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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2016

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____.

Commission file number 1-34474

Century Aluminum Company

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

13-3070826

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

One South Wacker Drive

Suite 1000

60606

Chicago, Illinois

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (312) 696-3101

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

Yes No

The registrant had 87,075,587 shares of common stock outstanding at October 31, 2016.

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PART I – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements.

CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
NET SALES:				
Related parties	\$301,111	\$428,018	\$871,771	\$1,517,428
Third-party customers	32,539	26,522	107,487	48,514
Total net sales	333,650	454,540	979,258	1,565,942
Cost of goods sold	351,262	496,963	995,357	1,505,928
Gross profit (loss)	(17,612)	(42,423)	(16,099)	60,014
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9,733	11,566	29,303	33,549
Ravenswood charges	26,830	—	26,830	30,850
Other operating expense - net	878	1,537	2,337	6,217
Operating loss	(55,053)	(55,526)	(74,569)	(10,602)
Interest expense	(5,531)	(5,418)	(16,521)	(16,542)
Interest income	190	45	475	248
Net gain on forward and derivative contracts	1,275	285	2,998	1,204
Unrealized gain on fair value of contingent consideration	—	1,523	—	18,337
Other income (expense) - net	(157)	114	(462)	1,261
Loss before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	(59,276)	(58,977)	(88,079)	(6,094)
Income tax benefit (expense)	848	2,161	3,237	(12,205)
Loss before equity in earnings of joint ventures	(58,428)	(56,816)	(84,842)	(18,299)
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	155	704	891	2,069
Net loss	\$(58,273)	\$(56,112)	\$(83,951)	\$(16,230)
Net loss allocated to common stockholders	\$(58,273)	\$(56,112)	\$(83,951)	\$(16,230)
LOSS PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic and diluted	\$(0.67)	\$(0.65)	\$(0.96)	\$(0.19)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE COMMON SHARES OUTSTANDING:				
Basic and diluted	87,076	86,907	87,059	87,524

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Comprehensive loss:				
Net loss	\$(58,273)	\$(56,112)	\$(83,951)	\$(16,230)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect:				
Net loss on foreign currency cash flow hedges reclassified as income	(46)	(46)	(139)	(139)
Defined benefit plans and other postretirement benefits:				
Net gain (loss) arising during the period	—	(4,115)	—	12,145
Prior service benefit arising during the period	—	—	—	1,782
Amortization of prior service benefit during the period	(667)	(979)	(2,001)	(2,846)
Amortization of net loss during the period	1,919	1,899	5,758	6,022
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	1,206	(3,241)	3,618	16,964
Income tax effect	(382)	(383)	(1,147)	(1,148)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	824	(3,624)	2,471	15,816
Total comprehensive loss	\$(57,449)	\$(59,736)	\$(81,480)	\$(414)

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands)

(Unaudited)

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 117,593	\$ 115,393
Restricted cash	1,046	791
Accounts receivable - net	11,187	9,475
Due from affiliates	14,271	17,417
Inventories	233,288	231,872
Prepaid and other current assets	31,828	42,412
Assets held for sale	23,239	30,697
Total current assets	432,452	448,057
Property, plant and equipment - net	1,185,101	1,232,256
Other assets	71,163	72,155
TOTAL	\$ 1,688,716	\$ 1,752,468
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable, trade	\$ 85,314	\$ 90,489
Due to affiliates	13,105	10,045
Accrued and other current liabilities	59,382	48,822
Accrued employee benefits costs	9,284	10,148
Industrial revenue bonds	7,815	7,815
Total current liabilities	174,900	167,319
Senior notes payable	247,590	247,278
Accrued pension benefits costs - less current portion	42,433	43,999
Accrued postretirement benefits costs - less current portion	125,490	125,999
Other liabilities	72,330	53,009
Deferred taxes	88,449	96,994
Total noncurrent liabilities	576,292	567,279
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (NOTE 11)		
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
Preferred stock (Note 7)	1	1
Common stock (Note 7)	942	942
Additional paid-in capital	2,514,765	2,513,631
Treasury stock, at cost	(86,276)	(86,276)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(110,179)	(112,650)
Accumulated deficit	(1,381,729)	(1,297,778)
Total shareholders' equity	937,524	1,017,870
TOTAL	\$ 1,688,716	\$ 1,752,468

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CENTURY ALUMINUM COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(in thousands)
(Unaudited)

	Nine months ended September 30,	
	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net loss	\$(83,951)	\$(16,230)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Unrealized gain on fair value of contingent consideration	—	(18,337)
Unrealized gain on E.ON contingent obligation	(1,059)	(1,059)
Lower of cost or market inventory adjustment	1,499	31,013
Depreciation and amortization	63,306	55,815
Ravenswood impairment	3,830	30,850
Pension and other postretirement benefits	1,682	(298)
Deferred income taxes	(8,520)	1,215
Stock-based compensation	1,134	1,381
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	(891)	(2,069)
Change in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable - net	(1,712)	69,055
Due from affiliates	3,146	2,406
Inventories	(1,265)	(46,392)
Prepaid and other current assets	9,016	3,435
Accounts payable, trade	(5,028)	(43,485)
Due to affiliates	4,628	11,395
Accrued and other current liabilities	4,769	(8,418)
Pension contribution - Mt. Holly	—	(34,595)
Ravenswood retiree legal settlement	23,000	—
Other - net	1,998	(3,173)
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,582	32,509
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(13,127)	(47,595)
Purchase of remaining interest in Mt. Holly smelter	—	11,313
Restricted and other cash deposits	(255)	(141)
Net cash used in investing activities	(13,382)	(36,423)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities	900	1,414
Repayments under revolving credit facilities	(900)	(1,414)
Repurchase of common stock	—	(36,352)
Net cash used in financing activities	—	(36,352)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	2,200	(40,266)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	115,393	163,242
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$117,593	\$122,976

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Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

Three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

(amounts in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

(Unaudited)

1. General

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements of Century Aluminum Company should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. In management's opinion, the unaudited interim consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments, which are of a normal and recurring nature, that are necessary for a fair presentation of financial results for the interim periods presented. Operating results for the first nine months of 2016 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2016. Throughout this Form 10-Q, and unless expressly stated otherwise or as the context otherwise requires, "Century Aluminum," "Century," the "Company", "we," "us," "our" and "ours" refer to Century Aluminum Company and its consolidated subsidiaries.

2. Related party transactions

Our significant related party transactions occurring during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 are described below. We believe that all of the transactions with our related parties were at prices that approximate market.

Glencore ownership

As of September 30, 2016, Glencore plc and its affiliates (together "Glencore") owned 42.9% of Century's outstanding common stock and all of our outstanding Series A Convertible Preferred stock resulting in 47.5% ownership in Century Aluminum.

Sales to Glencore

We are party to an agreement with Glencore pursuant to which we agreed to sell, and Glencore agreed to purchase, substantially all of our primary aluminum production in North America for 2015 and 2016 on a take-or-pay basis at prices determined by reference to the Midwest Transaction Price plus additional negotiated product premiums. The current term of the agreement continues through December 31, 2016. In addition, we have agreed to sell approximately 24,500 tonnes of molten aluminum to Glencore during 2017 at prices based on the Midwest Transaction Price.

We sell primary aluminum produced at our Grundartangi, Iceland smelter ("Grundartangi") under a long-term sales contract through 2017 with Glencore at prices based on the London Metal Exchange ("LME") price for primary aluminum plus the European Duty Paid premium and any applicable product premiums. We also received tolling fees from Glencore under a tolling agreement that provided for delivery of primary aluminum produced at our Grundartangi facility through June 2016. The fee paid by Glencore under this tolling agreement was based on the LME price for primary aluminum plus a portion of the European Duty Paid premium.

Glencore purchases the aluminum we produce for resale.

Purchases from Glencore

We purchase alumina from Glencore under a long-term supply agreement and on a spot basis. Pursuant to our current agreement, Glencore has agreed to supply us with alumina through 2017 at prices indexed to the LME price of primary aluminum. In 2015 and 2016, upon mutual agreement, all of our purchases from Glencore under this agreement were priced based on a published alumina index.

