.

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Note A – Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Engineered Surfaces – The Engineered Surfaces segment develops, designs, produces and markets a broad line of engineered surfacing products, including coated fabrics; vinyl, paper and specialty laminates; and industrial films. These products are used in numerous applications; including commercial building refurbishment; remodeling and new construction; residential cabinets, flooring, ceiling tile and furnishings; transportation markets including busses and mass transit vehicles, marine, automotive and motorcycle OEM seating and manufactured housing; recreational vehicles; medical devices and products; and a variety of industrial films applications.

The Engineered Surfaces segment consists of two product lines. The Coated Fabrics product line applications include upholstery used in transportation seating, automotive OEM and aftermarket applications; refurbishment and new construction for the commercial office, hospitality, health care, retail, education and restaurant markets; marine; commercial and residential furniture. The Laminates and Performance Films product line applications include kitchen and bath cabinets; wall surfacing; manufactured housing and recreational vehicle interiors; flooring; commercial and residential furniture; retail display fixtures; home furnishing; commercial appliances; and a variety of industrial film applications.

Subsequent Events – The Company has evaluated subsequent events from the date on the balance sheet through the date that these financial statements are being filed with the SEC. No material events or transactions have occurred during this subsequent event reporting period which required recognition or disclosure in the financial statements.

Accounting Standards Adopted in 2014

In February 2013, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2013-02, “Comprehensive Income,” which requires companies to provide information about the amounts reclassified out of accumulated comprehensive income by component as well as requiring additional disclosures for these amounts.

This ASU was effective for the Company on December 1, 2013. The adoption of this ASU did not have an impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, “Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists,” which amends ASC 740, “Income Taxes.” This ASU provides guidance on the financial statement presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit, as either a reduction of a deferred tax asset or as a liability, when a net operating loss carryforward, similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. This ASU will be effective for the Company December 1, 2014. The adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In April 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-08, "Presentation of Financial Statements and Property, Plant, and Equipment," which revises what qualifies as a discontinued operation and changes the criteria for determining which disposals can be presented as discontinued operations and modifies related disclosure requirements. This ASU will be effective for the Company for applicable transactions occurring after December 1, 2015. The Company will prospectively apply the guidance to applicable transactions.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers," which clarifies existing accounting literature relating to how and when a company recognizes revenue. Under ASU 2014-09, a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods and services. ASU 2014-09 will be effective for the Company December 1, 2017. The Company is in the process of determining what impact, if any, the adoption of this ASU will have on its financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

Note B – Discontinued Operations

As part of the Company's strategy to focus on businesses with greater global growth potential, the Company exited its commercial wallcovering businesses completing the sale of those businesses during the first half of 2012.

During 2012 and the first quarter of 2013, the Company continued to manufacture commercial wallcovering products for the buyer of the North American wallcovering business as part of an orderly transition of production from the Company's Columbus, Mississippi plant to the buyer's plant. The Company completed the transition production by January 31, 2013. The net cash flows received and paid by the Company relating to the manufacture of commercial

wallcovering during 2013 were not significant.

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Note B – Discontinued Operations (Continued)

There were no net sales attributable to discontinued businesses for the three months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013. There were no sales in the first nine months of 2014 and net sales were \$2.1 million for the first nine months of 2013. Losses before income taxes for the discontinued businesses were \$0.1 million for the three months ended August 31, 2014 while there were no losses before income taxes for the three months ended August 31, 2013 and losses before income taxes were \$1.0 million and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Note C – Fair Value Measurements and Risk

Financial Risk Management Objectives and Policies

The Company is exposed primarily to credit, interest rate and currency exchange rate risks, which arise in the normal course of business.

Credit Risk

Credit risk is the potential financial loss resulting from the failure of a customer or counterparty to settle its financial and contractual obligations with the Company as and when they fall due. The primary credit risk for the Company is its accounts receivable and notes receivable, which are generally unsecured. The Company has established credit limits for customers and monitors their balances to mitigate its risk of loss. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivable are generally limited due to the wide variety of customers and markets using the Company's products. There was no single customer who represented more than 10% of the Company's net trade receivables at August 31, 2014 or greater than 10% of consolidated net sales during the first nine months of 2014.

The Company's note receivable has a notional amount of \$3.8 million. The note receivable is recognized at fair value using discounted cash flows associated with the note receivable. The notional amount of \$3.8 million at August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013 approximates the fair value of the note receivable giving consideration to the stated interest rates of the note and the issuers' credit risk.

Interest Rate Risk

The Company's exposure to the risk of changes in market interest rates relates primarily to the Company's \$200 million Term Loan B (balance of \$192.5 million at August 31, 2014) and various foreign subsidiary borrowings, which bear interest at variable rates, approximating market interest rates. The Term Loan B has a LIBOR floor of 1.25%, which eliminates the variability in interest rate changes as long as LIBOR is under 1.25%.

Foreign Currency Risk

The Company incurs foreign currency risk on sales and purchases denominated in other than the functional currency. The currencies giving rise to this risk are primarily the Euro, Chinese Yuan, Thai Baht, Great Britain Pound Sterling and Indian Rupee.

Foreign currency exchange contracts are occasionally used by the Company to manage risks from the change in exchange rates on cash payments by the Company's foreign subsidiaries. These forward contracts are used on a continuing basis for periods of less than one year, consistent with the underlying hedged transactions. Hedging limits the impact of foreign exchange rate movements on the Company's operating results. These contracts are not designated as hedging instruments and changes in fair value of these instruments are recognized in earnings immediately. There were no outstanding foreign exchange contracts on August 31, 2014 or November 30, 2013.

Derivative Instruments

The Company recognizes the fair value of qualifying derivative instruments as either an asset or a liability within its statement of financial position. For a cash flow hedge, the fair value of the effective portion of the derivative is recognized as an asset or liability with a corresponding amount in Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) ("AOCI"). Amounts in AOCI are recognized in earnings when the underlying hedged transaction is recognized in earnings. Ineffectiveness, if any, is measured by comparing the present value of the cumulative change in the expected future cash flows of the derivative to the present value of the cumulative change in the expected future cash flows of the related instrument. Any ineffective portion of a cash flow hedge is recognized in earnings immediately. For derivative instruments not designated as hedges, the change in fair value of the derivative is recognized in earnings each reporting period.

The Company does not enter into derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

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Note C – Fair Value Measurements and Risk (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements

Assets and liabilities that are within the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification 820 are recorded at fair value using market and income valuation approaches considering the Company's and counterparty's credit risk. The Company uses the market approach and the income approach to value assets and liabilities as appropriate.

The following financial assets and liabilities were measured at fair value on a recurring basis during the first nine months of 2014:

Fair Value Measurements

(Dollars in millions)

	Fair Value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Financial Assets				
Note receivable	\$3.8	\$—	\$—	\$3.8
Total Assets	\$3.8	\$—	\$—	\$3.8

The fair value of the note receivable is based on estimated future cash flows associated with the note, as well as a consideration of the credit risk of the issuer and other unobservable inputs for similar assets, and accordingly, is classified as a Level 3 input.

There was one transfer out of Level 3 during the first nine months of 2014 due to the settlement of a note receivable that had a fair value of \$0.2 million at November 30, 2013. The gain recognized on this settlement was \$0.7 million. There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 during the first nine months of 2013.

The fair value of the Company's Senior Unsecured Notes and Term Loan at August 31, 2014 approximated \$452.8 million, which is higher than their carrying value of \$442.5 million as a result of prevailing market rates on the Company's debt. The carrying value of amounts due banks approximates fair value due to their short-term nature. The fair value of the Senior Unsecured Notes and Term Loan is based on market price information and is measured using the last available trade on a secondary market in each respective period and therefore is considered a level 2 measurement. The fair value is not indicative of the amount that the Company would have to pay to redeem these instruments since they are infrequently traded and are not callable at this value. The fair value of the Company's capital lease obligation approximates its carrying amount based on estimated borrowing rates to discount the cash flows to their present value.

Note D – Other Income, Net

The following table sets forth the major components of other (income) expense:

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	August 31,	August 31,	August 31,	August 31,
	2014	2013	2014	2013
(Gain) loss on foreign currency transactions	\$.3	\$(.1)	\$(.2)	\$(.2)
Gain on settlement of note receivable	—	—	(.7)	—
Insurance proceeds	—	(.8)	—	(.8)
Licensing and royalty revenue	(.1)	(.2)	(.4)	(.4)
Gain on sale of scrap	(.4)	(.1)	(1.2)	(1.0)
Other bank fees and interest expense	.2	.1	.9	.5
Interest income	(.2)	(.3)	(.7)	(.3)
Withholding tax settlement	—	—	—	.5
Other non-income taxes	.2	.2	.9	.7
Other	.4	(.1)	(.2)	(.4)
Total	\$.4	\$(1.3)	\$(1.6)	\$(1.4)

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Note E - Restructuring and Severance

The following table is a summary of restructuring and severance charges for the third quarters and first nine months of 2014 and 2013, respectively:

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	August 31,		August 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Severance Expense	\$—	\$.7	\$.6	\$4.3
Closure Costs	—	.7	.2	2.5
Total	\$—	\$1.4	\$.8	\$6.8

During the first nine months of 2014, the Engineered Surfaces and Performance Chemicals segments each recognized restructuring and severance costs related to continuing operations of \$0.4 million primarily relating to plant closure costs and workforce reduction actions. During the first nine months of 2013, the Engineered Surfaces segment recognized restructuring and severance costs related to its continuing operations of \$4.7 million primarily relating to plant closure costs and workforce reduction actions at its Columbus, Mississippi facility and the Performance Chemicals segment recognized \$2.1 million of severance costs.

The following table summarizes the Company's liabilities related to restructuring and severance activities:

(Dollars in millions)	November	2014	Payments	August 31,
	30, 2013	Provision		2014
Performance Chemicals	\$—	\$.4	\$.4	\$—
Engineered Surfaces	.3	.4	.7	—
Corporate	—	—	—	—
Total	\$.3	\$.8	\$1.1	\$—

Note F – Income Taxes

The Company recorded income tax expense of \$0.3 million and \$3.4 million for the third quarters of 2014 and 2013, respectively, and income tax expense of \$2.8 million and \$5.3 million for the nine months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The Company's first nine months of 2014 effective tax rate of 28.6% was lower than its U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to income in foreign jurisdictions where the statutory tax rate is less than the U.S. federal statutory rate.

The total unrecognized tax benefits excluding interest and penalties were \$0.6 million and \$0.8 million at August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. The total amount of penalties and interest recognized in the statement of financial position was \$0.4 million as of both August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013.

Interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits are recorded as a component of income tax expense. During the first nine months of 2014 and 2013, the Company did not recognize any expense related to interest or penalties. During the next twelve months, due to the expiration of open statutes of limitations, the Company's unrecognized tax benefits, excluding interest and penalties, are expected to decrease by \$0.6 million. Of the \$0.6 million unrecognized tax benefit that is reasonably expected to decrease during the next twelve months, the entire amount would, if recognized, impact the Company's effective rate. It is also possible that additional unrecognized tax benefits could arise during the next twelve months that would change such estimate.

As of November 30, 2013, the Company had approximately \$113.6 million of U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards (NOLCs), \$108.9 million of state and local NOLCs, \$0.4 million of foreign tax credit carryforwards and \$0.2 million of AMT credit carryforwards. The majority of the federal, state and local NOLCs expire in the tax years 2021 through 2033 while the foreign tax credit carryforwards expire between tax years 2014 and 2022. The Company has approximately \$19.6 million of U.S. capital loss carryforwards, which are expected to expire by the tax year 2017. The Company continues to identify opportunities to utilize the capital loss carryforwards prior to expiration. However at this time, the Company does not have any imminent plans to utilize these capital loss carryforwards. Accordingly, the Company has provided a valuation allowance against these capital loss carryforwards. As of November 30, 2013, the Company had approximately \$32.1 million of foreign NOLCs of which \$23.7 million have an indefinite carryforward period. Of the \$23.7 million foreign NOLCs, which have an indefinite carryforward

period, \$21.6 million have a valuation allowance provided against them as the Company does not expect to utilize the carryforwards in the foreseeable future.

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Note F – Income Taxes (Continued)

With limited exceptions, the Company is no longer open to audit by the Internal Revenue Service and various states and foreign taxing jurisdictions for years prior to 2008.

Note G – Income Per Share

The following table sets forth the computation of earnings per common share and fully diluted earnings per common share as calculated under the two-class method:

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	August 31, 2014	2013	August 31, 2014	2013
Basic Earnings Per Share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$11.8
Income from continuing operations allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Income from continuing operations allocated to common stockholders	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$11.8
Loss from discontinued operations	\$—	\$—	\$(.6)	\$(.1)
Loss from discontinued operations allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Loss from discontinued operations allocated to common stockholders	\$—	\$—	\$(.6)	\$(.1)
Net income	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Net income allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Net income allocated to common stockholders	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic	46.4	46.2	46.3	46.1
Income from continuing operations per common share – basic	\$.04	\$.19	\$.15	\$.25
Loss from discontinued operations per common share – basic	\$—	\$—	\$(.01)	\$—
Net income per common share – basic	\$.04	\$.19	\$.14	\$.25
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	August 31, 2014	2013	August 31, 2014	2013
(Dollars in millions)				
Diluted Earnings Per Share:				
Income from continuing operations	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$11.8
Income from continuing operations allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Income from continuing operations allocated to common stockholders	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$7.0	\$11.8
Loss from discontinued operations	\$—	\$—	\$(.6)	\$(.1)
Loss from discontinued operations allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Loss from discontinued operations allocated to common stockholders	\$—	\$—	\$(.6)	\$(.1)
Net income	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Net income allocated to participating securities	—	—	—	—
Net income allocated to common stockholders	\$1.8	\$9.0	\$6.4	\$11.7
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – basic	46.4	46.2	46.3	46.1
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted shares	.5	.5	.6	.5
Weighted-average common shares outstanding – assuming dilution	46.9	46.7	46.9	46.6
Income from continuing operations per common share – assuming dilution	\$.04	\$.19	\$.15	\$.25
Loss from discontinued operations per common share – assuming dilution	\$—	\$—	\$(.01)	\$—
Net income per common share – assuming dilution	\$.04	\$.19	\$.14	\$.25

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Note G – Income Per Share (Continued)

The following table reconciles the weighted average common shares used in the basic and diluted earnings per share disclosures to the total weighted-average shares outstanding (in millions):

	Three Months		Nine Months	
	Ended		Ended	
	August 31,		August 31,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Weighted-average common shares outstanding	46.4	46.2	46.3	46.1
Weighted-average participating shares outstanding	—	—	—	—
Total weighted-average shares outstanding—basic	46.4	46.2	46.3	46.1
Dilutive effect of stock options and restricted shares	.5	.5	.6	.5
Total weighted-average shares outstanding—assuming dilution	46.9	46.7	46.9	46.6

There were .4 million options to purchase common stock and restricted shares of the Company during each of the third quarters and first nine months of 2014 and 2013 that were not included in the computation of dilutive per share amounts as they would have had an anti-dilutive effect.

Note H – Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following tables reflect the changes in the components of accumulated other comprehensive loss for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively:

Three months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013	Foreign	Defined	Accumulated
	Currency	Benefit Plans	Other
	Items		Comprehensive
			Loss
	(Dollars in millions)		
Balance - May 31, 2014	\$—	\$(88.1	) \$(88.1
Other comprehensive earnings (loss) before reclassifications	(4.5	) —	(4.5
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive earnings	—	.5	.5
Balance - August 31, 2014	\$(4.5	) \$(87.6	) \$(92.1
Three months ended August 31, 2013	Foreign	Defined	Accumulated
	Currency	Benefit Plans	Other
	Items		Comprehensive
			Loss
	(Dollars in millions)		
Balance - May 31, 2013	\$(.8	) \$(111.5	) \$(112.3
Other comprehensive earnings (loss) before reclassifications	(2.5	) —	(2.5
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive earnings	—	.4	.4
Balance - August 31, 2013	\$(3.3	) \$(111.1	) \$(114.4
Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014 and 2013	Foreign	Defined	Accumulated
	Currency	Benefit Plans	Other
	Items		Comprehensive
			Loss
	(Dollars in millions)		
Balance - November 30, 2013	\$.2	\$(88.8	) \$(88.6
Other comprehensive earnings (loss) before reclassifications	(4.7	) —	(4.7
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive earnings	—	1.2	1.2
Balance - August 31, 2014	\$(4.5) \$(87.6) \$(92.1

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Note H – Comprehensive Income (Loss) (Continued)

	Foreign Currency Items	Defined Benefit Plans	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss
	(Dollars in millions)		
Balance - November 30, 2012	\$ (2.2	) \$ (112.5	) \$ (114.7
Other comprehensive earnings (loss) before reclassifications	(1.1	) —	(1.1
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive earnings	—	1.4	1.4
Balance - August 31, 2013	\$ (3.3	) \$ (111.1	) \$ (114.4

Note I – Inventories

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Certain U.S. inventories are valued using the last-in, first-out (“LIFO”) method and represented approximately \$68.7 million or 51.7% and \$56.1 million or 47.5% of inventories at August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013, respectively. The remaining portion of inventories (which are located outside of the U.S.) are valued using the first-in, first-out (“FIFO”) or average cost methods. Interim LIFO calculations are based on management’s estimates of expected year-end inventory levels and costs and are subject to final year-end LIFO inventory valuations.

(Dollars in millions)	August 31, 2014	November 30, 2013
Raw materials and supplies	\$48.5	\$ 40.1
Work-in-process	7.6	5.6
Finished products	76.8	72.3
Acquired cost of inventories	132.9	118.0
Excess of acquired cost over LIFO cost	(22.9	) (21.7
Obsolescence reserves	(7.4	) (8.2
Net Inventories	\$102.6	\$ 88.1

Note J – Asset Sale

In May 2014, the Company received \$2.3 million as full payment of the remaining balance of the note receivable associated with the 2013 sale of the building and land of its former Columbus, Mississippi facility, which was being accounted for using the deposit method. The note receivable, building and land was recognized at their fair value of \$1.6 million. As a result, during the second quarter of 2014, the Company recognized a gain of \$0.7 million which is included in Other Income, Net.

In the third quarter of 2013, the Company sold all equipment at its Columbus, Mississippi facility and as a result, recognized a gain of \$1.4 million which is included in Loss (gain) on asset sales.

Note K – Debt and Credit Lines

Amounts due banks consist of the following debt obligations that are due within the next twelve months:

(Dollars in millions)	August 31, 2014	November 30, 2013
\$200 million Term Loan B – current portion (interest at 4.25%)	\$2.0	\$2.0
Foreign subsidiaries borrowings (interest at 12.0% - 12.9%)	1.5	2.6
Total	\$3.5	\$4.6

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Note K – Debt and Credit Lines (Continued)

The Company has borrowing facilities at certain of its foreign subsidiaries in India and Thailand, which consist of working capital credit lines and facilities for the issuance of letters of credit. Borrowings by foreign subsidiaries are unsecured and totaled \$1.5 million at August 31, 2014 and \$2.6 million at November 30, 2013. As of August 31, 2014, total borrowing capacity for foreign working capital credit lines and letters of credit were \$23.5 million, of which \$1.5 million was utilized as borrowings and \$3.6 million was utilized as letters of credit issued.

The Company's long-term debt consists of the following:

(Dollars in millions)	August 31, 2014	November 30, 2013
\$200 million Term Loan B (interest at 4.25%)	\$192.5	\$194.0
Senior Unsecured Notes (interest at 7.875%)	250.0	250.0
Capital Lease obligations	3.1	3.0
Senior Revolving Credit Facility (interest at 1.90%)	—	—
	445.6	447.0
Less: current portion	(2.0	) (2.0
Unamortized original issue discount	(.9	) (1.0
Total Long-Term Debt, net of current portion	\$442.7	\$444.0

Senior Unsecured Notes

The Senior Unsecured Notes ("Senior Notes") have a face value of \$250 million with a 7.875% interest rate, which is payable semi-annually. The Senior Notes mature on November 1, 2018 and are unsecured. The Company may redeem the outstanding Senior Notes anytime after October 31, 2014 at a premium above par, subject to certain restrictions.

The Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally and jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior, unsecured basis by all of OMNOVA Solutions Inc.'s existing and future material U.S. subsidiaries that from time to time guarantee obligations under the Company's Senior Notes.

Term Loan

The Company also has a \$200 million Term Loan ("Term Loan") (balance of \$192.5 million on August 31, 2014). The Term Loan matures May 31, 2018. The Term Loan is secured by all real property, plant and equipment of the Company's U.S. facilities and guaranteed by the material U.S. subsidiaries of the Company. The Term Loan carries a variable interest rate based on, at the Company's option, either a eurodollar rate or a base rate, in each case plus an applicable margin. The eurodollar rate is a periodic fixed rate equal to the London Inter Bank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") subject to a floor of 1.25%. The applicable margin for the eurodollar rate is 3.0%. The base interest rate is a fluctuating rate equal to the higher of (i) the Prime Rate, (ii) the sum of the Federal Funds Effective Rate plus 0.50% or (iii) the one-month eurodollar rate plus 1.0%. The applicable margin for the base rate is 2.0%. Annual principal payments consist of \$2.0 million, due in quarterly installments, and potential annual excess free cash flow payments as defined in the Term Loan agreement, with any remaining balance to be paid on May 31, 2018. The Company does not expect to make any annual excess free cash flow payments during 2014. The Company can prepay any amount at anytime without penalty upon proper notice and subject to a minimum dollar requirement. Prepayments will be applied towards any required annual excess free cash flow payment.

Additionally, the Term Loan provides for additional borrowings of the greater of \$75 million or an amount based on a senior secured leverage ratio, as defined in the Term Loan, provided that certain requirements are met. The Term Loan contains affirmative and negative covenants, including limitations on additional debt, certain investments and acquisitions outside of the Company's line of business. The Term Loan requires the Company to maintain an initial senior secured net leverage ratio of less than 3.25 to 1, which decreases annually by 25 basis points through December 1, 2014 and then remains at 2.5 to 1 thereafter. The Company is in compliance with this covenant with a senior secured net leverage ratio of .6 to 1 at August 31, 2014. The Company's EBITDA, as defined in the Term Loan for covenant purposes, was \$87.2 million for the last twelve months ended August 31, 2014, which provided a cushion of approximately \$68.0 million for covenant measurement purposes.

The Company issued the Term Loan at a discount of \$2.0 million, receiving cash of \$198 million. This original issue discount is reflected as a reduction of debt outstanding and is being amortized over the respective term of the debt as a

non-cash component of interest expense.

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Note K – Debt and Credit Lines (Continued)

Senior Revolving Credit Facility

The Company also has a Senior Secured Revolving Credit Facility (“Facility”) with a potential availability of \$100 million, which can be further increased up to \$150 million subject to additional borrowing base assets and lender approval. The Facility matures December 9, 2017. The Facility is secured by U.S. accounts receivable, inventory (collectively the “Eligible Borrowing Base”) and intangible assets. Availability under the Facility will fluctuate depending on the Eligible Borrowing Base and is determined by applying customary advance rates to the Eligible Borrowing Base. The Facility includes a \$15 million sublimit for the issuance of commercial and standby letters of credit and a \$10 million sublimit for swingline loans. Outstanding letters of credit on August 31, 2014 were \$2.1 million. The Facility contains affirmative and negative covenants, similar to the Term Loan, including limitations on additional debt, certain investments and acquisitions outside of the Company’s line of business. If the average excess availability of the Facility falls below \$25 million during any fiscal quarter, the Company must then maintain a fixed charge coverage ratio greater than 1.1 to 1 as defined in the agreement. Average excess availability is defined as the average daily amount available for borrowing under the Facility during the Company’s fiscal quarter. The Company was in compliance with this requirement as the average excess availability did not fall below \$25 million during the third quarter of 2014 and averaged \$86.1 million.

Advances under the Facility bear interest, at the Company’s option, at either an alternate base rate or a eurodollar rate, in each case plus an applicable margin. The alternate base interest rate is a fluctuating rate equal to the higher of the prime rate or the sum of the federal funds effective rate plus 0.50%. The eurodollar rate is a periodic fixed rate equal to LIBOR. Applicable margins are based on the Company’s average daily excess availability during the previous fiscal quarter. If average excess availability is greater than or equal to \$50 million, the applicable margin will be 1.75% on eurodollar loans and 0.75% on base rate borrowings. If average excess availability is greater than or equal to \$25 million but less than \$50 million, the applicable margin will be 2.0% on eurodollar loans and 1.0% on base rate borrowings. If average excess availability is less than \$25 million, the applicable margin will be 2.25% on eurodollar loans and 1.25% on base rate borrowings. The commitment fee for unused credit lines will be 0.25% if outstanding borrowings on the Facility are greater than or equal to 50% of the maximum revolver amount and 0.375% if outstanding borrowings are less than 50% of the maximum revolver amount.

At August 31, 2014, there were no amounts borrowed under the Facility, letters of credit outstanding under the Facility were \$2.1 million and the amount available for borrowing under the Facility was \$77.8 million.

The weighted-average interest rate on the Company’s debt was 6.29% and 6.50% during the third quarters of 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Capital Lease Obligations

At August 31, 2014, the Company has one asset under capital lease totaling \$3.0 million, which is included in land.

The following is a schedule by year of future minimum lease payments for this capital lease together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of August 31, 2014.

Year Ending November 30:	(Dollars in millions)
2017	\$.2
2018	.2
2019	.2
Thereafter	3.4
Total minimum lease payments	4.0
Less: Amount representing estimated executory costs	(.1)
Net minimum lease payments	3.9
Less: Amount representing interest	(.9)
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$3.0

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Note K – Debt and Credit Lines (Continued)

Additionally, in November 2013, the Company entered into a financing lease with the Cleveland Port Authority for its future corporate headquarters building. The lease is effective upon the completion of construction of the building, which is expected to be completed during the fourth quarter of 2014. During the construction period, the Company will recognize construction costs as they are incurred as increases in property, plant and equipment with an offsetting current liability. Total costs incurred through August 31, 2014 are \$9.5 million. At the end of the construction period, the Company will recognize the current liability as a financing lease and record the minimum present value of the lease payments, which is currently estimated to be approximately \$14.0 million.

Deferred Financing Fees

Deferred financing costs and original issue discounts incurred in connection with the issuance of the Company's debt are being amortized over the respective terms of the underlying debt, including any amendments. Total amortization expense of deferred financing costs and original issue discounts was \$0.6 million and \$0.5 million for the third quarters of 2014 and 2013, respectively and \$1.8 million and \$1.7 million for the first nine months of 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Note L – Share-Based Employee Compensation

The OMNOVA Solutions Third Amended and Restated 1999 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the “Plan”) permits the Company to grant to officers, key employees and non-employee directors of the Company, incentives directly linked to the price of OMNOVA Solutions’ common stock. The Plan, by virtue of the three amendments approved by shareholders since the original plan was approved in 1999, authorizes up to 9.6 million shares of Company stock in the aggregate for a) awards of options to purchase shares of OMNOVA Solutions’ common stock, b) performance stock and performance units, c) restricted stock, d) deferred stock or e) appreciation rights. Shares used may be either newly issued shares or treasury shares or both. As of August 31, 2014, approximately 2.5 million shares of Company common stock remained available for grants under the Plan. All options granted under the Plan have been granted at exercise prices equal to the market value of the Company’s common stock on the date of grant. Additionally, the Plan provides that the term of any stock option granted under the Plan may not exceed 10 years. Share-based compensation is measured at the grant date, based on the calculated fair value of the award, and is recognized as an expense over the requisite service period (generally the vesting period).

For stock options, the fair value calculation is estimated using a Black-Scholes based option valuation model. For restricted stock grants, which consist of the Company’s common stock, the fair value is equal to the market price of the Company’s stock on the date of grant. Estimates of fair value are not intended to predict actual future events or the value ultimately realized by employees who receive equity awards, and subsequent events are not indicative of the reasonableness of the original estimates of fair value made by the Company.

During the first nine months of 2014, no stock options were issued, expired or forfeited and 60,000 stock options were exercised.

During the first nine months of 2014, 301,350 restricted shares were issued, 285,242 restricted shares vested and 12,500 shares were forfeited.

Compensation expense for all share-based payments included in general and administrative expense, was \$4.3 million and \$3.6 million during the first nine months of 2014 and 2013, respectively.

As of August 31, 2014, there was \$3.9 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested share-based compensation arrangements.

Cash received from stock options that were exercised was \$0.3 million during the first nine months of 2014.

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Note M – Employee Benefit Plans

The following table sets forth the components of net periodic benefit costs for the Company's retirement programs:

(Dollars in millions)	Pension Plans		Health Care Plans	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Three months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013				
Service costs	\$.4	\$.6	\$ —	\$ —
Interest costs	3.3	3.3	.1	.1
Expected return on plan assets	(3.7)	(3.6)	—	—
Amortization of net actuarial loss (gain)	1.1	1.0	(.1)	(.4)
Amortization of prior service credits	—	—	(.3)	—
Net periodic cost (benefit)	\$1.1	\$1.3	\$(.3)	\$(.3)
Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014 and 2013				
Service costs	\$1.2	\$1.4	\$ —	\$ —
Interest costs	10.0	9.5	.4	.3
Expected return on plan assets	(11.3)	(10.9)	—	—
Amortization of net actuarial loss (gain)	3.4	3.6	(.3)	(1.1)
Amortization of prior service credits	—	—	(1.1)	(.2)
Net periodic cost (benefit)	\$3.3	\$3.6	\$(1.0)	\$(1.0)

The Company expects to contribute approximately \$4.1 million to its pension plan trusts during fiscal 2014. The Company made \$4.0 million in contributions during the first nine months of 2014.

The Company also sponsors a defined contribution 401(k) plan. Participation in this plan is voluntary and is available to substantially all U.S. salaried employees and to certain groups of U.S. hourly employees. Contributions to this plan are based on either a percentage of employee contributions or on a specified percentage of employee pay based on the provisions of the applicable collective bargaining agreement. Company contributions are made in cash. Expense for this plan was \$0.7 million and \$2.2 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2014, respectively, and \$0.5 million and \$1.9 million for the third quarter and first nine months of 2013, respectively.

