

BELDEN INC.  
Form 10-Q  
May 10, 2016

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15 (d)**  
**OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**For the quarterly period ended April 3, 2016**  
**Commission File No. 001-12561**

**BELDEN INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>36-3601505</b>
<b>(State or other jurisdiction of</b>	<b>(I.R.S. Employer</b>
<b>incorporation or organization)</b>	<b>Identification No.)</b>
<b>1 North Brentwood Boulevard</b>	
<b>15th Floor</b>	
<b>St. Louis, Missouri 63105</b>	
<b>(Address of principal executive offices)</b>	

(314) 854-8000

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code**

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the 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 past 90 days. Yes  No .

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

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

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

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

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

As of May 5, 2016, the Registrant had 42,071,617 outstanding shares of common stock.

**PART I FINANCIAL INFORMATION****Item 1. Financial Statements  
BELDEN INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>April 3, 2016 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 146,264	\$ 216,751
Receivables, net	346,210	387,386
Inventories, net	215,947	195,942
Other current assets	44,489	37,079
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>752,910</b>	<b>837,158</b>
Property, plant and equipment, less accumulated depreciation	316,435	310,629
Goodwill	1,406,058	1,385,115
Intangible assets, less accumulated amortization	642,939	655,871
Deferred income taxes	36,481	34,295
Other long-lived assets	68,772	67,534
	<b>\$ 3,223,595</b>	<b>\$ 3,290,602</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 208,921	\$ 223,514
Accrued liabilities	281,392	323,249
Current maturities of long-term debt	2,500	2,500
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>492,813</b>	<b>549,263</b>
Long-term debt	1,689,664	1,725,282
Postretirement benefits	107,054	105,230
Deferred income taxes	49,341	46,034
Other long-term liabilities	45,416	39,270
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock	-	-
Common stock	503	503
Additional paid-in capital	606,591	605,660
Retained earnings	694,119	679,716
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(60,705)	(58,987)
Treasury stock	(402,524)	(402,793)

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Total Belden stockholders equity	837,984	824,099
Noncontrolling interest	1,323	1,424
Total stockholders equity	839,307	825,523
	\$ 3,223,595	\$ 3,290,602

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Consolidated Financial Statements

**BELDEN INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands, except per share data)</b>	
Revenues	\$ 541,497	\$ 546,957
Cost of sales	(316,462)	(339,308)
Gross profit	225,035	207,649
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(122,406)	(140,048)
Research and development	(36,133)	(36,199)
Amortization of intangibles	(25,532)	(26,504)
Operating income	40,964	4,898
Interest expense, net	(24,396)	(23,846)
Income (loss) before taxes	16,568	(18,948)
Income tax expense	(143)	(688)
Net income (loss)	16,425	(19,636)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(99)	-
Net income (loss) attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 16,524	\$ (19,636)
Weighted average number of common shares and equivalents:		
Basic	42,008	42,535
Diluted	42,440	42,535
Basic income (loss) per share attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 0.39	\$ (0.46)
Diluted income (loss) per share attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 0.39	\$ (0.46)
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 14,806	\$ (5,723)
Dividends declared per share	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.05

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**BELDEN INC.****CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENTS****(Unaudited)**

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,425	\$ (19,636)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	37,195	38,045
Share-based compensation	4,100	5,006
Tax deficiency (benefit) related to share-based compensation	67	(3,690)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effects of currency exchange rate changes and acquired businesses:		
Receivables	45,098	10,341
Inventories	(16,625)	(18,211)
Accounts payable	(17,187)	(34,562)
Accrued liabilities	(52,607)	(23,965)
Accrued taxes	(6,395)	(50)
Other assets	(1,226)	(2,406)
Other liabilities	3,834	923
<b>Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities</b>	<b>12,679</b>	<b>(48,205)</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Cash used to acquire businesses, net of cash acquired	(15,348)	(695,345)
Capital expenditures	(13,431)	(15,456)
Proceeds from disposal of tangible assets	10	6
<b>Net cash used for investing activities</b>	<b>(28,769)</b>	<b>(710,795)</b>
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>		
Payments under borrowing arrangements	(50,625)	-
Withholding tax payments for share-based payment awards, net of proceeds from the exercise of stock options	(2,833)	(10,842)
Cash dividends paid	(2,101)	(2,140)
Tax benefit (deficiency) related to share-based compensation	(67)	3,690
Borrowings under credit arrangements	-	200,000
Debt issuance costs paid	-	(622)
<b>Net cash provided by (used for) financing activities</b>	<b>(55,626)</b>	<b>190,086</b>
Effect of foreign currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,229	(5,548)
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(70,487)</b>	<b>(574,462)</b>

Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	216,751	741,162
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 146,264	\$ 166,700

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements



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## CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY STATEMENT

THREE MONTHS ENDED APRIL 3, 2016

(Unaudited)

	Belden Inc. Stockholders						Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Noncontrolling Interest	Total
	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock				
	Shares	Amount				Shares	Amount		
(In thousands)									
at r 31,	50,335	\$ 503	\$ 605,660	\$ 679,716	(8,354)	\$ (402,793)	\$ (58,987)	\$ 1,424	\$ 8
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016	50,335	\$ 503	\$ 606,591	\$ 694,119	(8,275)	\$ (402,524)	\$ (60,705)	\$ 1,323	\$	8

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**NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include Belden Inc. and all of its subsidiaries (the Company, us, we, or our). We eliminate all significant affiliate accounts and transactions in consolidation.

The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements presented as of any date other than December 31, 2015:

Are prepared from the books and records without audit, and

Are prepared in accordance with the instructions for Form 10-Q and do not include all of the information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete statements, but

Include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair presentation of the financial statements.

These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and Supplementary Data contained in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Business Description

We are an innovative signal transmission solutions provider built around five global business platforms – Broadcast Solutions, Enterprise Connectivity Solutions, Industrial Connectivity Solutions, Industrial IT Solutions, and Network Security Solutions. Our comprehensive portfolio of signal transmission solutions provides industry leading secure and reliable transmission of data, sound, and video for mission critical applications.

Reporting Periods

Our fiscal year and fiscal fourth quarter both end on December 31. Our fiscal first quarter ends on the Sunday falling closest to 91 days after December 31, which was April 3, 2016, the 94th day of our fiscal year 2016. Our fiscal second and third quarters each have 91 days. The three months ended March 29, 2015 included 88 days.

Reclassifications

We have made certain reclassifications to the 2015 Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements with no impact to reported net income in order to conform to the 2016 presentation.

Fair Value Measurement

Accounting guidance for fair value measurements specifies a hierarchy of valuation techniques based upon whether the inputs to those valuation techniques reflect assumptions other market participants would use based upon market data obtained from independent sources or reflect our own assumptions of market participant valuation. The hierarchy is broken down into three levels based on the reliability of the inputs as follows:

Level 1 Quoted prices in active markets that are unadjusted and accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities;

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Level 2 Quoted prices for identical assets and liabilities in markets that are not active, quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, or financial instruments for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3 Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measurement and unobservable.

As of and during the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015, we utilized Level 1 inputs to determine the fair value of cash equivalents, and we utilized Level 2 and Level 3 inputs to determine the fair value of net assets acquired in business combinations (see Note 2). We did not have any transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 fair value measurements during the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015.

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

We classify cash on hand and deposits in banks, including commercial paper, money market accounts, and other investments with an original maturity of three months or less, that we hold from time to time, as cash and cash equivalents. We periodically have cash equivalents consisting of short-term money market funds and other investments. The primary objective of our investment activities is to preserve our capital for the purpose of funding operations. We do not enter into investments for trading or speculative purposes. We did not have any significant cash equivalents as of April 3, 2016.