Financial contracts with Glencore

During 2016, we entered into certain financial contracts with Glencore. Refer to Note 15 Derivative instruments to the consolidated financial statements included herein. Settlements of financial contracts with Glencore are not material to the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented.

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Transactions with Baise Haohai Carbon Co., Ltd. ("BHH")

We own a 40% stake in BHH, a joint venture that owns a carbon anode and cathode facility located in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of south China. We purchase carbon anodes from BHH. In the fourth quarter of 2015, we completed the construction of a second furnace at our carbon anode facility in Vlissingen, Netherlands. This investment increased our capacity to produce carbon anodes and significantly reduced the quantity of carbon anodes that we source from BHH. As a result, in the fourth quarter of 2015, we made the decision to pursue an exit from our investment in BHH and recorded an \$11,584 impairment loss.

Summary

A summary of the aforementioned significant related party transactions for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 is as follows:

	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net sales to Glencore	\$301,111	\$428,018	\$871,771	\$1,517,428
Purchases from Glencore	62,317	86,664	156,507	328,120
Purchases from BHH	2,568	13,515	7,666	41,768

3. Ravenswood impairment

On July 27, 2015, we announced the immediate and permanent closure of our Ravenswood, West Virginia aluminum smelter ("Ravenswood"). Ravenswood has been idled since February 2009. The decision to permanently close Ravenswood was based on the inability to secure a competitive power contract for the smelter, compounded by challenging aluminum market conditions largely driven by increased exports of aluminum from China.

At June 30, 2015, we recorded an impairment charge of \$30,850 related to Ravenswood. Based on a tentative agreement for the sale of the assets, we recorded an additional impairment charge of \$3,830, included in Ravenswood charges in the consolidated statements of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2016.

We classified the estimated salvage value of the property, plant and equipment within Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy as its fair value was determined based on recent comparable transactions with inputs that are not readily observable in the market.

4. Business acquisitions

Acquisition of Mt. Holly aluminum smelter

On October 23, 2014, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Berkeley Aluminum Inc. ("Berkeley") entered into a stock purchase agreement (the "Stock Purchase Agreement") with Alumax Inc. ("Alumax"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Alcoa Inc. ("Alcoa"), pursuant to which Berkeley acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of Alumax of South Carolina, Inc. ("Alumax of SC") and thereby acquired Alcoa's 50.3% stake in Mt. Holly. Berkeley had previously owned 49.7% of Mt. Holly. Immediately following the consummation of the transaction on December 1, 2014, Berkeley merged with and into Alumax of SC with Alumax of SC surviving and changing its name to Century Aluminum of South Carolina, Inc. ("CASC"). Following the consummation of the transaction, CASC owned 100% of Mt. Holly. Mt. Holly, located in Goose Creek, South Carolina, employed approximately 600 people and had an annual production capacity of 231,000 tonnes of primary aluminum as of the acquisition date.

Pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, Berkeley acquired all of the issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of Alumax of SC for \$67,500 in cash subject to a contingent earn-out payment, working capital and other similar adjustments. The acquisition was funded with available cash on hand.

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We accounted for this transaction as a step acquisition and this resulted in a non-cash pre-tax gain of \$15,955 at closing. Acquisition-related costs for Mt. Holly of \$1,539 were expensed to selling, general and administrative expenses in the period that they were incurred.

The following table summarizes all of the elements of purchase consideration for the transaction as of December 1, 2014.

Purchase price	\$67,500
Contingent consideration	13,780
Economic, working capital and other closing adjustments	(13,513)
Total consideration	\$67,767

We received payments from Alcoa of \$12,500 in settlement of the contingent consideration in March 2016, \$11,313 for economic and working capital adjustments in April 2015 and \$2,400 at closing which was primarily for post-employment benefits.

We recognized gains on contingent consideration of \$1,523 and \$18,337, respectively, during the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2015.

The total net cash consideration paid to Alcoa after final resolution of all post-closing adjustments, including the earn-out provision, was \$41,487.

5. Fair value measurements

The following section describes the valuation methodology used to measure our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value and are categorized based on the fair value hierarchy described in Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 820, "Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures."

Overview of Century's valuation methodology

	Level	Significant inputs
Cash equivalents	1	Quoted market prices
Trust assets (1)	1	Quoted market prices
Surety bonds	1	Quoted market prices
Forward sales contracts	2	Quoted LME forward market
Fixed for floating swaps	3	Quoted LME forward market, management's estimates of future U.S. Midwest premium
E.ON contingent obligation	3	Quoted LME forward market, management's estimates of the LME forward market prices for periods beyond the quoted periods and management's estimate of future level of operations
(1)		Trust assets are currently invested in money market funds. These trust assets are held to fund the non-qualified supplemental executive pension benefit obligations for certain of our officers. The trust has sole authority to invest the funds in secure interest producing investments consisting of short-term securities issued or guaranteed by the United States government or cash and cash equivalents.

Our fair value measurements include the consideration of market risks that other market participants might consider in pricing the particular asset or liability, specifically non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk. Considerations of the non-performance risk and counterparty credit risk are used to establish the appropriate risk-adjusted discount rates used in our fair value measurements.

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Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement requires judgment, and may affect the valuation of fair value assets and liabilities and the placement within the fair value hierarchy levels. There were no transfers between Level 1 and 2 during the periods presented. There were no transfers into or out of Level 3 during the periods presented. It is our policy to recognize transfers into and transfers out of Level 3 as of the date of the event or change in circumstances that caused the transfer.

The following table sets forth our financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis by the level of input within the ASC 820 fair value hierarchy.

	Recurring Fair Value Measurements As of September 30, 2016			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$104,730	\$—	\$—	\$104,730
Trust assets	3,664	—	—	3,664
Surety bonds	1,874	—	—	1,874
Derivative contracts	—	330	574	904
TOTAL	\$110,268	\$330	\$574	\$111,172

LIABILITIES:				
E.ON contingent obligation - net	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Derivative contracts	—	—	574	574
TOTAL	\$—	\$—	\$574	\$574

	Recurring Fair Value Measurements As of December 31, 2015			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
ASSETS:				
Cash equivalents	\$102,675	\$—	\$—	\$102,675
Trust assets	5,226	—	—	5,226
Surety bonds	1,870	—	—	1,870
TOTAL	\$109,771	\$—	\$—	\$109,771
LIABILITIES:				
E.ON contingent obligation - net	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
TOTAL	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—

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(Unaudited)

6. Earnings (loss) per share

Basic earnings (loss) per share ("EPS") amounts are calculated by dividing net income (loss) allocated to common stockholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted EPS amounts assume the issuance of common stock for all potentially dilutive common shares.

In periods when we report a net loss, all share-based compensation awards are excluded from the calculation of diluted weighted average shares outstanding because of their antidilutive effect on loss per share. In periods when we report net income, certain share-based compensation awards may be excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS if the exercise price was greater than the average market price of the underlying common stock.

The following table shows the basic and diluted earnings (loss) per share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015:

	For the three months ended September 30,					
	2016		2015			
	Loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share	Loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net loss	\$(58,273)			\$(56,112)		
Amount allocated to common stockholders	100.00	%		100.00	%	
Basic and diluted EPS:						
Net loss allocated to common stockholders	\$(58,273)	87,076	\$(0.67)	\$(56,112)	86,907	\$(0.65)

	For the nine months ended September 30,					
	2016		2015			
	Loss	Shares (000)	Per-Share	Income	Shares (000)	Per-Share
Net loss	\$(83,951)			\$(16,230)		
Amount allocated to common stockholders	100.00	%		100.00	%	
Basic and diluted EPS:						
Net loss allocated to common stockholders	\$(83,951)	87,059	\$(0.96)	\$(16,230)	87,524	\$(0.19)

Securities excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS:	Three months ended September 30,		Nine months ended September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Stock options	372,569	317,266	391,375	327,599
Service-based share awards	1,449,520	646,128	1,157,077	599,001

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(Unaudited)

7. Shareholders' equity

Common Stock

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, we had 195,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 cent par value per share, authorized under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation, of which 94,262,108 shares were issued and 87,075,587 shares were outstanding at September 30, 2016; 94,224,571 shares were issued and 87,038,050 shares were outstanding at December 31, 2015.