Note N – Contingencies

From time to time, the Company is subject to various claims, proceedings and lawsuits related to products, services, contracts, employment, environmental, safety, intellectual property and other matters. The ultimate resolution of such claims, proceedings, and lawsuits is inherently unpredictable and, as a result, the Company's estimates of liability, if any, are subject to change. Actual results may materially differ from the Company's estimates and an unfavorable resolution of any matter could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows of the Company. However, subject to the above and taking into account such amounts, if any, as are accrued from time to time on the Company's balance sheet, the Company does not believe, based on the information currently available to it, that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

Note O – Business Segment Information

The Company's two operating segments were determined based on products and services provided. Accounting policies of the segments are the same as the Company's accounting policies.

The Company's two operating segments are: Performance Chemicals and Engineered Surfaces. The Company's operating segments are strategic business units that offer different products and services. They are managed separately based on fundamental differences in their operations.

Segment operating profit represents net sales less applicable costs, expenses and provisions for restructuring and severance costs, asset write-offs and other items. However, management excludes restructuring and severance costs, asset write-offs and other items when evaluating the results and allocating resources to the segments.

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Note O – Business Segment Information (Continued)

Segment operating profit excludes unallocated corporate headquarters expenses, provisions for corporate headquarters restructuring and severance, interest expense and income taxes. Corporate headquarters expense includes the cost of providing and maintaining the corporate headquarters functions, including salaries, rent, travel and entertainment expenses, depreciation, utility costs, outside services and amortization of deferred financing costs.

The following table sets forth a summary of operations by segment and a reconciliation of segment sales to consolidated sales and segment operating profit to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes.

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	August 31, 2014	2013	August 31, 2014	2013
Net Sales				
Performance Chemicals				
Performance Materials	\$63.1	\$74.7	\$186.2	\$211.6
Specialty Chemicals	127.4	124.4	378.9	382.9
Total Performance Chemicals	\$190.5	\$199.1	\$565.1	\$594.5
Engineered Surfaces				
Coated Fabrics	\$25.0	\$26.5	\$74.3	\$85.9
Laminates and Performance Films	36.6	35.6	105.2	103.3
Total Engineered Surfaces	61.6	62.1	179.5	189.2
Inter-segment sales	—	—	(.2) —
Total Net Sales	\$252.1	\$261.2	\$744.4	\$783.7
Segment Operating Profit				
Performance Chemicals	\$11.2	\$19.2	\$37.1	\$50.9
Engineered Surfaces	3.9	5.2	12.2	7.1
Total Segment Operating Profit	15.1	24.4	49.3	58.0
Interest expense	(7.8	) (7.7	) (23.2	) (24.3
Corporate expense	(5.2	) (4.3	) (16.3	) (15.1
Debt issuance costs write-off	—	—	—	(1.5
Income From Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	\$2.1	\$12.4	\$9.8	\$17.1

Note P – Separate Financial Information of Subsidiary Guarantors of Indebtedness

The \$250 million Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally and jointly and severally guaranteed on a senior unsecured basis by all of OMNOVA Solutions Inc.'s existing and future 100% owned domestic subsidiaries that from time to time guarantee obligations under the Company's Senior Notes, with certain exceptions (the "Guarantors"). Current guarantor subsidiaries include Engineered Surfaces Thailand Inc. ("Ohio") and OMNOVA Wallcovering (U.S.A.) Inc. Presented below are the condensed financial statements of OMNOVA Solutions ("Parent") as borrower, its combined Guarantor subsidiaries and its combined Non-Guarantor subsidiaries. The income (loss) of the Company's subsidiary guarantors and non-guarantors in these Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations are presented under the equity method for purposes of this disclosure only.

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$ 163.3	\$ —	\$ 95.9	\$ (7.1)	\$ 252.1
Cost of products sold	133.3	—	76.8	(7.2)	202.9
Gross profit	30.0	—	19.1	.1	49.2
Selling, general and administrative	20.1	—	9.8	—	29.9
Depreciation and amortization	4.9	—	3.8	—	8.7
Gain on asset sales	.1	—	.2	—	.3
Interest expense	7.2	(.2)	.8	—	7.8
(Income) loss from subsidiaries	(3.0)	(2.2)	—	5.2	—
Other (income) expense, net	(1.1)	—	1.6	(.1)	.4
	28.2	(2.4)	16.2	5.1	47.1
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	1.8	2.4	2.9	(5.0)	2.1
Income tax expense (benefit)	—	(.4)	.7	—	.3
Income (loss) from continuing operations	1.8	2.8	2.2	(5.0)	1.8
Loss from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—
Net Income (loss)	\$ 1.8	\$ 2.8	\$ 2.2	\$ (5.0)	\$ 1.8

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$ 483.3	\$ —	\$ 286.4	\$ (25.3)	\$ 744.4
Cost of products sold	392.3	—	226.3	(25.1)	593.5
Gross profit	91.0	—	60.1	(.2)	150.9
Selling, general and administrative	62.3	—	29.7	—	92.0
Depreciation and amortization	15.1	—	11.2	—	26.3
Gain on asset sales	.1	—	.3	—	.4
Restructuring and severance	.7	—	.1	—	.8
Interest expense	20.4	(1.1)	3.9	—	23.2
(Income) loss from subsidiaries	(13.0)	(9.0)	—	22.0	—
Other (income) expense, net	(4.1)	—	2.7	(.2)	(1.6)
	81.5	(10.1)	47.9	21.8	141.1
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	9.5	10.1	12.2	(22.0)	9.8
Income tax expense	2.5	(2.9)	3.2	—	2.8
Income (loss) from continuing operations	7.0	13.0	9.0	(22.0)	7.0
Loss from discontinued operations	(.6)	—	—	—	(.6)
Net Income (loss)	\$ 6.4	\$ 13.0	\$ 9.0	\$ (22.0)	\$ 6.4

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$ 173.1	\$ —	\$ 95.5	\$ (7.4)	\$ 261.2
Cost of products sold	137.5	—	75.8	(6.8)	206.5
Gross profit	35.6	—	19.7	(.6)	54.7
Selling, general and administrative	20.1	—	8.4	—	28.5
Depreciation and amortization	4.1	—	3.7	—	7.8
Gain on asset sales	(1.8)	—	—	—	(1.8)
Restructuring and severance	1.4	—	—	—	1.4
Interest expense	5.7	—	2.0	—	7.7
Debt issuance costs write-off	—	—	—	—	—
(Income) loss from subsidiaries	(2.0)	(3.6)	—	5.6	—
Other (income) expense, net	(2.0)	(.1)	.8	—	(1.3)
	25.5	(3.7)	14.9	5.6	42.3
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	10.1	3.7	4.8	(6.2)	12.4
Income tax expense (benefit)	1.1	1.1	1.2	—	3.4
Income (loss) from continuing operations	9.0	2.6	3.6	(6.2)	9.0
Income (loss) from discontinued operations	—	—	—	—	—
Net Income (loss)	\$ 9.0	\$ 2.6	\$ 3.6	\$ (6.2)	\$ 9.0

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Operations for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Sales	\$ 507.2	\$ —	\$ 298.7	\$ (22.2)	\$ 783.7
Cost of products sold	404.8	—	239.7	(21.8)	622.7
Gross profit	102.4	—	59.0	(.4)	161.0
Selling, general and administrative	62.5	—	27.7	—	90.2
Depreciation and amortization	12.4	—	12.0	—	24.4
Gain on asset sales	(1.9)	—	—	—	(1.9)
Restructuring and severance	4.6	—	2.2	—	6.8
Interest expense	18.1	—	6.1	.1	24.3
Debt issuance costs write-off	1.5	—	—	—	1.5
(Income) loss from subsidiaries	(3.8)	(5.9)	—	9.7	—
Other (income) expense, net	(3.9)	(.2)	2.7	—	(1.4)
	89.5	(6.1)	50.7	9.8	143.9
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	12.9	6.1	8.3	(10.2)	17.1
Income tax expense	1.1	1.8	2.4	—	5.3
Income (loss) from continuing operations	11.8	4.3	5.9	(10.2)	11.8
Loss from discontinued operations	(.1)	—	—	—	(.1)
Net Income (loss)	\$ 11.7	\$ 4.3	\$ 5.9	\$ (10.2)	\$ 11.7

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Note P – Separate Financial Information of Subsidiary Guarantors of Indebtedness (Continued)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Income (loss)	\$1.8	\$2.8	\$2.2	\$(5.0)	) \$1.8
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(4.0)	) (5.5)	) (7.2)	) 12.7	(4.0)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$(2.2)	) \$(2.7)	) \$(5.0)	) \$7.7	\$(2.2)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Income (loss)	\$6.4	\$13.0	\$9.0	\$(22.0)	) \$6.4
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax	(3.5)	) (1.8)	) (4.7)	) 6.5	(3.5)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$2.9	) \$11.2	) \$4.3	) \$(15.5)	) \$2.9

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Income (loss)	\$9.0	\$2.6	\$3.6	\$(6.2)	) \$9.0
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(2.1)	) (.8)	) (4.4)	) 5.2	(2.1)
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$6.9	) \$1.8	) \$(.8)	) \$(1.0)	) \$6.9

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non - Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Net Income (loss)	\$11.7	\$4.3	\$5.9	\$(10.2)	) \$11.7
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	.3	3.2	(2.7)) (.5)) .3
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$12.0) \$7.5) \$3.2) \$(10.7)) \$12.0

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Note P – Separate Financial Information of Subsidiary Guarantors of Indebtedness (Continued)

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Financial Position August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS:					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 83.3	\$ —	\$ 63.9	\$ —	\$ 147.2
Accounts receivable, net	71.0	—	68.9	—	139.9
Inventories	59.6	—	44.8	(1.8)	102.6
Prepaid expenses and other	3.7	.1	10.7	.4	14.9
Deferred income taxes - non-current	4.6	—	2.5	(.6)	6.5
Total Current Assets	222.2	.1	190.8	(2.0)	411.1
Property, plant and equipment, net	118.0	—	113.0	—	231.0
Goodwill, trademarks and other intangible assets, net	76.1	—	80.3	—	156.4
Deferred income taxes - non-current	47.7	—	7.4	(6.8)	48.3
Intercompany	372.4	20.3	158.8	(551.5)	—
Investments in subsidiaries	97.9	199.2	—	(297.1)	—
Other assets	10.3	3.8	1.0	—	15.1
Total Assets	\$ 944.6	\$ 223.4	\$ 551.3	\$ (857.4)	\$ 861.9
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due to banks	\$ 2.0	\$ —	\$ 1.5	\$ —	\$ 3.5
Accounts payable	50.3	—	43.1	—	93.4
Accrued payroll and personal property taxes	11.9	.1	7.6	—	19.6
Employee benefit obligations	2.1	—	—	—	2.1
Accrued interest	6.6	—	—	—	6.6
Deferred income taxes	.3	—	.3	(.6)	—
Other current liabilities	13.0	—	2.3	(2.8)	12.5
Total Current Liabilities	86.2	.1	54.8	(3.4)	137.7
Long-term debt	442.7	—	—	—	442.7
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	5.9	—	—	—	5.9
Pension liabilities	50.2	—	12.2	—	62.4
Deferred income taxes	—	—	28.2	(7.1)	21.1
Intercompany	169.0	119.1	255.4	(543.5)	—
Other liabilities	7.8	—	1.5	—	9.3
Total Liabilities	761.8	119.2	352.1	(554.0)	679.1
Shareholder's Equity	182.8	104.2	199.2	(303.4)	182.8
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 944.6	\$ 223.4	\$ 551.3	\$ (857.4)	\$ 861.9

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Financial Position November 30, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
ASSETS:					
Current Assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 102.1	\$ —	\$ 62.8	\$ —	\$ 164.9
Accounts receivable, net	56.9	—	66.2	—	123.1
Inventories	45.6	—	44.1	(1.6)	88.1
Deferred income taxes - current	6.2	—	2.8	(.6)	8.4
Prepaid expenses and other	6.8	—	10.3	.5	17.6
Total Current Assets	217.6	—	186.2	(1.7)	402.1
Property, plant and equipment, net	110.1	—	116.4	—	226.5
Goodwill, trademarks and other intangible assets, net	76.9	—	85.6	—	162.5
Deferred income taxes - non-current	46.9	—	7.1	(7.1)	46.9
Intercompany	386.0	14.6	164.3	(564.9)	—
Investments in subsidiaries	134.0	194.6	—	(328.6)	—
Other assets	12.0	3.8	.9	—	16.7
Total Assets	\$ 983.5	\$ 213.0	\$ 560.5	\$ (902.3)	\$ 854.7
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:					
Current Liabilities					
Amounts due to banks	\$ 2.0	\$ —	\$ 2.6	\$ —	\$ 4.6
Accounts payable	38.4	—	53.5	.2	92.1
Accrued payroll and personal property taxes	14.5	—	5.9	—	20.4
Employee benefit obligations	2.1	—	—	—	2.1
Accrued interest	1.7	—	—	—	1.7
Deferred income taxes	—	—	.6	(.6)	—
Other current liabilities	7.5	.2	—	(1.9)	5.8
Total Current Liabilities	66.2	.2	62.6	(2.3)	126.7
Long-term debt	444.0	—	—	—	444.0
Postretirement benefits other than pensions	6.5	—	—	—	6.5
Pension liabilities	55.2	—	12.0	—	67.2
Deferred income taxes	—	—	30.4	(7.1)	23.3
Intercompany	226.1	84.2	259.4	(569.7)	—
Other liabilities	7.5	—	1.5	—	9.0
Total Liabilities	805.5	84.4	365.9	(579.1)	676.7
Shareholder's Equity	178.0	128.6	194.6	(323.2)	178.0
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	\$ 983.5	\$ 213.0	\$ 560.5	\$ (902.3)	\$ 854.7

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Operating Activities					
Net Cash (Used In) Provided By Operating Activities	\$ (6.1)	\$ —	\$ (2.3)	\$ 11.7	\$ 3.3
Investing Activities					
Capital expenditures	(13.4)	—	(6.2)	—	(19.6)
Proceeds from notes receivable	2.3	—	—	—	2.3
Net Cash Used In Investing Activities	(11.1)	—	(6.2)	—	(17.3)
Financing Activities					
Repayment of debt obligations	(1.5)	—	—	—	(1.5)
Short-term debt (payments), net	—	—	(1.1)	—	(1.1)
Payments received from the exercise of stock options	.3	—	—	—	.3
Net Cash Used In Financing Activities	(1.2)	—	(1.1)	—	(2.3)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(.4)	—	10.7	(11.7)	(1.4)
Net (Decrease) Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(18.8)	—	1.1	—	(17.7)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	102.1	—	62.8	—	164.9
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 83.3	\$ —	\$ 63.9	\$ —	\$ 147.2

Condensed Consolidating Statements of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2013

(Dollars in millions)	OMNOVA Solutions (Parent)	Guarantor Subsidiaries	Non- Guarantor Subsidiaries	Eliminations	Total
Operating Activities					
Net Cash (Used In) Provided By Operating Activities	\$ 15.5	\$ (4.7)	\$ 12.9	\$ (3.8)	\$ 19.9
Investing Activities					
Capital expenditures	(7.1)	—	(10.4)	—	(17.5)
Proceeds from asset sale	1.7	—	—	—	1.7
Proceeds from insurance settlements	.8	—	—	—	.8
Investments in subsidiary and other	(5.1)	(8.6)	—	13.7	—
Net Cash (Used In) Provided By Investing Activities	(9.7)	(8.6)	(10.4)	13.7	(15.0)
Financing Activities					
Repayment of debt obligations	(1.5)	—	(3.4)	3.4	(1.5)
Short-term debt (payments), net	—	—	(3.7)	—	(3.7)
Restricted cash	5.5	—	—	—	5.5
Payments for debt refinancing	(1.2)	—	—	—	(1.2)
Other	—	8.6	8.5	(17.1)	—
Payments received from the exercise of stock options	.1	—	—	—	.1
Net Cash (Used In) Provided By Financing Activities	2.9	8.6	1.4	(13.7)	(.8)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(7.6)	4.7	2.1	3.8	3.0
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents	1.1	—	6.0	—	7.1
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	98.7	—	44.3	—	143.0
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period	\$ 99.8	\$ —	\$ 50.3	\$ —	\$ 150.1

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Overview

The Company is an innovator of emulsion polymers, specialty chemicals, and engineered surfaces for a variety of commercial, industrial and residential end uses. As discussed in Note A to the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company operates two reportable business segments: Performance Chemicals and Engineered Surfaces. The Performance Chemicals segment produces a broad range of emulsion polymers and specialty chemicals based primarily on styrene butadiene (SB), styrene butadiene acrylonitrile (SBA), styrene butadiene vinyl pyridine, nitrile butadiene (NBR), polyvinyl acetate, acrylic, styrene acrylic, vinyl acrylic, glyoxal, fluorochemicals and bio-based chemistries. Performance Chemicals' custom-formulated products include hollow plastic pigment, resins, binders, adhesives, specialty rubbers, antioxidants and elastomeric modifiers which are used in paper and packaging, specialty coatings, carpet, nonwovens, construction, oil/gas drilling and recovery, adhesives, tape, tires, floor care, textiles, graphic arts, polymer stabilization, industrial rubbers & hoses, bio-based polymers and various other specialty applications. The Engineered Surfaces segment develops, designs, produces and markets a broad line of functional and decorative surfacing products, including coated fabrics, surface laminates and performance films. These products are used in numerous applications, including transportation (automotive, bus and other mass transit, marine and motorcycle, recreational vehicles and manufactured housing), commercial building refurbishment, remodeling and new construction, kitchen and bath cabinets, flooring, commercial and residential furniture, retail display fixtures, home furnishings and commercial appliances, and performance films for pool liners, banners, tents, ceiling tiles and medical devices. Please refer to Item 1. Business, of the Company's 2013 Annual Report on Form 10-K for further description of and background on the Company's operating segments.

The Company primarily sells its products directly to manufacturers.

The Company has manufacturing facilities in the United States, France, China, India and Thailand.

The Company has historically experienced stronger sales and income in its second, third and fourth quarters, comprised of the three-month periods ending May 31, August 31, and November 30. The Company's performance in the first quarter (December through February) has historically been weaker and less profitable due to generally lower levels of customer manufacturing, construction and refurbishment activities during the holidays and cold weather months.

The Company's chief operating decision maker, its CEO, evaluates performance and allocates resources by operating segment. Segment information has been prepared in accordance with authoritative guidance promulgated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB"). The Company's two operating segments were determined based on the products and services provided. Accounting policies of the segments are the same as those described in Note A of the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements. For a reconciliation of the Company's segment operating performance information, please refer to Note O of the Company's Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

A majority of the Company's raw materials are derived from petrochemicals and chemical feedstocks whose prices are cyclical and volatile. Generally, the Company attempts to pass along increased raw material prices to customers in the form of price increases of its products; however, due to sales contracts with certain customers, there may be a time delay between a change in raw material prices and the Company's ability to change the prices of its products. Additionally, the Company may experience competitive price pressures and other factors which may not allow it to increase the prices of its products.

OMNOVA's Performance Chemicals segment had sales price index contracts related to approximately 42% of its sales in the first nine months of 2014. Customers with sales price index contracts are primarily in the performance materials product line. The index is generally comprised of several components: a negotiated fixed amount per pound and the market price of key raw materials (i.e. styrene and butadiene). The performance materials' product line profitability has declined over the past few quarters as competitive pricing pressures have reduced the negotiated fixed amount per pound. The contract mechanisms, however, generally allow for the pass-through of the changes, either increases or decreases, in the prices of key raw materials within a 30 to 60 day period. Contracts vary in length from 12 to 36 months.

The remainder of Performance Chemicals' sales are not indexed. OMNOVA periodically negotiates with each customer regarding pricing changes based on the raw material components and the value-added and performance attributes of OMNOVA's product. OMNOVA's pricing objective, which may or may not be met, is to recover raw material price increases within a 30 to 60 day period and to maintain gross margins during periods when raw materials prices decrease.

Styrene, a key raw material component, is generally available worldwide, and OMNOVA has supply contracts with several producers. OMNOVA believes there is adequate global capacity to serve demand. OMNOVA's styrene purchases for 2011 through 2013 and estimated purchases for 2014 and an estimated range of market prices are as follows:

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	Pounds Purchased (in Millions)	Market Price Range Per Pound
2014 (estimated)	177	\$0.69 - \$0.84
2013	172	\$0.71 - \$0.93
2012	177	\$0.57 - \$0.78
2011	205	\$0.65 - \$0.77

Butadiene, a key raw material component, is generally available worldwide. OMNOVA has supply contracts with several producers. At times, when the demand of butadiene exceeds supply, it is sold on an allocated basis.

OMNOVA's butadiene purchases for 2011 through 2013 and estimated purchases for 2014 and an estimated range of market prices are as follows:

	Pounds Purchased (in Millions)	Market Price Range Per Pound
2014 (estimated)	142	\$0.55 - \$0.82
2013	139	\$0.44 - \$1.01
2012	158	\$0.84 - \$1.98
2011	175	\$0.86 - \$1.77

OMNOVA's Engineered Surfaces segment does not utilize sales price index contracts with its customers; rather, it negotiates pricing with each customer. OMNOVA's pricing objective, which may or may not be met, is to recover raw material price increases within a 90 day period. Key raw materials utilized by the Engineered Surfaces segment include polyvinyl chloride (PVC) resins, textiles and plasticizers. These raw materials are generally readily available worldwide from multiple suppliers.

Key Indicators

Key economic measures relevant to the Company include global economic growth rates, discretionary spending for durable goods, print advertising, oil and gas drilling activity, Asian automotive builds, U.S. commercial real estate occupancy rates, U.S. office furniture sales, manufactured housing shipments, housing starts and sales of existing homes and forecasts of raw material pricing for certain petrochemical feed stocks. Key OEM industries which provide a general indication of demand drivers to the Company include paper, commercial and residential construction and refurbishment, automotive and tire products, furniture manufacturing, flooring manufacturing and ABS manufacturing. These measures provide general information on trends relevant to the demand for the Company's products but the trend information does not necessarily directly correlate with demand levels in the markets which ultimately use the Company's products.

Key operating measures utilized by the business segments include orders, sales and pricing, working capital turnover, inventory, productivity, new product vitality, cost of quality and order fill-rates which provide key indicators of business trends. These measures are reported on various cycles including daily, weekly and monthly depending on the needs established by operating management.

Key financial measures utilized by management to evaluate the results of its businesses and to understand the key variables impacting the current and future results of the Company include: sales and pricing; gross profit; selling, general and administrative expenses; adjusted operating profit; adjusted net income; and consolidated earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") as set forth in the Net Leverage Ratio in the Company's \$200,000,000 Term Loan Credit Agreement, working capital, operating cash flows, capital expenditures, cash interest expense and adjusted earnings per share, including applicable ratios such as inventory turnover, working capital turnover, return on sales and assets and leverage ratios. These measures, as well as objectives established by the Board of Directors of the Company, are reviewed at monthly, quarterly and annual intervals and compared with historical periods.

Results of Operations for the Three Months Ended August 31, 2014 Compared to the Three Months Ended August 31, 2013

The Company's net sales in the third quarter of 2014 were \$252.1 million compared to \$261.2 million in the third quarter of 2013. The Performance Chemicals business segment revenue decreased by \$8.6 million or 4.3% while the

Engineered Surfaces business segment revenue decreased \$0.5 million or .8%. Contributing to the net sales decrease in 2014 were reduced pricing of \$5.8 million and reduced volume of \$3.6 million, which were partially offset by favorable currency translation effects of \$0.3 million. The pricing decline was primarily due to previously negotiated price reductions, particularly in paper coatings, from earlier in the year in response to increased competitive intensity and lower raw material costs and their related impact on pricing index formulas in Performance Materials. The volume decline also was related primarily to paper coatings and nonwovens as customers reduced inventory levels. Raw material costs increased in August 2014, which will impact the Company's index pricing formulas in the fourth quarter of 2014. The specialty lines of business continued to increase with particular strength in oil & gas, specialty coatings and in Engineered Surfaces' laminates.

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Gross profit in the third quarter of 2014 was \$49.2 million with a gross profit margin of 19.5% compared to gross profit of \$54.7 million and a gross profit margin of 20.9% in the third quarter of 2013. The decline in gross profit margin was primarily due to volume shortfalls, the previously negotiated price reductions in Performance Materials and higher global logistics costs. Including the effect of an unfavorable year-over-year LIFO inventory reserve adjustment of \$2.8 million, raw material costs increased \$1.0 million in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013.

Selling, general and administrative expense in the third quarter of 2014 was \$29.9 million, or 11.9% of sales, compared to \$28.5 million, or 10.9% of net sales in the third quarter of 2013. The increase in the third quarter of 2014 reflects increased investment in sales and marketing resources for the Company's specialty lines of business.

Interest expense was \$7.8 million in the third quarter of 2014, compared to \$7.7 million for the same period a year ago.

Income tax expense was \$0.3 million in the third quarter of 2014, a 14.3% effective income tax rate, compared to income tax expense of \$3.4 million, or a 27.4% effective tax rate in the third quarter of 2013. The rates in 2014 and 2013 are lower than the Company's U.S. federal statutory rates primarily due to income in foreign jurisdictions where the statutory tax rate is less than the U.S. federal statutory rate.

Net income for the third quarter of 2014 was \$1.8 million, or \$0.04 per diluted share, compared to \$9.0 million, or \$0.19 per diluted share in the prior year.

Segment Discussion

The following Segment Discussion presents information used by the Company in assessing the results of operations by business segment. The Company believes that this presentation is useful for providing the investor with an understanding of the Company's business and operating performance because these measures are used by the chief operating decision maker in evaluating performance and allocating resources.

The following table reconciles segment sales to consolidated net sales and segment operating profit to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes:

(Dollars in millions)	Three Months Ended		
	August 31, 2014	2013	
Net Sales			
Performance Chemicals			
Performance Materials	\$ 63.1	\$ 74.7	
Specialty Chemicals	127.4	124.4	
Total Performance Chemicals	\$ 190.5	\$ 199.1	
Engineered Surfaces			
Coated Fabrics	\$ 25.0	\$ 26.5	
Laminates and Performance Films	36.6	35.6	
Total Engineered Surfaces	61.6	62.1	
Consolidated Net Sales	\$ 252.1	\$ 261.2	
Segment Gross Profit:			
Performance Chemicals	\$ 34.7	\$ 40.3	
Engineered Surfaces	14.5	14.4	
Consolidated Gross Profit	\$ 49.2	\$ 54.7	
Segment Operating Profit:			
Performance Chemicals	\$ 11.2	\$ 19.2	
Engineered Surfaces	3.9	5.2	
Interest expense	(7.8) (7.7)
Corporate expense	(5.2) (4.3)
Consolidated Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	\$ 2.1	\$ 12.4	

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Performance Chemicals

Performance Chemicals' net sales decreased \$8.6 million to \$190.5 million during the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$199.1 million during the third quarter of 2013. The decrease was primarily due to reduced customer pricing of \$5.6 million as a result of previously negotiated price reductions in certain Performance Materials product lines, (primarily paper coatings), from earlier in the year in response to increased competitive intensity, lower raw material costs and their impact on index pricing, and lower volumes of \$4.1 million. Reduced volume in paper coatings and nonwovens were only partially offset by improved sales in oil & gas, global specialty coatings and tire cord. Also included is favorable currency translation of \$1.1 million. Net sales for the Performance Materials product line decreased \$11.6 million to \$63.1 million during the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$74.7 million during the third quarter of 2013. The decline was due to lower year-over-year volumes of \$8.4 million and lower pricing of \$3.2 million. Volumes in the carpet product line were flat compared to the third quarter of 2013. Net sales for the Specialty Chemicals product line increased \$3.0 million to \$127.4 million during the third quarter of 2014, compared to \$124.4 million during the third quarter of 2013, driven primarily by higher year-over-year volumes.

Performance Chemicals' gross profit was \$34.7 million with a gross profit margin of 18.2% during the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$40.3 million with a gross profit margin of 20.2% in the third quarter of 2013. The decline in gross profit margin was primarily due to volume shortfalls and the previously negotiated price reductions in Performance Materials and higher global logistic costs. Including the effect of an unfavorable year-over-year LIFO inventory reserve adjustment of \$3.0 million, raw material costs increased \$1.5 million in the third quarter of 2014 compared to the third quarter of 2013.

This segment generated an operating profit of \$11.2 million in the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$19.2 million in the third quarter of 2013. The decrease in segment operating profit was primarily due to lower volume and pricing in paper coatings, lower pricing in carpet and higher logistics costs. The segment operating profit also includes items which management excludes when evaluating the results of the Company's segments. Those items for the third quarter of 2014 include \$0.6 million of accelerated depreciation expense related to assets for which production will be transferred to another Performance Chemicals facility. Those items for the third quarter of 2013 include \$0.4 million of accelerated depreciation expense and a gain on assets sales of \$0.3 million.

Engineered Surfaces

Engineered Surfaces' net sales decreased \$0.5 million, or .8%, to \$61.6 million in the third quarter of 2014 from \$62.1 million in the third quarter of 2013 driven primarily by the strategic decision in 2013 to exit certain low margin transportation applications and unfavorable currency translation of \$0.8 million, which were partially offset by higher volumes in Laminates. Coated Fabrics net sales were \$25.0 million in the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$26.5 million in the third quarter of 2013 as improved sales in the China automotive seating market was more than offset by the lower sales in China residential furniture applications and North American transportation applications. Net sales for the Laminates and Performance Films product lines were \$36.6 million during the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$35.6 million during the third quarter of 2013 due to improved sales in kitchen and bath, retail store fixtures and flooring.

Engineered Surfaces' gross profit was \$14.5 million with a gross profit margin of 23.5% during the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$14.4 million and a gross profit margin of 23.2% in the third quarter of 2013. Included in gross profit were higher utility costs and costs of quality in Thailand, which were offset by favorable product mix.

Segment operating profit was \$3.9 million for the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$5.2 million for the third quarter of 2013. Segment operating profit in the third quarter of 2014 was lower because of the higher utility costs and costs of quality in Thailand, higher SG&A costs reflecting increase in marketing and sales support and higher costs associated with foreign exchange. Segment operating profit also includes items which management excludes when evaluating the results of the Company's segments. There were no items for 2014. Those items for the third quarter of 2013 includes a gain on asset sales of \$1.4 million, plant closure and transition costs of \$0.8 million and workforce reduction actions of \$0.6 million.

Corporate

Corporate expenses were \$5.2 million in the third quarter of 2014 compared to \$4.3 million in the third quarter of 2013. The increase is primarily due to accelerated one-time employment expenses related to employee retirements.

Results of Operations for the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2014 Compared to the Nine Months Ended August 31, 2013

The Company's net sales in the first nine months of 2014 were \$744.4 million compared to \$783.7 million in the first nine months of 2013. The Performance Chemicals business segment revenue decreased by \$29.4 million or 4.9% while the Engineered Surfaces business segment revenue decreased \$9.7 million or 5.1%. Contributing to the net sales decrease in 2014 were reduced pricing of \$26.5 million and lower volumes of \$14.1 million partially offset by favorable currency translation effects of \$1.5

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million. The pricing decline was primarily due to previously negotiated contract price reductions, particularly paper coatings, from earlier in the year in response to increased competitive intensity and lower raw material costs and their related impact on pricing index formulas in Performance Materials.

Gross profit in the first nine months of 2014 was \$150.9 million with a gross profit margin of 20.3% compared to gross profit of \$161.0 million and a gross profit margin of 20.5% in the first nine months of 2013. The decrease in gross profit was primarily due to the lower selling prices and higher global logistics costs, which were partially offset by lower raw material costs and favorable product mix. Raw material costs declined \$13.5 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013.

Selling, general and administrative expense in the first nine months of 2014 was \$92.0 million, or 12.4% of sales, compared to \$90.2 million, or 11.5% of net sales in the first nine months of 2013. The increase in expense for the first nine months of 2014 is primarily due to increased investment in sales and marketing resources for OMNOVA's specialty lines of business.

Interest expense was \$23.2 million in the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$24.3 million for the same period a year ago. The decrease is primarily due to lower borrowing spreads as a result of the March 2013 term loan refinancing and lower foreign borrowings.

Income tax expense was \$2.8 million in the first nine months of 2014, a 28.6% effective income tax rate, compared to income tax expense of \$5.3 million, or a 31.0% effective tax rate in the first nine months of 2013. The rate in 2014 was lower than the Company's U.S. federal statutory rates primarily due to income in foreign jurisdictions where the statutory tax rate is less than the U.S. federal statutory rate. The Company estimates its full year 2014 effective tax rate will be approximately 27% to 30%. Additionally, cash tax payments in the U.S. are expected to be minimal over the next few years as the Company has \$113.6 million of U.S. federal net operating loss carryforwards, \$108.9 million of U.S. state and local net operating loss carryforwards, \$0.4 million of foreign tax credit carryforwards and \$0.2 million of AMT credit carryforwards. The majority of the federal, state and local net operating loss carryforwards expire between 2021 and 2033.

The Company has not provided U.S. income taxes on certain of its non-U.S. subsidiaries undistributed earnings as such amounts are considered permanently reinvested outside the U.S. To the extent that foreign earnings previously treated as permanently reinvested are repatriated, the related U.S. tax liability may be reduced by any foreign income taxes paid on these earnings. However, based on the Company's policy of permanent reinvestment, it is not practicable to determine the U.S. federal income tax liability, if any, which would be payable if such earnings were not permanently reinvested. As of November 30, 2013, the non-U.S. subsidiaries have a cumulative unremitted foreign income position of \$62.5 million.

The Company generated income from continuing operations of \$7.0 million or \$0.15 per diluted share in the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$11.8 million or \$0.25 per diluted share in the first nine months of 2013.

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Segment Discussion

The following table reconciles segment sales to consolidated net sales and segment operating profit to consolidated income from continuing operations before income taxes:

(Dollars in millions)	Nine Months Ended	
	August 31, 2014	2013
Net Sales		
Performance Chemicals		
Performance Materials	\$ 186.2	\$ 211.6
Specialty Chemicals	378.9	382.9
Total Performance Chemicals	\$ 565.1	\$ 594.5
Engineered Surfaces		
Coated Fabrics	\$ 74.3	\$ 85.9
Laminates and Performance Films	105.2	103.3
Total Engineered Surfaces	179.5	189.2
Inter-segment sales	(.2)	—
Consolidated Net Sales	\$ 744.4	\$ 783.7
Segment Gross Profit:		
Performance Chemicals	\$ 108.1	\$ 119.0
Engineered Surfaces	42.8	42.0
Consolidated Gross Profit	\$ 150.9	\$ 161.0
Segment Operating Profit:		
Performance Chemicals	\$ 37.1	\$ 50.9
Engineered Surfaces	12.2	7.1
Interest expense	(23.2)	(24.3)
Corporate expense	(16.3)	(15.1)
Debt issuance costs write-off	—	(1.5)
Consolidated Income from Continuing Operations Before Income Taxes	\$ 9.8	\$ 17.1

Performance Chemicals' net sales decreased \$29.4 million to \$565.1 million during the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$594.5 million during the first nine months of 2013. The decrease was primarily due to reduced customer pricing of \$27.6 million as a result of lower raw material costs and their impact on index pricing and negotiated price reductions, particularly in paper coatings from earlier in the year in response to increased competitive intensity. Net sales for the Performance Materials product line decreased \$25.4 million to \$186.2 million during the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$211.6 million during the first nine months of 2013, driven primarily by lower volumes and reduced pricing. Net sales for the Specialty Chemicals product line decreased \$4.0 million to \$378.9 million during the first nine months of 2014, compared to \$382.9 million during the first nine months of 2013, driven primarily by reduced pricing, and lower year-over-year volumes in most markets except for coatings, oil & gas, tire cord and elastomeric modifiers, which were partially offset by favorable currency translation.

Performance Chemicals' gross profit was \$108.1 million with a gross profit margin of 19.1% during the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$119.0 million with a gross profit margin of 20.0% in the first nine months of 2013. The decrease in gross profit margin was primarily due to the lower selling prices and higher logistics costs, which were partially offset by lower raw material costs and favorable product mix. Raw material costs declined \$12.3 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013.

This segment generated an operating profit of \$37.1 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$50.9 million in the first nine months of 2013. The decrease in segment operating profit was primarily due to the lower gross profit, which was

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partially offset by cost reduction actions. The segment operating profit also includes items which management excludes when evaluating the results of the Company's segments. Those items for the first nine months of 2014 include \$1.8 million of accelerated depreciation expense related to assets for which production will be transferred to another Performance Chemicals facility and \$0.4 million of severance costs as a result of workforce reductions. Those items for the first nine months of 2013 include \$2.2 million of severance costs as a result of workforce reductions, \$0.4 million of accelerated depreciation expense and a gain on assets sales of \$0.3 million.

Engineered Surfaces

Engineered Surfaces' net sales decreased \$9.7 million, or 5.1%, to \$179.5 million in the first nine months of 2014 from \$189.2 million in the first nine months of 2013 primarily due to lower volumes in Coated Fabrics due to the strategic decision in 2013 to exit certain low margin applications and unfavorable currency translation of \$1.1 million, which were partially offset by higher volumes in laminates. Coated Fabrics net sales were \$74.3 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$85.9 million in the first nine months of 2013. Net sales for the Laminates and Performance Films product lines were \$105.2 million during the first nine months of 2014, an increase of \$1.9 million compared to \$103.3 million during the first nine months of 2013. The increase was primarily due to higher volumes in kitchen and bath and retail store fixtures.

Engineered Surfaces' gross profit was \$42.8 million with a gross profit margin of 23.8% during the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$42.0 million and a gross profit margin of 22.2% in the first nine months of 2013. The higher gross profit margin is due to favorable product mix, positive pricing actions and lower raw material costs which were partially offset by higher manufacturing costs and higher costs of quality in Thailand.

Segment operating profit was \$12.2 million for the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$7.1 million for the first nine months of 2013. Segment operating profit in the first nine months of 2014 was better because of the improved gross profit margin. Segment operating profit also includes items which management excludes when evaluating the results of the Company's segments. Those items for the first nine months of 2014 include plant closure and workforce reduction costs of \$0.4 million and a gain of \$0.7 million relating to the settlement of a note receivable from the sale of the Columbus, Mississippi plant, while the first nine months of 2013 includes workforce reduction actions of \$2.7 million, plant closure and transition charges of \$3.3 million and a gain on asset sales of \$1.4 million.

Corporate

Corporate expenses were \$16.3 million in the first nine months of 2014 compared to \$15.1 million in the first nine months of 2013. The increase is primarily due to accelerated one-time employment expenses related to employee retirements.

Discontinued Operations

As part of the Company's strategy to focus on businesses with greater global growth potential, the Company exited the commercial wallcovering business and completed the sale of those businesses during the first half of 2012.

During 2012 and the first quarter of 2013, the Company continued to manufacture commercial wallcovering products for the buyer of the North American wallcovering business as part of an orderly transition of production from the Company's Columbus, Mississippi plant to the buyer's plant. The Company completed the transition production by January 31, 2013. The net cash flows received and paid by the Company relating to the manufacture of commercial wallcovering during 2013 were not significant.

There were no net sales attributable to discontinued businesses for the three months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013. There were no sales in the first nine months of 2014 and net sales were \$2.1 million for the first nine months of 2013. Losses before income taxes for the discontinued businesses were \$0.1 million for the three months ended August 31, 2014 while there were no losses or income before income taxes for the three months ended August 31, 2013, and losses before income taxes were \$1.0 million and \$0.2 million for the nine months ended August 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Financial Resources

	Nine Months Ended August 31,		
	2014	2013	Change
Cash provided by operating activities	\$3.3	\$19.9	\$(16.6)
Cash used in investing activities	\$(17.3)	\$(15.0)	\$(2.3)

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Cash used in financing activities	\$(2.3)	\$(.8)	\$(1.5)
(Decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$(17.7)	\$7.1)	\$(24.8)

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Cash provided by operating activities was \$3.3 million for the first nine months of 2014 compared to cash provided of \$19.9 million in the first nine months of 2013. Cash provided by operations decreased in 2014 compared to the first nine months of 2013 primarily due to an increase in working capital and lower income. Accounts receivable increased due to an extension of payment terms and also due to timing of collections while the Company's Days Sales Outstanding ("DSO") increased from 47.8 days at November 30, 2013 to 50.5 days at August 31, 2014. Inventory increased due to anticipated cyclical demand.

Cash used in investing activities was \$17.3 million in the first nine months of 2014 and \$15.0 million in the first nine months of 2013 related primarily to capital expenditures. Also included in 2014 are \$2.3 million of proceeds received from the settlement of a note receivable. The Company expects to spend approximately \$45.0 million for capital expenditures during 2014. Capital expenditures were made and are planned principally for asset replacement, new product capability, cost reduction, safety and productivity improvements and environmental protection. The expected increase in capital expenditures over 2013 is primarily due to expansion of acrylics manufacturing capability at the Company's Mogadore, Ohio plant and construction of the Company's future new corporate headquarters building. The Company is funding the corporate headquarters building through a financing lease issued by the Cleveland Port Authority (see Note K) while it plans to fund remaining capital expenditures with cash flow generated from operations.

Cash used in financing activities was \$2.3 million in the first nine months of 2014 and \$0.8 million in the first nine months of 2013, which were both primarily due to debt repayments. Total debt was \$447.1 million as of August 31, 2014, which includes \$250.0 million for Senior Notes, \$192.5 million for the Term Loan, \$1.5 million of foreign debt and \$3.1 million for a capital lease obligation, compared to \$449.6 million as of November 30, 2013. The Company's cash balance of \$147.2 million at August 31, 2014, consists of \$83.3 million in the U.S., \$35.6 million in Europe and \$28.3 million in Asia. The Company is not aware of any restrictions regarding the repatriation of its non-U.S. cash, however, repatriation of cash from certain countries may not be able to be completed in a timely manner.

The Company believes that its cash flows from operations, together with existing credit facilities and cash on hand will be adequate to fund its operations and capital requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Debt

Please refer to Note K to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of debt.

Significant Accounting Policies and Management Judgments

The Company's discussion and analysis of its results of operations, financial condition and liquidity are based upon the Company's consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of these financial statements requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements. The Company reviews its estimates and judgments including those related to product returns, accounts receivable, inventories, warranty obligations, litigation and environmental reserves, pensions and income taxes. The Company bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various assumptions that it believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ materially from these estimates and judgments under different assumptions.

Information with respect to the Company's significant accounting policies and management judgments which the Company believes could have the most significant effect on the Company's reported results and require subjective or complex judgments by management is contained in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013, as filed with the SEC. The Company has not made any changes in estimates or judgments that have had a significant effect on the reported amounts.

Environmental Matters

The Company's policy is to conduct its businesses with due regard for the preservation and protection of the environment. The Company devotes significant resources and management attention to comply with environmental

laws and regulations. The Company's Consolidated Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2014 reflects reserves for environmental remediation of \$0.6 million. The Company's estimates are subject to change and actual results may materially differ from the Company's estimates. Management believes, on the basis of presently available information, that resolution of known environmental matters will not materially affect liquidity, capital resources or the consolidated financial condition of the Company.

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Employee Matters

At August 31, 2014, the Company employed approximately 2,300 employees at offices, plants and other facilities located principally throughout the United States, France, China, India and Thailand. Approximately 9.9% or 227 of the Company's employees are covered by collective bargaining agreements in the United States. In addition, certain of our foreign employees are also covered by collective bargaining agreements.

New Accounting Pronouncements

Please refer to Note A to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of accounting standards adopted in 2014 and accounting standards not yet adopted.

Forward-Looking Statements

This quarterly report on Form 10-Q includes descriptions of our business, operations, assets and other matters affecting the Company, as well as "forward-looking statements" as defined by federal securities laws. All forward-looking statements by the Company, including verbal statements, are intended to qualify for the protections afforded forward-looking statements under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements reflect management's current expectation, judgment, belief, assumption, estimate or forecast about future events, circumstances or results and may address business conditions and prospects, strategy, capital structure, debt and cash levels, sales, profits, earnings, markets, products, technology, operations, customers, raw materials, claims and litigation, financial condition, and accounting policies among other matters. Words such as, but not limited to, "will," "may," "should," "projects," "forecasts," "seeks," "believes," "expects," "anticipates," "estimates," "intends," "plans," "likely," "would," "could," "committed," and similar expressions or phrases identify forward-looking statements. All descriptions of our business, operations and assets, as well as all forward-looking statements, involve risks and uncertainties. Many risks and uncertainties are inherent in business generally and the markets in which the Company operates or proposes to operate. Other risks and uncertainties are more specific to the Company's businesses including businesses the Company acquires. There may be risks and uncertainties not currently known to us. The occurrence of risks and uncertainties and the impact of such occurrences is often not predictable or within the Company's control. Such impacts could adversely effect the Company's business, operations or assets as well as the Company's results and, in some cases, such effect could be material. Certain risk factors facing the Company are described below or elsewhere in this Form 10-Q.

All written and verbal descriptions of our business, operations and assets and all forward-looking statements attributable to the Company or any person acting on the Company's behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by the risks, uncertainties, and cautionary statements contained and referenced herein. All such descriptions and forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such description or statement is made, and the Company undertakes no obligation, and specifically declines any obligation, other than that imposed by law, to publicly update or revise any such descriptions or forward-looking statements whether as a result of additional information, future events or otherwise.

Risks and uncertainties that may adversely impact our business, operations, assets, or other matters affecting the Company, and which may cause actual results to differ materially from expected results include, among others: economic trends and conditions affecting the economy in general and/or the Company's end-use markets; prices and availability of raw materials including styrene, butadiene, vinyl acetate monomer, polyvinyl chloride, acrylonitrile, acrylics and textiles; ability to increase pricing to offset raw material cost increases; product substitution and/or demand destruction due to product technology, performance or cost disadvantages; high degree of customer concentration and potential loss of a significant customer; supplier, customer and/or competitor consolidation; customer credit and bankruptcy risk; failure to successfully develop and commercialize new products; a decrease in regional customer demand due to reduced in-region production or increased import competition; risks associated with international operations including political unrest, fluctuations in exchange rates, and regulatory uncertainty; failure to successfully implement productivity enhancement and cost reduction initiatives; risks associated with chemical handling and manufacturing including chemical exposure, releases and explosions; acts of war, terrorism, natural disasters or accidents, including fires, floods, explosions and releases of hazardous substances; unplanned full or partial suspension of plant operations; ability to comply, and cost of compliance with legislative and regulatory changes, including changes impacting environmental, health and safety compliance and changes which may restrict or

prohibit the Company from using or selling certain products and raw materials; losses from the Company's strategic alliance, joint venture, acquisition, integration and operational activities; rapid inflation in health care costs; loss of key employees and inability to attract and retain new key employees; prolonged work stoppage resulting from labor disputes with unionized workforce; changes in, and significant contributions required to meet pension plan funding obligations; attacks on and/or failure of the Company's information systems; infringement or loss of the Company's intellectual property; litigation and claims against the Company related to products, services, contracts, employment, environmental, safety, intellectual property and other matters; adverse litigation judgments or settlements; absence of or inadequacy of insurance coverage for litigation judgments, settlements or other losses; higher than expected capital expenditures;

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availability of financing at anticipated rates and terms; and loan covenant default arising from substantial debt and leverage and the inability to service that debt, including increases in applicable short-term or long-term borrowing rates.

For further information on risks and uncertainties, see the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013.

Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure About Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk from changes in interest rates on its long-term debt obligations. As described in Note K to the Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements, the Company's Term Loan Facility and non-domestic borrowings bear interest at various rates. Borrowings under the Term Loan and the Facility were \$192.5 million as of August 31, 2014. Non-U. S. borrowings with banks were \$1.5 million as of August 31, 2014. The weighted average effective interest rate of the Company's outstanding debt was 6.29% as of August 31, 2014. A hypothetical increase or decrease of 100 basis points would impact the Company's interest expense on its variable rate debt by approximately \$2.0 million annually. The Company does not enter into derivatives or other financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

The Company is subject to foreign currency exchange rate risk. The Company has an accumulated currency translation loss of \$4.5 million as of August 31, 2014, which is included in accumulated other comprehensive loss.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Controls and Procedures

Management of the Company, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) as of August 31, 2014 and based on this evaluation, has determined that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective as of such date. Other than described above, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended August 31, 2014 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Part II. Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

From time to time, the Company is subject to various claims, proceedings and lawsuits related to products, services, contracts, employment, environmental, safety, intellectual property and other matters. The ultimate resolution of such claims, proceedings, and lawsuits is inherently unpredictable and, as a result, the Company's estimates of liability, if any, are subject to change. Actual results may materially differ from the Company's estimates and an unfavorable resolution of any matter could have a material adverse effect on the financial condition, results of operations and/or cash flows of the Company. However, subject to the above and taking into account such amounts, if any, as are accrued from time to time on the Company's balance sheet, the Company does not believe, based on the information currently available to it, that the ultimate resolution of these matters will have a material effect on the consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows of the Company.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

There have been no material changes to the risk factors previously disclosed in Item 1A of the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended November 30, 2013. Those risk factors, in addition to the other information set forth in this report, could materially affect the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. Additional unrecognized risks and uncertainties may materially adversely affect the Company's consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flow.

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Item 6. Exhibits

a.) Exhibits

- 12.1 Ratio of Earnings to fixed charges.(x)
- 31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer.(x)
- 31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer.(x)
- 32.1 Section 1350 Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer.(x)
- 101 The following financial information from our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the third quarter of 2014, filed with the SEC on September 25, 2014, formatted in XBRL: (i) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2014; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three and nine months ended August 31, 2014; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Financial Position at August 31, 2014 and November 30, 2013; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the nine months ended August 31, 2014; and (v) the Notes to the Unaudited Interim Consolidated Financial Statements.

(x) Filed herewith.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements 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.

OMNOVA Solutions Inc.

Date: September 25, 2014

By /s/ Paul F. DeSantis
Paul F. DeSantis
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial
Officer
(Principal Financial Officer and Principal
Accounting Officer)

Date: September 25, 2014

By /s/ James C. LeMay
James C. LeMay
Senior Vice President, Corporate Development;
General Counsel (Duly Authorized Officer)

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12.1	Ratio of Earnings to fixed charges.
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