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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014

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#### LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 42-0991521
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

2140 Lake Park Blvd. Richardson, Texas 75080

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code): (972) 497-5000

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of each class

Name of each exchange on which registered

Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share

New York Stock Exchange

Securities Registered Pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes [X] No []

Indicate by checkmark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act.

Yes [] No [X]

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act 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 last 90 days. Yes [X] No []

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer or a non-accelerated filer (see definition of "accelerated filer" and "large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Large Accelerated Filer [X] Accelerated Filer [] Non-Accelerated Filer [] Smaller Reporting Company []

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

As of June 30, 2014, the aggregate market value of the common stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was approximately \$4.2 billion based on the closing price of the registrant's common stock on the New York Stock Exchange. As of February 6, 2015, there were 44,676,927 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's Definitive Proxy Statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registrant's 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 14, 2015 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this report.

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# FORM 10-K

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#### PART I

#### Item 1. Business

References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to "we," "our," "us," "LII" or the "Company" refer to Lennox International In and its subsidiaries, unless the context requires otherwise.

#### The Company

We are a leading global provider of climate control solutions and design, manufacture and market a broad range of products for the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration ("HVACR") markets. We have leveraged our expertise to become an industry leader known for innovation, quality and reliability. Our products and services are sold through multiple distribution channels under various brand names. The Company was founded in 1895, in Marshalltown, Iowa, by Dave Lennox, the owner of a machine repair business for railroads. He designed and patented a riveted steel coal-fired furnace, which led to numerous advancements in heating, cooling and climate control solutions.

Shown in the table below are our three business segments, the key products, services and well-known product and brand names within each segment and net sales in 2014 by segment. Segment financial data for 2014, 2013 and 2012, including financial information about foreign and domestic operations, is included in Note 19 of the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and is incorporated herein by reference.

Products & Services	Product and Brand Names	2014 Net Sales (in millions)
Furnaces, air conditioners, heat pumps, packaged heating and cooling systems, indoor air quality equipment, comfort control products, replacement parts	Lennox, Dave Lennox Signature, Armstrong Air, Ducane, Aire-Flo, Air-Ease, Concord, Magic-Pak, ADP Advanced Distributor Products, iComfort and Lennox PartsPlus	\$1,736.5
Unitary heating and air conditioning equipment, applied systems, controls, installation and service of commercial heating and cooling equipment	Lennox, Allied Commercial, Magic-Pak, Raider, Landmark, Prodigy, Strategos, Energence and Lennox National Account Services	878.5
Condensing units, unit coolers, fluid coolers, air cooled condensers, air handlers, process chillers, controls, compressorized racks, supermarket display cases and systems	Heatcraft Worldwide Refrigeration, Bohn, Larkin, Climate Control, Chandler Refrigeration, Kysor/Warren, Friga-Bohn, HK Refrigeration, Hyfra, Kirby and Interlink	752.4 \$3,367.4
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On March 22, 2013, the Company sold its Service Experts business to a majority-owned entity of American Capital, Ltd. in an all cash transaction for proceeds, excluding transaction costs, of \$10.4 million. The Service Experts business had previously been reported within our Service Experts segment along with the Lennox National Account Services ("NAS") commercial services business. Beginning in the third quarter of 2012, the Service Experts business was included in discontinued operations, NAS was included in our Commercial Heating & Cooling segment, and the Service Experts reportable segment was eliminated. Segment results for all periods have been revised to reflect this new presentation.

**Products and Services** 

Residential Heating & Cooling

Heating & Cooling Products. We manufacture and market a broad range of furnaces, air conditioners, heat pumps, packaged heating and cooling systems, comfort control products, accessories to improve indoor air quality, replacement parts and related products for both the residential replacement and new construction markets in North America. These products are available in a variety of designs and efficiency levels and at a range of price points, and are intended to provide a complete line of home comfort systems. We believe that by maintaining a broad product line marketed under multiple brand names, we can address different market segments and penetrate multiple distribution channels.

The "Lennox" and "Aire-Flo" brands are sold directly to a network of approximately 7,000 independent installing dealers,

making us one of the largest wholesale distributors of residential heating and air conditioning products in North America. The Allied Air Enterprise brands ("Armstrong Air," "Air-Ease," "Concord," "Ducane," and "Magic-Pak") include a full line of heating and air conditioning products and are sold through independent distributors in North America.

We are continuing to grow our network of over 160 Lennox PartsPlus stores across the United States and Canada. These stores provide an easy access solution for contractors and independent dealers to obtain universal service and replacement parts, supplies, convenience items, tools, Lennox equipment and OEM parts.

Our Advanced Distributor Products ("ADP") operation builds evaporator coils and air handlers under the "ADP Advanced Distributor Products" brand, as well as the "Lennox" brand. ADP sells its own ADP branded evaporator coils to over 400 HVAC wholesale distributors across North America as well as a full line of evaporator coils to Allied Air Enterprise.

#### Commercial Heating & Cooling

North America. In North America, we manufacture and sell unitary heating and cooling equipment used in light commercial applications, such as low-rise office buildings, restaurants, retail centers, churches and schools. Our product offerings for these applications include rooftop units ranging from 2 to 50 tons of cooling capacity and split system/air handler combinations, which range from 1.5 to 20 tons of cooling capacity. These products are distributed primarily through commercial contractors and directly to national account customers. In 2014, we launched Lennox-branded variable refrigerant flow ("VRF") commercial products through Lennox company-owned distribution. We believe the success of our products is attributable to their efficiency, design flexibility, total cost of ownership, low life-cycle cost, ease of service and advanced control technology.

National Account Services. NAS provides service and preventive maintenance for commercial HVAC national account customers in the United States and Canada.

Europe. In Europe, we manufacture and sell unitary products, which range from 2 to 70 tons of cooling capacity, and applied systems with up to 200 tons of cooling capacity. Our European products consist of small package units, rooftop units, chillers, air handlers and fan coils that serve medium-rise commercial buildings, shopping malls, other retail and entertainment buildings, institutional applications and other field-engineered applications. We manufacture heating and cooling products in several locations in Europe and market these products through both direct and indirect distribution channels in Europe, Russia, Turkey and the Middle East.

## Refrigeration

We manufacture and market equipment for the global commercial refrigeration markets under the Heatcraft Worldwide Refrigeration name. We sell these products to distributors, installing contractors, engineering design firms, original equipment manufacturers and end-users. Our global manufacturing, distribution, sales and marketing footprint serves customers in over 70 countries worldwide.

North America. Our commercial refrigeration products for the North American market include condensing units, unit coolers, fluid coolers, air-cooled condensers, air handlers, display cases and refrigeration rack systems. These products preserve food and other perishables in supermarkets, convenience stores, restaurants, warehouses and distribution centers. In addition, our products are used to cool a wide variety of industrial processes, including data centers, cogeneration, machine tooling, and other critical cooling applications. We routinely provide application engineering for consulting engineers, contractors, store planners, end customers and others to support the sale of commercial refrigeration products. In addition to providing complete refrigeration systems and display cases, we also provide turnkey installations for our supermarket customers in Mexico.

International. In international markets, we manufacture and market refrigeration products including condensing units, unit coolers, air-cooled condensers, fluid coolers, compressor racks and industrial process chillers. We have manufacturing locations in Germany, France, Brazil and China. In Australia and New Zealand, we are the leading wholesale distribution business serving the HVACR industry with more than 70 locations serving our customers, which also includes the sale of refrigerant. In addition, we own a 50% common stock interest in a joint venture in Mexico that produces unit coolers, air-cooled condensers, condensing units, compressors and compressor racks of the same design and quality as those manufactured by our U.S. business. This joint venture product line is complemented with imports from the U.S., which are sold through the joint venture's distribution network.

#### **Business Strategy**

Our business strategy is to sustain and expand our premium market position as well as offer a full spectrum of products to meet our customers' needs. We plan to expand our market position through organic growth and acquisitions while maintaining our focus on cost reductions to drive margin expansion and support growth in target business segments. This strategy is supported by the following five strategic priorities:

Innovative Product and System Solutions. In all of our markets, we are building on our heritage of innovation by developing residential, commercial, and refrigeration products that give families and business owners more precise control over more aspects of their indoor environments, while significantly lowering their energy costs.

Manufacturing and Sourcing Excellence. We maintain our commitment to manufacturing and sourcing excellence by driving low-cost assembly through rationalization of our facilities and product lines, maximizing factory efficiencies, and leveraging our purchasing power and sourcing initiatives to expand the use of lower-cost components that meet our high-quality requirements.

Distribution Excellence. By investing resources in expanding our distribution network, we are making products available to our customers in a timely, cost-efficient manner. Additionally, we provide enhanced dealer support through the use of technology, training, advertising and merchandising.

Geographic Expansion. We are growing our business by extending our successful business model and product knowledge into domestic and international markets.

Expense Reduction. Through our cost management initiatives, we are optimizing operating, manufacturing and administrative costs.

#### Marketing and Distribution

We utilize multiple channels of distribution and offer different brands at various price points in order to better penetrate the HVACR markets. Our products and services are sold through a combination of direct sales, distributors and company-owned parts and supplies stores. Dedicated sales forces and manufacturers' representatives are deployed across our business segments and brands in a manner designed to maximize our ability to service each distribution channel. To optimize enterprise-wide effectiveness, we have active cross-functional and cross-organizational teams coordinating approaches to pricing, product design, distribution and national account customers.

The North American residential heating and cooling market provides an example of the competitive strength of our marketing and distribution strategy. We use three distinct distribution approaches in this market: the company-owned distribution system, the independent distribution system and direct sales to end-users. We distribute our "Lennox" and "Aire-Flo" brands in a company-owned process directly to independent dealers that install these heating and cooling products. Also, we sell our products directly to customers through our Lennox PartsPlus stores. We distribute our "Armstrong Air," "Ducane," "Air-Ease," "Concord," "Magic-Pak" and "ADP Advanced Distributor Products" brands through traditional independent distribution process pursuant to which we sell our products to distributors who, in turn, sell the products to installing contractors.

Over the years, the "Lennox" brand has become inextricably linked with "Dave Lennox," a highly recognizable advertising icon in the heating and cooling industry. We utilize the "Dave Lennox" image in mass media advertising, as well as in numerous locally produced dealer advertisements, open houses and trade events.

## Manufacturing

We operate manufacturing facilities worldwide and utilize the best available manufacturing techniques based on the needs of our businesses, including the use of lean manufacturing and Six Sigma principles. We use numerous metrics to track and manage annual efficiency improvements. Some facilities are impacted by seasonal production demand, and we manufacture both heating and cooling products in those facilities to balance production and maintain a relatively stable labor force. We may also hire temporary employees to meet changes in demand.

## Strategic Sourcing

We rely on various suppliers to furnish the raw materials and components used in the manufacturing of our products. To maximize our buying effectiveness in the marketplace, our central strategic sourcing group consolidates purchases of certain materials, components and indirect items across business segments. The goal of the strategic sourcing group is to develop global

strategies for a given component group, concentrate purchases with three to five suppliers and develop long-term relationships with these vendors. By developing these strategies and relationships, we seek to leverage our material needs to reduce costs and improve financial and operating performance. Our strategic sourcing group also works with selected suppliers to reduce costs and improve quality and delivery performance by employing lean manufacturing and Six Sigma, a disciplined, data-driven approach and methodology for improving quality.

Compressors, motors and controls constitute our most significant component purchases, while steel, copper and aluminum account for the bulk of our raw material purchases. We own equity interests in joint ventures that manufacture compressors. These joint ventures provide us with compressors for our residential, commercial and refrigeration businesses.

#### Research and Development and Technology

Research and development is a key pillar of our growth strategy. We operate a global engineering and technology organization that focuses on new technology invention, product development, product quality improvements and process enhancements. We leverage intellectual property and innovative designs across our businesses. We also leverage product development cycle time improvements and product data management systems to commercialize new products to market more rapidly. We use advanced, commercially available computer-aided design, computer-aided manufacturing, computational fluid dynamics and other sophisticated design tools to streamline the design and manufacturing processes. We use complex computer simulations and analyses in the conceptual design phase before functional prototypes are created. We also operate a full line of prototype machine equipment and advanced laboratories certified by applicable industry associations.

## Seasonality

Our sales and related segment profit tend to be seasonally higher in the second and third quarters of the year because summer is the peak season for sales of air conditioning equipment and services in the U.S. and Canada. For the same reason, our working capital needs are generally greater in the first and second quarters, and we generally have higher operating cash inflows in the third and fourth quarters.

Our markets are driven by seasonal weather patterns. HVAC products and services are sold year round, but the volume and mix of product sales and service change significantly by season. The industry ships roughly twice as many units during June as it does in December. Overall, cooling equipment represents a substantial portion of the annual HVAC market. Between the heating season (roughly November through February) and cooling season (roughly May through August) are periods commonly referred to as "shoulder seasons" when the distribution channel transitions its buying patterns from one season to the next. These seasonal fluctuations in mix and volume drive our sales and related segment profit, resulting in somewhat higher sales in the second and third quarters due to the higher volume in the cooling season relative to the heating season.

#### Patents and Trademarks

We hold numerous patents that relate to the design and use of our products. We consider these patents important, but no single patent is material to the overall conduct of our business. We proactively obtain patents to further our strategic intellectual property objectives. We own or license several trademarks and service marks we consider important in the marketing of our products and services, and we protect our marks through national registrations and common law rights.

# Competition

Substantially all markets in which we participate are competitive. The most significant competitive factors we face are product reliability, product performance, service and price, with the relative importance of these factors varying among our businesses. The following are some of the companies we view as significant competitors in each of our three business segments, with relevant brand names, when different from the company name, shown in parentheses. The marks below may be the registered or unregistered trademarks or trade names of their respective owners.

Residential Heating & Cooling - United Technologies Corp. (Carrier, Bryant, Tempstar, Comfortmaker, Heil, Arcoaire, KeepRite, Day & Night); Ingersoll-Rand plc (Trane, American Standard); Paloma Industries, Inc. (Rheem, Ruud); Johnson Controls, Inc. (York); Daikin Industries, Ltd. (Goodman, Amana); and Nortek, Inc. (Maytag, Westinghouse, Frigidaire, Tappan, Philco, Kelvinator, Gibson, Broan, NuTone).

Commercial Heating & Cooling - United Technologies Corp. (Carrier, ICP Commercial); Ingersoll-Rand plc (Trane); Paloma Industries, Inc. (Rheem, Ruud); Johnson Controls, Inc. (York); Daikin Industries, Ltd. (Goodman, McQuay); Nortek, Inc. (Mammoth); and AAON, Inc.

Refrigeration - Hussmann Corporation; Rheem Manufacturing Company (Heat Transfer Products Group); Emerson Electric Co. (Copeland); United Technologies Corp. (Carrier); GEA Group (Kuba, Searle, Goedhart); Alfa Laval; Guntner GmbH; and Panasonic Corp. (Sanyo).

#### **Employees**

As of February 6, 2015, we employed approximately 9,800 employees. Approximately 4,700 of these employees were salaried and 5,100 were hourly. The number of hourly workers we employ may vary in order to match our labor needs during periods of fluctuating demand. Approximately 2,400 employees are represented by unions. We believe we have good relationships with our employees and with the unions representing our employees. We currently do not anticipate any material adverse consequences resulting from negotiations to renew any collective bargaining agreements.

#### **Environmental Regulation**

Our operations are subject to evolving and often increasingly stringent international, federal, state and local laws and regulations concerning the environment. Environmental laws that affect or could affect our domestic operations include, among others, the National Appliance Energy Conservation Act of 1987, as amended ("NAECA"), the Energy Policy Act, the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, any regulations promulgated under these acts and various other international, federal, state and local laws and regulations governing environmental matters. We believe we are in substantial compliance with such existing environmental laws and regulations.

Energy Efficiency. The U.S. Department of Energy published a direct final rule setting minimum efficiency standards for residential heating and cooling products. The standards for non-weatherized furnaces were to take effect in 2013, however, the direct final rule for furnace standards was vacated as the result of a negotiated settlement between the American Public Gas Association (APGA) and the Department of Energy (DOE). Standards for split cooling systems became effective January 1, 2015. We offer products that meet or exceed these new standards. The U.S. Department of Energy has numerous active rulemakings that impact residential and commercial heating, air conditioning and refrigeration equipment. We are actively involved in U.S. Department of Energy and Congressional activities related to energy efficiency standards. We believe we are prepared to have compliant products in place in advance of the effectiveness of all such regulations being considered by the U.S. Department of Energy or Congress.

Refrigerants. The use of hydrochlorofluorocarbons, "HCFCs," and hydroflurocarbons "HFCs" as refrigerants for air conditioning and refrigeration equipment is common practice in the HVACR industry and is regulated. We believe we have complied with applicable rules and regulations in various countries governing the use of HCFCs and HFCs. The United States Congress, Environmental Protection Agency and other international regulatory bodies are considering steps to phase down the future use of HFCs in HVACR products. We have been an active participant in the ongoing international and domestic dialogue on this subject and believe we are well positioned to react in a timely manner to any changes in the regulatory landscape. In addition, we are taking proactive steps to implement responsible use principles and guidelines with respect to limiting refrigerants from escaping into the atmosphere throughout the life span of our HVACR equipment.

Remediation Activity. In addition to affecting our ongoing operations, applicable environmental laws can impose obligations to remediate hazardous substances at our properties, at properties formerly owned or operated by us and at facilities to which we have sent or send waste for treatment or disposal. We are aware of contamination at some of our facilities; however, based on facts presently known, we do not believe that any future remediation costs at such

facilities will be material to our results of operations. For more information, see Note 10 in the Notes to our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In the past, we have received notices that we are a potentially responsible party along with other potentially responsible parties in Superfund proceedings under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act for cleanup of hazardous substances at certain sites to which the potentially responsible parties are alleged to have sent waste. Based on the facts presently known, we do not believe environmental cleanup costs associated with any Superfund sites where we have received notice that we are a potentially responsible party will be material.

European WEEE and RoHS Compliance. In the European marketplace, electrical and electronic equipment is required to comply with the Directive on Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment ("WEEE") and the Directive on Restriction of Use of Certain Hazardous Substances ("RoHS"). WEEE aims to prevent waste by encouraging reuse and recycling and RoHS restricts the use of six hazardous substances in electrical and electronic products. All HVACR products and certain components of such products "put on the market" in the EU (whether or not manufactured in the EU) are potentially subject to WEEE and RoHS.

Because all HVACR manufacturers selling within or from the EU are subject to the standards promulgated under WEEE and RoHS, we believe that neither WEEE nor RoHS uniquely impact us as compared to such other manufacturers. Similar directives are being introduced in other parts of the world, including the U.S. For example, California, China and Japan have all adopted standards possessing similar intent as RoHS. We are actively monitoring the development of such directives and believe we are well positioned to comply with such directives in the required time frames.

#### **Available Information**

Our web site address is www.lennoxinternational.com. We make available, free of charge through our web site, our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), as soon as reasonably possible after such material is electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission. The information on our web site is not a part of, or incorporated by reference into, this annual report on Form 10-K.

You can also read and copy any document that we file, including this Annual Report on Form 10-K, at the Securities and Exchange Commission's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. Call the Securities and Exchange Commission at 1-800-SEC-0330 for information on the operation of the Public Reference Room. In addition, the Securities and Exchange Commission maintains an Internet site at www.sec.gov that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers, including Lennox International, that file electronically with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

## **Executive Officers of the Company**

Our executive officers, their present positions and their ages are as follows as of February 6, 2015:

Name	Age	Position
Todd M. Bluedorn	51	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Joseph W. Reitmeier	50	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Douglas I. Voung	52	Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer, LII
Douglas L. Young	32	Residential Heating & Cooling
Terry L. Johnston	57	Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer, LII
Terry L. Johnston	37	North America Commercial Heating & Cooling
David W. Moon	53	Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer, LII
David W. Mooli	33	Worldwide Refrigeration
Prakash Bedapudi	48	Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer
Daniel M. Sessa	50	Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer
John D. Torres	56	Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and Secretary
Roy A. Rumbough, Jr.	59	Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

Todd M. Bluedorn became Chief Executive Officer and was elected to our Board of Directors in April 2007. Mr. Bluedorn was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors in May 2012. Prior to joining the company, Mr. Bluedorn served in numerous senior management positions for United Technologies since 1995, including President, Americas - Otis Elevator Company; President, North America - Commercial Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning for Carrier Corporation; and President, Hamilton Sundstrand Industrial. He began his professional career with McKinsey & Company in 1992. A graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point with a B.S. in electrical engineering, Mr. Bluedorn served in the United States Army as a combat engineer officer and United States Army

Ranger from 1985 to 1990. He received his MBA from Harvard University School of Business in 1992. Mr. Bluedorn also serves on the Board of Directors of Eaton Corporation and on the Board of Trustees of Washington University in St. Louis.

Joseph W. Reitmeier was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer in July 2012. He had previously served as Vice President of Finance for the Lennox Commercial business segment since 2007. Mr. Reitmeier first joined LII in 2005 and served as Director of Internal Audit. Before joining LII, Mr. Reitmeier held financial leadership roles at Cummins Inc. and PolyOne Corporation. He holds a BSA in Accounting from the University of Akron and an MBA from Case Western Reserve University.

Douglas L. Young was appointed Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer of LII's Residential Heating & Cooling segment in October 2006. Mr. Young had previously served as Vice President and General Manager of North American Residential Products since 2003 and as Vice President and General Manager of Lennox North American Residential Sales, Marketing, and Distribution from 1999 to 2003. Prior to his career with LII, Mr. Young was employed in the Appliances division of GE, where he held various management positions before serving as General Manager of Marketing for GE Appliance division's retail group from 1997 to 1999 and as General Manager of Strategic Initiatives in 1999. He holds a BSBA from Creighton University and an MS in Management from Purdue University. Mr. Young serves on the Board of Directors of Beacon Roofing Supply, a distributor of roofing materials and complementary building products.

Terry L. Johnston was appointed Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer of LII's North America Commercial Heating & Cooling segment in January 2013. He had previously served as Vice President and General Manager of LII's North America commercial equipment business, and before that, held marketing leadership roles in LII's residential and commercial businesses. Prior to joining LII in 2001, Mr. Johnston spent 20 years at General Electric Company in a variety of product management and sales and marketing roles. He holds a BS in Marketing from the University of Arkansas.

David W. Moon was appointed Executive Vice President and President and Chief Operating Officer of LII's Worldwide Refrigeration segment in August 2006. Mr. Moon had previously served as Vice President and General Manager of Worldwide Refrigeration, Americas Operations since 2002. Prior to serving in that position, he served as Managing Director in Australia beginning in 1999, where his responsibilities included heat transfer manufacturing and distribution, refrigeration wholesaling and manufacturing, and HVAC manufacturing and distribution in Australia and New Zealand. Mr. Moon originally joined LII in 1998 as Operations Director, Asia Pacific. Prior to that time, Mr. Moon held various management positions at Allied Signal, Inc., Case Corporation, and Tenneco Inc. in the United States, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Germany. He holds a BS in Civil Engineering and an MBA from Texas A&M University.

Prakash Bedapudi became Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer in July 2008. He had previously served as vice president, global engineering and program management for Trane Inc. Commercial Systems from 2006 through 2008, and as vice president, engineering and technology for Trane's Residential Systems division from 2003 through 2006. Prior to his career at Trane, Mr. Bedapudi served in senior engineering leadership positions for GE Transportation Systems, a division of General Electric Company, and for Cummins Engine Company. He holds a BS in Mechanical/Automotive Engineering from Karnataka University, India and an MS in Mechanical/Aeronautical Engineering from the University of Cincinnati.

Daniel M. Sessa was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer in June 2007. Mr. Sessa previously served in numerous senior human resources and legal leadership positions for United Technologies Corporation since 1996, including Vice President, Human Resources for Otis Elevator Company - Americas from 2005 to 2007, Director, Employee Benefits and Human Resources Systems for United Technologies Corporation from 2004 to 2005, and Director, Human Resources for Pratt & Whitney from 2002 to 2004. He holds a JD from the Hofstra University School of Law and a BA in Law & Society from the State University of New York at Binghamton.

John D. Torres was appointed Executive Vice President and Chief Legal Officer in December 2008. He had previously served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary for Freescale Semiconductor, a semiconductor manufacturer that was originally part of Motorola. He joined Motorola's legal department as Senior Counsel in 1996 and was appointed Vice President, General Counsel of the company's semiconductor business in 2001. Prior to joining Motorola, Mr. Torres served 13 years in private practice in Phoenix, specializing in commercial law. He holds a BA from Notre Dame and a JD from the University of Chicago.

Roy A. Rumbough, Jr. was appointed Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer in July 2006. He had previously served as Vice President, Corporate Controller of Maytag Corporation, a position he held since 2002. From 1998 to 2002, he served as Vice President, Controller of Blodgett Corporation, a portfolio of food service equipment companies and former affiliate of Maytag. Mr. Rumbough's career at Maytag spanned 17 years and included internal audit, financial planning and analysis, and business unit controller roles. Prior to his career at Maytag, he worked for Deloitte and Touche, LLP. He holds a BA in Accounting from North Carolina State University and an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University.

Item 1A. Risk Factors
Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act that are based on information currently available to management as well as management's assumptions and beliefs. All statements, other than statements of historical fact, included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, including but not limited to statements identified by the words "may," "will," "should," "plan," "predict," "anticipate," "believe," "intend," "estimate" and "expect" and similar expushed statements reflect our current views with respect to future events, based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions; however, such statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties. In addition to the specific uncertainties discussed elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, the risk factors set forth in Item 1A. Risk Factors in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may affect our performance and results of operations. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements. We disclaim any intention or obligation to update or review any forward-looking statements or information, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise unless required by law.

#### Risk Factors

The following risk factors and other information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K should be carefully considered. We believe these are the principal material risks currently facing our business; however, additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we presently deem less significant may also impair our business operations. If any of the following risks or those disclosed in our other SEC filings actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

We May Not be Able to Compete Favorably in the Competitive HVACR Business.

Substantially all of the markets in which we operate are competitive. The most significant competitive factors we face are product reliability, product performance, reputation of our company and brands, service and price, with the relative importance of these factors varying among our product lines. Other factors that affect competition in the HVACR market include the development and application of new technologies, an increasing emphasis on the development of more efficient HVACR products and new product introductions. We may not be able to adapt to market changes as quickly or effectively as our current and future competitors. Also, the establishment of manufacturing operations in low-cost countries could provide cost advantages to existing and emerging competitors. Some of our competitors may have greater financial resources than we have, allowing them to invest in more extensive research and development and/or marketing activity and making them better able to withstand adverse HVACR market conditions. Current and future competitive pressures may cause us to reduce our prices or lose market share, or could negatively affect our cash flow, all of which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our Financial Performance Is Affected by the Conditions of the U.S. Construction Industry.

Our business is affected by the performance of the U.S. construction industry. Our sales in the residential and commercial new construction market correlate to the number of new homes and buildings that are built, which in turn is influenced by cyclical factors such as interest rates, inflation, availability of financing, consumer spending habits and confidence, employment rates and other macroeconomic factors over which we have no control. Although the industry has improved for the last several years, our sales may not continue to improve or such improvement may be limited or lower than expected.

Cooler than Normal Summers and Warmer than Normal Winters May Depress Our Sales.

Demand for our products and for our services is seasonal and strongly affected by the weather. Cooler than normal summers depress our sales of replacement air conditioning and refrigeration products and services. Similarly, warmer than normal winters have the same effect on our heating products and services.

Changes in Legislation or Government Regulations or Policies Can Have a Significant Impact on Our Results of Operations.

The sales, gross margins and profitability for each of our segments could be directly impacted by changes in legislation or government regulations. Changes in environmental and energy efficiency standards and regulations, in particular, may have a significant impact on the types of products that we are allowed to develop and sell, and the types of products that are developed and sold by our competitors. Our inability or delay in developing or marketing products that match customer demand and that

meet applicable efficiency and environmental standards may negatively impact our results. For example, the U.S. Department of Energy vacated certain regional efficiency standards for furnaces scheduled to take effect in May 2013, which delayed several expected changes to efficiency standards until November 2015. The demand for our products and services could also be affected by the size and availability of tax incentives for purchasers of our products and services. Future legislation or regulations, including environmental matters, product certification, product liability, taxes, tax incentives and other matters, may impact the results of each of our operating segments and our consolidated results.

Global General Business, Economic and Market Conditions Could Adversely Affect Our Financial Performance and Limit our Access to the Capital Markets.

Future disruptions in U.S. or global financial and credit markets or increases in the costs of capital might have an adverse impact on our business. The tightening, unavailability or increased costs of credit adversely affects the ability of our customers to obtain financing for significant purchases and operations, which could result in a decrease in sales of our products and services and may impact the ability of our customers to make payments to us. Similarly, tightening of credit may adversely affect our supplier base and increase the potential for one or more of our suppliers to experience financial distress or bankruptcy. Our business may also be adversely affected by future decreases in the general level of economic activity and increases in borrowing costs, which may cause our customers to cancel, decrease or delay their purchases of our products and services.

If financial markets were to deteriorate, or costs of capital were to increase significantly due to a lowering of our credit ratings, prevailing industry conditions, the volatility of the capital markets or other factors, we may be unable to obtain new financing on acceptable terms, or at all. A deterioration in our financial performance could also limit our future ability to access amounts currently available under our domestic credit facility. In addition, availability under our asset securitization agreement may be adversely impacted by credit quality and performance of our customer accounts receivable. The availability under our asset securitization agreement is based on the amount of accounts receivable that meet the eligibility criteria of the asset securitization agreement. If receivable losses increase or credit quality deteriorates, the amount of eligible receivables could decline and, in turn, lower the availability under the asset securitization.

We cannot predict the likelihood, duration or severity of any future disruption in financial markets or any adverse economic conditions in the U.S. and other countries.

Our International Operations Subject Us to Risks Including Foreign Currency Fluctuations, Regulations and Other Risks.

We earn revenue, pay expenses, own assets and incur liabilities in countries using currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Our consolidated financial statements are presented in U.S. dollars and we translate revenue, income, expenses, assets and liabilities into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect during or at the end of each reporting period. Therefore, increases or decreases in the value of the U.S. dollar relative to other currencies may affect our net operating revenues, operating income and the value of balance sheet items denominated in foreign currencies. Because of the geographic diversity of our operations, weaknesses in some currencies might be offset by strengths in others over time. However, we cannot assure that fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates, particularly the strengthening of the U.S. dollar against major currencies, would not materially affect our financial results.

In addition to the currency exchange risks inherent in operating in foreign countries, our international sales and operations, including purchases of raw materials from international suppliers, are subject to risks associated with local government laws, regulations and policies (including those related to tariffs and trade barriers, investments, taxation, exchange controls, employment regulations and changes in laws and regulations). Our international sales and

operations are also sensitive to changes in foreign national priorities, including government budgets, as well as to geopolitical and economic instability. International transactions may involve increased financial and legal risks due to differing legal systems and customs in foreign countries, as well as compliance with anti-corruption laws such as the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and the U.K. Bribery Act. The ability to manage these risks could be difficult and may limit our operations and make the manufacture and sale of our products internationally more difficult, which could negatively affect our business and results of operations.

Conflicts, wars, natural disasters or terrorist acts could also cause significant damage or disruption to our operations, employees, facilities, systems, suppliers, distributors, resellers or customers in the United States and internationally for extended periods of time and could also affect demand for our products.

Net sales outside of the United States comprised 23.5% of our net sales in 2014.

Our Ability to Meet Customer Demand may be Limited by Our Single-Location Production Facilities, Reliance on Certain Key Suppliers and Unanticipated Significant Shifts in Customer Demand.

We manufacture many of our products at single-location production facilities, and we rely on certain suppliers who also may concentrate production in single locations. Any significant interruptions in production at one or more of our facilities, or at a facility of one of our suppliers, could negatively impact our ability to deliver our products to our customers. Further, even with all of our facilities running at full production, we could potentially be unable to fully meet demand during an unanticipated period of exceptionally high demand. Our inability to meet our customers' demand for our products could have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Price Volatility for Commodities and Components We Purchase or Significant Supply Interruptions Could Have an Adverse Effect on Our Cash Flow or Results of Operations.

We depend on raw materials, such as steel, copper and aluminum, and components purchased from third parties to manufacture our products. We generally concentrate purchases for a given raw material or component with a small number of suppliers. If a supplier is unable or unwilling to meet our supply requirements, including suffering any disruptions at its facilities or in its supply chain, we could experience supply interruptions or cost increases, either of which could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Similarly, suppliers of components that we purchase for use in our products may be affected by rising material costs and pass these increased costs on to us. Although we regularly pre-purchase a portion of our raw materials at fixed prices each year to hedge against price increases, an increase in raw materials prices not covered by our fixed price arrangements could significantly increase our cost of goods sold and negatively impact our margins if we are unable to effectively pass such price increases on to our customers. Alternatively, if we increase our prices in response to increases in the prices or quantities of raw materials or components or if we encounter significant supply interruptions, our competitive position could be adversely affected, which may result in depressed sales and profitability.

In addition, we use derivatives to hedge price risk associated with forecasted purchases of certain raw materials. Our hedged prices could result in paying higher or lower prices for commodities as compared to the market prices for those commodities when purchased.

We May Incur Substantial Costs as a Result of Claims Which Could Have an Adverse Effect on Our Results of Operations.

The development, manufacture, sale and use of our products involve warranty, intellectual property infringement, product liability claim and other risks. In some cases, we may incur liability claims for the installation and service of our products. Our product liability insurance policies have limits that, if exceeded, may result in substantial costs that would have an adverse effect on our results of operations. In addition, warranty claims are not covered by our product liability insurance and certain product liability claims may also not be covered by our product liability insurance.

For some of our HVAC products, we provide warranty terms ranging from one to 20 years to customers for certain components such as compressors or heat exchangers. For certain limited products, we provided lifetime warranties for heat exchangers. Warranties of such extended lengths pose a risk to us as actual future costs may exceed our current estimates of those costs. Warranty expense is recorded on the date that revenue is recognized and requires significant assumptions about what costs will be incurred in the future. We may be required to record material adjustments to accruals and expense in the future if actual costs for these warranties are different from our assumptions.

If We Cannot Successfully Execute our Business Strategy, Our Results of Operations Could be Adversely Impacted

Our future success depends on our continued investment in research and new product development as well as our ability to commercialize new HVACR technological advances in domestic and global markets. If we are unable to continue to timely and successfully develop and market new products, achieve technological advances or extend our business model and technological advances into international markets, our business and results of operations could be adversely impacted.

We are engaged in various manufacturing rationalization actions designed to achieve our strategic priorities of manufacturing sourcing and distribution excellence and of lowering our cost structure. For example, we are continuing to reorganize our North American distribution network in order to better serve our customers' needs by deploying parts and equipment inventory closer to them and are expanding our sourcing activities outside of the U.S. We also continue to rationalize and reorganize various support and administrative functions in order to reduce ongoing selling and administrative expenses. If we cannot successfully implement such distribution and restructuring strategies or other cost savings plans, we may not achieve our expected cost savings in the time anticipated, or at all. In such case, our results of operations and profitability may be negatively impacted, making us less competitive and potentially causing us to lose market share.

We May Not be Able to Successfully Integrate and Operate Businesses that We May Acquire nor Realize the Anticipated Benefits of Strategic Relationships We May Form.

From time to time, we may seek to complement or expand our businesses through strategic acquisitions, joint ventures and strategic relationships. The success of these transactions will depend, in part, on our ability to timely identify those relationships, negotiate and close the transactions and then integrate, manage and operate those businesses profitably. If we are unable to successfully do those things, we may not realize the anticipated benefits associated with such transactions, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

Because a Significant Percentage of Our Workforce is Unionized in Certain Manufacturing Facilities, We Face Risks of Work Stoppages and Other Labor Relations Problems.

As of February 7, 2014, approximately 24% of our workforce was unionized. The results of future negotiations with these unions and the effects of any production interruptions or labor stoppages could have an adverse effect on our results of operations.

We are Subject to Litigation and Tax, Environmental and Other Regulations that Could Have an Adverse Effect on Our Results of Operations.

We are involved in various claims and lawsuits incidental to our business, including those involving product liability, labor relations, alleged exposure to asbestos-containing materials and environmental matters, some of which claim significant damages. Estimates related to our claims and lawsuits, including estimates for asbestos-related claims and related insurance recoveries, involve numerous uncertainties. Given the inherent uncertainty of litigation and estimating, we cannot be certain that existing claims or litigation or any future adverse legal developments will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition. In addition, we are subject to extensive and changing federal, state and local laws and regulations designed to protect the environment. These laws and regulations could impose liability for remediation costs and civil or criminal penalties in cases of non-compliance. Compliance with environmental laws increases our costs of doing business. Because these laws are subject to frequent change, we are unable to predict the future costs resulting from environmental compliance.

Any Future Determination that a Significant Impairment of the Value of Our Goodwill Intangible Asset Occurred Could Have a Material Adverse Effect on Our Results of Operations.

As of December 31, 2014, we had goodwill of \$209.4 million on our Consolidated Balance Sheet. Any future determination that an impairment of the value of goodwill occurred would require a write-down of the impaired portion of goodwill to fair value and would reduce our assets and stockholders' equity and could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Volatility in Capital Markets Could Necessitate Increased Cash Contributions by Us to Our Pension Plans to Maintain Required Levels of Funding.

Volatility in the capital markets may have a significant impact on the funding status of our defined benefit pension plans. If the performance of the capital markets depresses the value of our defined benefit pension plan assets or increases the liabilities, we would be required to make additional contributions to the pension plans. The amount of contributions we may be required to make to our pension plans in the future is uncertain and could be significant, which may have a material impact on our results of operations.

Security breaches and other disruptions or misuse of information systems we rely upon could affect our ability to conduct our business effectively.

Our information systems and those of our business partners are important to our business activities. We also outsource various information systems, including data management, to third party service providers. Despite our security measures as well as those of our business partners and third-party service providers, the information systems we rely upon may be vulnerable to interruption or damage from computer hackings, computer viruses, worms or other destructive or disruptive software, process breakdowns, denial of service attacks, malicious social engineering or other malicious activities, or any combination thereof. These information systems have been, and will likely continue to be, subject to attack. While we have implemented controls and taken other preventative actions to strengthen these systems against future attacks, we can give no assurance that these controls and preventative actions will be effective. Any breach of data security could result in a disruption of our services or improper disclosure of personal data or confidential information, which could harm our reputation, require us to expend resources to remedy such a security breach or defend against further attacks or subject us to liability under laws that protect personal data, resulting in increased operating costs or loss of revenue.

Our results of operations may suffer if we cannot continue to license or enforce the intellectual property rights on which our businesses depend or if third parties assert that we violate their intellectual property rights.

We rely upon patent, copyright, trademark and trade secret laws and agreements to establish and maintain intellectual property rights in the products we sell. Our intellectual property rights could be challenged, invalidated, infringed, circumvented, or be insufficient to permit us to take advantage of current market trends or to otherwise provide competitive advantages. Further, the laws of certain countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States.

Third parties may also claim that we are infringing upon their intellectual property rights. If we do not license infringed intellectual property or if we are required to substitute similar technology from another source, our operations could be adversely affected. Even if we believe that intellectual property claims are without merit, they can be time consuming, require significant resources and be costly to defend. Claims of intellectual property infringement also might require us to redesign affected products, pay costly damage awards, or face injunction prohibiting us from manufacturing, importing, marketing or selling certain of our products. Even if we have agreements to indemnify us, indemnifying parties may be unable or unwilling to do so.

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None.

# Item 2. Properties

The following chart lists our principal domestic and international manufacturing, distribution and office facilities as of February 6, 2015 and indicates the business segment that uses such facilities, the approximate size of such facilities and whether such facilities are owned or leased. Also included in the chart are large warehouses that hold significant inventory balances.

Location	Segment	Type or Use of Facility	Approx. Sq. Ft. (In thousands)	Owned/Leased
Marchalltown IA	Residential Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing &	1,300	Owned &
Marshallowii, 1A	Residential Heating & Cooling	Distribution	1,300	Leased
Orangeburg, SC	Residential Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing & Distribution	750	Owned & Leased
Grenada, MS	Residential Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing & Distribution	400	Leased
Saltillo, Mexico	Residential Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing	687	Owned
Columbus, OH	Residential Heating & Cooling	Distribution	278	Leased
McDonough, GA	Residential Heating & Cooling	Distribution	254	Leased
Romeoville, IL	Residential Heating & Cooling	Distribution	360	Leased
Brampton, Canada	a Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	129	Leased
Calgary, Canada	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	110	Leased
Lenexa, KS	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	115	Leased
Carrollton, TX	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	252	Leased
Houston, TX	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	49	Leased
Orlando, FL	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	52	Leased
Eastvale, CA	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	377	Leased
Middletown, PA	Residential & Commercial Heating & Cooling	Distribution	160	Leased
Stuttgart, AR	Commercial Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing	800	Owned
Longvic, France	Commercial Heating & Cooling	Manufacturing	149	Owned
Burgos, Spain	Commercial Heating & Cooling & Refrigeration	Manufacturing	130	Owned
Genas, France	Commercial Heating & Cooling & Refrigeration	Manufacturing, Distribution & Offices	190	Owned
Mions, France	Commercial Heating & Cooling & Refrigeration	Research & Development	129	Owned
Tifton, GA	Refrigeration	Manufacturing	570	Owned & Leased
Stone Mountain, GA	Refrigeration	Manufacturing & Business Unit Headquarters	S 120	Owned
Columbus, GA	Refrigeration	Manufacturing, Warehousing & Offices	679	Owned & Leased

Midland, GA	Refrigeration	Warehousing & Offices	138	Leased
Milperra, Australia	Refrigeration	Business Unit Headquarters & Distribution	415	Owned
Mt. Wellington, New Zealand	Refrigeration	Distribution & Offices	110	Owned
San Jose dos Campos, Brazil	Refrigeration	Manufacturing, Warehousing & Offices	150	Owned
Krunkel, German	y Refrigeration	Manufacturing, Distribution & Offices	52	Owned
Wuxi, China	Refrigeration	Manufacturing	142	Owned & Leased
Carrollton, TX	Corporate and other	Research & Development	294	Owned
Richardson, TX	Corporate and other	Corporate Headquarters	375	Owned & Leased

In addition to the properties described above, we lease numerous facilities in the U.S. and worldwide for use as sales offices, service offices and district and regional warehouses. We routinely evaluate our facilities to ensure adequate capacity, effective cost structure, and consistency with our business strategy. We believe that our properties are in good condition, suitable and adequate for their present requirements and that our principal manufacturing plants are generally adequate to meet our production needs.

#### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in a number of claims and lawsuits incident to the operation of our businesses. Insurance coverages are maintained and estimated costs are recorded for such claims and lawsuits. It is management's opinion that none of these claims or lawsuits will have a material adverse effect, individually or in the aggregate, on our financial position, results of operations or cash flows. For more information, see Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

#### **PART II**

Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Price for Common Stock

Our common stock is listed for trading on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "LII." The high and low sales prices for our common stock for each quarterly period during 2014 and 2013 were as follows:

	Price Rang	Price Range per Common Share					
	2014	2014					
	High	Low	High	Low			
First Quarter	\$94.69	\$82.67	\$65.50	\$53.77			
Second Quarter	93.82	81.88	65.96	59.26			
Third Quarter	91.98	76.65	75.77	64.63			
Fourth Quarter	96.72	72.91	86.14	70.05			

#### Dividends

During 2014 and 2013, we declared quarterly cash dividends as set forth below:

	Dividends	per		
	Common S	Common Share		
	2014	2013		
First Quarter	\$0.24	\$0.20		
Second Quarter	0.30	0.24		
Third Quarter	0.30	0.24		
Fourth Quarter	0.30	0.24		
Fiscal Year	\$1.14	\$0.92		

The amount and timing of dividend payments are determined by our Board of Directors and subject to certain restrictions under our domestic revolving credit facility.

## Holders of Common Stock

As of the close of business on February 6, 2015, approximately 840 holders of record held our common stock.

# Comparison of Total Stockholder Return

The following graph compares the cumulative total returns of LII's common stock with the cumulative total returns of the Standards & Poor's Midcap 400 Index, a broad index of mid-size U.S. companies of which the Company is a part, and with a peer group of U.S. industrial manufacturing and service companies in the HVACR businesses. The graph assumes that \$100 was

invested on December 31, 2009, with dividends reinvested. Our peer group includes AAON, Inc., Ingersoll-Rand plc, Comfort Systems USA, Inc., United Technologies Corporation, Johnson Controls Inc., and Watsco, Inc. Peer group returns are weighted by market capitalization.

This performance graph and other information furnished under this Comparison of Total Stockholder Return section shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be "filed" with the Securities and Exchange Commission or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C, or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Exchange Act.

#### Our Purchases of LII Equity Securities

Our Board of Directors has authorized a total of \$1.4 billion towards the repurchase of shares of our common stock (collectively referred to as the "Share Repurchase Plans"), including a \$700.0 million share repurchase authorization in October 2014. The Share Repurchase Plans authorize open market repurchase transactions and do not have a stated expiration date.

In the fourth quarter of 2014, we purchased shares of our common stock as follows:

	Total Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid per Share (including fees)	Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plans	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that may yet be Purchased Under the Plans (in millions) (3)
October 1 through October 31 (2)	3,644,030	\$86.86	3,626,526	\$395.9
November 1 through November 30	5,388	91.97	_	395.9
December 1 through December 31	84,923	95.24		395.9
	3,734,341		3,626,526	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the surrender to LII of 107,815 shares of common stock to satisfy employee tax-withholding obligations in connection with the exercise of vested stock appreciation rights and the vesting of restricted stock units.

<sup>(2)</sup> Excludes final settlement of shares repurchased in Accelerated Share Repurchase Plan (ASR) executed in the fourth quarter of 2014. Final settlement is expected in the second half of 2015.

<sup>(3)</sup> After consideration of total payment of \$450 million for Accelerated Share Repurchase Plan (ASR) executed in the fourth quarter of 2014. Final settlement is expected in the second half of 2015.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table presents selected financial data for each of the five years ended December 31, 2010 to 2014 (in millions, except per share data):

	For the Years Ended December 31,							
	2014	2013	2012	2011	2010			
Statements of Operations Data:								
Net Sales	\$3,367.4	\$3,199.1	\$2,949.4	\$2,840.9	\$2,585.2			
Operational Income From Continuing Operations	334.7	289.0	219.1	184.4	204.5			
Income From Continuing Operations	208.1	179.9	135.0	111.5	125.9			
Net Income	205.8	171.8	90.0	88.3	116.2			
Basic Earnings Per Share From Continuing Operations	4.35	3.61	2.66	2.12	2.31			
Diluted Earnings Per Share From Continuing Operations	4.28	3.55	2.63	2.09	2.26			
Cash Dividends Declared Per Share	1.14	0.92	0.76	0.72	0.60			
Other Data:								
Capital Expenditures (1)	\$88.4	\$78.3	\$50.2	\$41.4	\$43.1			
Research and Development Expenses (1)	60.7	53.7	49.5	47.0	46.4			
Balance Sheet Data at Period End:								
Total Assets	\$1,764.3	\$1,626.7	\$1,691.9	\$1,705.7	\$1,692.0			
Total Debt	925.6	400.4	386.6	465.1	319.0			
Stockholders' Equity	9.0	485.7	498.3	467.8	589.7			

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts exclude capital expenditures and research and development expenses related to discontinued operations.

Information in the table above is not necessarily indicative of results of future operations. To understand the factors that may affect comparability, the financial data should be read in conjunction with Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and the Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data," of this Form 10-K.

#### Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the other sections of this report, including the consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

#### **Business Overview**

We operate in three reportable business segments of the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration ("HVACR") industry. Our reportable segments are Residential Heating & Cooling, Commercial Heating & Cooling, and Refrigeration. For more detailed information regarding our reportable segments, see Note 19 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

We sell our products and services through a combination of direct sales, distributors and company-owned parts and supplies stores. The demand for our products and services is seasonal and significantly impacted by the weather. Warmer than normal summer temperatures generate demand for replacement air conditioning and refrigeration products and services, and colder than normal winter temperatures have a similar effect on heating products and services. Conversely, cooler than normal summers and warmer than normal winters depress the demand for HVACR products and services. In addition to weather, demand for our products and services is influenced by national and regional economic and demographic factors, such as interest rates, the availability of financing, regional population and employment trends, new construction, general economic conditions and consumer spending habits and confidence. A substantial portion of the sales in each of our business segments is attributable to replacement business, with the balance comprised of new construction business.

The principal elements of cost of goods sold are components, raw materials, factory overhead, labor, estimated costs of warranty expense and freight and distribution costs. The principal raw materials used in our manufacturing processes are steel, copper and aluminum. In recent years, pricing volatility for these commodities and related components has impacted us and the HVACR industry in general. We seek to mitigate the impact of higher commodity prices through a combination of price increases, commodity contracts, improved production efficiency and cost reduction initiatives. We also partially mitigate volatility in the prices of these commodities by entering into futures contracts and fixed forward contracts.

#### Financial Highlights

Net sales increased \$168 million, or 5%, to \$3,367 million in 2014 from \$3,199 million in 2013.

Operational income from continuing operations in 2014 was \$335 million compared to \$289 million in 2013. The increase was primarily due to higher volumes, higher margins from improved price and material cost savings. Net income in 2014 increased to \$206 million from \$172 million in 2013.

Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations were \$4.28 per share in 2014 compared to \$3.55 per share in 2013.

We generated \$185 million of cash flow from operating activities in 2014 compared to \$210 million in 2013. In 2014, we returned \$550 million to shareholders through share repurchases and \$53 million through dividend payments.

#### Overview of Results

The Residential Heating & Cooling segment led our overall financial performance in 2014, with a 10% increase in net sales and a \$56 million increase in segment profit compared to 2013. This segment's results benefited from industry growth in the replacement and new construction markets as well as market share gains. Our Commercial Heating &

Cooling segment also performed well in 2014 with a 4% increase in net sales and a \$6 million increase in segment profit compared to 2013. This segment's results benefited from market share gains, market growth in North America and material cost savings. Sales in our Refrigeration segment were down 3% and segment profit decreased \$35 million compared to 2013. This segment's results were impacted by unfavorable mix, unfavorable Australian dollar exchange rates, increased investments in growth initiatives, and decreased profitability of our refrigerant business in Australia due to the repeal of the carbon tax.

On a consolidated basis, our gross profit margins were relatively flat at 26.8% in 2014 due primarily to favorable price and material cost savings across all of our segments. These improvements were offset by unfavorable foreign exchange rates, continued investment in distribution expansion across all segments, unfavorable mix in the Refrigeration and Commercial Heating & Cooling segments, and reduced profitability in our Australian wholesale business due to the repeal of the carbon tax.