#### Contingent Liabilities

We have established liabilities for environmental and legal contingencies that are probable of occurrence and reasonably estimable, the amounts of which are currently not material. We accrue environmental remediation costs based on estimates of known environmental remediation exposures developed in consultation with our environmental consultants and legal counsel. We are, from time to time, subject to routine litigation incidental to our business. These lawsuits primarily involve claims for damages arising out of the use of our products, allegations of patent or trademark infringement, and litigation and administrative proceedings involving employment matters and commercial disputes. Based on facts currently available, we believe the disposition of the claims that are pending or asserted will not have a materially adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flow.

As of April 3, 2016, we were party to standby letters of credit, bank guaranties, and surety bonds totaling \$9.1 million, \$3.0 million, and \$2.4 million, respectively.

#### Revenue Recognition

We recognize revenue when all of the following circumstances are satisfied: (1) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, (2) price is fixed or determinable, (3) collectability is reasonably assured, and (4) delivery has occurred. Delivery occurs in the period in which the customer takes title and assumes the risks and rewards of ownership of the products specified in the customer's purchase order or sales agreement. At times, we enter into arrangements that involve the delivery of multiple elements. For these arrangements, when the elements can be separated, the revenue is allocated to each deliverable based on that element's relative selling price and recognized based on the period of delivery for each element. Generally, we determine relative selling price using our best estimate of selling price, unless we have established vendor specific objective evidence (VSOE) or third party evidence of fair value exists for such arrangements.

We record revenue net of estimated rebates, price allowances, invoicing adjustments, and product returns. We record revisions to these estimates in the period in which the facts that give rise to each revision become known.



We have certain products subject to the accounting guidance on software revenue recognition. For such products, software license revenue is recognized when persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, delivery of the product has occurred, the fee is fixed or determinable, collection is probable and VSOE of the fair value of undelivered elements exists. As substantially all of the software licenses are sold in multiple-element arrangements that include either support and maintenance or both support and maintenance and professional services, we use the residual method to determine the amount of software license revenue to be recognized. Under the residual method, consideration is allocated to undelivered elements based upon VSOE of the fair value of those elements, with the residual of the arrangement fee allocated to and recognized as software license revenue. In our Network Security Solutions segment, we have established VSOE of the fair value of support and maintenance, subscription-based software licenses and professional services. Software license revenue is generally recognized upon delivery of the software if all revenue recognition criteria are met.

Revenue allocated to support services under our Network Security Solutions support and maintenance contracts is paid in advance and recognized ratably over the term of the service. Revenue allocated to subscription-based software and remote ongoing operational services is also paid in advance and recognized ratably over the term of the service. Revenue allocated to professional services, including remote implementation services, is recognized as the services are performed.

#### Subsequent Events

We have evaluated subsequent events after the balance sheet date through the financial statement issuance date for appropriate accounting and disclosure.

#### Current-Year Adoption of Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2015-03, *Interest Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs* (ASU 2015-03), which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability, consistent with debt discounts. The standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015. We adopted ASU 2015-03 effective January 1, 2016, retrospectively. Adoption resulted in a \$6.0 million decrease in total current assets, a \$19.2 million decrease in other long-lived assets, and a \$25.2 million decrease in long-term debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2015 compared to the prior period presentation. Adoption had no impact on our results of operations.

#### Pending Adoption of Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (ASU 2014-09), which will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP. The core principle of the ASU is that an entity should recognize revenue for the transfer of goods or services equal to the amount that it expects to be entitled to receive for those goods or services. ASU 2014-09 requires additional disclosure about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from customer contracts, including significant judgments and changes in judgments. ASU 2014-09 will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2018, and allows for both retrospective and modified retrospective methods of adoption. Early adoption beginning January 1, 2017 is permitted. We are in the process of determining the method and timing of adoption and assessing the impact of ASU 2014-09 on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-02, *Leases* (ASU 2016-02), a leasing standard for both lessees and lessors. Under its core principle, a lessee will recognize lease assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for all arrangements with terms longer than 12 months. Lessor accounting remains largely consistent with existing U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The new standard will be effective for us beginning

January 1, 2019. Early adoption is permitted. The standard requires the use of a modified retrospective transition method. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2016-02 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.



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In March 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2016-09, *Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting* (ASU 2016-09), which requires entities to recognize the income tax effects of stock awards in the income statement when the awards vest or are settled. Further, ASU 2016-09 allows entities to withhold up to the maximum individual statutory tax rate without classifying the stock awards as a liability and to account for forfeitures either upon occurrence or by estimating forfeitures. The new standard will be effective for us beginning January 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We are evaluating the effect that ASU 2016-09 will have on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

## **Note 2: Acquisitions**

### *M2FX*

We acquired 100% of the shares of M2FX Limited (M2FX) on January 7, 2016 for a preliminary purchase price of \$23.2 million. The purchase price less cash acquired was \$22.9 million. Of the total purchase price, \$7.6 million was accrued for the estimated earn out consideration as determined by a third party valuation specialist using certain assumptions in a discounted cash flow model. Thus, the total cash consideration paid on January 7, 2016 was \$15.3 million. M2FX is a manufacturer of fiber optic cable and fiber protective solutions for broadband access and telecommunications networks. M2FX is located in the United Kingdom. The results of M2FX have been included in our Consolidated Financial Statements from January 7, 2016, and are reported within the Broadcast segment. The M2FX acquisition was not material to our financial position or results of operations.

## **Note 3: Operating Segments**

We are organized around five global business platforms: Broadcast, Enterprise Connectivity, Industrial Connectivity, Industrial IT, and Network Security. Each of the global business platforms represents a reportable segment.

To capitalize on the adoption of IP technology and accelerate our penetration of the commercial audio-video market, we transferred responsibility of audio-video cable and connectors from our Broadcast platform to our Enterprise Connectivity platform effective January 1, 2016. We have revised the prior period segment information to conform to the change in the composition of these reportable segments. This transfer had no impact to our reporting units for purposes of goodwill impairment testing.

The key measures of segment profit or loss reviewed by our chief operating decision maker are Segment Revenues and Segment EBITDA. Segment Revenues represent non-affiliate revenues and include revenues that would have otherwise been recorded by acquired businesses as independent entities but were not recognized in our Consolidated Statements of Operations due to the effects of purchase accounting and the associated write-down of acquired deferred revenue to fair value. Segment EBITDA excludes certain items, including depreciation expense; amortization of intangibles; asset impairment; severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs; purchase accounting effects related to acquisitions, such as the adjustment of acquired inventory and deferred revenue to fair value; and other costs. We allocate corporate expenses to the segments for purposes of measuring Segment EBITDA. Corporate expenses are allocated on the basis of each segment's relative EBITDA prior to the allocation.

Our measure of segment assets does not include cash, goodwill, intangible assets, deferred tax assets, or corporate assets. All goodwill is allocated to reporting units of our segments for purposes of impairment testing.

	<b>Broadcast Solutions</b>	<b>Enterprise Connectivity Solutions</b>	<b>Industrial Connectivity Solutions</b>	<b>Industrial IT Solutions</b>	<b>Network Security Solutions</b>	<b>Total Segments</b>
<b>(In thousands)</b>						
<b><u>As of and for the three months ended April 3, 2016</u></b>						
Segment revenues	\$ 171,272	\$ 135,892	\$ 141,091	\$ 53,882	\$ 41,663	\$ 543,800
Affiliate revenues	424	1,699	182	28	-	2,333
Segment EBITDA	23,267	23,736	22,987	8,609	11,467	90,066
Depreciation expense	3,962	3,389	2,718	524	1,070	11,663
Amortization of intangibles	12,931	429	591	1,510	10,071	25,532
Severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs	4,378	500	865	2,665	-	8,408
Purchase accounting effects of acquisitions	195	-	-	-	-	195
Deferred gross profit adjustments	614	-	-	-	1,689	2,303
Segment assets	332,009	233,422	248,971	59,528	45,923	919,853
<b><u>As of and for the three months ended March 29, 2015</u></b>						
Segment revenues	\$ 176,500	\$ 141,781	\$ 152,972	\$ 61,073	\$ 37,125	\$ 569,451
Affiliate revenues	102	1,870	323	21	8	2,324
Segment EBITDA	23,127	20,009	24,173	11,087	9,901	88,297
Depreciation expense	3,973	3,214	2,851	559	944	11,541
Amortization of intangibles	12,426	432	823	1,410	11,413	26,504
Severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs	11,527	568	1,773	(52)	667	14,483
Purchase accounting effects of acquisitions	-	-	267	-	9,155	9,422
Deferred gross profit adjustments	3,294	-	-	-	18,364	21,658
Segment assets	367,766	260,529	257,059	62,559	43,497	991,410

The following table is a reconciliation of the total of the reportable segments' revenues and EBITDA to consolidated revenues and consolidated income (loss) before taxes, respectively.

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Total Segment Revenues	\$ 543,800	\$ 569,451
Deferred revenue adjustments (1)	(2,303)	(22,494)
<b>Consolidated Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 541,497</b>	<b>\$ 546,957</b>
Total Segment EBITDA	\$ 90,066	\$ 88,297
Amortization of intangibles	(25,532)	(26,504)
Deferred gross profit adjustments (1)	(2,303)	(21,658)
Severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs (2)	(8,408)	(14,483)
Depreciation expense	(11,663)	(11,541)
Purchase accounting effects related to acquisitions (3)	(195)	(9,422)
Income (loss) from equity method investment	(170)	768
Eliminations	(831)	(559)
Consolidated operating income	40,964	4,898
Interest expense, net	(24,396)	(23,846)
Consolidated income (loss) before taxes	\$ 16,568	\$ (18,948)

(1) Represents the negative impact of the adjustment of deferred revenue to fair value as required in purchase accounting for the acquisitions of Tripwire and Grass Valley.

(2) See Note 7, *Severance, Restructuring, and Acquisition Integration Activities*, for details.

(3) For the three months ended March 29, 2015, we recognized \$9.2 million of compensation expense related to the accelerated vesting of acquiree stock based compensation awards associated with our acquisition of Tripwire. In both periods, we recognized cost of sales related to the adjustments of acquired inventory to fair value.

#### **Note 4: Income per Share**

The following table presents the basis for the income per share computations:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Numerator:		
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,425	\$ (19,636)
Less: Net loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(99)	-

Net income (loss) attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 16,524	\$ (19,636)
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Weighted average shares outstanding, basic	42,008	42,535
Effect of dilutive common stock equivalents	432	-
Weighted average shares outstanding, diluted	42,440	42,535

For the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015, diluted weighted average shares outstanding do not include outstanding equity awards of 0.8 million and 0.9 million, respectively, because to do so would have been anti-dilutive.

For purposes of calculating basic earnings per share, unvested restricted stock units are not included in the calculation of basic weighted average shares outstanding until all necessary conditions have been satisfied and issuance of the shares underlying the restricted stock units is no longer contingent. Necessary conditions are not satisfied until the vesting date, at which time holders of our restricted stock units receive shares of our common stock.

For purposes of calculating diluted earnings per share, unvested restricted stock units are included to the extent that they are dilutive. In determining whether unvested restricted stock units are dilutive, each issuance of restricted stock units is considered separately.

Once a restricted stock unit has vested, it is included in the calculation of both basic and diluted weighted average shares outstanding.

#### **Note 5: Inventories**

The major classes of inventories were as follows:

	April 3, 2016	December 31, 2015
	(In thousands)	
Raw materials	\$ 98,819	\$ 92,929
Work-in-process	28,097	27,730
Finished goods	111,612	97,814
Gross inventories	238,528	218,473
Excess and obsolete reserves	(22,581)	(22,531)
Net inventories	\$ 215,947	\$ 195,942

#### **Note 6: Long-Lived Assets**

##### Depreciation and Amortization Expense

We recognized depreciation expense of \$11.7 million and \$11.5 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015, respectively.

We recognized amortization expense related to our intangible assets of \$25.5 million and \$26.5 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015, respectively.

#### **Note 7: Severance, Restructuring, and Acquisition Integration Activities**

##### *Industrial Restructuring Program*

Both our Industrial Connectivity and Industrial IT segments have been negatively impacted by a decline in sales volume. Global demand for industrial products has been negatively impacted by the strengthened U.S. dollar and lower energy prices. Our customers have reduced capital spending in response to these conditions, and we expect these conditions to continue to negatively impact our industrial segments' sales volume. In response to these current industrial market conditions, we began to execute a restructuring program in the fourth quarter of 2015 to further reduce our cost structure. We recognized \$3.5 million of severance and other restructuring costs for this program during the three months ended April 3, 2016. We expect to incur approximately \$5 million of additional severance and other restructuring costs for this program, the majority of which will be incurred in the second quarter of 2016. We expect the restructuring program to generate approximately \$18 million of savings on an annualized basis, which we began to realize in the first quarter of 2016.

*Grass Valley Restructuring Program*

Our Broadcast segment's Grass Valley brand has been negatively impacted by a decline in global demand of broadcast technology infrastructure products. Outside of the U.S., demand for these products has been impacted by the relative price increase of products due to the strengthened U.S. dollar as well as the impact of weaker economic conditions which have resulted in lower capital spending. Within the U.S., demand for these products has been impacted by deferred capital spending. Also, we believe broadcast customers have deferred their capital spending as they navigate through a number of important industry transitions and a changing media landscape. In response to these current broadcast market conditions, we began to execute a restructuring program beginning in the third quarter of 2015 to further reduce our cost

structure. We recognized \$4.1 million of severance and other restructuring costs for this program during the three months ended April 3, 2016. We expect to incur approximately \$2 million of additional severance and other restructuring costs for this program, the majority of which will be incurred in the second and third quarters of 2016. We expect the restructuring program to generate approximately \$30 million of savings on an annualized basis, which we began to realize in the fourth quarter of 2015.

*Productivity Improvement Program and Acquisition Integration*

In 2014, we began a productivity improvement program and the integration of our acquisition of Grass Valley. The productivity improvement program focused on improving the productivity of our sales, marketing, finance, and human resources functions relative to our peers. The majority of the costs for the productivity improvement program related to the Industrial Connectivity, Enterprise, and Industrial IT segments. The restructuring and integration activities related to our acquisition of Grass Valley focused on achieving desired cost savings by consolidating existing and acquired operating facilities and other support functions. The Grass Valley costs relate to our Broadcast segment. We substantially completed the productivity improvement program and the acquisition integration activities in 2015. In the three months ended March 29, 2015, we recorded severance, restructuring, and integration costs of \$14.5 million related to these two significant programs, as well as other cost reduction actions and the integration of our acquisitions of ProSoft, Coast, and Tripwire.

The following table summarizes the costs by segment of the various programs described above:

<b>Three Months Ended April 3, 2016</b>	<b>Severance</b>	<b>Other Restructuring and Integration Costs (In thousands)</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>
Broadcast Solutions	\$ (784)	\$ 5,162	\$ 4,378
Enterprise Connectivity Solutions	-	500	500
Industrial Connectivity Solutions	444	421	865
Industrial IT Solutions	1,882	783	2,665
Network Security Solutions	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,542</b>	<b>\$ 6,866</b>	<b>\$ 8,408</b>
<b>Three Months Ended March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Severance</b>	<b>Other Restructuring and Integration Costs (In thousands)</b>	<b>Total Costs</b>
Broadcast Solutions	\$ 2,303	\$ 9,224	\$ 11,527
Enterprise Connectivity Solutions	50	518	568
Industrial Connectivity Solutions	441	1,332	1,773
Industrial IT Solutions	(740)	688	(52)
Network Security Solutions	-	667	667
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 2,054</b>	<b>\$ 12,429</b>	<b>\$ 14,483</b>

Of the total severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs recognized in the three months ended April 3, 2016, \$2.2 million, \$6.0 million, and \$0.2 million were included in cost of sales; selling, general and administrative expenses; and research and development, respectively. Of the total severance, restructuring, and acquisition

integration costs recognized for the three months ended March 29, 2015, \$1.4 million, \$11.8 million, and \$1.3 million were included in cost of sales; selling, general and administrative expenses; and research and development, respectively.

The other restructuring and integration costs primarily consisted of costs of integrating manufacturing operations, such as relocating inventory on a global basis, retention bonuses, relocation, travel, reserves for inventory obsolescence as a result of product line integration, costs to consolidate operating and support facilities, and other costs. The majority of the other restructuring and integration costs related to these actions were paid as incurred or are payable within the next 60 days.



We continue to review our business strategies and evaluate potential new restructuring actions. This could result in additional restructuring costs in future periods.

#### *Accrued Severance*

The table below sets forth severance activity that occurred for the significant programs described above. The balances are included in accrued liabilities.

	<b>Grass Valley Restructuring (In thousands)</b>	<b>Industrial Restructuring (In thousands)</b>
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$ 12,085	\$ 2,643
New charges	1,001	2,572
Cash payments	(4,116)	(1,424)
Foreign currency translation	118	92
Other adjustments	(2,266)	(144)
Balance at April 3, 2016	\$ 6,822	\$ 3,739

The other adjustments were the result of changes in estimates. We experienced higher than expected voluntary turnover, and as a result, certain approved severance actions were not taken. We expect the majority of the liabilities for these programs to be paid during the second and third quarters of 2016.

#### **Note 8: Long-Term Debt and Other Borrowing Arrangements**

The net carrying values of our long-term debt and other borrowing arrangements were as follows:

	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
Revolving credit agreement due 2018	\$ -	\$ 50,000
Variable rate term loan due 2020	243,750	243,965
<b>Senior subordinated notes:</b>		
5.25% Senior subordinated notes due 2024	200,000	200,000
5.50% Senior subordinated notes due 2023	567,480	553,835
5.50% Senior subordinated notes due 2022	700,000	700,000
9.25% Senior subordinated notes due 2019	5,221	5,221
Total senior subordinated notes	1,472,701	1,459,056
Total gross debt and other borrowing arrangements	1,716,451	1,753,021
Less unamortized debt issuance costs	(24,287)	(25,239)

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Total net debt and other borrowing arrangements	1,692,164		1,727,782
Less current maturities of Term Loan	(2,500)		(2,500)
Long-term debt	\$ 1,689,664	\$	1,725,282

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Revolving Credit Agreement due 2018

Our revolving credit agreement provides a \$400 million multi-currency asset-based revolving credit facility (the Revolver). The borrowing base under the Revolver includes eligible accounts receivable; inventory; and property, plant and equipment of certain of our subsidiaries in the U.S., Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, and the UK. In January 2015, we borrowed \$200.0 million under the Revolver in order to fund a portion of the purchase price for the acquisition of Tripwire. During the fourth quarter of 2015 and first quarter of 2016, we repaid \$150.0 million and \$50.0 million, respectively, of the Revolver borrowings. As of April 3, 2016, we had no borrowings outstanding on our revolver, and our available borrowing capacity was \$296.0 million. The Revolver matures in 2018. Interest on outstanding borrowings is variable, based upon LIBOR or other similar indices in foreign jurisdictions, plus a spread that ranges from 1.25% - 1.75%, depending upon our leverage position. We pay a commitment fee on our available borrowing capacity of 0.375%. In the event we borrow more than 90% of our borrowing base, we are subject to a fixed charge coverage ratio covenant.

Variable Rate Term Loan due 2020

In 2013, we borrowed \$250.0 million under a Term Loan Credit Agreement (the Term Loan). The Term Loan is secured on a second lien basis by the assets securing the Revolving Credit Agreement due 2018 discussed above and on a first lien basis by the stock of certain of our subsidiaries. The borrowings under the Term Loan are scheduled to mature in 2020 and require quarterly amortization payments of approximately \$0.6 million. Interest under the Term Loan is variable, based upon the three-month LIBOR plus an applicable spread. The interest rate as of April 3, 2016 was 3.25%. We paid approximately \$3.9 million of fees associated with the Term Loan, which are being amortized over the life of the Term Loan using the effective interest method.

Senior Subordinated Notes

In June 2014, we issued \$200.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.25% senior subordinated notes due 2024 (the 2024 Notes). The 2024 Notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of our subsidiaries. The 2024 Notes rank equal in right of payment with our senior subordinated notes due 2023, 2022, and 2019 and with any future subordinated debt, and they are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our Term Loan and Revolver. Interest is payable semiannually on January 15 and July 15 of each year. We paid approximately \$4.2 million of fees associated with the issuance of the 2024 Notes, which are being amortized over the life of the 2024 Notes using the effective interest method. We used the net proceeds from the transaction for general corporate purposes.

In March 2013, we issued 300.0 million (\$388.2 million at issuance) aggregate principal amount of 5.5% senior subordinated notes due 2023 (the 2023 Notes). In November 2014, we issued an additional 200.0 million (\$247.5 million at issuance) aggregate principal amount of 2023 Notes. The carrying value of the 2023 Notes as of April 3, 2016 is \$567.9 million. The 2023 Notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of our subsidiaries. The notes rank equal in right of payment with our senior subordinated notes due 2024, 2022, and 2019 and with any future subordinated debt, and they are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our Term Loan and Revolver. Interest is payable semiannually on April 15 and October 15 of each year. We paid \$12.7 million of fees associated with the issuance of the 2023 Notes, which are being amortized over the life of the notes using the effective interest method. We used the net proceeds from the transactions to repay amounts outstanding under the revolving credit component of our previously outstanding Senior Secured Facility and for general corporate purposes.

We have outstanding \$700.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.5% senior subordinated notes due 2022 (the 2022 Notes). The 2022 Notes are guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of our subsidiaries. The 2022 Notes rank equal in right of payment with our senior subordinated notes due 2024, 2023, and 2019, and with any

future subordinated debt, and they are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our Term Loan and Revolver. Interest is payable semiannually on March 1 and September 1 of each year.

We have outstanding \$5.2 million aggregate principal amount of our senior subordinated notes due 2019 (the 2019 Notes). The 2019 Notes have a coupon interest rate of 9.25% and an effective interest rate of 9.75%. The interest on the 2019 Notes is payable semiannually on June 15 and December 15. The 2019 notes are

guaranteed on a senior subordinated basis by certain of our subsidiaries. The notes rank equal in right of payment with our senior subordinated notes due 2024, 2023, and 2022, and with any future senior subordinated debt, and are subordinated to all of our senior debt and the senior debt of our subsidiary guarantors, including our Term Loan and Revolver.

#### Fair Value of Long-Term Debt

The fair value of our senior subordinated notes as of April 3, 2016 was approximately \$1,459.9 million based on quoted prices of the debt instruments in inactive markets (Level 2 valuation). This amount represents the fair values of our senior subordinated notes with a carrying value of \$1,473.1 million as of April 3, 2016. We believe the fair value of our Term Loan approximates book value.

#### **Note 9: Income Taxes**

We recognized income tax expense of \$0.1 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016, representing an effective tax rate of 0.9%. The minimal tax expense for the quarter stems from the reduction of a deferred tax valuation allowance primarily associated with net operating loss carryforwards in a foreign jurisdiction. The results of an analysis completed in the three months ended April 3, 2016, indicate the net operating loss carryforward will become partially realizable.

#### **Note 10: Pension and Other Postretirement Obligations**

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit costs for our pension and other postretirement benefit plans:

Three Months Ended	Pension Obligations		Other Postretirement Obligations	
	April 3, 2016	March 29, 2015	April 3, 2016	March 29, 2015
	(In thousands)			
Service cost	\$ 1,409	\$ 1,784	\$ 13	\$ 16
Interest cost	2,394	2,540	368	403
Expected return on plan assets	(3,191)	(3,154)	-	-
Amortization of prior service credit	(9)	(11)	(11)	(25)
Actuarial losses	698	1,286	82	128
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 1,301	\$ 2,445	\$ 452	\$ 522

#### **Note 11: Comprehensive Income and Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table summarizes total comprehensive income (loss):

	Three Months Ended	
	April 3, 2016	March 29, 2015
	(In thousands)	
Net income (loss)	\$ 16,425	\$ (19,636)
Foreign currency translation, net of \$1.6 million and \$1.7 million tax, respectively	(2,187)	13,065

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Adjustments to pension and postretirement liability, net of \$0.3 million and \$0.5 million tax, respectively	467	848
Total comprehensive income (loss)	14,705	(5,723)
Less: Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest	(101)	-
Comprehensive income (loss) attributable to Belden stockholders	\$ 14,806	\$ (5,723)

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The accumulated balances related to each component of other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax, are as follows:

	Foreign Currency Translation Component	Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans (In thousands)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)
<b>Balance at December 31, 2015</b>	\$ (23,411)	\$ (35,576)	\$ (58,987)
Other comprehensive loss attributable to Belden stockholders before reclassifications	(2,185)	-	(2,185)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	-	467	467
Net current period other comprehensive loss attributable to Belden stockholders	(2,185)	467	(1,718)
<b>Balance at April 3, 2016</b>	\$ (25,596)	\$ (35,109)	\$ (60,705)

The following table summarizes the effects of reclassifications from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) for the three months ended April 3, 2016:

	Amount Reclassified from Affected Line Item in the Consolidated Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) (In thousands)	Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income
Amortization of pension and other postretirement benefit plan items:		
Actuarial losses	\$ 780	(1)
Prior service credit	(20)	(1)
Total before tax	760	
Tax benefit	(293)	
Net of tax	\$ 467	

(1) The amortization of these accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) components are included in the computation of net periodic benefit costs (see Note 10).

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**Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations**  
**Overview**

Belden Inc. (the Company, us, we, or our) is an innovative signal transmission solutions company built around five global business platforms – Broadcast Solutions, Enterprise Connectivity Solutions, Industrial Connectivity Solutions, Industrial IT Solutions, and Network Security Solutions. Our comprehensive portfolio of signal transmission solutions provides industry leading secure and reliable transmission of data, sound, and video for mission critical applications.

We strive for operational excellence through the execution of our Belden Business System, which includes three areas of focus: Lean enterprise initiatives, our Market Delivery System, and our Talent Management System. Through operational excellence we generate significant free cash flow on an annual basis. We utilize the cash flow generated by our business to fuel our continued transformation and generate shareholder value. We believe our business system, balance across markets and geographies, systematic go-to-market approach, extensive portfolio of innovative solutions, commitment to Lean principles, and improving margins present a unique value proposition for shareholders.

We use a set of tools and processes that are designed to continuously improve business performance in the critical areas of quality, delivery, cost, and innovation. We consider revenue growth, Adjusted EBITDA margin, free cash flows, and return on invested capital to be our key operating performance indicators. We also seek to acquire businesses that we believe can help us achieve these objectives. The extent to which appropriate acquisitions are made and integrated can affect our overall growth, operating results, financial condition, and cash flows.

Trends and Events

The following trends and events during 2016 have had varying effects on our financial condition, results of operations, and cash flows.

*Foreign currency*

Our exposure to currency rate fluctuations primarily relates to exchange rate movements between the U.S. dollar and the euro, Canadian dollar, Hong Kong dollar, Chinese yuan, Japanese yen, Mexican peso, Australian dollar, British pound, and Brazilian real. Generally, as the U.S. dollar strengthens against these foreign currencies, our revenues and earnings are negatively impacted as our foreign denominated revenues and earnings are translated into U.S. dollars at a lower rate. Conversely, as the U.S. dollar weakens against foreign currencies, our revenues and earnings are positively impacted.

In addition to the translation impact described above, currency rate fluctuations have an economic impact on our financial results. As the U.S. dollar strengthens or weakens against foreign currencies, it results in a relative price increase or decrease for certain of our products that are priced in U.S. dollars in a foreign location.

*Commodity prices*

Our operating results can be affected by changes in prices of commodities, primarily copper and compounds, which are components in some of the products we sell. Generally, as the costs of inventory purchases increase due to higher commodity prices, we raise selling prices to customers to cover the increase in costs, resulting in higher sales revenue but a lower gross profit percentage. Conversely, a decrease in commodity prices would result in lower sales revenue but a higher gross profit percentage. Selling prices of our products are affected by many factors, including end market demand, capacity utilization, overall economic conditions, and commodity prices. Importantly, however, there is no exact measure of the effect of changing commodity prices, as there are thousands of transactions in any given quarter, each of which has various factors involved in the individual pricing decisions. Therefore, all references to the effect of copper prices or other commodity prices are estimates.





### *Channel Inventory*

Our operating results also can be affected by the levels of Belden products purchased and held as inventory by our channel partners and customers. Our channel partners and customers purchase and hold our products in their inventory in order to meet the service and on-time delivery requirements of their customers. Generally, as our channel partners and customers change the level of Belden products owned and held in their inventory, it impacts our revenues. Comparisons of our results between periods can be impacted by changes in the levels of channel inventory. We use information provided to us by our channel partners and make certain assumptions based on our sales to them to determine the amount of our products that they own and hold in their inventory. As such, all references to the effect of channel inventory changes are estimates.

### *Market Growth and Market Share*

The broadcast, enterprise, industrial, and network security markets in which we operate can generally be characterized as highly competitive and highly fragmented, with many players. Based on available data for our served markets, we estimate that our market shares range from approximately 5% - 20%. A substantial acquisition in one of our served markets would be necessary to meaningfully change our estimated market share percentage. We monitor available data regarding market growth, including independent market research reports, publicly available indices, and the financial results of our direct and indirect peer companies, in order to estimate the extent to which our served markets grew or contracted during a particular period. We expect that our unit sales volume will increase or decrease consistently with the market growth rate. Our strategic goal is to utilize our Market Delivery System to target faster growing geographies, applications, and trends within our end markets, in order to achieve growth that is higher than the general market growth rate. To the extent that we exceed the market growth rates, we consider it to be the result of capturing market share.

### *Operating Segments*

To capitalize on the adoption of IP technology and accelerate our penetration of the commercial audio-video market, we transferred responsibility of audio-video cable and connectors from our Broadcast platform to our Enterprise Connectivity platform effective January 1, 2016. We have revised the prior period segment information to conform to the change in the composition of these reportable segments.

### *Acquisitions*

We completed the acquisitions of M2FX Limited (M2FX) on January 7, 2016 and Tripwire Inc. (Tripwire) on January 2, 2015. The results of M2FX and Tripwire have been included in our Consolidated Financial Statements from their respective acquisition dates and are reported in the Broadcast and Network Security segments, respectively.

### *Long-Term Debt*

During the first quarter of 2016, we repaid \$50.0 million of the Revolver borrowings. As of April 3, 2016, we had no borrowings outstanding on our revolver, and our available borrowing capacity was \$296.0 million.

### *Productivity Improvement Programs*

#### Industrial Restructuring Program

Both our Industrial Connectivity and Industrial IT segments have been negatively impacted by a decline in sales volume. Global demand for industrial products has been negatively impacted by the strengthened U.S. dollar and lower energy prices. Our customers have reduced capital spending in response to these conditions,



and we expect these conditions to continue to negatively impact our industrial segments' sales volume. In response to these current industrial market conditions, we began to execute a restructuring program in the fourth quarter of 2015 to further reduce our cost structure. We recognized \$3.5 million of severance and other restructuring costs for this program during the three months ended April 3, 2016. We expect to incur approximately \$5 million of additional severance and other restructuring costs for this program, the majority of which will be incurred in the second quarter of 2016. We expect the restructuring program to generate approximately \$18 million of savings on an annualized basis, which we have begun to realize in the first quarter of 2016.

#### Grass Valley Restructuring Program

Our Broadcast segment's Grass Valley brand has been negatively impacted by a decline in global demand of broadcast technology infrastructure products. Outside of the U.S., demand for these products has been impacted by the relative price increase of products due to the strengthened U.S. dollar as well as the impact of weaker economic conditions which have resulted in lower capital spending. Within the U.S., demand for these products has been impacted by deferred capital spending. Also, we believe broadcast customers have deferred their capital spending as they navigate through a number of important industry transitions and a changing media landscape. In response to these current broadcast market conditions, we began to execute a restructuring program beginning in the third quarter of 2015 to further reduce our cost structure. We recognized \$4.1 million of severance and other restructuring costs for this program during the three months ended April 3, 2016. We expect to incur approximately \$2 million of additional severance and other restructuring costs for this program, the majority of which will be incurred in the second and third quarters of 2016. We expect the restructuring program to generate approximately \$30 million of savings on an annualized basis, which we began to realize in the fourth quarter of 2015.

#### Productivity Improvement Program and Acquisition Integration

In 2014, we began a productivity improvement program and the integration of our acquisition of Grass Valley. The productivity improvement program focused on improving the productivity of our sales, marketing, finance, and human resources functions relative to our peers. The majority of the costs for the productivity improvement program related to the Industrial Connectivity, Enterprise, and Industrial IT segments. The restructuring and integration activities related to our acquisition of Grass Valley focused on achieving desired cost savings by consolidating existing and acquired operating facilities and other support functions. The Grass Valley costs relate to our Broadcast segment. We substantially completed the productivity improvement program and the acquisition integration activities in 2015. In the three months ended March 29, 2015, we recorded severance, restructuring, and integration costs of \$14.5 million related to these two significant programs, as well as other cost reduction actions and the integration of our acquisitions of ProSoft, Coast, and Tripwire.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, results of operations, or cash flows that are or would be considered material to investors.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

During the three months ended April 3, 2016:

We did not change any of our existing critical accounting policies from those listed in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K;

No existing accounting policies became critical accounting policies because of an increase in the materiality of associated transactions or changes in the circumstances to which associated judgments and estimates relate; and There were no significant changes in the manner in which critical accounting policies were applied or in which related judgments and estimates were developed.

## Results of Operations

### Consolidated Income before Taxes

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>% Change</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Revenues	\$ 541,497	\$ 546,957	-1.0%
Gross profit	225,035	207,649	8.4%
Selling, general and administrative expenses	122,406	140,048	-12.6%
Research and development	36,133	36,199	-0.2%
Amortization of intangibles	25,532	26,504	-3.7%
Operating income	40,964	4,898	736.3%
Interest expense, net	24,396	23,846	2.3%
Income (loss) before taxes	16,568	(18,948)	187.4%

Revenues decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to the following factors:

Unfavorable currency translation resulted in a revenue decrease of \$10.9 million.

Lower copper costs resulted in a revenue decrease of \$10.4 million.

An increase in unit sales volume, due in part to more days in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015, resulted in a \$14.5 million increase in revenues. We experienced an increase in sales volume in our Network Security and Enterprise segments. From a geographic perspective, the increase in volume was most notable in the United States and China, which offset weakness in Canada and Europe.

The acquisition of M2FX contributed \$1.5 million to revenues.

Gross profit increased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to the increase in sales volume and improved productivity as a result of our restructuring actions. Although total revenues decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016, lower copper costs generally do not have an impact on gross profit dollars. The increase in sales volume that led to an increase in gross profit was most notable in our Network Security segment. The increase in gross profit from improved productivity was most notable in our Broadcast and Industrial Connectivity segments.

Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to \$9.2 million of compensation expense that we recognized in the prior year as a result of accelerating the vesting of certain acquiree equity awards at the closing of the Tripwire acquisition. In addition, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 due to a decrease in severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs of \$6.0 million compared to the prior year. The remaining decrease was due to favorable currency translation and improved productivity from our restructuring actions.

Operating income and income before taxes both increased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 primarily due to the increase in gross profit and decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses discussed above.



Income Taxes

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Income (loss) before taxes	\$ 16,568	\$ (18,948)	-187.4%
Income tax expense	143	688	-79.2%
Effective tax rate	0.9%	-3.6%	

We recognized income tax expense of \$0.1 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016, representing an effective tax rate of 0.9%. In the three months ended April 3, 2016, we recognized a \$3.8 million tax benefit as a result of reducing a deferred tax valuation allowance related to net operating loss carryforwards in a foreign jurisdiction. Based on certain restructuring transactions in the three months ended April 3, 2016, the net operating loss carryforwards are expected to be realizable.

Our income tax expense for the three months ended April 3, 2016 was also favorably impacted by foreign tax rate differences. The statutory tax rates associated with our foreign earnings generally are lower than the statutory U.S. tax rate of 35%. This had the greatest impact on our income before taxes that is generated in Germany, Canada, and the Netherlands, which have statutory tax rates of approximately 28%, 26%, and 25%, respectively. Foreign tax rate differences reduced our income tax expense by approximately \$1.8 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016.

We recognized income tax expense of \$0.7 million for the three months ended March 29, 2015, representing an effective tax rate of (3.6%). While we recognized a loss before taxes, we recognized income tax expense primarily because our full year forecasted effective tax rate on full year forecasted pre-tax income was a negative rate (an income tax benefit) as a result of implemented tax planning strategies. The tax benefit stems from being able to recognize a significant balance of foreign tax credits related to one of our foreign jurisdictions. The negative effective tax rate results in recognizing income tax expense in an interim period with a pre-tax loss.

In addition, in the three months ended March 29, 2015, we recognized a \$1.5 million tax benefit as a result of reducing a deferred tax valuation allowance related to a capital loss carryforward. Based on transactions in the three months ended March 29, 2015, the capital loss carryforward has become fully realizable.

Our income tax expense and effective tax rate in future periods may be impacted by many factors, including our geographic mix of income and changes in tax laws.

Consolidated Adjusted Revenues and Adjusted EBITDA

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Adjusted Revenues	\$ 543,800	\$ 569,451	-4.5%
Adjusted EBITDA	89,065	88,506	0.6%
<i>as a percent of revenues</i>	<i>16.4%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	

Adjusted Revenues decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to the following factors:



Unfavorable currency translation resulted in a revenue decrease of \$10.9 million.

Lower copper costs resulted in a revenue decrease of \$10.4 million.

A decrease in unit sales volume, net of an increase in revenues due to more days in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015, resulted in a \$5.8 million decrease in revenues. We experienced a decrease in sales volume in our Broadcast and Industrial segments.

The acquisition of M2FX contributed \$1.5 million to revenues.

Adjusted EBITDA increased \$0.6 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 primarily due to improved productivity as a result of our restructuring actions. These factors were partially offset by unfavorable product mix, particularly in the Broadcast segment.

*Use of Non-GAAP Financial Information*

Adjusted Revenues and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures. In addition to reporting financial results in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, we provide these non-GAAP results adjusted for certain items, including: asset impairments; accelerated depreciation expense due to plant consolidation activities; purchase accounting effects related to acquisitions, such as the adjustment of acquired inventory and deferred revenue to fair value and transaction costs; severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs; gains (losses) recognized on the disposal of businesses and tangible assets; amortization of intangible assets; depreciation expense; gains (losses) on debt extinguishment; discontinued operations; and other costs. We utilize the adjusted results to review our ongoing operations without the effect of these adjustments and for comparison to budgeted operating results. We believe the adjusted results are useful to investors because they help them compare our results to previous periods and provide important insights into underlying trends in the business and how management oversees our business operations on a day-to-day basis. Adjusted results should be considered only in conjunction with results reported according to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other companies. The following tables reconcile our GAAP results to our non-GAAP financial measures:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)	
GAAP revenues	\$ 541,497	\$ 546,957
Deferred revenue adjustments (1)	2,303	22,494
<b>Adjusted revenues</b>	<b>\$ 543,800</b>	<b>\$ 569,451</b>
GAAP operating income	\$ 40,964	\$ 4,898
Amortization of intangible assets	25,532	26,504
Depreciation expense	11,663	11,541
Severance, restructuring, and acquisition integration costs (2)	8,408	14,483
Deferred gross profit adjustments (1)	2,303	21,658
Purchase accounting effects related to acquisitions (3)	195	9,422
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>\$ 89,065</b>	<b>\$ 88,506</b>
<i>GAAP operating income margin</i>	<i>7.6%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>
<i>Adjusted EBITDA margin</i>	<i>16.4%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>

(1) Both our consolidated revenues and gross profit were negatively impacted by the reduction of the acquired deferred revenue balance to fair value associated with our acquisitions of Tripwire and Grass Valley.

(2) See Note 7 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, *Severance, Restructuring, and Acquisition Integration Activities*, for details by segment.

(3) For the three months ended April 3, 2016 and March 29, 2015, we recognized \$0.2 million and \$0.3 million, respectively, of cost of sales related to the adjustments of acquired inventory to fair value. In addition, in the three months ended March 29, 2015, we recognized \$9.2 million of compensation expense related to the accelerated vesting of acquiree stock based compensation awards associated with our acquisition of Tripwire.





Industrial Connectivity Solutions

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Segment Revenues	\$ 141,091	\$ 152,972	-7.8%
Segment EBITDA	22,987	24,173	-4.9%
<i>as a percent of revenues</i>	<i>16.3%</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	

Industrial Connectivity revenues decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015. Lower copper costs, unfavorable currency translation, and a decline in sales volume resulted in revenue decreases of \$5.3 million, \$4.1 million, and \$2.5 million, respectively. The sales volume decline is primarily from the impact of lower energy prices, which result in lower capital spending for industrial projects, and the unfavorable impact of a strengthened U.S. dollar.

Industrial Connectivity EBITDA decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 compared to the prior year primarily due to the decline in volume discussed above. This decrease was partially offset by productivity improvements. Industrial Connectivity EBITDA margin increased from 15.8% for the three months ended March 29, 2015 to 16.3% for the three months ended April 3, 2016 due to lower copper costs and productivity improvements.

Industrial IT Solutions

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)		
Segment Revenues	\$ 53,882	\$ 61,073	-11.8%
Segment EBITDA	8,609	11,087	-22.4%
<i>as a percent of revenues</i>	<i>16.0%</i>	<i>18.2%</i>	

Industrial IT revenues decreased in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 primarily due to a decrease in unit sales volume and unfavorable currency translation, which resulted in a decrease in revenues of \$6.2 million and \$1.0 million, respectively. Similar to our Industrial Connectivity segment, the sales volume decline is primarily from the impact of lower energy prices, which result in lower capital spending for industrial projects, and the unfavorable impact of a strengthened U.S. dollar.

Industrial IT EBITDA decreased by \$2.5 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to the decline in volume discussed above. Industrial IT EBITDA margin decreased from 18.2% for the three months ended March 29, 2015 to 16.0% for the three months ended April 3, 2016 due to the decline in sales volume.

Network Security Solutions

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>		<b>%</b>
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>	<b>Change</b>
	(In thousands, except percentages)		

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Segment Revenues	\$ 41,663	\$ 37,125	12.2%
Segment EBITDA	11,467	9,901	15.8%
<i>as a percent of revenues</i>	<i>27.5%</i>	<i>26.7%</i>	

Network Security revenues increased \$4.5 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to an increase in sales volume. The increase in sales volume is due to continued overall strength of the network security market, particularly in the United States. In addition, we believe that we increased our market share in the three months ended April 3, 2016.

Network Security EBITDA increased \$1.5 million in the three months ended April 3, 2016 from the comparable period of 2015 due to the increase in revenues discussed above. Network Security EBITDA margin increased from 26.7% for the three months ended March 29, 2015 to 27.5% for the three months ended April 3, 2016 due to the increase in revenues.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources

Significant factors affecting our cash liquidity include (1) cash from operating activities, (2) disposals of businesses and tangible assets, (3) cash used for acquisitions, restructuring actions, capital expenditures, share repurchases, dividends, and senior subordinated note repurchases, and (4) our available credit facilities and other borrowing arrangements. In the first quarter of each year, cash from operating activities reflects the payments of annual rebates to our channel partners and incentive compensation to our associates. We expect our operating activities to generate cash in 2016 and believe our sources of liquidity are sufficient to fund current working capital requirements, capital expenditures, contributions to our retirement plans, share repurchases, senior subordinated note repurchases, quarterly dividend payments, and our short-term operating strategies. However, we may require external financing were we to complete a significant acquisition. Our ability to continue to fund our future needs from business operations could be affected by many factors, including, but not limited to: economic conditions worldwide, customer demand, competitive market forces, customer acceptance of our product mix, and commodities pricing.

The following table is derived from our Condensed Consolidated Cash Flow Statements:

	<b>Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>April 3, 2016</b>	<b>March 29, 2015</b>
	<b>(In thousands)</b>	
<b>Net cash provided by (used for):</b>		
Operating activities	\$ 12,679	\$ (48,205)
Investing activities	(28,769)	(710,795)
Financing activities	(55,626)	190,086
Effects of currency exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	1,229	(5,548)
Decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(70,487)	(574,462)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	216,751	741,162
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 146,264	\$ 166,700

Net cash provided by operating activities totaled \$12.7 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016, compared to a use of cash of \$48.2 million for the comparable period of 2015. The increase in cash provided by operating activities was due to the change in operating assets and liabilities and the purchase accounting effects of the Tripwire acquisition in the first quarter of 2015. For the three months ended April 3, 2016, changes in operating assets and liabilities were a use of cash of \$45.1 million compared to \$67.9 million for the comparable period of 2015.

Receivables were a source of cash of \$45.1 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016, compared to \$10.3 million for the comparable period of 2015. The source of cash for receivables improved as a result of a decrease in days sales outstanding from 63 days to 60 days. Days sales outstanding is calculated by dividing accounts receivable as of the end of the quarter by the average daily revenues recognized during the quarter.

Accounts payable were a use of cash of \$17.2 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016, compared to \$34.6 million for the comparable period of 2015. The use of cash for accounts payable improved primarily due to the timing



of payments.

In the three months ended March 29, 2015, net loss and net cash used for operating activities include a \$9.2 million non-recurring cash compensation charge as a result of accelerating the vesting of certain acquiree equity awards at the closing of the Tripwire acquisition.

Net cash used for investing activities totaled \$28.8 million for the three months ended April 3, 2016 compared to \$710.8 million for the comparable period of 2015. Investing activities for the three months ended April 3, 2016 included payments, net of cash acquired, for the acquisition of M2FX of \$15.3 million and capital expenditures of \$13.4 million. Investing activities for the three months ended March 29, 2015 included payments, net of cash acquired, for the acquisition of Tripwire of \$695.3 million and capital expenditures of \$15.5 million.

Net cash used for financing activities for the three months ended April 3, 2016 totaled \$55.6 million, compared to net cash provided by financing activities of \$190.1 million for the three months ended March 29, 2015. Financing activities for the three months ended April 3, 2016 included payments under borrowing arrangements of \$50.6 million, net payments related to share based compensation activities of \$2.8 million, and cash dividend payments of \$2.1 million. Financing activities for the three months ended March 29, 2015 included borrowings of \$200.0 million to partially fund the acquisition of Tripwire, net payments related to share based compensation activities of \$7.2 million, and cash dividend payments of \$2.1 million.

Our cash and cash equivalents balance was \$146.3 million as of April 3, 2016. Of this amount, \$86.0 million was held outside of the U.S. in our foreign operations. Substantially all of the foreign cash and cash equivalents are readily convertible into U.S. dollars or other foreign currencies. Our strategic plan does not require the repatriation of foreign cash in order to fund our operations in the U.S., and it is our current intention to permanently reinvest the foreign cash and cash equivalents outside of the U.S. If we were to repatriate the foreign cash to the U.S., we may be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes in accordance with applicable U.S. tax rules and regulations as a result of the repatriation.

Our outstanding debt obligations as of April 3, 2016 consisted of \$1.5 billion of senior subordinated notes and \$243.8 million of term loan borrowings. Additional discussion regarding our various borrowing arrangements is included in Note 8 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. As of April 3, 2016, we had \$296.0 million in available borrowing capacity under our Revolver.

### **Forward-Looking Statements**

Statements in this report other than historical facts are forward-looking statements made in reliance upon the safe harbor of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding future financial performance (including revenues, expenses, earnings, margins, cash flows, dividends, capital expenditures and financial condition), plans and objectives, and related assumptions. These forward-looking statements reflect management's current beliefs and expectations and are not guarantees of future performance. Actual results may differ materially from those suggested by any forward-looking statements for a number of reasons, including, without limitation: the impact of a challenging global economy or a downturn in served markets; the cost and availability of raw materials including copper, plastic compounds, electronic components, and other materials; the competitiveness of the global broadcast, enterprise, and industrial markets; disruption of, or changes in, the Company's key distribution channels; volatility in credit and foreign exchange markets; the inability to execute and realize the expected benefits from strategic initiatives (including revenue growth, cost control, and productivity improvement programs); the inability to successfully complete and integrate acquisitions in furtherance of the Company's strategic plan; the inability of the Company to develop and introduce new products and competitive responses to our products; assertions that the Company violates the intellectual property of others and the ownership of intellectual property by competitors and others that prevents the use of that intellectual property by the Company; risks related to the use of open source software; the inability to retain senior management and key employees; disruptions in the Company's information systems including due to cyber-attacks; variability in the Company's quarterly and annual effective tax rates; perceived or actual product failures; political and economic uncertainties in the countries where the Company conducts business, including emerging markets; the impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets and the resulting impact on financial performance; the impact of regulatory requirements and other legal compliance issues; disruptions and increased costs attendant to collective bargaining groups and other labor matters; and other factors.



For a more complete discussion of risk factors, please see our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2016. We disclaim any duty to update any forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

**Item 3: Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risks**

The following table provides information about our financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates. The table presents principal amounts by expected maturity dates and fair values as of April 3, 2016.

	Principal Amount by Expected Maturity			Fair Value
	2016	Thereafter	Total	
	(In thousands, except interest rates)			
Variable-rate term loan due 2020	\$ 1,875	\$ 241,875	\$ 243,750	\$ 243,750
Average interest rate	3.25%	3.25%		
Fixed-rate senior subordinated notes due 2022	\$ -	\$ 700,000	\$ 700,000	\$ 703,500
Average interest rate		5.50%		
Fixed-rate senior subordinated notes due 2023	\$ -	\$ 567,480	\$ 567,480	\$ 559,949
Average interest rate		5.50%		
Fixed-rate senior subordinated notes due 2024	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 191,250
Average interest rate		5.25%		
Fixed-rate senior subordinated notes due 2019	\$ -	\$ 5,221	\$ 5,221	\$ 5,221
Average interest rate		9.25%		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 1,716,451</b>	<b>\$ 1,703,670</b>

Item 7A of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K provides information as to the practices and instruments that we use to manage market risks. There were no material changes in our exposure to market risks since December 31, 2015.

**Item 4: Controls and Procedures**

As of the end of the period covered by this report, we conducted an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of the principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based on this evaluation, the principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report.

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recently completed fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.



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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**
**Item 1: Legal Proceedings**

*PPC Broadband, Inc. v. Corning Optical Communications RF, LLC (U.S. Dist. Ct., N.D.N.Y. Civil Action No. 5:11-cv-00761-GLS-DEP)* On July 5, 2011, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, PPC Broadband, Inc. (f/k/a John Mezzalingua Associates, Inc., d/b/a PPC) ( "PPC" ), filed an action for patent infringement in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of New York against Corning Optical Communications RF LLC (f/k/a Corning Gilbert, Inc.) ( "Corning" ). The Complaint alleged that Corning infringed two of PPC's patents - U.S. Patent Nos. 6,558,194 and 6,848,940 - each entitled "Connector and Method of Operation." On July 23, 2015, a jury found that Corning willfully infringed both patents. We have not recorded any amounts in our consolidated financial statements related to this matter, as the court has not entered judgment and is considering post-trial motions filed by the parties.

We are a party to various legal proceedings and administrative actions that are incidental to our operations. In our opinion, the proceedings and actions in which we are involved should not, individually or in the aggregate, have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, operating results, or cash flows. However, since the trends and outcome of this litigation are inherently uncertain, we cannot give absolute assurance regarding the future resolution of such litigation, or that such litigation may not become material in the future.

**Item 1A: Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes with respect to risk factors as previously disclosed in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 6: Exhibits***Exhibits*

Exhibit 31.1	Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 31.2	Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to § 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 32.1	Certificate of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 32.2	Certificate of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1350, as adopted pursuant to § 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
Exhibit 101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
Exhibit 101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema
Exhibit 101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation
Exhibit 101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition
Exhibit 101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label
Exhibit 101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation



Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

BELDEN INC.

Date: May 10, 2016

By: /s/ John S. Stroup

John S. Stroup  
President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

Date: May 10, 2016

By: /s/ Henk Derksen

Henk Derksen  
Senior Vice President, Finance, and Chief  
Financial Officer

Date: May 10, 2016

By: /s/ Douglas R. Zink

Douglas R. Zink  
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer