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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

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: 001-35629

TILE SHOP HOLDINGS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

45-5538095

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14000 Carlson Parkway

55441

Plymouth, Minnesota

(Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

(763) 852-2988

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) 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

As of July 31, 2015, there were 51,320,463 shares of the registrant's common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, outstanding.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries**

Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets

(dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

	June 30, 2015 (unaudited)	December 31, 2014 (audited)
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,829	\$ 5,759
Trade receivables, net	2,261	1,712
Inventories	64,590	68,857
Income tax receivable	667	4,937
Deferred tax and other current assets	7,617	7,268
Total Current Assets	87,964	88,533
Property, plant and equipment, net	134,805	139,294
Deferred tax and other assets	26,865	24,363
Total Assets	\$ 249,634	\$ 252,190
Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,804	\$ 13,759
Income tax payable	4,290	-
Other accrued liabilities	22,161	18,393
Total Current Liabilities	42,255	32,152
Long-term debt, net	63,805	88,525
Capital lease obligation, net	838	890
Deferred rent	34,793	33,163
Other long-term liabilities	3,429	3,765
Total Liabilities	145,120	158,495
Stockholders' Equity:		
Common stock, par value \$0.0001; authorized: 100,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 51,316,713 and 51,314,005 shares, respectively	5	5
Preferred stock, par value \$0.0001; authorized: 10,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding: 0 shares	-	-
Additional paid-in-capital	177,040	174,371
Accumulated deficit	(72,532)	(80,681)

Accumulated other comprehensive income	1	-
Total Stockholders' Equity	104,514	93,695
Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity	\$ 249,634	\$ 252,190

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,		
	2015	2014	2015	2014	
Net sales	\$75,706	\$66,665	\$148,669	\$131,044	
Cost of sales	24,413	20,163	46,405	39,609	
Gross profit	51,293	46,502	102,264	91,435	
Selling, general and administrative expenses	42,855	39,382	86,631	77,355	
Income from operations	8,438	7,120	15,633	14,080	
Interest expense	795	735	1,598	1,445	
Other income (expense)	34	(4) 63	(72)
Income before income taxes	7,677	6,381	14,098	12,563	
Provision for income taxes	3,187	2,553	5,949	5,025	
Net income	\$4,490	\$3,828	\$8,149	\$7,538	
Income per common share:					
Basic	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.16	\$0.15	
Diluted	\$0.09	\$0.07	\$0.16	\$0.15	
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	51,125,985	51,003,063	51,125,605	51,001,589	
Diluted	51,388,602	51,323,770	51,212,955	51,361,967	

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

(dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net earnings	\$4,490	\$3,828	\$8,149	\$7,538
Other comprehensive income, net of tax				
Currency translation adjustment	1	-	1	-
Other comprehensive income	1	-	1	-
Comprehensive income	\$4,491	\$3,828	\$8,150	\$7,538

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity (Deficit)

(dollars in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	Common stock		Additional paid-in- capital	Treasury units	Retained earnings (deficit)	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Total
	Shares	Amount					
Balance at December 31, 2013	51,229,720	\$ 5	\$ 169,719	\$ -	\$(91,228)	\$ -	\$78,496
Issuance of restricted shares	76,066	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock based compensation	-	-	4,617	-	-	-	4,617
Stock option exercises	8,219	-	35	-	-	-	35
Net income	-	-	-	-	10,547	-	10,547
Balance at December 31, 2014	51,314,005	\$ 5	\$ 174,371	\$ -	\$(80,681)	\$ -	\$93,695
Issuance of restricted shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stock based compensation	-	-	2,642	-	-	-	2,642
Stock option exercises	2,708	-	27	-	-	-	27
Foreign currency translation adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Net income	-	-	-	-	8,149	-	8,149
Balance at June 30, 2015	51,316,713	\$ 5	\$ 177,040	\$ -	\$(72,532)	\$ 1	\$104,514

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

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Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows

(dollars in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Net income	\$8,149	\$7,538
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Amortization of debt issuance costs	168	101
Debt issuance cost writeoff	194	-
Depreciation and amortization	11,093	9,226
Loss on disposals of property, plant and equipment	49	135
Deferred rent	1,629	4,599
Stock based compensation	2,642	2,626
Deferred income taxes	(2,165)	-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Trade receivables	(549)	(806)
Inventories	4,267	8,175
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(465)	729
Accounts payable	2,645	(9,896)
Income tax receivable/ payable	8,560	3,499
Accrued expenses and other liabilities	2,573	185
Net cash provided by operating activities	38,790	26,111
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Proceeds from cash surrender value of life insurance policy	-	677
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(7,597)	(25,434)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	9	212
Net cash used in investing activities	(7,588)	(24,545)
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Release of restricted cash	-	754
Payments of long-term debt and capital lease obligations	(28,424)	(13,531)
Advances on line of credit	5,250	13,000
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	19	5
Debt issuance costs	(968)	-
Security deposits	(10)	(29)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(24,133)	199
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	1	-

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Net change in cash	7,070	1,765
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of period	5,759	1,761
Cash and cash equivalents end of period	\$12,829	\$3,526

Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information

	2015	2014
Purchases of property, plant and equipment included in accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$250	\$1,976
Cash paid for interest	1,807	1,427
Cash (received) paid for income taxes	(2,611)	1,526

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. and Subsidiaries

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

Note 1: Background

The Tile Shop, LLC (“The Tile Shop”) was formed on December 30, 2002, as a Delaware limited liability company and began operations on January 1, 2003. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. (“Holdings,” and together with its wholly owned subsidiaries, the “Company”) was incorporated under the laws of the state of Delaware in June 2012 to become the parent company of The Tile Shop, LLC.

The Company is engaged in the sale of tile, stone, glass, and other flooring products. The Company also manufactures setting and maintenance materials in Michigan, Virginia, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. The Company’s primary market is retail sales to consumers, contractors, designers and small home builders. As of June 30, 2015, the Company had 110 stores in 31 states and an on-line retail operation. The Company also has distribution centers located in Michigan, Virginia, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. The Company has a sourcing operation located in China.

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information and with the rules and regulations for reporting on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, they do not include certain information and disclosures required for comprehensive financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included and are of a normal recurring nature, including the elimination of all intercompany transactions. Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

These statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and footnotes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The accounting policies used in preparing these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements are the same as those described in Note 1 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in such Form 10-K.

Note 2: Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (determined on the weighted average cost method) or market. Inventories consist primarily of merchandise held for sale. Inventories were comprised of the following as of June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014:

	(in thousands)	
	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Finished goods	\$53,380	\$ 58,323
Raw materials	2,571	2,356
Finished goods in transit	8,639	8,178
Total	\$64,590	\$ 68,857

The Company records provisions for losses related to shrinkage and other amounts that are otherwise not expected to be fully recoverable.

Note 3: Income taxes:

The Company's effective tax rate on net income before income taxes for the three month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was 41.5% and 40.0%, respectively. For the three month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$3.2 million and \$2.6 million, respectively. The effective tax rate during the three month period ended June 30, 2015 was higher due to the impact of state tax rate changes on the Company's deferred tax balances, which resulted in an unfavorable adjustment to tax expense.

The Company's effective tax rate on net income before income taxes for the six month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was 42.2% and 40.0%, respectively. For the six month periods ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded a provision for income taxes of \$5.9 million and \$5.0 million, respectively. The effective tax rate during the six month period ended June 30, 2015 was higher due to the impact of state tax rate changes on the Company's deferred tax balances, which resulted in an unfavorable adjustment to tax expense.

The Company records interest and penalties relating to uncertain tax positions in income tax expense. As of June 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company has not recognized any liabilities for uncertain tax positions nor have interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions been accrued.

Note 4: Earnings Per Share:

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding, after taking into consideration all dilutive potential shares outstanding during the period.