## Results of Operations

The following table provides a summary of our financial results, including information presented as a percentage of net sales (dollars in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,								
	2014			2013			2012		
	Dollars	Percent		Dollars	Percent		Dollars	Percen	t
Net sales	\$3,367.4	100.0	%	\$3,199.1	100.0	%	\$2,949.4	100.0	%
Cost of goods sold	2,464.1	73.2	%	2,337.9	73.1	%	2,227.1	75.5	%
Gross profit	903.3	26.8	%	861.2	26.9	%	722.3	24.5	%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	573.7	17.0	%	570.1	17.8	%	507.0	17.2	%
Losses and other expenses, net	6.8	0.2	%	9.3	0.3	%	2.5	0.1	%
Restructuring charges	1.9	0.1	%	5.0	0.2	%	4.2	0.1	%
Income from equity method investments	(13.8)	(0.4	)%	(12.2)	(0.4)	)%	(10.5)	(0.4)	)%
Operational income from continuing operations	\$334.7	9.9	%	\$289.0	9.0	%	\$219.1	7.4	%
Loss from discontinued operations	(2.3)	(0.1	)%	(8.1)	(0.3)	)%	(45.0)	(1.5	)%
Net income	\$205.8	6.1	%	\$171.8	5.4	%	\$90.0	3.1	%

The following table provides net sales by geographic market (dollars in millions):

	For the Years Ended December 31,								
	2014 2		2013			2012			
	Dollars	Percent		Dollars	Percent		Dollars	Percen	t
Net Sales by Geographic Market:									
U.S.	\$2,576.4	76.5	%	\$2,382.0	74.5	%	\$2,147.2	72.8	%
Canada	236.3	7.0		232.3	7.3		226.7	7.8	
International	554.7	16.5		584.8	18.3		575.5	19.5	
Total net sales	\$3,367.4	100.0	%	\$3,199.1	100.0	%	\$2,949.4	100.0	%

Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013 - Consolidated Results

#### Net Sales

Net sales increased 5% in 2014 compared to 2013, with sales volumes up approximately 5% and price and mix up approximately 1%. The increase in volume was driven by our Residential Heating & Cooling and Commercial Heating & Cooling segments capturing additional replacement and new construction business. The benefit of price and mix was a combination of price increases across all segments and favorable product mix predominantly in our Residential Heating & Cooling segment. Partially offsetting these increases was a 1% decrease from foreign currency exchange rates.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit margins were relatively flat at 26.8% in 2014 compared to 26.9% in 2013. Lower material costs increased our profit margin by 140 bps and reduced product warranty costs increased our profit margin by 10 bps. Offsetting these increases were decreases of 20 bps from unfavorable mix, 10 bps from lower refrigerant pricing on our Australia wholesale business when compared to the prior year, and 60 bps for investments in distribution and other growth initiatives with the balance from other cost changes.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses increased by \$4 million in 2014 compared to 2013. As a percentage of net sales, SG&A expenses decreased 80 bps from 17.8% to 17.0% in the same periods. The percentage decrease in SG&A expenses was principally due to lower

employee incentive compensation.

Losses and Other Expenses, Net

Losses and other expenses, net for 2014 and 2013 included the following (in millions):

	Tor the Tears Ended				
	December 31,				
	2014	2013			
Realized losses on settled futures contracts	\$0.8	\$1.0			
Foreign currency exchange losses	1.6	0.5			
Gains on disposal of fixed assets	(0.3	) (1.0	)		
Net change in unrealized losses on unsettled futures contracts	0.6	0.4			
Special legal contingency charges	0.9	1.2			
Asbestos-related litigation	0.9	6.3			
Environmental liabilities	2.0				
Other items, net	0.3	0.9			
Losses and other expenses, net	\$6.8	\$9.3			

The decline in realized losses on settled futures contracts in 2014 was attributable to increases in commodity prices relative to our settled futures contract prices. Conversely, the change in unrealized losses on unsettled futures contracts was primarily due to lower commodity prices relative to the unsettled futures contract prices. For more information on our derivatives, see Note 8 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The special legal contingency charges relate to patent litigation which was settled in early 2014. The asbestos-related litigation relates to known and estimated future asbestos matters. The environmental liabilities relate to estimated remediation costs for contamination at some of our facilities. Refer to Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on litigation, the asbestos charges, and the environmental liabilities.

#### **Restructuring Charges**

Restructuring charges were \$2 million in 2014 compared to \$5 million in 2013. 2014 charges were primarily for a new project to realign resources and enhance distribution capabilities in our Refrigeration segment. The charges in 2013 related to our Regional Distribution Network project as well as anticipated severance charges associated with a relocation of certain Residential Heating & Cooling manufacturing operations to lower cost facilities. For more information on our restructuring activities, see Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Income from Equity Method Investments

Investments over which we do not exercise control but have significant influence are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Income from equity method investments increased to \$14 million in 2014 compared to \$12 million in 2013 due to increases in earnings from our joint ventures.

#### Interest Expense, net

Net interest expense of \$17 million in 2014 increased from \$15 million in 2013 due to an increase in our weighted-average interest rates in the comparable periods as well as an increase in our average borrowings.

#### Income Taxes

For the Years Ended

The income tax provision was \$110 million in 2014 compared to \$94 million in 2013, and the effective tax rate was 34.5% in 2014 compared to 34.4% in 2013. Our effective tax rates differ from the statutory federal rate of 35% for certain items, including tax credits, state and local taxes, non-deductible expenses, foreign taxes at rates other than 35% and other permanent tax differences.

#### Loss from Discontinued Operations

The Loss from discontinued operations related to the Service Experts business sold in March 2013 and the Hearth business sold in April 2012. The \$4 million of pre-tax losses incurred in 2014 primary relate to changes in retained product liabilities and general liabilities for Service Experts and Hearth. In 2013, there were \$13 million of pre-tax losses from discontinued operations consisting primarily of operating losses in the Service Experts business. The Hearth business had no significant gains or losses in 2013.

Year Ended December 31, 2014 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2013 - Results by Segment

#### Residential Heating & Cooling

The following table presents our Residential Heating & Cooling segment's net sales and profit for 2014 and 2013 (dollars in millions):

	For the Year	s Ended			
	December 31	,			
	2014	2013	Difference	% Char	nge
Net sales	\$1,736.5	\$1,583.2	\$153.3	9.7	%
Profit	\$235.8	\$180.1	\$55.7	30.9	%
% of net sales	13.6	% 11.4	%		

Residential Heating & Cooling net sales increased 10% in 2014 compared to 2013 driven by strong volume increases and favorable price and mix. Sales volume increases contributed 9% and were attributable to industry growth in new construction and replacement markets and market share gains. Benefits of price increases and favorable product mix contributed 2%. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates unfavorably impacted net sales by 1%.

Segment profit in 2014 increased \$56 million due to \$27 million contributed by incremental volume, \$30 million from commodity and non-commodity material cost savings, \$12 million from favorable price, \$5 million from favorable mix, \$4 million from lower warranty costs, and \$1 million from favorable other product costs. Partially offsetting these increases was \$7 million in distribution expenses related to continued investment in distribution expansion, unfavorable foreign exchange rates of \$9 million, and a \$7 million increase in SG&A expenses primarily due to higher wages and other administrative expenses.

#### Commercial Heating & Cooling

The following table presents our Commercial Heating & Cooling segment's net sales and profit for 2014 and 2013 (dollars in millions):

	For the Year	ars Ended			
	December	31,			
	2014	2013	Difference	% Chan	ge
Net sales	\$878.5	\$844.4	\$34.1	4.0	%
Profit	\$124.0	\$118.1	\$5.9	5.0	%
% of net sales	14.1	% 14.0	%		

Commercial Heating & Cooling net sales increased 4% in 2014 compared to 2013 driven by higher volumes. Sales volume increases contributed 5% and were attributable to market share gains and industry growth in the North American markets. Changes in foreign currency exchange rates unfavorably impacted net sales by 1%.

Segment profit in 2014 increased \$6 million compared to 2013 due to \$12 million from incremental volume, \$11 million from material cost savings, \$2 million from favorable price, and \$4 million from increased factory productivity. These increases were offset by \$7 million higher SG&A expenses primarily for start-up costs to enter the VRF market and to support product development, \$3 million from unfavorable mix, \$6 million from unfavorable foreign exchange rates, with the \$7 million balance associated with other costs including investments in distribution expansion.

#### Refrigeration

The following table presents our Refrigeration segment's net sales and profit for 2014 and 2013 (dollars in millions):

	For the Young		Ended					
	2014		2013		Difference		% Change	
Net sales	\$752.4		\$771.5		\$(19.1	)	(2.5	)%
Profit	\$55.4		\$90.2		\$(34.8	)	(38.6	)%
% of net sales	7.4	%	11.7	%				

Refrigeration net sales declined 3% in 2014 compared to 2013 primarily due to a 2% impact from unfavorable Australian and Brazilian foreign currency exchange rates and a 1% negative impact to our refrigerant business in Australia due to the repeal of the carbon tax. The North American supermarket and Australian wholesale businesses have been soft. We continue to expect

the North American supermarket business to improve in 2015 based on national account business won in 2014. In Australia,

with the repeal of the carbon tax, we expect a negative impact to the profitability of our refrigerant business as compared to

prior year periods through the second quarter of 2015.

Segment profit decreased \$35 million in 2014 compared to 2013 primarily due to unfavorable price and mix of \$13 million, unfavorable foreign exchange rates of \$6 million, and \$6 million of lower profitability in our Australia refrigerant business caused by the carbon tax repeal. Also contributing to the decrease in profit was \$7 million of investments in growth initiatives, \$7 million of higher distribution and other costs, and \$5 million of increased SG&A expenses primarily related to wages. Partially offsetting the cost increases was \$9 million of commodity and non-commodity material cost savings.

#### Corporate and Other

Corporate and other expenses decreased \$14 million in 2014 to \$74 million from \$88 million in 2013 driven primarily by lower incentive compensation.

Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2012 - Consolidated Results

#### Net Sales

Net sales increased 8% in 2013 compared to 2012, with sales volumes up approximately 8% and price and mix up approximately 1%. Also, foreign currency exchange rates had an unfavorable impact of less than 1%. The increase in volume was driven by our Residential Heating & Cooling and Commercial Heating & Cooling segments capturing additional replacement and new construction business. The benefit of price and mix was a combination of price increases across all segments and favorable product mix predominantly in our Residential Heating & Cooling segment.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit margins improved 240 bps to 26.9% in 2013 compared to 24.5% in 2012. Increased volume, along with favorable price and mix contributed 200 bps to profit margin and lower commodity and non-commodity product costs contributed a collective 130 bps. Partially offsetting these improvements were 70 bps of higher distribution costs and 20 bps of higher warranty costs.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses

SG&A expenses increased by \$63 million in 2013 compared to 2012. As a percentage of net sales, SG&A expenses increased 60 bps from 17.2% to 17.8% in the same periods. The increase in SG&A expenses was principally due to higher employee compensation.

#### Losses and Other Expenses, Net

Losses and other expenses, net for 2013 and 2012 included the following (in millions):

	For the Y	Years Ended	
	December 31,		
	2013	2012	
Realized losses (gains) on settled futures contracts	\$1.0	\$1.5	
Foreign currency exchange losses	0.5	0.8	
Losses (gains) on disposal of fixed assets	(1.0	) 0.4	
Net change in unrealized losses (gains) on unsettled futures contracts	0.4	(2.2	)
Acquisition expenses	1.2	1.2	
Special legal contingency charges	6.3		
Other items, net	0.9	0.8	
Losses and other expenses, net	\$9.3	\$2.5	

The decline in realized losses on settled futures contracts in 2013 was attributable to increases in commodity prices relative to our settled futures contract prices. Conversely, the change in unrealized losses (gains) on unsettled futures contracts was primarily due to lower commodity prices relative to the unsettled futures contract prices. For more information on our derivatives, see Note 8 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

The special legal contingency charges relate to patent litigation which was settled in early 2014. We also recorded asbestos charges in the fourth quarter of 2013 for known and estimated future asbestos matters. Refer to Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on this litigation and the asbestos charges.

#### **Restructuring Charges**

Restructuring charges were \$5 million in 2013 compared to \$4 million in 2012. The charges in 2013 related to our Regional Distribution Network project as well as anticipated severance charges associated with a relocation of certain Residential Heating & Cooling manufacturing operations to lower cost facilities. The charges in 2012 related primarily to our Regional Distribution Network project. For more information on our restructuring activities, see Note 16 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### Income from Equity Method Investments

Investments over which we do not exercise control but have significant influence are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. Income from equity method investments increased to \$12 million in 2013 compared to \$10 million in 2012 due to increases in earnings from our joint ventures.

#### Interest Expense, net

Net interest expense of \$15 million in 2013 declined from \$17 million in 2012 due to a decrease in our weighted-average interest rates in the comparable periods, partially offset by a slight increase in our average borrowings.

#### Income Taxes

The income tax provision was \$94 million in 2013 compared to \$67 million in 2012, and the effective tax rate was 34.4% in 2013 compared to 33.1% in 2012. Our effective tax rates differ from the statutory federal rate of 35% for

certain items, including tax credits, state and local taxes, non-deductible expenses, foreign taxes at rates other than 35% and other permanent tax differences.

# Loss from Discontinued Operations

The Loss from discontinued operations related to the Service Experts business sold in March 2013 and the Hearth business sold in April 2012. In 2013, there were \$13 million of pre-tax losses from discontinued operations consisting primarily of operating losses in the Service Experts business. The Hearth business had no significant gains or losses in 2013.

In 2012, there were pre-tax losses of \$65 million consisting of \$51 million of losses related to the Service Experts business and \$14 million of losses related to the Hearth business. The \$51 million of Service Experts' losses included operating losses of \$28 million, goodwill impairment charges of \$21 million and \$2 million of restructuring and other expenses. The \$14 million of losses related to the Hearth business included operating losses of \$3 million, a \$6 million charge to write down certain long-lived assets to their fair value, a \$6 million pension settlement charge for the realization of pension losses related to the transfer of a pension to the buyer of the business, a \$1 million loss on the sale of the business, \$2 million of other expenses and a \$4 million gain for the realization of foreign currency translation adjustments.

Year Ended December 31, 2013 Compared to Year Ended December 31, 2012 - Results by Segment

#### Residential Heating & Cooling

The following table presents our Residential Heating & Cooling segment's net sales and profit for 2013 and 2012 (dollars in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	Difference	% Change	
Net sales	\$1,583.2	\$1,375.8	\$207.4	15.1	%
Profit	\$180.1	\$102.9	\$77.2	75.0	%
% of net sales	11.4	% 7.5	%		

Residential Heating & Cooling net sales increased 15% in 2013 compared to 2012 driven by strong volume increases and favorable price and mix. Sales volume increases contributed 13% and were attributable to industry growth in new construction and replacement markets and market share gains. Benefits of price increases and favorable product mix contributed 2%.

Segment profit in 2013 increased \$77 million due to \$57 million in higher sales volumes, \$18 million from favorable price and mix, \$33 million in commodity and non-commodity material cost savings and \$3 million in favorable other product costs due primarily to factory efficiencies. Partially offsetting these increases were \$13 million in higher SG&A costs due primarily to higher advertising and employee compensation costs, \$17 million of higher distribution expenses due to continued investment in distribution initiatives and \$4 million in adjustments to the product warranty accrual.

#### Commercial Heating & Cooling

The following table presents our Commercial Heating & Cooling segment's net sales and profit for 2013 and 2012 (dollars in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	Difference	% Change	•
Net sales	\$844.4	\$785.4	\$59.0	7.5	%
Profit	\$118.1	\$99.5	\$18.6	18.7	%
% of net sales	14.0	% 12.7	%		

Commercial Heating & Cooling net sales increased 8% in 2013 compared to 2012 driven by higher volumes. The drivers of the volume increases were market share gains and industry growth in the North American markets. Also, foreign currency exchange rates had a favorable impact of less than 1%.

Segment profit in 2013 increased \$19 million compared to 2012 due to increases of \$19 million from higher volumes, \$11 million for favorable commodity and non-commodity material costs and \$4 million for favorable price and mix. Partially offsetting these increases were \$4 million of higher distribution expenses due to continued investment in distribution initiatives, \$6 million of higher SG&A expenses and \$5 million of increases primarily to investments in our commercial services network.

#### Refrigeration

The following table presents our Refrigeration segment's net sales and profit for 2013 and 2012 (dollars in millions):

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2013	2012	Difference	% Change	
Net sales	\$771.5	\$788.2	\$(16.7)	(2.1	)%
Profit	\$90.2	\$81.9	\$8.3	10.1	%
% of net sales	11.7	% 10.4	%		

Refrigeration net sales were down 2% in 2013 compared to 2012 due to volume declines and unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates, partially offset by growth in Australia. Volumes declined 2% primarily because of weakness in the North America grocery markets. Also, foreign currency exchange rates had a 1% unfavorable impact over the comparable period. These declines were partially offset by growth of 1% related to the Australia wholesale refrigerant business.

Segment profit for 2013 increased \$8 million over 2012, with increases of \$14 million from growth in the Australia wholesale refrigerant business which benefited from one-time purchases of lower cost inventory and from investments in related operations, increases of \$10 million from favorable price and mix and increases of \$11 million from favorable commodity and non-commodity material costs. Partially offsetting these increases were \$13 million of higher SG&A expenses primarily related to investments in cost savings initiatives and increases in employee compensation, \$11 million of volume-related declines, approximately \$2 million from unfavorable foreign currency exchange rates and \$1 million of higher distribution costs.

#### Corporate and Other

Corporate and other expenses increased \$28 million in 2013 to \$88 million from \$60 million in 2012 driven primarily by an increase in incentive compensation due to improved operating results in 2013.

#### Accounting for Futures Contracts

Realized gains and losses on settled futures contracts are a component of segment profit (loss). Unrealized gains and losses on unsettled futures contracts are excluded from segment profit (loss) as they are subject to changes in fair value until their settlement date. Both realized and unrealized gains and losses on futures contracts are a component of Losses and other expenses, net in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations. See Note 8 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our derivatives and Note 19 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our segments and for a reconciliation of segment profit to income from continuing operations before income taxes.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our working capital and capital expenditure requirements are generally met through internally generated funds, bank lines of credit and an asset securitization arrangement. Working capital needs are generally greater in the first and second quarters due to the seasonal nature of our business cycle. During the fourth quarter, the company strategically built \$77 million of inventory to support customers in the minimum-efficiency regulatory transition taking effect at the start of 2015 for certain products.

#### Statement of Cash Flows

The following table summarizes our cash flow activity for the years ended 2014, 2013 and 2012 (in millions):

	2014		2013		2012	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$184.8		\$210.3		\$221.4	
Net cash used in investing activities	(87.3	)	(67.3	)	(40.4	)
Net cash used in financing activities	(89.5	)	(150.2	)	(180.1	)

Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities - Net cash provided by operating activities decreased \$26 million to \$185 million in 2014 compared to \$210 million in 2013. This decrease was primarily attributable to an increase in working capital requirements and higher income tax payments in 2014 due to timing of payments, partially offset by higher net income. The majority of the increase in working capital in 2014 was related to increased inventory to support customers in the minimum-efficiency regulatory

transition, partially offset by an increase in accounts payable due to the timing of payments.

Net Cash Used in Investing Activities - Capital expenditures were \$88 million, \$78 million and \$50 million in 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively. Capital expenditures in 2014 were primarily related to an expansion of manufacturing capacity for our Residential Heating & Cooling segment, investments in the operations of the Australia wholesale refrigerant business, investments in our North America distribution networks and other investments in systems and software to support the overall enterprise. Net cash used in investing activities for 2013 also included \$9 million in net proceeds from the sale of the Service Experts business.

Net Cash Used in Financing Activities - Net cash used in financing activities declined to \$90 million in 2014 from \$150 million in 2013 primarily due to an increase in net borrowings and more dividend payments, partially offset by increased share repurchases. Net borrowings increased by \$526 million in 2014 primarily to support the increased stock repurchases, dividend, and tax payments. Dividend payments increased because the fourth quarter 2012 dividend was paid in 2012, whereas the fourth quarter 2013 dividend was not paid until the first quarter of 2014. We also used \$550 million in 2014 to acquire 5.2 million shares of stock under our share repurchase plans compared to purchases of \$125 million for 1.7 million shares in 2013.

#### **Debt Position**

The following table details our lines of credit and financing arrangements as of December 31, 2014 (in millions):

	Maximum Capacity	Outstanding Borrowings	Available for Future Borrowings
Short-Term Debt:			_
Foreign Obligations	\$28.6	\$6.6	\$22.0
Asset Securitization Program (1)	220.0	220.0	_
Total short-term debt	248.6	226.6	22.0
Current Maturities:			
Capital lease obligations	1.5	1.5	_
Domestic credit facility (2)	22.5	22.5	_
Long-Term Debt:			
Capital lease obligations	15.5	15.5	_
Domestic credit facility (2)	927.5	459.5	440.8
Senior unsecured notes	200.0	200.0	_
Total long-term debt	1,143.0	675.0	440.8
Total debt	\$1,415.6	\$925.6	\$462.8

In November 2014, we amended the Asset Securitization Program ("ASP"), extending its term to November 13, 2015 and increasing the maximum securitization amount from a range of \$160.0 million to \$220 million to a range of \$180.0 million to \$220.0 million, depending on the period. The maximum capacity of the ASP is the lesser of the maximum securitization amount or 100% of the net pool balance less reserves, as defined under the ASP. In November 2014, we replaced our \$650 million Domestic Revolving Credit Facility and our \$200 million Short Term Facility with a \$950 million Domestic Credit Facility, which consists of a \$650 million revolving credit facility and a \$300 million term loan and matures in November 2019. Quarterly principal repayments of \$7.5

million are required for the term loan beginning on June 30, 2015. The available future borrowings on our domestic revolving credit facility are reduced by \$27.2 million in outstanding standby letters of credit. We had an additional \$26.4 million in standby letters of credit with other banks.

# Financial Leverage

We periodically review our capital structure, including our primary bank facility, to ensure the appropriate levels of liquidity and leverage and to take advantage of favorable interest rate environments or other market conditions. We consider various other financing alternatives and may, from time to time, access the capital markets.

As of December 31, 2014, our senior credit ratings were Baa3 with a negative outlook, and BBB with a stable outlook, by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's") and Standard & Poor's Rating Group ("S&P"), respectively. The security ratings are

not a recommendation to buy, sell or hold securities and may be subject to revision or withdrawal at any time by the assigning rating agency. Each rating should be evaluated independently of any other rating. Our goal is to maintain investment grade ratings from Moody's and S&P to ensure the capital markets remain available to us.

Our debt-to-total-capital ratio increased to 99.0% at December 31, 2014 compared to 45.2% at December 31, 2013. The increase in the ratio in 2014 is primarily due to the increase in our net borrowings and our acquisition of shares of stock through share repurchase plans, as noted above. We evaluate our debt-to-EBITDA ratio in order to determine the appropriate targets for share repurchases under our share repurchase programs.

#### Liquidity

We believe our cash of \$38 million, future cash generated from operations and available future borrowings are sufficient to fund our operations, planned capital expenditures, future contractual obligations, share repurchases, anticipated dividends and other needs in the foreseeable future. Included in our cash and cash equivalents of \$38 million as of December 31, 2014 was \$25 million of cash held in foreign locations. Our cash held in foreign locations is used for investing and operating activities in those locations, and we currently do not have the need or intent to repatriate those funds to the United States. If we were to repatriate this cash, we would be required to accrue and to pay taxes in the United States for the amounts that were repatriated.

No contributions are required to be made to our U.S. defined benefit plan in 2015. We made \$10 million in contributions to pension plans in 2014.

On May 14, 2014, our Board of Directors approved a 25% increase in our quarterly dividend on common stock from \$0.24 to \$0.30 per share effective with the July 2014 dividend payment. Dividend payments were \$53 million in 2014 compared to \$34 million in 2013, with the increase due primarily to the timing of payments of declared dividends. Four quarterly dividends were declared in both 2014 and 2013, whereas four quarterly dividends were paid in 2014 compared to three payments in 2013.

We also continued to increase shareholder value through our share repurchase programs. In 2014 and 2013, we returned \$550 million and \$125 million to our investors through share repurchases, respectively. An additional \$396 million of repurchases are still available under the programs.

#### Financial Covenants related to our Debt

Our domestic credit facility is guaranteed by certain of our subsidiaries and contains financial covenants relating to leverage and interest coverage. Other covenants contained in the domestic credit facility restrict, among other things, certain mergers, asset dispositions, guarantees, debt, liens, and affiliate transactions. The financial covenants require us to maintain a defined Consolidated Indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio and a Cash Flow (defined as EBITDA minus capital expenditures) to Net Interest Expense Ratio. The required ratios under our domestic credit facility are detailed below:

Consolidated Indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio no greater than

Cash Flow to Net Interest Expense Ratio no less than

3.5 : 1.0

3.0 : 1.0

Our domestic credit facility contains customary events of default. These events of default include nonpayment of principal or interest, breach of covenants or other restrictions or requirements, default on certain other indebtedness or receivables securitizations (cross default), and bankruptcy. A cross default under our credit facility could occur if:

We fail to pay any principal or interest when due on any other indebtedness or receivables securitization of at least \$75.0 million; or

We are in default in the performance of, or compliance with any term of any other indebtedness or receivables securitization in an aggregate principal amount of at least \$75.0 million, or any other condition exists which would give the holders the right to declare such indebtedness due and payable prior to its stated maturity.

Each of our major debt agreements contains provisions by which a default under one agreement causes a default in the others (a cross default). If a cross default under the domestic credit facility, our senior unsecured notes, the Lake Park Renewal (as described below), or our ASP were to occur, it could have a wider impact on our liquidity than might otherwise occur from a default of a single debt instrument or lease commitment.

If any event of default occurs and is continuing, lenders with a majority of the aggregate commitments may require the administrative agent to terminate our right to borrow under our domestic credit facility and accelerate amounts due under our

domestic credit facility (except for a bankruptcy event of default, in which case such amounts will automatically become due and payable and the lenders' commitments will automatically terminate).

In the event of a credit rating downgrade below investment grade resulting from a change of control, holders of our senior unsecured notes will have the right to require us to repurchase all or a portion of the senior unsecured notes at a repurchase price equal to 101% of the principal amount of the notes, plus accrued and unpaid interest, if any. The notes are guaranteed, on a senior unsecured basis, by each of our domestic subsidiaries that guarantee payment by us of any indebtedness under our domestic credit facility. The indenture governing the notes contains covenants that, among other things, limit our ability and the ability of the subsidiary guarantors to: create or incur certain liens; enter into certain sale and leaseback transactions; enter into certain mergers, consolidations and transfers of substantially all of our assets; and transfer certain properties. The indenture also contains a cross default provision which is triggered if we default on other debt of at least \$75 million in principal which is then accelerated, and such acceleration is not rescinded within 30 days of the notice date.

As of December 31, 2014, we were in compliance with all covenant requirements. Delaware law limits the ability to pay dividends to surplus or, if there is no surplus, out of net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year. In addition, stock repurchases can only be made out of surplus.

#### **Leasing Commitments**

On March 22, 2013, we entered into an agreement with a financial institution to renew the lease of our corporate headquarters in Richardson, Texas for a term of approximately six years through March 1, 2019 (the "Lake Park Renewal"). The agreement provides for financial covenants consistent with our credit agreement and we were in compliance with those covenants as of December 31, 2014. The lease is classified as an operating lease and we realize annualized savings of approximately \$2 million in net rent costs from this renewal compared to our previous leasing arrangement.

In 2008, we expanded our Tifton, Georgia manufacturing facility using the proceeds from Industrial Development Bonds ("IDBs"). We entered into a lease agreement with the owner of the property and the issuer of the IDBs, and through our lease payments fund the interest payments to investors in the IDBs. We also guaranteed the repayment of the IDBs and entered into letters of credit totaling \$14.5 million to fund a potential repurchase of the IDBs in the event investors exercised their right to tender the IDBs to the Trustee. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, we had a long-term capital lease obligation of \$14.3 million related to these transactions.

Refer to Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more details on our leasing commitments.

#### Off Balance Sheet Arrangements

In addition to the credit facilities, promissory notes and leasing commitments described above, we also lease real estate and machinery and equipment pursuant to operating leases that are not capitalized on the balance sheet, including high-turnover equipment such as autos and service vehicles and short-lived equipment such as personal computers. Rent expense for these leases was \$51 million, \$54 million, and \$68 million in 2014, 2013, and 2012, respectively. Refer to Notes 10 and 23 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our lease commitments and rent expense, respectively.

#### **Contractual Obligations**

Summarized below are our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2014 and their expected impact on our liquidity and cash flows in future periods (in millions):

•	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	1 Year or Less	1 - 3 Years	3 - 5 Years	More than 5 Years
Total long-term debt obligations (1)	\$925.6	\$250.6	\$261.2	\$402.1	\$11.7
Estimated interest payments on debt obligations	65.5	21.3	30.3	13.5	0.4
Operating leases	141.5	37.8	53.4	30.6	19.7
Uncertain tax positions (2)	1.4	1.0	0.4		
Purchase obligations (3)	35.1	35.1	_		
Total contractual obligations	\$1,169.1	\$345.8	\$345.3	\$446.2	\$31.8

- (1) Contractual obligations related to capital leases are included as part of long-term debt.
- (2) The liability for uncertain tax positions includes interest and penalties.
- (3) Purchase obligations consist of aluminum commitments and inventory that is part of our third party logistics programs.

The table above does not include pension, post-retirement benefit and warranty liabilities because it is not certain when these liabilities will be funded. However, we do not expect to pay any contributions to our U.S. defined benefit plans in 2015. For additional information regarding our contractual obligations, see Notes 9, 10, and 11 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements. See Note 12 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our pension and post-retirement benefits obligations.

#### Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Fair value is based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date and requires consideration of our creditworthiness when valuing certain liabilities. Our framework for measuring fair value is based on a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements.

The three-level fair value hierarchy for disclosure of fair value measurements is defined as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets at the measurement date.

Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in Level 2 markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations in which all significant inputs and significant value

drivers are observable in active markets at the measurement date and for the anticipated term of the instrument.

Valuations derived from valuation techniques in which one or more significant inputs or significant value

Level 3 drivers are unobservable inputs that reflect the reporting entity's own assumptions about the assumptions

market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information
available in the circumstances.

Where available, the fair values were based upon quoted prices in active markets. However, if quoted prices were not available, then the fair values were based upon quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities or independently sourced market parameters, such as credit default swap spreads, yield curves, reported trades, broker/dealer quotes, interest rates and benchmark securities. For assets and liabilities without observable market activity, if any, the fair values were based upon discounted cash flow methodologies incorporating assumptions that, in our judgment, reflect the assumptions a marketplace participant would use. Valuation adjustments to reflect either party's creditworthiness and ability to pay were incorporated into our valuations, where appropriate, as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, the measurement dates.

See Note 20 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on the assets and liabilities measured at fair value.

#### Market Risk

#### Commodity Price Risk

We enter into commodity futures contracts to stabilize prices expected to be paid for raw materials and parts containing high copper and aluminum content. These contracts are for quantities equal to or less than quantities expected to be consumed in future production. Fluctuations in metal commodity prices impact the value of the futures contracts that we hold. When metal commodity prices rise, the fair value of our futures contracts increases. Conversely, when commodity prices fall, the fair value of our futures contracts decreases. Information about our exposure to metal commodity price market risks and a sensitivity analysis related to our metal commodity hedges is presented below (in millions):

Notional amount (pounds of aluminum and copper)	34.5
Carrying amount and fair value of net liability	\$8.1
Change in fair value from 10% change in forward prices	\$9.3

Refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our commodity futures contracts.

#### **Interest Rate Risk**

Our results of operations can be affected by changes in interest rates due to variable rates of interest on our debt facilities, cash, cash equivalents and short-term investments. A 10% adverse movement in the levels of interest rates across the entire yield curve would have resulted in an increase to pre-tax interest expense of approximately \$0.9 and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

From time to time, we may use an interest rate swap hedging strategy to eliminate the variability of cash flows in a portion of our interest payments. This strategy, when employed, allows us to fix a portion of our interest payments while also taking advantage of historically low interest rates. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013, no interest rate swaps were in effect.

#### Foreign Currency Exchange Rate Risk

Our results of operations are affected by changes in foreign currency exchange rates. Net sales and expenses in foreign currencies are translated into U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes based on the average exchange rate for the period. During 2014, 2013 and 2012, net sales from outside the U.S. represented 23.5%, 25.5% and 27.2%, respectively, of our total net sales. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, foreign currency transaction gains and losses did not have a material impact to our results of operations. A 10% change in foreign exchange rates would have had an estimated \$4.1 million and \$5.0 million impact to net income for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

We seek to mitigate the impact of currency exchange rate movements on certain short-term transactions by periodically entering into foreign currency forward contracts. By entering into forward contracts, we lock in exchange rates that would otherwise cause losses should the U.S. dollar appreciate and gains should the U.S. dollar depreciate. Refer to Note 8 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding our foreign

currency forward contracts.

#### Critical Accounting Estimates

A critical accounting estimate is one that requires difficult, subjective or complex estimates and assessments and is fundamental to our results of operations and financial condition. The following are our critical accounting estimates and describe how we develop our judgments, assumptions and estimates about future events and how such policies can impact our financial statements:

Product warranties and product-related contingencies;

Self-insurance expense;

Pension benefits;

Derivative accounting; and

#### Goodwill and intangible assets.

This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes in "Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data."

#### Product Warranties and Product-Related Contingencies

The estimate of our liability for future warranty costs requires us to make assumptions about the amount, timing and nature of future product-related costs. Some of the warranties we issue extend 10 years or more in duration and a relatively small adjustment to an assumption may have a significant impact on our overall liability. We may also incur costs related to our products that may not be covered under our warranties and are not covered by insurance, and, from time to time, we may repair or replace installed products experiencing quality issues in order to satisfy our customers and protect our brand.

We periodically review the assumptions used to determine the liabilities for product warranties and product-related contingencies and we adjust our assumptions based upon factors such as actual failure rates and cost experience. Numerous factors could affect actual failure rates and cost experience, including the amount and timing of new product introductions, changes in manufacturing techniques or locations, components or suppliers used. Should actual costs differ from our estimates, we may be required to adjust the liabilities and to record expense in future periods. See Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our product warranties and product-related contingencies.

#### Self-Insurance Expense

We use a combination of third-party insurance and self-insurance plans to provide protection against claims relating to workers' compensation/employers' liability, general liability, product liability, auto liability, auto physical damage and other exposures. Many of these plans have large deductibles and may also include per occurrence and annual aggregate limits. As a result, we expect to incur costs related to these types of claims in future periods.

The estimates for self-insurance expense and liabilities involve assumptions about the amount, timing and nature of future claim costs. The amounts and timing of payments for future claims may vary depending on numerous factors, including the development and ultimate settlement of reported and unreported claims. We estimate these amounts actuarially based primarily on our historical claims information, as well as industry factors and trends. To the extent actuarial assumptions change and claims experience differ from historical rates, our liabilities may change. The self-insurance liabilities as of December 31, 2014 represent the best estimate of the future payments to be made on reported and unreported losses. See Note 10 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our self-insurance expense and liabilities.

#### Pension Benefits

Over the past several years, we have frozen many of our defined benefit pension and profit sharing plans and replaced them with defined contribution plans. We have a liability for the benefits earned under these inactive plans prior to the date the benefits were frozen. We also have several active defined benefit plans that provide benefits based on years of service. In each of the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, we contributed \$10 million to our pension plans.

We make several assumptions to calculate our liability and the expense for these benefit plans, including the discount rate and expected return on assets. We used an assumed discount rate of 4.04% for pension benefits of our U.S.-based plans as of December 31, 2014. Our discount rates were selected using the yield curve for high-quality corporate

bonds, which is dependent upon risk-free interest rates and current credit market conditions. In 2014 and 2013, we utilized an assumed long-term rate of return on assets of 8.00%. These are long-term estimates of equity values and are not dependent on short-term variations of the equity markets. Differences between actual experience and our assumptions are quantified as actuarial gains and losses. These actuarial gains and losses do not immediately impact our earnings as they are deferred in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") and are amortized into net periodic benefit cost over the estimated service period. During the fourth quarter of 2014, we adopted the new mortality tables from the Society of Actuaries, which reflects increasing life expectancies in the United States. The adoption of the new mortality tables, along with the lower discount rate year over year, were the primary reasons for the increase in our projected benefit obligation from 2013 to 2014.

The assumed long-term rate of return on assets and the discount rate have significant effects on the amounts reported for our defined benefit plans. A 25 bps decrease in the long-term rate of return on assets or discount rate would have the following effects (in millions):

25 Basis Point Decrease in Long-Term Rate of Return	25 Basis Point Decrease in Discount Rate
\$0.6	\$0.4
n/a	14.9

Increase to net periodic benefit cost for U.S. pension plans Increase to the pension benefit obligations for U.S. pension plans

Should actual results differ from our estimates and assumptions, revisions to the benefit plan liabilities and the related expenses would be required. Refer to Note 12 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our pension benefits.

#### **Derivative Accounting**

We use futures contracts and fixed forward contracts to mitigate our exposure to volatility in commodity prices in the ordinary course of business. Fluctuations in metal commodity prices impact the value of the derivative instruments that we hold. When metal commodity prices rise, the fair value of our futures contracts increases and conversely, when commodity prices fall, the fair value of our futures contracts decreases. We are required to prepare and maintain contemporaneous documentation for futures contracts that are formally designated as cash flow hedges. Our failure to comply with the strict documentation requirements could result in the de-designation of cash flow hedges, which may significantly impact our consolidated financial statements. Refer to Note 8 in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our derivatives.

#### Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill represents the excess of cost over fair value of assets from acquired businesses. Goodwill is not amortized, but is reviewed for impairment annually in the fourth quarter and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the asset may be impaired. We assign goodwill to the reporting units that benefit from the synergies of our acquisitions. If we reorganize our management structure, the related goodwill is allocated to the affected reporting units based upon the relative fair values of those reporting units. Assets and liabilities, including deferred income taxes, are generally directly assigned to the reporting units. However, certain assets and liabilities, including intellectual property assets, information technology assets and pension, self-insurance and environmental liabilities, are centrally managed and are not allocated to the segments in the normal course of our financial reporting process, and therefore must be assigned to the reporting units based upon appropriate methods. Reporting units that we test are generally equivalent to our business segments, or in some cases one level below. Components that are determined to be reporting units are aggregated when those reporting units share similar economic characteristics. We review our reporting unit structure each year as part of our annual goodwill impairment testing.

The provisions of the accounting standard for goodwill allow us to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform a two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test. As part of our qualitative assessment, we monitor economic, legal, regulatory and other factors, industry trends, our market capitalization, recent and forecasted financial performance of our reporting units and the timing and nature of our restructuring activities for LII as a whole and for each reporting unit.

For those reporting units which require the two-step quantitative goodwill impairment test, we estimate reporting unit fair values using the discounted cash flow approach. The discounted cash flows used to estimate fair value are based on assumptions regarding each reporting unit's estimated projected future cash flows and the estimated

weighted-average cost of capital that a market participant would use in evaluating the reporting unit in a purchase transaction. The estimated weighted-average cost of capital is based on the risk-free interest rate and other factors such as equity risk premiums and the ratio of total debt to equity capital. In performing these impairment tests, we take steps to ensure that appropriate and reasonable cash flow projections and assumptions are used. We reconcile our estimated enterprise value to our market capitalization and determine the reasonableness of the cost of capital used by comparing to market data. We also perform sensitivity analyses on the key assumptions used, such as the weighted-average cost of capital and terminal growth rates. None of our reporting units with significant goodwill is at risk of failing step one of the goodwill impairment test.

We review our indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually in the fourth quarter and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the asset may be impaired. The provisions of the accounting standard for indefinite-lived intangible assets allow us to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is necessary to perform a two-step quantitative impairment test. As part of our qualitative assessment, we monitor economic, legal, regulatory and other factors, industry trends, recent and

forecasted financial performance of our reporting units and the timing and nature of our restructuring activities for LII as a whole and as they relate to the fair value of the assets.

We also periodically review intangible assets with estimable useful lives for impairment as events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of such assets might not be recoverable. We assess recoverability by comparing the estimated expected undiscounted future cash flows identified with each intangible asset or related asset group to the carrying amount of such assets. If the expected future cash flows do not exceed the carrying value of the asset or assets being reviewed, an impairment loss is recognized based on the excess of the carrying amount of the impaired assets over their fair value. In assessing the fair value of these intangible assets, we must make assumptions that a market participant would make regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of the respective assets. If these estimates or the related assumptions change, we may be required to record impairment charges for these assets in the future.

Refer to Note 4 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for more information on our goodwill and intangible assets.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2012, the FASB updated its guidance on the impairment testing of indefinite-lived intangible assets to allow companies to first assess qualitative factors when determining if it is more likely than not that indefinite-lived intangible assets are impaired. If, as a result of the qualitative assessment, it is determined that it is not more likely than not that the indefinite-lived intangible assets are impaired, then the Company is not required to take further action. This guidance was applicable to our annual impairment tests beginning in the first quarter of 2013.

In February 2013, the FASB updated its guidance related to the presentation of comprehensive income and accumulated other

comprehensive income ("AOCI"). The updated guidance requires additional footnote disclosure of items reclassified out of AOCI and into net income as well as the effect of the reclassifications on each affected Statement of Operations line item. This updated guidance was applicable beginning in the first quarter of 2013 on a prospective basis. The required disclosures can be found in Note 13 of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

On May 28, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for us on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2014-09 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. We have not yet selected a transition method nor have we determined the effect of the standard on our ongoing financial reporting.

#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information required by this item is included under the caption "Market Risk" in Item 7 above.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

#### MANAGEMENT'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. As defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, has undertaken an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Management's assessment included an evaluation of the design of the Company's internal control over financial reporting and testing of the operational effectiveness of those controls.

Based on this assessment, management concluded that as of December 31, 2014, the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective.

KPMG LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm that audited the Company's consolidated financial statements, has issued an audit report including an opinion on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, a copy of which is included herein.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Board of Directors and Stockholders

Lennox International Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Lennox International Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we have audited Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves (the Schedule). We also have audited the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for these consolidated financial statements, the Schedule, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting, and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements, the Schedule and an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the consolidated financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lennox International Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2014, in conformity

with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, Schedule II - Valuation and Qualifying Accounts and Reserves, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein. Also in our opinion, Lennox International Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2014, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (1992) by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Dallas, Texas February 17, 2015

# LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In millions, except shares and par values)

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	As of Dece 2014	mber 31, 2013
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$37.5	\$38.0
Accounts and notes receivable, net of allowances of \$7.9 and \$9.8 in 2014 and 2013, respectively	421.4	408.1
Inventories, net	463.3	378.8
Deferred income taxes, net	32.5	24.5
Other assets	59.3	53.0
Total current assets	1,014.0	902.4
Property, plant and equipment, net	358.6	335.5
Goodwill	209.4	216.8
Deferred income taxes	97.5	88.5
Other assets, net	84.8	83.5
Total assets	\$1,764.3	\$1,626.7
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	Ψ1,701.3	Ψ1,020.7
Current Liabilities:		
Short-term debt	\$226.6	\$165.9
Current maturities of long-term debt	24.0	1.3
Accounts payable	324.3	283.1
Accrued expenses	239.0	232.1
Income taxes payable	13.4	31.6
Total current liabilities	827.3	714.0
Long-term debt	675.0	233.2
Post-retirement benefits, other than pensions	4.5	4.6
Pensions	129.9	70.0
Other liabilities	118.6	119.2
Total liabilities	1,755.3	1,141.0
Commitments and contingencies	1,755.5	1,141.0
Stockholders' equity		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value, 25,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued or		
outstanding		_
Common stock, \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 87,170,197 shares issued	0.9	0.9
Additional paid-in capital	824.9	912.7
Retained earnings	1,022.1	870.5
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	•	) (61.1
Treasury stock, at cost, 42,535,126 shares and 38,066,794 shares for 2014 and 2013,		
respectively	(1,686.0	) (1,238.1 )
Noncontrolling interests	0.6	0.8
Total stockholders' equity	9.0	485.7
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$1,764.3	\$1,626.7
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(In millions, except per share data)

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	For the Years Ended December 31,					
	2014	2013	2012			
Net sales	\$3,367.4	\$3,199.1	\$2,949.4			
Cost of goods sold	2,464.1	2,337.9	2,227.1			
Gross profit	903.3	861.2	722.3			
Operating expenses:						
Selling, general and administrative expenses	573.7	570.1	507.0			
Losses and other expenses, net	6.8	9.3	2.5			
Restructuring charges	1.9	5.0	4.2			
Income from equity method investments	(13.8	) (12.2	) (10.5			
Operational income from continuing operations	334.7	289.0	219.1			
Interest expense, net	17.2	14.5	17.1			
Other expense, net	(0.1	) 0.2	0.3			
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	317.6	274.3	201.7			
Provision for income taxes	109.5	94.4	66.7			
Income from continuing operations	208.1	179.9	135.0			
Discontinued operations:						
Loss from discontinued operations before income taxes	(3.7	) (13.3	) (64.9			
Benefit from income taxes	(1.4	) (5.2	) (19.9			
Loss from discontinued operations	(2.3	) (8.1	) (45.0			
Net income	\$205.8	\$171.8	\$90.0			
Earnings per share – Basic:						
Income from continuing operations	\$4.35	\$3.61	\$2.66			
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.05		) (0.89			
Net income	\$4.30	\$3.45	\$1.77			
Earnings per share – Diluted:						
Income from continuing operations	\$4.28	\$3.55	\$2.63			
Loss from discontinued operations	(0.05	) (0.16	) (0.88			
Net income	\$4.23	\$3.39	\$1.75			
Tet meome	Ψ 1.25	Ψ3.37	Ψ1.75			
Average shares outstanding:						
Basic	47.9	49.8	50.7			
Diluted	48.6	50.6	51.4			
Cash dividends declared per share	\$1.14	\$0.92	\$0.76			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In millions)

	For the Years Ended December 31,						
	2014	2013	2012				
Net income	\$205.8	\$171.8	\$90.0				
Other comprehensive income (loss):							
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(45.7	) (30.7	) 14.8				
Reclassification of foreign currency translation adjustments into earnings	_	(41.1	) (3.7	)			
Net change in pension and post-retirement benefit liabilities	(75.9	) 56.7	(24.1	)			
Change in fair value of available-for-sale marketable equity securities	0.7	(6.8	) 1.9				
Net change in fair value of cash flow hedges	(12.1	) (6.8	) 5.2				
Reclassification of pension and post-retirement benefit losses into earnings	6.9	9.5	14.9				
Reclassification of cash flow hedge losses into earnings	5.7	4.2	7.9				
Other comprehensive income (loss) before taxes	(120.4	) (15.0	) 16.9				
Tax (expense) benefit	28.0	(23.8	) (2.1	)			
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax	(92.4	) (38.8	) 14.8				
Comprehensive income	\$113.4	\$133.0	\$104.8				

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

For the Years Ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (In millions, except per share data)

		Issued	Additiona Paid-In nCapital	Al Retained Earnings	Accumula Other Comprehe Income (Loss)		Cost ive	ury Stock at sAmount	Non-contro Interests	Total olling Stockhol Equity	ders'
Balance as of December 31, 2011	86.9	\$ 0.9	\$ 881.2	\$692.9	\$ (37.1	)	36.1	\$(1,070.1)	\$ 1.2	\$ 469.0	
Net income	_	_		90.0					_	90.0	
Dividends, \$0.76 per share				(38.5)						(38.5	)
Foreign currency				,	11 1				0.2		,
translation adjustments	_				11.1				0.3	11.4	
Pension and											
post-retirement liability					(6.5	)				(6.5	)
changes, net of tax benefit					(0.5	,		_		(0.5	,
of \$2.7											
Change in fair value of											
available-for-sale			_	_	1.9			_		1.9	
marketable equity											
securities											
Stock-based compensation			16.3	_	_			_		16.3	
expense Change in cash flow											
hedges, net of tax expense					8.3					8.3	
of \$4.8					0.5			_		0.5	
Common stock issued	0.3		0.2							0.2	
Treasury stock purchases			(2.9)	_			0.8	(54.4)	_	(57.3	)
Tax benefits of stock-based	i						0.0	(6 )			,
compensation	_		3.5							3.5	
Balance as of December	07.2	0.0	909.2	744.4	(22.2	`	26.0	(1.104.5.)	1.5	400.2	
31, 2012	87.2	0.9	898.3	744.4	(22.3	)	36.9	(1,124.5)	1.3	498.3	
Net income	_		_	171.8				_		171.8	
Dividends, \$0.92 per share	_		_	(45.7)	_			_	_	(45.7	)
Foreign currency					(71.8	)			(0.2)	(72.0	)
translation adjustments					(, 1,0	,			(0.2	(, =	,
Pension and											
post-retirement liability			_	_	41.5			_	_	41.5	
changes, net of tax expense	2										
of \$24.7 Change in fair value of											
available-for-sale											
marketable equity	_		_	_	(6.8	)		_	_	(6.8	)
securities											
Stock-based compensation			<b>20 -</b>							•• -	
expense			29.5	_				_	_	29.5	
1			_	_	(1.7	)		_		(1.7	)

Change in cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit o \$1.0	of													
Treasury shares reissued for common stock		_	(3.9	)	_	_		(0.5)	5.7		_		1.8	
Additional investment in subsidiary		_	_		_	_		_	_		(0.5	)	(0.5	)
Treasury stock purchases			(17.7	)	_	_		1.7	(119.3	)	_		(137.0	)
Tax benefits of stock-based compensation	d	_	6.5		_	_			_		_		6.5	
Balance as of December 31, 2013	87.2	0.9	912.7		870.5	(61.1	)	38.1	(1,238.1	)	0.8		485.7	
Net income	—		_		205.8	_		_	_				205.8	
Dividends, \$1.14 per share	—		_		(54.2)	_					_		(54.2	)
Foreign currency translation adjustments		_			_	(45.7	)	_					(45.7	)
Pension and post-retirement liability changes, net of tax benefit of \$25.6	_	_	_		_	(43.4	)	_	_		_		(43.4	)
Change in fair value of available-for-sale marketable equity securities	_	_	_		_	0.7		_	_				0.7	
Stock-based compensation expense		_	23.3		_	_		_	_				23.3	
Change in cash flow hedges, net of tax benefit o	f—	_	_		_	(4.0	)	_	_		_		(4.0	)
\$2.3 Treasury shares reissued for common stock		_	(5.6	)	_	_		(0.8)	7.5		_		1.9	
Additional investment in subsidiary		_							_		(0.2	)	(0.2	)
Treasury stock purchases			(117.3	)	_	_		5.2	(455.4	)	_		(572.7	)
Tax benefits of stock-based compensation	d	_	11.8		_	_		_	_		_		11.8	*
Balance as of December 31, 2014	87.2	\$ 0.9	\$ 824.9		\$1,022.1	\$ (153.5	)	42.5	\$(1,686.0)	)	\$ 0.6		\$ 9.0	
The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.														

# LENNOX INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012 (In millions)

	2014		2013		2012	
Cash flows from operating activities:						
Net income	\$205.8		\$171.8		\$90.0	
Net loss from discontinued operations	2.3		8.1		45.0	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:						
Income from equity method investments	(13.8	)	(12.2	)	(10.5	)
Dividends from affiliates	9.1		10.3		9.3	
Restructuring expenses, net of cash paid	0.2		0.1		0.1	
Provision for bad debts	2.6		3.6		3.9	
Unrealized losses on derivative contracts	0.3		0.3		(1.0	)
Stock-based compensation expense	23.3		29.3		15.2	
Depreciation and amortization	60.8		58.9		55.4	
Deferred income taxes	6.1		3.5		(2.7	)
Pension costs in excess of (less than) contributions	(8.0)	)	1.7		(15.1	)
Other items, net	0.1		4.5		2.1	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects of acquisitions and divestitures:						
Accounts and notes receivable	(32.6	)	(49.0	)	13.3	
Inventories	(96.7	)	(19.5	)	(55.8	)
Other current assets	(8.3)	)	(16.3	)	(1.5	)
Accounts payable	46.1		(10.9	)	37.1	
Accrued expenses	6.7		15.4		35.8	
Income taxes payable and receivable	(15.9	)	21.9		18.2	
Other, net	(1.0	)	4.4		(2.2	)
Net cash used in discontinued operations	(2.3	)	(15.6	)	(15.2)	)
Net cash provided by operating activities	184.8		210.3		221.4	
Cash flows from investing activities:						
Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	1.1		2.4		0.1	
Purchases of property, plant and equipment	(88.4	)	(78.3	)	(50.2	)
Net proceeds from sale of businesses	_		8.6		10.1	
Net cash used in discontinued operations	_		_		(0.4	)
Net cash used in investing activities	(87.3	)	(67.3	)	(40.4	)
Cash flows from financing activities:						
Short-term borrowings, net	1.5		2.0		0.2	
Asset securitization borrowings	100.0					