The rights, preferences and privileges of holders of our common stock are subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of shares of any series of our preferred stock which are currently outstanding, including our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, or which we may designate and issue in the future.

Stock Repurchase Program

In 2011, our Board of Directors approved a \$60,000 common stock repurchase program which was expanded in 2015 to \$130,000. Through December 31, 2015 we had repurchased 7,186,521 shares of common stock for an aggregate purchase price of \$86,276. We have made no share repurchases since April 2015 and we have \$43,724 remaining under the repurchase program authorization. The repurchase program may be expanded, suspended or discontinued by our Board, in its sole discretion, at any time.

Shares of common stock repurchased are recorded at cost as treasury stock and result in a reduction of shareholders' equity in the consolidated balance sheets. From time to time, treasury shares may be reissued and we use an average cost method for determining the cost for reissued treasury shares. The difference between the cost of the shares and the reissuance price is added to or deducted from additional paid-in capital.

Preferred Stock

As of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 we had 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 cent par value per share, authorized under our Restated Certificate of Incorporation. In 2008, we issued 160,000 shares of our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, all of which are held by Glencore, and at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, 76,378 and 76,539 shares were outstanding, respectively. The issuance of common stock under our stock incentive programs, debt exchange transactions and any stock offering that excludes Glencore participation triggers anti-dilution provisions of the preferred stock agreement and results in the automatic conversion of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock shares into shares of common stock. The conversion of preferred to common shares is 100 shares of common for each share of preferred stock. Our Series A Convertible Preferred Stock has a par value of \$0.01 per share.

Our Board of Directors may issue preferred stock in one or more series and determine for each series the dividend rights, conversion rights, voting rights, redemption rights, liquidation preferences, sinking fund terms and the number of shares constituting that series, as well as the designation thereof. Depending upon the terms of preferred stock established by our Board of Directors, any or all of the preferred stock could have preference over the common stock with respect to dividends and other distributions and upon the liquidation of Century. In addition, issuance of any shares of preferred stock with voting powers may dilute the voting power of the outstanding common stock.

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Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

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(Unaudited)

The Common and Preferred Stock Activity table below contains additional information about preferred stock conversions during the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015.

Common and Preferred Stock Activity: (in shares)	Preferred stock	Common stock
	Series A convertible	Treasury Outstanding
Beginning balance as of December 31, 2015	76,539	7,186,521 87,038,050
Conversion of convertible preferred stock	(161)	— 16,109
Issuance for share-based compensation plans	—	— 21,428
Ending balance as of September 30, 2016	76,378	7,186,521 87,075,587
Beginning balance as of December 31, 2014	78,141	4,786,521 89,064,582
Repurchase of common stock	—	2,400,000 (2,400,000)
Conversion of convertible preferred stock	(1,146)	— 114,524
Issuance for share-based compensation plans	—	— 152,597
Ending balance as of September 30, 2015	76,995	7,186,521 86,931,703

8. Income taxes

We recorded an income tax benefit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 of \$848 and \$3,237, respectively, which primarily consisted of foreign income taxes.

We recorded an income tax benefit for the three months ended September 30, 2015 of \$2,161 and income tax expense of \$12,205 for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 which primarily consisted of foreign and state income taxes.

Our income tax benefit or expense is based on an annual effective tax rate forecast, including estimates and assumptions that could change during the year. The application of the requirements for accounting for income taxes in interim periods, after consideration of our valuation allowance, causes a significant variation in the typical relationship between income tax expense and pretax accounting income.

As of September 30, 2016, all of Century's U.S. and certain foreign deferred tax assets, net of deferred tax liabilities, continue to be subject to a valuation allowance.

9. Inventories

Inventories consist of the following:

	September 30,	December 31,
	2016	2015
Raw materials	\$ 65,947	\$ 52,121
Work-in-process	32,679	34,025
Finished goods	20,052	15,988
Operating and other supplies	114,610	129,738
Total inventories	\$ 233,288	\$ 231,872

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out method.

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10. Debt

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Debt classified as current liabilities:		
Hancock County industrial revenue bonds ("IRBs") due 2028, interest payable quarterly (variable interest rates (not to exceed 12%)) (1)	\$ 7,815	\$ 7,815
Debt classified as non-current liabilities:		
7.5% senior secured notes due June 1, 2021, net of debt discount of \$2,410 and \$2,722, respectively, interest payable semiannually	247,590	247,278
Total	\$ 255,405	\$ 255,093

(1) The IRBs are classified as current liabilities because they are remarketed weekly and could be required to be repaid upon demand if there is a failed remarketing. The IRB interest rate at September 30, 2016 was 1.04%.

U.S. Revolving Credit Facility

We and certain of our direct and indirect domestic subsidiaries are party to a senior secured revolving credit facility, dated May 24, 2013, as amended, with a syndicate of lenders which provides for borrowings of up to \$150,000 in the aggregate, including up to \$110,000 under a letter of credit sub-facility (the "U.S. revolving credit facility"). Our U.S. revolving credit facility matures in June 2020. Any letters of credit issued and outstanding under the U.S. revolving credit facility reduce our borrowing availability on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The availability of funds under the U.S. revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of accounts receivable, inventory and qualified cash deposits of the borrowers which meet the eligibility criteria.

Status of our U.S. revolving credit facility:

	September 30, 2016
Credit facility maximum amount	\$ 150,000
Borrowing availability	88,385
Outstanding letters of credit issued	47,941
Outstanding borrowings	—
Borrowing availability, net of outstanding letters of credit and borrowings	40,444

Iceland Revolving Credit Facility

We have also entered into, through our wholly-owned subsidiary Nordural Grundartangi ehf, a \$50,000 revolving credit facility, dated November 27, 2013 (the "Iceland revolving credit facility"). The Iceland revolving credit facility expires on November 27, 2018. The availability of funds under the Iceland revolving credit facility is limited by a specified borrowing base consisting of inventory and accounts receivable of Grundartangi.

Status of our Iceland revolving credit facility:

	September 30, 2016
Credit facility maximum amount	\$ 50,000
Borrowing availability	50,000
Outstanding borrowings	—
Borrowing availability, net of borrowings	50,000

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7.5% Notes due 2021

General. On June 4, 2013, we issued \$250,000 of our 7.5% Notes due June 1, 2021 (the "2021 Notes") in a private offering exempt from the registration requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. The 2021 Notes were issued at a discount and bear interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum on the principal amount, payable semi-annually in arrears in cash on June 1st and December 1st of each year.

Fair Value. Fair value for our 2021 Notes was based on the latest trading data available and was \$230,783 and \$169,220, as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. Although we use quoted market prices for identical debt instruments, the markets on which they trade are not considered to be active and are therefore considered Level 2 fair value measurements.

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11. Commitments and contingencies

Environmental Contingencies

Based upon all available information, we believe our current environmental liabilities do not have, and are not likely to have, a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, because of the inherent uncertainties in estimating environmental liabilities primarily due to unknown facts and circumstances and changing governmental regulations and legal standards regarding liability, there can be no assurance that future capital expenditures and costs for environmental compliance at currently or formerly owned or operated properties will not result in liabilities that may have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. It is our policy to accrue for costs associated with environmental assessments and remedial efforts when it becomes probable that a liability has been incurred and the costs can be reasonably estimated. The aggregate environmental-related accrued liabilities were \$1,519 and \$1,112 at September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. All accrued amounts have been recorded without giving effect to any possible future recoveries. Costs for ongoing environmental compliance, including maintenance and monitoring are expensed as incurred.

In July 2006, we were named as a defendant, together with certain affiliates of Alcan Inc., in a lawsuit brought by Alcoa Inc. seeking to determine responsibility for certain environmental indemnity obligations related to the sale of a cast aluminum plate manufacturing facility located in Vernon, California, which we purchased from Alcoa Inc. in December 1998, and sold to Alcan Rolled Products-Ravenswood LLC in July 1999. The complaint also seeks costs and attorney fees. The matter was stayed by the court in 2008 to allow for the remediation of environmental areas at the site. On June 30, 2016 the court ordered the stay lifted and reopened the case. The matter is in a preliminary stage in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware, and we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of this action or estimate a range of possible losses related to this matter at this time.

Matters relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refining Facility

We are a party to a United States Environmental Protection Agency Administrative Order on Consent (the "Order") pursuant to which certain past and present owners of an alumina refining facility at St. Croix, Virgin Islands (the "St. Croix Alumina Refinery") have agreed to carry out a Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan to remove and manage hydrocarbons floating on groundwater underlying the facility. Pursuant to the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan, recovered hydrocarbons and groundwater are delivered to the adjacent petroleum refinery where they are received and managed. Through September 30, 2016, we have expended approximately \$1,085 on the Hydrocarbon Recovery Plan. At this time, we are not able to estimate the amount of any future potential payments under this indemnification to comply with the Order, but we do not anticipate that any such amounts will have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity, regardless of the final outcome.

In December 2010, Century was among several defendants named in a lawsuit filed by plaintiffs who either worked, resided or owned property in the area downwind from the St. Croix Alumina Refinery. In March 2011, Century was also named a defendant in a nearly identical suit brought by certain additional plaintiffs. The plaintiffs in both suits allege damages caused by the presence of red mud and other particulates coming from the alumina facility and are seeking unspecified monetary damages, costs and attorney fees as well as certain injunctive relief. We tendered indemnity and defense to St. Croix Alumina LLC and Alcoa Alumina & Chemical LLC under the terms of an acquisition agreement relating to the facility and have filed motions to dismiss plaintiffs' claims. In August 2015, the Superior Court of the Virgin Islands, Division of St. Croix denied the motions to dismiss but ordered all plaintiffs to refile individual complaints. At this time, it is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome of or to estimate a range of possible losses for any of the foregoing actions relating to the St. Croix Alumina Refinery.

Legal Contingencies

In addition to the foregoing matters, we have pending against us or may be subject to various lawsuits, claims and proceedings related primarily to employment, commercial, stockholder, safety and health matters. While the results of such litigation matters and claims cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such matters

will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. However, because of the nature and inherent uncertainties of litigation, should the outcome of these actions be unfavorable, our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity could be materially and adversely affected.

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In evaluating whether to accrue for losses associated with legal contingencies, it is our policy to take into consideration factors such as the facts and circumstances asserted, our historical experience with contingencies of a similar nature, the likelihood of our prevailing and the severity of any potential loss. For some matters, no accrual is established because we have assessed our risk of loss to be remote. Where the risk of loss is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated, we record an accrual, either on an individual basis or with respect to a group of matters involving similar claims, based on the factors set forth above.

When we have assessed that a loss associated with legal contingencies is reasonably possible, we determine if estimates of possible losses or ranges of possible losses are in excess of related accrued liabilities, if any. Based on current knowledge, management has ascertained estimates for losses that are reasonably possible and management does not believe that any reasonably possible outcomes in excess of our accruals, if any, either individually or in aggregate, would be material to our financial condition, results of operations or liquidity. We reevaluate and update our assessments and accruals as matters progress over time.

Ravenswood Retiree Medical Benefits changes

In November 2009, Century Aluminum of West Virginia ("CAWV") filed a class action complaint for declaratory judgment against the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union ("USW"), the USW's local and certain CAWV retirees, individually and as class representatives, seeking a declaration of CAWV's rights to modify/terminate retiree medical benefits. Later in November 2009, the USW and representatives of a retiree class filed a separate suit against CAWV, Century Aluminum Company, Century Aluminum Master Welfare Benefit Plan, and various John Does with respect to the foregoing.

As of the date of this filing, we believe we have reached a tentative agreement to settle these actions, subject to entering into a definitive written settlement agreement among the parties and obtaining court approval after notice to the class. For the quarter ended September 30, 2016, we recognized a \$23,000 liability in the consolidated balance sheets with a corresponding expense included in Ravenswood charges in the consolidated statements of operations associated with this settlement. The tentative agreement currently anticipates that a \$5,000 payment would be made upon the court's final approval of the settlement agreement and \$2,000 annually thereafter for nine years.

PBGC Settlement

In April 2013, we entered into a settlement agreement with the Pension Benefit Guarantee Corporation ("PBGC") regarding an alleged "cessation of operations" at our Ravenswood facility as a result of the curtailment of operations at the facility and, pursuant to the agreement, we agreed to make additional contributions (above any minimum required contributions) to our defined benefit pension plans totaling approximately \$17,400. The agreement permits us to defer payments during periods of lower primary aluminum prices relative to our cost of operations. We remeasure aluminum prices against our cost of operations on an annual basis based on our fourth quarter results. To the extent that we elect to defer one or more of these payments, we are required to provide the PBGC with acceptable security for any such deferred payments. We made contributions pursuant to this agreement of \$1,100 in March 2015 and \$6,700 in 2013. We did not make any contributions during 2014 and have not made any contributions through September 30, 2016. The remaining contributions under this agreement are approximately \$9,600.

Power Commitments and Contingencies

Hawesville

Hawesville has a power supply arrangement with Kenergy and EDF Trading North America, LLC ("EDF") which provides market-based power to the Hawesville smelter. Under this arrangement, the power companies purchase power on the open market and pass it through to Hawesville at Midcontinent Independent System Operator ("MISO") pricing plus transmission and other costs. The power supply arrangement with Kenergy has an effective term through December 2023. The arrangement with EDF to act as our market participant with MISO has an effective term through May 2017, extending year to year thereafter unless a one year notice is given.

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Sebree

Sebree has a power supply arrangement with Kenergy and EDF which provides market-based power to the Sebree smelter. Similar to the arrangement at Hawesville, the power companies purchase power on the open market and pass it through to Sebree at MISO pricing plus transmission and other costs. The power supply arrangement with Kenergy has an effective term through December 2023. The arrangement with EDF to act as our market participant with MISO has an effective term through May 2017, extending year to year thereafter unless a one year notice is given.

Mt. Holly

Mt. Holly has a power supply arrangement pursuant to which 25% of the Mt. Holly load is served from the South Carolina Public Service Authority's ("Santee Cooper") generation at a standard cost-based industrial rate and 75% of the Mt. Holly load is sourced from a third party supplier from generation that is outside Santee Cooper's service territory at market prices that are tied to natural gas prices. The agreement with Santee Cooper has a term through December 31, 2018. The current third party supply contract has a term through December 31, 2017. Both of these agreements may be terminated by Mt. Holly on 60 days' notice.

Grundartangi

Grundartangi has power purchase agreements for approximately 525 MW with HS Orka hf ("HS"), Landsvirkjun and Orkuveita Reykjavíkur ("OR") to provide power to its Grundartangi smelter. These power purchase agreements, which will expire on various dates from 2019 through 2036 (subject to extension), provide power at LME-based variable rates. Each power purchase agreement contains take-or-pay obligations with respect to a significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreement.

Grundartangi recently reached an agreement with Landsvirkjun for an extension of the 161MW power contract that would have expired in October 2019. Under the terms of the extension, Landsvirkjun will continue to supply 161MW of power to Grundartangi from November 1, 2019 through December 31, 2023. Under the terms of the extension, Grundartangi will continue to pay LME-based variable rates through October 2019 and will pay rates linked to the Nord Pool power market thereafter.

Helgúvík

Nordural Helgúvík ehf ("Helgúvík") has power purchase agreements with HS and OR to provide power to the Helgúvík project. These power purchase agreements provide power at LME-based variable rates and contain take-or-pay obligations with respect to a significant percentage of the total committed and available power under such agreements. The power purchase agreements contain certain conditions to HS's and OR's obligations. HS (with respect to all phases) and OR (with respect to all phases other than the first phase) have alleged that certain of these conditions have not been satisfied. The first stage of power under the OR power purchase agreement (approximately 47.5 MW) became available in the fourth quarter of 2011 and is currently being utilized at Grundartangi. In July 2014, HS commenced arbitration proceedings against Helgúvík seeking, among other things, an order declaring, (i) that the conditions to the power contract have not been fulfilled and, (ii) that the power contract is therefore no longer valid. Arbitration hearings were held in April 2016 but the arbitral tribunal has yet to issue its decision.

Other Commitments and Contingencies

Labor Commitments

The bargaining unit employees at our Grundartangi, Vlissingen, Hawesville, Sebree and Ravenswood facilities are represented by labor unions, representing 64% of our total workforce.

Approximately 84% of Grundartangi's work force is represented by five labor unions, governed by a labor agreement which is effective through December 31, 2019 that establishes wages and work rules for covered employees. 100% of Vlissingen's work force is represented by the Federation for the Metal and Electrical Industry ("FME") which negotiates working conditions with trade unions on behalf of its members. In March 2016, a new labor agreement was reached with the FME which is effective retroactively from May 1, 2015 to June 1, 2018.

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Approximately 53% of our U.S. based work force is represented by the USW. In June 2015, CAKY entered into a new collective bargaining agreement with the USW for its employees at the Hawesville smelter. The agreement is effective through April 1, 2020. Century Sebree, LLC has a collective bargaining agreement with the USW for its employees at the Sebree smelter that is effective through October 28, 2019. Our employees at Mt. Holly are not represented by a labor union.

12. Components of accumulated other comprehensive loss

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ (118,153)	\$ (121,910)
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(1,574)	(1,435)
Other comprehensive loss before income tax effect	(119,727)	(123,345)
Income tax effect (1)	9,548	10,695
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$ (110,179)	\$ (112,650)

(1) The allocation of the income tax effect to the components of other comprehensive loss is as follows:

	September 30, 2016	December 31, 2015
Defined benefit plan liabilities	\$ 10,071	\$ 11,243
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	(523)	(548)

The following table summarizes the changes in the accumulated balances for each component of accumulated other comprehensive loss ("AOCL"):

	Defined benefit plan and other postretirement liabilities	Unrealized loss on financial instruments	Total, net of tax
Balance, July 1, 2016	\$ (108,944)	\$ (2,059)	\$ (111,003)
Net amount reclassified to net loss	862	(38)	824
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ (108,082)	\$ (2,097)	\$ (110,179)
Balance, July 1, 2015	\$ (96,335)	\$ (1,907)	\$ (98,242)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications (1)	(4,114)	—	(4,114)
Net amount reclassified to net loss	529	(39)	490
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ (99,920)	\$ (1,946)	\$ (101,866)
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ (110,667)	\$ (1,983)	\$ (112,650)
Net amount reclassified to net loss	2,585	(114)	2,471
Balance, September 30, 2016	\$ (108,082)	\$ (2,097)	\$ (110,179)
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ (115,852)	\$ (1,830)	\$ (117,682)
Other comprehensive income before reclassifications (1)	13,928	—	13,928
Net amount reclassified to net income	2,004	(116)	1,888
Balance, September 30, 2015	\$ (99,920)	\$ (1,946)	\$ (101,866)

(1) The gain in other comprehensive income before reclassifications was due to a plan remeasurement related to labor negotiations, census and other actuarial adjustments.

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Reclassifications out of AOCL were included in the consolidated statements of operations as follows:

AOCL Components	Location	For the three		For the nine	
		months	ended	months	ended
		September	September	September	September
		30,	30,	30,	30,
		2016	2015	2016	2015
Defined benefit plan and other postretirement liabilities	Cost of goods sold	\$777	\$669	\$2,332	\$2,422
	Selling, general and administrative expenses	125	252	375	755
	Other operating expense, net	350	—	1,050	—
	Income tax expense	(390)	(392)	(1,172)	(1,173)
	Net of tax	\$862	\$529	\$2,585	\$2,004
Unrealized loss on financial instruments	Cost of goods sold	\$(46)	\$(47)	\$(139)	\$(140)
	Income tax benefit	8	8	25	24
	Net of tax	\$(38)	\$(39)	\$(114)	\$(116)

13. Components of net periodic benefit cost

	Pension Benefits			
	Three months		Nine months	
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost	\$1,270	\$2,074	\$3,810	\$5,287
Interest cost	3,478	3,348	10,440	10,003
Expected return on plan assets	(4,813)	(5,262)	(14,445)	(16,025)
Amortization of prior service costs	28	28	84	83
Amortization of net loss	1,041	1,025	3,125	3,049
Curtailment	—	377	—	365
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1,004	\$1,590	\$3,014	\$2,762

	Other Postretirement Benefits ("OPEB")			
	Three months		Nine months	
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,	September 30,
	2016	2015	2016	2015
Service cost	\$330	\$468	\$990	\$1,517
Interest cost	1,469	1,542	4,364	4,523
Amortization of prior service cost	(695)	(1,007)	(2,085)	(2,929)
Amortization of net loss	878	874	2,633	2,973
Net periodic benefit cost	\$1,982	\$1,877	\$5,902	\$6,084

Employer contributions

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we made contributions of \$1,338 to the qualified defined benefit and unqualified supplemental executive retirement benefit ("SERB") plans that we sponsor.

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14. Supplemental cash flow information

Nine months
ended
September 30,
2016 2015

Cash paid for:

Interest \$9,893 \$9,396

Income taxes 10,245 13,921

15. Derivative instruments

As a global producer of primary aluminum, our operating results and cash flows from operations are subject to risk of fluctuations in the market prices of primary aluminum. We enter into financial contracts from time to time to manage our exposure to such risk. As of September 30, 2016, we had entered into LME forward financial sales contracts with Glencore to fix the forward LME price of approximately 45,000 tonnes of primary aluminum (the "Forward Sales Contracts"). The Forward Sales Contracts settle monthly, on a ratable basis, through December 31, 2017. From time to time, we enter into financial contracts to offset fixed price sales arrangements with certain of our customers. As of September 30, 2016, we had entered into such arrangements with respect to approximately 8,200 tonnes of primary aluminum (the "fixed for floating swaps"). Fixed for floating swaps settle at various dates up to and including January 2018.

We record our financial contracts at fair value in prepaid and other current assets, due from/to affiliates, or other liabilities in the consolidated balance sheets. We value our derivative instruments using quoted market prices and other significant unobservable inputs. These derivatives are not designated as cash flow hedges. We recognize changes in fair value and settlements of these derivative instruments in net gain (loss) on forward and derivative contracts in the consolidated statements of operations as they occur.

Changes in fair value and settlements of these derivative instruments are not material to the consolidated financial statements for all periods presented.

16. Condensed consolidating financial information

Our 2021 Notes are guaranteed by each of our material existing and future domestic subsidiaries (The "Guarantor Subsidiaries"), except for Nordural US LLC and Century Aluminum Development LLC. The Guarantor Subsidiaries are 100% owned by Century. All guarantees are full and unconditional; all guarantees are joint and several. These notes are not guaranteed by our foreign subsidiaries (such foreign subsidiaries, Nordural US LLC and Century Aluminum Development LLC, collectively the "Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries"). We allocate corporate expenses or income to our subsidiaries and charge interest on certain intercompany balances.

The following summarized condensed consolidating statements of comprehensive income (loss) for three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, condensed consolidating balance sheets as of September 30, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and the condensed consolidating statements of cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2016 and 2015 present separate results for Century, the Guarantor Subsidiaries, the Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries, consolidating adjustments and total consolidated amounts. Although Century Aluminum West Virginia (which owns our curtailed Ravenswood smelter) has guaranteed our Notes due 2021, because we are in the process of selling substantially all of its assets, we have included its net assets, results of operations and cash flows in the columns under the caption Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries.

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For the three months ended September 30, 2016

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Related parties	\$—	\$ 170,947	\$ 152,449	\$ (22,285)	\$ 301,111
Third-party customers	—	32,795	11	(267)	32,539
Total net sales	—	203,742	152,460	(22,552)	333,650
Cost of goods sold	—	231,082	141,957	(21,777)	351,262
Gross profit (loss)	—	(27,340)	10,503	(775)	(17,612)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	9,517	—	216	—	9,733
Ravenswood charges	—	—	26,830	—	26,830
Other operating expense - net	—	—	878	—	878
Operating loss	(9,517)	(27,340)	(17,421)	(775)	(55,053)
Interest expense - third parties	(5,101)	(385)	(45)	—	(5,531)
Interest income (expense) - affiliates	9,947	2,059	(12,006)	—	—
Interest income - third parties	33	—	157	—	190
Net gain on forward and derivative contracts	—	1,275	—	—	1,275
Other income (expense) - net	48	14	(219)	—	(157)
Loss before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(4,590)	(24,377)	(29,534)	(775)	(59,276)
Income tax effect	(877)	—	1,725	—	848
Loss before equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(5,467)	(24,377)	(27,809)	(775)	(58,428)
Equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(52,806)	—	155	52,806	155
Net income (loss)	\$(58,273)	\$(24,377)	\$(27,654)	\$ 52,031	\$(58,273)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	1,206	777	303	(1,080)	1,206
Income tax effect	(382)	—	8	(8)	(382)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	824	777	311	(1,088)	824
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(57,449)	\$(23,600)	\$(27,343)	\$ 50,943	\$(57,449)

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the three months ended September 30, 2015

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Related parties	\$14,136	\$284,891	\$156,167	\$(27,176)	\$428,018
Third-party customers	—	26,728	18	(224)	26,522
Total net sales	14,136	311,619	156,185	(27,400)	454,540
Cost of goods sold	—	359,072	148,949	(11,058)	496,963
Gross profit (loss)	14,136	(47,453)	7,236	(16,342)	(42,423)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	10,375	59	1,132	—	11,566
Ravenswood charges	—	—	—	—	—
Other operating expense - net	—	—	1,537	—	1,537
Operating income (loss)	3,761	(47,512)	4,567	(16,342)	(55,526)
Interest expense - third parties	(4,980)	(391)	(47)	—	(5,418)
Interest income (expense) - affiliates	9,163	1,901	(11,064)	—	—
Interest income - third parties	15	—	30	—	45
Net gain (loss) on forward and derivative contracts	(177)	353	109	—	285
Unrealized gain on fair value of contingent consideration	—	1,523	—	—	1,523
Other income (expense) - net	164	92	(142)	—	114
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	7,946	(44,034)	(6,547)	(16,342)	(58,977)
Income tax effect	2,030	—	(32)	163	2,161
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	9,976	(44,034)	(6,579)	(16,179)	(56,816)
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	(66,088)	—	704	66,088	704
Net income (loss)	\$(56,112)	\$(44,034)	\$(5,875)	\$49,909	\$(56,112)
Other comprehensive income (loss) before income tax effect	(3,241)	212	(4,826)	4,614	(3,241)
Income tax effect	(383)	—	8	(8)	(383)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	(3,624)	212	(4,818)	4,606	(3,624)
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(59,736)	\$(43,822)	\$(10,693)	\$54,515	\$(59,736)

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Related parties	\$—	\$ 502,707	\$ 438,660	\$ (69,596)	\$ 871,771
Third-party customers	—	107,725	29	(267)	107,487
Total net sales	—	610,432	438,689	(69,863)	979,258
Cost of goods sold	—	653,258	411,651	(69,552)	995,357
Gross profit (loss)	—	(42,826)	27,038	(311)	(16,099)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	26,077	—	3,226	—	29,303
Ravenswood charges	—	—	26,830	—	26,830
Other operating expense - net	—	—	2,337	—	2,337
Operating loss	(26,077)	(42,826)	(5,355)	(311)	(74,569)
Interest expense - third parties	(15,236)	(1,150)	(135)	—	(16,521)
Interest income (expense) - affiliates	29,222	6,013	(35,235)	—	—
Interest income - third parties	108	9	358	—	475
Net gain on forward and derivative contracts	—	2,998	—	—	2,998
Other income (expense) - net	682	29	(1,173)	—	(462)
Loss before income taxes and equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(11,301)	(34,927)	(41,540)	(311)	(88,079)
Income tax effect	591	—	2,646	—	3,237
Loss before equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(10,710)	(34,927)	(38,894)	(311)	(84,842)
Equity in earnings (loss) of joint ventures	(73,241)	—	891	73,241	891
Net income (loss)	\$(83,951)	\$(34,927)	\$(38,003)	\$ 72,930	\$(83,951)
Other comprehensive income before income tax effect	3,618	2,332	910	(3,242)	3,618
Income tax effect	(1,147)	—	25	(25)	(1,147)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	2,471	2,332	935	(3,267)	2,471
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(81,480)	\$(32,595)	\$(37,068)	\$ 69,663	\$(81,480)

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Condensed Consolidating Statements of Comprehensive Income (Loss)

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
NET SALES:					
Related parties	\$ 14,136	\$ 1,052,963	\$ 491,946	\$ (41,617)	\$ 1,517,428
Third-party customers	—	48,702	36	(224)	48,514
Total net sales	14,136	1,101,665	491,982	(41,841)	1,565,942
Cost of goods sold	—	1,107,955	426,441	(28,468)	1,505,928
Gross profit	14,136	(6,290)	65,541	(13,373)	60,014
Selling, general and administrative expenses	30,743	(115)	2,921	—	33,549
Ravenswood charges	—	—	30,850	—	30,850
Other operating expense - net	—	—	6,217	—	6,217
Operating income (loss)	(16,607)	(6,175)	25,553	(13,373)	(10,602)
Interest expense - third parties	(15,217)	(1,186)	(139)	—	(16,542)
Interest income (expense) - affiliates	28,242	5,531	(33,773)	—	—
Interest income - third parties	48	4	196	—	248
Net gain on forward and derivative contracts	—	1,059	145	—	1,204
Unrealized gain on fair value of contingent consideration	—	18,337	—	—	18,337
Other income (expense) - net	1,083	(97)	2,005	(1,730)	1,261
Income (loss) before income taxes and equity in earnings of joint ventures	(2,451)	17,473	(6,013)	(15,103)	(6,094)
Income tax effect	(1,158)	—	(11,047)	—	(12,205)
Income (loss) before equity in earnings of joint ventures	(3,609)	17,473	(17,060)	(15,103)	(18,299)
Equity in earnings of joint ventures	(12,621)	—	2,069	12,621	2,069
Net income (loss)	\$(16,230)	\$17,473	\$ (14,991)	\$ (2,482)	\$(16,230)
Other comprehensive income before income tax effect	16,964	13,034	(2,866)	(10,168)	16,964
Income tax effect	(1,148)	—	25	(25)	(1,148)
Other comprehensive income (loss)	15,816	13,034	(2,841)	(10,193)	15,816
Total comprehensive income (loss)	\$(414)	\$30,507	\$ (17,832)	\$ (12,675)	\$(414)

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

As of September 30, 2016

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
Cash & cash equivalents	\$37,605	\$ (125)	\$ 80,113	\$—	\$ 117,593
Restricted cash	—	790	256	—	1,046
Accounts receivable - net	168	10,737	282	—	11,187
Due from affiliates	353	13,918	—	—	14,271
Inventories	180	138,287	97,658	(2,837)	233,288
Prepaid and other current assets	7,265	4,231	20,332	—	31,828
Assets held for sale	—	—	23,239	—	23,239
Total current assets	45,571	167,838	221,880	(2,837)	432,452
Property, plant and equipment - net	8,275	335,202	841,624	—	1,185,101
Investment in subsidiaries	523,942	—	—	(523,942)	—
Due from affiliates - less current portion	647,844	3,706	—	(651,550)	—
Other assets	28,513	18,272	16,960	7,418	71,163
TOTAL	\$1,254,145	\$ 525,018	\$ 1,080,464	\$(1,170,911)	\$1,688,716
Accounts payable, trade	\$1,431	\$ 49,749	\$ 34,134	\$—	\$ 85,314
Due to affiliates	574	8,679	787	3,065	13,105
Accrued and other current liabilities	17,929	16,459	24,994	—	59,382
Accrued employee benefits costs	1,066	7,558	660	—	9,284
Industrial revenue bonds	—	7,815	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	21,000	90,260	60,575	3,065	174,900
Senior notes payable	247,590	—	—	—	247,590
Accrued pension benefits costs cost - less current portion	39,048	(10,919)	14,304	—	42,433
Accrued postretirement benefits costs - less current portion	5,161	118,724	1,605	—	125,490
Other liabilities	3,298	32,143	29,471	7,418	72,330
Intercompany loan	—	27,995	628,931	(656,926)	—
Deferred taxes	—	—	88,449	—	88,449
Total noncurrent liabilities	295,097	167,943	762,760	(649,508)	576,292
Series A Preferred stock	1	—	—	—	1
Common stock	942	1	232,423	(232,424)	942
Additional paid-in capital	2,514,765	297,899	2,075,657	(2,373,556)	2,514,765
Treasury stock, at cost	(86,276)	—	—	—	(86,276)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,922)	(57,694)	(38,563)	—	(110,179)
Accumulated deficit	(1,477,462)	26,609	(2,012,388)	2,081,512	(1,381,729)
Total shareholder's equity	938,048	266,815	257,129	(524,468)	937,524
TOTAL	\$1,254,145	\$ 525,018	\$ 1,080,464	\$(1,170,911)	\$1,688,716

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Condensed Consolidating Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2015

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
Cash & cash equivalents	\$58,421	\$ (3,647)	\$ 60,619	\$—	\$ 115,393
Restricted cash	—	791	—	—	791
Accounts receivable - net	104	8,891	480	—	9,475
Due from affiliates	13	14,493	2,911	—	17,417
Inventories	180	148,280	85,937	(2,525)	231,872
Prepaid and other current assets	7,713	16,242	18,457	—	42,412
Assets held for sale	—	—	30,697	—	30,697
Total current assets	66,431	185,050	199,101	(2,525)	448,057
Property, plant and equipment - net	9,188	361,626	861,442	—	1,232,256
Investment in subsidiaries	593,604	—	—	(593,604)	—
Due from affiliates - less current portion	632,170	—	—	(632,170)	—
Other assets	29,536	19,153	16,047	7,419	72,155
TOTAL	\$1,330,929	\$ 565,829	\$ 1,076,590	\$(1,220,880)	\$ 1,752,468
Accounts payable, trade	\$2,380	\$ 53,145	\$ 34,964	\$—	\$ 90,489
Due to affiliates	2,143	7,167	735	—	10,045
Accrued and other current liabilities	11,247	14,759	22,816	—	48,822
Accrued employee benefits costs	1,824	7,644	680	—	10,148
Industrial revenue bonds	—	7,815	—	—	7,815
Total current liabilities	17,594	90,530	59,195	—	167,319
Senior notes payable	247,278	—	—	—	247,278
Accrued pension benefits costs cost - less current portion	39,831	(11,021)	15,189	—	43,999
Accrued postretirement benefits costs - less current portion	4,524	119,911	1,564	—	125,999
Other liabilities	3,307	30,505	11,779	7,418	53,009
Intercompany loan	—	124,518	509,652	(634,170)	—
Deferred taxes	—	—	96,994	—	96,994
Total noncurrent liabilities	294,940	263,913	635,178	(626,752)	567,279
Series A Preferred stock	1	—	—	—	1
Common stock	942	—	224,424	(224,424)	942
Additional paid-in capital	2,513,631	191,023	2,038,138	(2,229,161)	2,513,631
Treasury stock, at cost	(86,276)	—	—	—	(86,276)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(13,125)	(60,026)	(39,499)	—	(112,650)
Accumulated deficit	(1,396,778)	80,389	(1,840,846)	1,859,457	(1,297,778)
Total shareholder's equity	1,018,395	211,386	382,217	(594,128)	1,017,870
TOTAL	\$1,330,929	\$ 565,829	\$ 1,076,590	\$(1,220,880)	\$ 1,752,468

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the nine months ended September 30, 2016

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$(20,816)	\$ 23,044	\$ (2,631)	\$ 15,985	\$ 15,582
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	—	(4,252)	(8,875)	—	(13,127)
Restricted and other cash deposits	—	1	(256)	—	(255)
Net cash used in investing activities	—	(4,251)	(9,131)	—	(13,382)
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities	900	—	—	—	900
Repayments under revolving credit facilities	(900)	—	—	—	(900)
Intercompany transactions	—	(15,271)	31,256	(15,985)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	—	(15,271)	31,256	(15,985)	—
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(20,816)	3,522	19,494	—	2,200
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	58,421	(3,647)	60,619	—	115,393
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$37,605	\$ (125)	\$ 80,113	\$ —	\$ 117,593

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Condensed Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

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Condensed Consolidating Statement of Cash Flows

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015

	The Company	Combined Guarantor Subsidiaries	Combined Non-Guarantor Subsidiaries	Consolidating Adjustments	Total Consolidated
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 43,577	\$ 6,535	\$ (197,950)	\$ 180,347	\$ 32,509
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(3,513)	(23,555)	(20,087)	(440)	(47,595)
Purchase of remaining interest in Mt. Holly smelter	—	11,313	—	—	11,313
Restricted and other cash deposits	—	(155)	14	—	(141)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,513)	(12,397)	(20,073)	(440)	(36,423)
Borrowings under revolving credit facilities	1,414	—	—	—	1,414
Repayments under revolving credit facilities	(1,414)	—	—	—	(1,414)
Repurchase of common stock	(36,352)	—	—	—	(36,352)
Intercompany transactions	—	6,433	173,474	(179,907)	—
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(36,352)	6,433	173,474	(179,907)	(36,352)
CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	3,712	571	(44,549)	—	(40,266)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	70,683	(1,187)	93,746	—	163,242
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 74,395	\$ (616)	\$ 49,197	\$ —	\$ 122,976

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This quarterly report includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, which are subject to the "safe harbor" created by section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), as amended.

Forward-looking statements are statements about future events and are based on our current expectations. These forward-looking statements may be identified by the words "believe," "expect," "target," "anticipate," "intend," "plan," "seek," "estimate," "potential," "project," "scheduled," "forecast" or words of similar meaning, or future or conditional verbs such as "will," "would," "should," "could," "might," or "may."

Forward-looking statements in this quarterly report and in our other reports filed with the Securities Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), for example, may include statements regarding:

- Future global and local financial and economic conditions;
- Our assessment of the aluminum market and aluminum prices (including premiums);
- The future financial and operating performance of the Company, its subsidiaries and its projects;
- Future earnings, operating results and liquidity;
- Future inventory, production, sales, cash costs and capital expenditures;
- Future impairment charges or restructuring costs;
- Our business objectives, plans, strategies and initiatives, including our ability to achieve productivity improvements or cost reductions;
- Our plans and expectations with respect to the sale of assets related to our Ravenswood, West Virginia smelter, and the curtailment and/or future operation of our other domestic assets, including our Hawesville, Mt. Holly and Sebree smelters;
- Our ability to procure alumina, carbon products and other raw materials and our assessment of pricing and costs and other terms relating thereto;
- Access to existing or future financing arrangements;
- Our ability to repay debt in the future, including the E.ON contingent obligation;
- Estimates of our pension and other postretirement liabilities and future payments, property plant and equipment impairment, environmental liabilities and other contingent liabilities and contractual commitments;
- Our ability to successfully manage transmission issues and wholesale market power price risk and to control or reduce power costs;
- Our assessment of power pricing and our ability to successfully obtain and/or implement long-term competitive power arrangements for our operations and projects;
- Our ability to successfully produce value-added products at our smelters;
- Future construction investment and development, including the Helguvik Project and our expansion project at Grundartangi, including our ability to secure sufficient amounts of power, future capital expenditures, the costs of completion or cancellation, timing, production capacity and sources of funding;
- Our ability to derive benefits from acquisitions, and to successfully integrate these operations with the rest of our business;
- The anticipated impact of recent accounting pronouncements or changes in accounting principles;
- Our anticipated tax liabilities, benefits or refunds including the realization of U.S. and certain foreign deferred tax assets;
- Our assessment of the ultimate outcome of outstanding litigation and environmental matters and liabilities relating thereto; and
- The effect of future laws and regulations.

Where we express an expectation or belief as to future events or results, such expectation or belief is expressed in good faith and believed to have a reasonable basis. However, our forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from future results expressed, projected or implied by those forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual results and events to differ from those described in such forward-looking statements can be

found in the risk factors and forward-looking statements cautionary language contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and in other filings made with the SEC. Although we have attempted to identify those material factors that could cause actual results or events to differ from those described in such forward-looking statements, there may be other factors that could cause results or events to differ from those anticipated, estimated or intended. Many of these factors are beyond our ability to control or predict. Given these uncertainties, the reader is cautioned not to place undue reliance on our forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

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

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") provides information that management believes is relevant to an assessment and understanding of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Century Aluminum Company and its subsidiaries (collectively, "Century," the "Company," "our" and "we") and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto. This MD&A contains "forward-looking statements" - see "Forward-Looking Statements" above.

Overview

We are a global producer of primary aluminum with aluminum reduction facilities, or "smelters," in the United States and Iceland. The key determinants of our results of operations and cash flow from operations are as follows:

- the price of primary aluminum, which is based on the LME, or other exchanges, regional delivery premiums and any value-added product premiums;
- the cost of goods sold, the principal components of which are electrical power, alumina, carbon products and labor, which in aggregate exceed 75% of our cost of goods sold; and
- our production volume.

Results of Operations

The following discussion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016 reflects the operations at Hawesville and Mt. Holly running at approximately 40% and 50% of full capacity, respectively.

	Three months ended		Nine months ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
NET SALES:				
Related parties	\$301,111	\$428,018	\$871,771	\$1,517,428
Third-party customers	32,539	26,522	107,487	48,514
Total net sales	\$333,650	\$454,540	\$979,258	\$1,565,942
Gross profit (loss)	\$(17,612)	\$(42,423)	\$(16,099)	\$60,014
Net loss	\$(58,273)	\$(56,112)	\$(83,951)	\$(16,230)
LOSS PER COMMON SHARE:				
Basic and diluted	\$(0.67)	\$(0.65)	\$(0.96)	\$(0.19)

SHIPMENTS - PRIMARY ALUMINUM

	Direct (1) United States		Iceland		Toll Iceland	
	Tonnes	Sales \$ (000)	Tonnes	Sales \$ (000)	Tonnes	Sales \$ (000)
2016						
3rd Quarter	106,890	\$201,973	75,539	\$130,177	—	\$—
2nd Quarter	106,974	204,173	54,968	92,707	23,625	27,944
1st Quarter	105,089	194,826	55,030	92,151	22,500	26,115
Total	318,953	\$600,972	185,537	\$315,035	46,125	\$54,059

2015

3rd Quarter	149,187	\$304,948	60,939	\$116,919	20,914	\$26,226
2nd Quarter	157,373	371,898	50,056	110,083	26,521	37,858
1st Quarter	169,306	421,141	45,967	112,662	29,985	46,617
Total	475,866	\$1,097,987	156,962	\$339,664	77,420	\$110,701

(1)Excludes scrap aluminum sales.

Net sales (in millions)	2016	2015	\$ Difference	% Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$333.7	\$454.5	\$ (120.8)	(26.6)%
Nine months ended September 30,	\$979.3	\$1,565.9	\$ (586.6)	(37.5)%

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, lower shipment volumes resulting from production curtailments announced in 2015 partially offset by the shift from toll to direct sales at Grundartangi had a negative sales impact of \$88.5 million while lower price realization had a negative impact on net sales of \$32.3 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, lower shipment volumes resulting from production curtailments announced in 2015 partially offset by the shift from toll to direct sales at Grundartangi in the third quarter of 2016 had a negative sales impact of \$350.7 million while lower price realization had a negative impact on net sales of \$235.9 million.

Gross profit (loss) (in millions)	2016	2015	\$ Difference	% Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$(17.6)	\$(42.4)	\$ 24.8	(58.5)%
Nine months ended September 30,	\$(16.1)	\$60.0	\$ (76.1)	(126.8)%

During the three months ended September 30, 2016, the improvement in gross profit was primarily due to favorable alumina pricing of \$35.7 million and favorable plant operating results of \$26.7 million partially offset by lower price realization of \$32.3 million and unfavorable power prices of \$8.2 million.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, gross profit decreased primarily due to lower price realization of \$236.0 million, lower shipment volume of \$19.0 million and increased depreciation expense of \$5.6 million. These factors were partially offset by favorable alumina pricing of \$98.1 million, favorable power prices of \$13.1 million, favorable plant operating results of \$30.7 million and the impact of the labor disruption at Hawesville in 2015 of \$13.1 million.

Due to the nature of our business, our inventory values are subject to market price changes and these changes can have a significant impact on cost of goods sold and gross profit in any period. On average, our inventory turns eight times within a year and reductions in net realizable value below cost basis at the end of a period will have an impact on our cost of goods sold as this inventory is sold in subsequent periods.

As of September 30, 2016 the market value of our inventory was below its cost basis and we recorded a lower of cost or market ("LCM") valuation adjustment of \$2.4 million as a charge to cost of goods sold for the three months ended September 30, 2016. During the nine months ended September 30, 2016, we recorded an LCM valuation adjustment of \$1.5 million as a charge to costs of goods sold. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recorded an LCM valuation adjustment and a charge to cost of goods sold of \$5.3 million and \$31.0 million, respectively. The net impact of those market valuation adjustments on the 2016 and 2015 comparative results is an increase in gross profit of \$2.9 million for the three month period and an increase in gross profit of \$29.5 million for the nine month period.

Selling, general and administrative expenses (in millions)	2016	2015	\$	%
			Difference	Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$9.7	\$11.6	\$ (1.9)	(16.4)%
Nine months ended September 30,	\$29.3	\$33.5	\$ (4.2)	(12.5)%

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2016, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased compared to the same period last year primarily due to decreases in headcount and associated employee benefits.

Ravenswood charges (in millions)	2016	2015	\$	%
			Difference	Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$26.8	\$—	\$ 26.8	N/A
Nine months ended September 30,	\$26.8	\$30.9	\$ (4.1)	(13.3)%

At June 30, 2015, we recorded an impairment charge of \$30.9 million related to Ravenswood. At September 30, 2016, we recorded an additional impairment charge of \$3.8 million and a \$23.0 million charge related to a tentative agreement to settle the Ravenswood retiree medical class action lawsuit. See [Note 3 Ravenswood impairment](#) and [Note 11 Commitments and contingencies](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein for additional information.

Unrealized gain on fair value of contingent consideration (in millions)	2016	2015	\$	%
			Difference	Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$	-\$1.5	\$ (1.5)	(100.0)%
Nine months ended September 30,	\$	-\$18.3	\$ (18.3)	(100.0)%

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015, we recorded unrealized gains of \$1.5 and \$18.3 million, respectively, on the fair value of contingent consideration related to our acquisition of Mt. Holly. The contingent consideration was settled in March 2016 resulting in Alcoa paying us \$12.5 million. See [Note 4 Business acquisitions](#) to the consolidated financial statements included herein for additional information.

Income tax benefit (expense) (in millions)	2016	2015	\$	%
			Difference	Difference
Three months ended September 30,	\$0.8	\$2.2		