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Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(unaudited)

Basic and diluted earnings per share were calculated as follows:

	(dollars in thousands) For the three months Ended June 30,		(dollars in thousands) For the six months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$4,490	\$3,828	\$8,149	\$7,538
Weighted average basic shares outstanding	51,125,985	51,003,063	51,125,605	51,001,589
Effect of diluted securities attributable to stock based awards	262,617	320,707	87,350	360,378
Weighted average diluted shares outstanding	51,388,602	51,323,770	51,212,955	51,361,967
Income per common share:				
Basic	\$0.09	\$0.08	\$0.16	\$0.15
Dilutive	\$0.09	\$0.07	\$0.16	\$0.15
Anti-dilutive securities excluded from EPS calculation	761,401	920,118	1,056,177	875,620

Note 5: Other Accrued Liabilities

Other accrued liabilities consisted of the following:

	(in thousands)	
	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Customer deposits	\$6,261	\$5,038
Accrued wages and salaries	4,040	3,209
Current portion of debt and capital lease obligation	5,252	3,850
Sales return reserve	3,575	3,292
Taxes/other	3,032	2,600
Interest payable	1	404
Total accrued liabilities	\$22,161	\$18,393

Note 6: Long-term Debt

On June 2, 2015, the Company and its operating subsidiary, The Tile Shop, LLC, entered into a credit agreement with Fifth Third Bank, Bank of America, N.A., and Huntington National Bank (the “Credit Agreement”). The Credit Agreement provides the Company with a \$125.0 million senior secured credit facility, comprised of a five-year \$50.0 million term loan and a \$75.0 million revolving line of credit. The Credit Agreement is secured by virtually all of the assets of the Company, including but not limited to, inventory, receivables, equipment and real property. Borrowings pursuant to the Credit Agreement bear interest at either a base rate or a LIBOR-based rate, at the option of the Company. The LIBOR-based rate will range from LIBOR plus 1.50% to 2.00%, depending on The Tile Shop’s leverage ratio. The base rate is equal to the greatest of: (a) the Federal funds rate plus 0.50%, (b) the Fifth Third Bank “prime rate,” and (c) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.00%, in each case plus 0.50% to 1.00% depending on The Tile Shop’s leverage ratio. At June 30, 2015 the base interest rate was 4.00% and the LIBOR-based interest rate was 1.94%. Borrowings outstanding consisted of \$18.0 million on the revolving line of credit and \$50.0 million on the term loan as of June 30, 2015. Additional borrowings pursuant to the Credit Agreement may be used to support the Company’s growth and for working capital purposes. The Company incurred \$1.0 million of debt issuance costs in connection with the Credit Agreement. These costs were capitalized as other current and other noncurrent assets that will be amortized over the five-year life of the credit agreement. The term loan requires quarterly principal payments as follows (in thousands):

Period

September 30, 2015 to June 30, 2017	\$1,250
September 30, 2017 to June 30, 2018	1,875
September 30, 2018 to March 31, 2020	2,500

The Credit Agreement contains customary events of default, conditions to borrowings, and restrictive covenants, including restrictions on the Company’s ability to dispose of assets, make acquisitions, incur additional debt, incur liens, make investments, or enter into transactions with affiliates on other than terms that could be obtained in an arm’s length transaction. The Credit Agreement also includes financial and other covenants including covenants to maintain certain fixed charge coverage ratios and rent adjusted leverage ratios. In addition, except with respect to pro rata payments made by The Tile Shop or other subsidiaries to the Company or any other equity owner of such entity, the Credit Agreement prohibits the payments of cash dividends. The Company was in compliance with the covenants as of June 30, 2015.

The Credit Agreement superseded and replaced in its entirety the Company’s senior secured credit facility with Bank of America, N.A. dated October 3, 2012, as amended on April 30, 2013, July 8, 2013, March 26, 2014 and September 29, 2014. The Company used the \$50.0 million term loan and \$23.0 million drawn on the line of credit pursuant to the Credit Agreement to refinance all of the existing indebtedness outstanding under the Company’s prior credit facility in the amount of approximately \$73.0 million, which consisted of \$72.8 million in unpaid principal and approximately \$0.2 million in accrued and unpaid interest and fees. The Company also recorded a \$0.2 million charge in interest expense to write-off of the unamortized deferred financing fees associated with the October 3, 2012 credit facility as of the date of the termination.

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Note 7: Fair Value of Financial Instruments

These condensed consolidated financial statements include the following financial instruments: cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, accounts payable, accrued expenses, capital leases, notes payable, and debt. At June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, trade receivables, accounts payable and accrued expenses approximated their fair values due to their short-term maturities. The carrying value of the Company's borrowings and capital lease obligation approximates fair value based upon the market interest rates available to the Company for debt and capital lease obligations with similar risk and maturities.

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal or most advantageous market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants on the measurement date. To measure fair value, the Company uses a three-tier valuation hierarchy based upon observable and non-observable inputs:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices that are available in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level 2 – Significant other observable inputs available at the measurement date, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, either directly or indirectly, including:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.

Level 3 – Significant unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

Note 8: Equity Incentive Plans

Stock options:

The Company measures and recognizes compensation expense for all stock-based awards at fair value. The financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 include compensation cost for the portion of outstanding awards that vested during those periods. The Company recognizes stock based compensation costs on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award, which is generally the option vesting term. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 total stock based compensation expense related to stock options was \$0.9 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 total stock based compensation expense related to stock options was \$0.8 million and \$1.8 million, respectively. Stock based compensation is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had 2,672,500 outstanding stock options at a weighted average exercise price of \$12.88.

Restricted stock:

The Company awards restricted common shares to selected employees, and non-employee directors. Recipients are not required to provide any consideration other than continued service. Company share awards are subject to certain restrictions on transfer, and all or part of the shares awarded may be subject to forfeiture upon the occurrence of certain events, including employment termination. The restricted stock is valued at its grant date fair value and expensed over the requisite service period or the vesting term of the awards. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 total stock based compensation expense related to restricted stock was \$0.5 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 total stock based compensation expense related to restricted stock was \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively. Stock based compensation is included in selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying condensed consolidated statements of income.

As of June 30, 2015, the Company had 189,235 outstanding restricted common shares.

Note 9: New Market Tax Credit

In July 2013 the Company entered into a financing transaction with Chase Community Equity or “Chase,” and U.S. Bank Community, LLC or “U.S. Bank”, collectively the “investors” related to a \$19.1 million acquisition, rehabilitation and construction of our new distribution and manufacturing center in Durant, Oklahoma. The investors made a capital contribution to, and Tile Shop Lending made a loan to Chase New Market Tax Credit, The Tile Shop of Oklahoma Investment Fund, LLC, and The Tile Shop Investment Fund LLC, or the “Investment Funds,” under a qualified New Markets Tax Credit, or “NMTC,” program. The NMTC program was provided for in the Community Renewal Tax Relief Act of 2000, or the “Act,” and is intended to induce capital investment in qualified lower income communities. The Act permits taxpayers to claim credits against their Federal income taxes for up to 39% of qualified investments in the equity of community development entities, or “CDEs.” CDEs are privately managed investment institutions that are certified to make qualified low-income community investments, or “QLICIs.”

In July 2013 Tile Shop Lending loaned \$13.5 million to the Investment Funds at an interest rate of 1.35% per year and with a maturity of September 30, 2043. The Investment Funds then contributed the loan to certain CDEs, which, in turn, loaned the funds on similar terms to Tile Shop of Oklahoma, LLC, an indirect, wholly-owned subsidiary. The proceeds of the loans from the CDEs (including loans representing the capital contribution made by the investors, net of syndication fees) were used to partially fund the new manufacturing and distribution center project.

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In July 2013, the investors also contributed \$5.6 million to the Investment Funds and, by virtue of such contribution, are entitled to substantially all of the tax benefits derived from the NMTCs, while we effectively received net loan proceeds equal to investor's contributions to the Investment Fund. This transaction includes a put/call provision whereby the Company may be obligated or entitled to repurchase the investors' interest. The Company believes that the investors will exercise the put option in September 2020 at the end of the recapture period. The value attributed to the put/call is de minimis. The NMTC is subject to 100% recapture for a period of seven years as provided in the Internal Revenue Code. The Company is required to be in compliance with various regulations and contractual provisions that apply to the NMTC arrangement. Non-compliance with applicable requirements could result in projected tax benefits not being realized and, therefore, could require the Company to indemnify the investors for any loss or recapture of NMTCs related to the financing until such time as the obligation to deliver tax benefits is relieved. The Company does not anticipate any credit recaptures will be required in connection with this arrangement.

The Company has determined that the financing arrangement with the Investment Funds and CDEs contains a variable interest entity, or "VIE." The ongoing activities of the Investment Funds – collecting and remitting interest and fees and NMTC compliance – were all considered in the initial design and are not expected to significantly affect economic performance throughout the life of the Investment Funds. Management considered the contractual arrangements that obligate the Company to deliver tax benefits and provide various other guarantees to the structure; Chase's and U.S. Bank Community LLC's lack of a material interest in the underlying economics of the project; and the fact that the Company is obligated to absorb losses of the Investment Fund. The Company concluded that they are the primary beneficiary of the VIE and consolidated the Investment Funds, as a VIE, in accordance with the accounting standards for consolidation. Chase's and U.S. Bank Community LLC's contributions of \$4.4 million, net of syndication fees, are included in cash, restricted cash, and other long-term liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. The benefit of this net \$4.4 million contribution will be recognized as a decrease in depreciation expense as we amortize the contribution liability over the seven-year compliance period as it is being earned through the on-going compliance with the conditions of the NMTC program. Direct costs of \$1.0 million incurred in structuring the financing arrangement are deferred and will be recognized as expense over the term of the loans (40 years). Incremental costs to maintain the structure during the compliance period are recognized as incurred.

Note 10: Commitments and Contingencies

The Company, two of its former executive officers, five of its outside directors, and certain companies affiliated with the directors, are defendants in a consolidated class action brought under the federal securities laws and now pending in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota under the caption *Beaver County Employees' Retirement Fund, et al. v. Tile Shop Holdings, Inc., et al.* Several related actions were filed in 2013, and then

consolidated. The plaintiffs are three investors who seek to represent a class or classes consisting of (1) all purchasers of Tile Shop common stock between August 22, 2012 and January 28, 2014 (the “alleged class period”), seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and (2) all purchasers of Tile Shop common stock pursuant and/or traceable to the Company’s December 2012 and June 2013 registration statements, seeking to pursue remedies under the Securities Act of 1933. Eight firms who were underwriters in the December 2012 and June 2013 secondary public offerings are also named as defendants. In their consolidated amended complaint (the “complaint”) filed on May 23, 2014, the plaintiffs allege that certain defendants made false or misleading statements of material fact in press releases and SEC filings about the Company’s relationships with its vendors, its gross margins, and its supply chain and producer relationships, and that defendants failed to disclose certain related party transactions. The complaint asserts claims under Sections 11, 12(a)(2), and 15 of the Securities Act of 1933, and under Sections 10(b) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. In addition to attorney’s fees and costs, the plaintiffs seek to recover damages on behalf of the members of the purported classes. The defendants are vigorously defending the matter. The defendants moved to dismiss the complaint in July 2014, and that motion was granted in part and denied in part by an Order of the court on March 4, 2015. The matter is now in the early stages of discovery.

The Company also is a Defendant in a consolidated action brought derivatively on behalf of the Company by two shareholders of the Company. One action was first filed in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota, and then voluntarily dismissed and re-filed in the Court of Chancery for the State of Delaware (“Delaware Chancery Court”). The second action was filed in Delaware Chancery Court. The two actions have since been consolidated by the Delaware Chancery Court under the caption *In re Tile Shop Holdings, Inc. Stockholder Derivative Litigation*. On July 31, 2015, the plaintiff-shareholders filed their Verified Consolidated Stockholder Derivative Complaint (“complaint”). The complaint names as defendants six members of the Company’s Board of Directors, and a former employee of the Company. The complaint tracks many of the same factual allegations as have been made in the above-described federal securities class action. It alleges that the defendant-directors breached their fiduciary duties by failing to adopt adequate internal controls for the Company, by approving false and misleading statements issued by the Company, by causing the Company to violate generally accepted accounting principles and SEC regulations, by engaging in or approving alleged insider trading, and by permitting the Company’s primary product to contain illegal amounts of lead. The complaint also alleges claims for insider trading and unjust enrichment. The complaint seeks damages, disgorgement, an award of attorneys’ fees and other expenses, and an order compelling changes to the Company’s corporate governance and internal procedures. Defendants have not yet responded to the complaint, but intend to defend the action.

Given the uncertainty of litigation and the preliminary stage of these cases, the Company cannot reasonably estimate the possible loss or range of loss that may result from these actions. The Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance policies that may reduce the Company’s exposure, if any. In the event the Company incurs a loss, the Company will pursue recoveries to the maximum extent available under these policies.

The Company is also, from time to time, subject to claims and disputes arising in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, while the outcome of such claims and disputes cannot be predicted with certainty, the Company’s ultimate liability in connection with these matters is not expected to have a material adverse effect on the results of operations, financial position, or cash flows.

Note 11: New Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued a final standard on revenue from contracts with customers. The new standard sets forth a single comprehensive model for recognizing and reporting revenue. The new standard is effective for the Company in its fiscal year 2018, and permits the use of either a retrospective or a cumulative effect transition method. The Company is currently assessing the impact of implementing the new guidance on its consolidated financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-03, "Interest - Imputation of Interest," which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. The guidance, is effective for the Company in its fiscal year 2016, and requires retrospective application. The Company anticipates reclassifying \$2.2 million of unamortized debt issuance costs from other asset accounts to net against debt upon adopting this standard in the first quarter of 2016.

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

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and our condensed consolidated financial statements and related notes appearing elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q .

Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains "forward-looking statements" that involve risks and uncertainties, as well as assumptions that, if they never materialize or prove incorrect, could cause our results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. The statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or Securities Act, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or Exchange Act. Forward-looking statements are often identified by the use of words such as, but not limited to, "anticipate," "believe," "can," "continue," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "will," "plan," "project," "seek," "should," "target," "will," "would," and similar expressions or variations intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management based on information currently available to management. Such forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results and the timing of certain events to differ materially from future results expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, unexpected delays or expenses related to opening new stores and maintaining or renovating existing stores, changes to economic conditions and customer preferences, disruptions in our supply chain, or inventory management, competitive factors, increases to interest rates or other impacts on our ability to obtain or maintain financing, unanticipated expenses related to operating as a public company including but not limited to litigation-related expenses, an inability to maintain effective internal control over financial reporting, or disclosure controls and procedures, and those factors disclosed in the section captioned "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Furthermore, such forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of such statements.

Overview and Recent Trends

We are a specialty retailer of manufactured and natural stone tiles, setting and maintenance materials, and related accessories in the United States. We offer a wide selection of products, attractive prices, and exceptional customer service in an extensive showroom setting. As of June 30, 2015, we operated 110 stores in 31 states, with an average size of 22,100 square feet. We also sell our products on our website.

We purchase our tile products and accessories directly from suppliers and manufacture our own setting and maintenance materials, such as thinset, grout, and sealers. We believe that our long-term supplier relationships, together with our design, manufacturing and distribution capabilities, enable us to offer a broad assortment of high-quality products to our customers, who are primarily homeowners and professionals, at competitive prices. We have invested significant resources to develop our proprietary brands and product sources, and believe that we are a leading retailer of natural stone tiles, accessories, and related materials in the United States.

We believe that the highly-fragmented United States retail tile market provides us with a significant opportunity to expand our store base. We opened 3 new stores in the first six months of 2015, and opened 19 new stores in the United States in 2014. We plan to open an additional 4 to 5 stores in 2015. We believe that there will continue to be additional expansion opportunities in the United States and Canada. We expect store base growth will drive productivity and operational efficiencies. Our growth plans also require us to maintain significant inventory on-hand in order to fulfill orders at these new locations.

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2015, we reported net sales of \$75.7 million and \$148.7 million, respectively, and income from operations of \$8.4 million and \$15.6 million, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, we reported net sales of \$66.7 million and \$131.0 million, respectively, and income from operations of \$7.1 million and \$14.1 million, respectively. The increase in sales and income from operations was primarily due to same store sales growth of 5.1% for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and an increase in revenue from new stores opened in the second half of 2014 that are not included in same store sales.

Net cash provided by operating activities was \$38.8 million and \$26.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively, which was used to fund capital expenditures for opening new stores and daily operations, and in 2015, debt repayments. We expect to continue to fund our capital expenditures and daily operations from our operating cash flows. As of June 30, 2015, we had cash of \$12.8 million and working capital of \$45.7 million.

Key Components of our Consolidated Statements of Income

Net Sales Net sales represents total charges to customers, net of returns, and includes freight charged to customers. We recognize sales at the time that the customer takes possession of the merchandise or final delivery of the product has occurred. We recognize service revenue, which consists primarily of freight charges for home delivery, when the service has been rendered. We are required to charge and collect sales and other taxes on sales to our customers and remit these taxes back to government authorities. Sales and other taxes are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets, but netted in the consolidated statements of operations.

The table below sets forth information about our same store sales growth for the six month period ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. Our increase in same store sales growth is primarily attributable to increases in number of orders, as

well as average order size. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the decrease in comparable sales was attributable to several factors including unusually harsh winter weather conditions experienced throughout much of the country, and a challenging macroeconomic environment during which existing home sales decreased, which resulted in a decrease in traffic in our stores. In addition, we experienced higher turnover of store managers and sales associates which also negatively impacted sales. Same store sale amounts include total charges to customers less any actual returns, and the change in the returns provision related to comparable stores. In general, we consider a store comparable on the first day of the 13th full month of operation.

	Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2015	2014
Same store sales growth	5.1%	(1.0%)

Between July 1, 2014 and June 30, 2015, we opened 12 new retail locations. Incremental net sales of \$11.0 million occurred in the six months ended June 30, 2015 that were from stores not included in the comparable store base. Comparable store sales for the six months ended June 30, 2015 increased \$6.6 million, compared to the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Cost of Sales Cost of sales consists primarily of material costs, freight, duties, and storage and delivery of product to the customers, as well as costs associated with manufacturing of setting and maintenance materials. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, our cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was 31.2% and 30.2%, respectively. The increase in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales was primarily attributable to pricing tests conducted in certain markets during the second quarter of 2015.

Gross Profit Gross profit is net sales less cost of sales. Gross margin is the percentage determined by dividing gross profit by net sales.

Selling, general, and administrative expenses Payroll costs and occupancy expenses have historically been our most significant selling, general, and administrative expenses. Payroll costs exclude certain costs associated with distribution and manufacturing labor, as those costs are included in cost of sales. For the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, our selling, general, and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales were 58.3% and 59.0%, respectively. The decrease in selling, general, and administrative expenses as a percentage of net sales was primarily due to a maturing store base that had higher net sales levels, which outpaced the growth of selling, general, and administrative expenses.

Pre-opening costs Our pre-opening costs are those typically associated with the opening of a new store and generally include rent expense, payroll costs, occupancy costs and promotional costs. Pre-opening costs are expensed as incurred and recorded in selling, general and administrative expenses.

Income taxes We are subject to income tax in the United States as well as other tax jurisdictions in which we conduct business. Our effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 was 42.2% and 40.0%, respectively. The increase in income taxes was due to higher income before taxes and a higher effective tax rate in 2015.

Non-GAAP Measures

We calculate Adjusted EBITDA by taking net income calculated in accordance with GAAP, and adjusting interest expense, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, stock based compensation and other special charges including

investigation and litigation costs. Adjusted EBITDA margin is equal to Adjusted EBITDA divided by net sales. Free cash flows is calculated by taking net cash provided by operating activities and adding net cash used for capital expenditures. Non-GAAP net income excludes the special charges including investigation and litigation costs, and is net of tax.

We believe that these non-GAAP measures of financial results provide useful information to management and investors regarding certain financial and business trends relating to our financial condition and results of operations. Our management uses these non-GAAP measures to compare our performance to that of prior periods for trend analyses, for purposes of determining management incentive compensation, and for budgeting and planning purposes. These measures are used in financial reports prepared for management and our board of directors. We believe that the use of these non-GAAP financial measures provides an additional tool for investors to use in evaluating ongoing operating results and trends and in comparing our financial measures with other specialty retailers, many of which present similar non-GAAP financial measures to investors.

The reconciliation of adjusted EBITDA to net income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows:

	(in thousands)			
	Three months ended June 30,		Six months ended June 30,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net income	\$4,490	\$3,828	\$8,149	\$7,538
Interest expense	795	735	1,598	1,445
Income taxes	3,187	2,553	5,949	5,025
Depreciation	5,444	4,815	11,093	9,226
Special charges	276	225	790	1,353
Stock-based compensation	1,338	1,229	2,643	2,626
Adjusted EBITDA	\$15,530	\$13,385	\$30,222	\$27,213

The reconciliation of free cash flows to net cash provided by operating activities and used for capital expenditures for the six months ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 is as follows: