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FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended January 31, 2015

Commission File Number 001-00566



GREIF, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

31-4388903
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

425 Winter Road, Delaware, Ohio
(Address of principal executive offices)

43015
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (740) 549-6000

Not Applicable

Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report.

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

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

Smaller reporting company

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

The number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer’s classes of common stock as of the close of business on March 2, 2015:

| | |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Class A Common Stock | 25,659,004 shares |
| Class B Common Stock | 22,119,966 shares |

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME
(UNAUDITED)

(Dollars in millions, except per share amounts)

| | Three months ended | |
|--|---------------------------|----------------|
| | January 31, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net sales | \$902.3 | \$1,001.5 |
| Cost of products sold | 748.4 | 815.4 |
| Gross profit | 153.9 | 186.1 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 111.8 | 121.3 |
| Restructuring charges | 3.2 | 2.4 |
| Timberland gains | (24.3) | (8.4) |
| Non-cash asset impairment charges | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Gain on disposal of properties, plants and equipment, net | (1.6) | (2.6) |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of businesses | (0.8) | 1.8 |
| Operating profit | 65.4 | 71.4 |
| Interest expense, net | 19.6 | 20.4 |
| Other expense, net | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| Income before income tax expense and equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net | 45.7 | 48.2 |
| Income tax expense | 17.5 | 16.5 |
| Equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax | — | 0.1 |
| Net income | 28.2 | 31.8 |
| Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | 1.9 | (1.1) |
| Net income attributable to Greif, Inc. | <u>\$ 30.1</u> | <u>\$ 30.7</u> |
| Basic earnings per share attributable to Greif, Inc. common shareholders: | | |
| Class A Common Stock | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.53 |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0.76 | \$ 0.78 |
| Diluted earnings per share attributable to Greif, Inc. common shareholders: | | |
| Class A Common Stock | \$ 0.52 | \$ 0.53 |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0.76 | \$ 0.78 |
| Weighted-average number of Class A common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 25.6 | 25.5 |
| Diluted | 25.6 | 25.5 |
| Weighted-average number of Class B common shares outstanding: | | |
| Basic | 22.1 | 22.1 |
| Diluted | 22.1 | 22.1 |
| Cash dividends declared per common share: | | |
| Class A Common Stock | \$ 0.42 | \$ 0.42 |
| Class B Common Stock | \$ 0.62 | \$ 0.62 |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME
(UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in millions)

| | Three months ended | |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------|
| | January 31, | |
| | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| Net income | \$ 28.2 | \$ 31.8 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax: | | |
| Foreign currency translation | (74.6) | (32.9) |
| Net reclassification of cash flow hedges to earnings, net of \$0.0 and \$0.0 tax benefits for 2015 and 2014, respectively | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Minimum pension liabilities, net of tax benefit of \$2.1 million and tax expense of \$0.1 million, respectively. | 5.5 | (0.3) |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax | (69.0) | (33.1) |
| Comprehensive loss | (40.8) | (1.3) |
| Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interests | (16.0) | 0.5 |
| Comprehensive loss attributable to Greif, Inc. | <u>\$ (24.8)</u> | <u>\$ (1.8)</u> |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in millions)

ASSETS

| | <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>October 31, 2014</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current assets | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 55.8 | \$ 85.1 |
| Trade accounts receivable, less allowance of \$14.6 in 2015 and \$16.8 in 2014 | 462.7 | 501.3 |
| Inventories | 382.2 | 381.1 |
| Deferred tax assets | 26.7 | 29.0 |
| Assets held for sale | 19.8 | 28.3 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 124.9 | 129.9 |
| | <u>1,072.1</u> | <u>1,154.7</u> |
| Long-term assets | | |
| Goodwill | 836.7 | 880.2 |
| Other intangible assets, net of amortization | 152.6 | 166.5 |
| Deferred tax assets | 15.0 | 20.9 |
| Assets held by special purpose entities | 50.9 | 50.9 |
| Other long-term assets | 101.7 | 101.2 |
| | <u>1,156.9</u> | <u>1,219.7</u> |
| Properties, plants and equipment | | |
| Timber properties, net of depletion | 267.1 | 244.8 |
| Land | 122.1 | 129.3 |
| Buildings | 424.9 | 444.9 |
| Machinery and equipment | 1,458.0 | 1,500.8 |
| Capital projects in progress | 106.1 | 97.3 |
| | <u>2,378.2</u> | <u>2,417.1</u> |
| Accumulated depreciation | <u>(1,099.7)</u> | <u>(1,124.1)</u> |
| | <u>1,278.5</u> | <u>1,293.0</u> |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 3,507.5</u> | <u>\$ 3,667.4</u> |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
(UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in millions)

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

| | <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>October 31, 2014</u> |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Current liabilities | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 392.8 | \$ 471.1 |
| Accrued payroll and employee benefits | 72.8 | 102.4 |
| Restructuring reserves | 5.7 | 4.1 |
| Current portion of long-term debt | 20.2 | 17.6 |
| Short-term borrowings | 58.5 | 48.1 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 15.7 | 17.8 |
| Liabilities held for sale | 1.5 | 1.5 |
| Other current liabilities | 161.8 | 189.1 |
| | <u>729.0</u> | <u>851.7</u> |
| Long-term liabilities | | |
| Long-term debt | 1,127.8 | 1,087.4 |
| Deferred tax liabilities | 222.6 | 219.0 |
| Pension liabilities | 132.4 | 136.0 |
| Postretirement benefit obligations | 16.7 | 17.3 |
| Liabilities held by special purpose entities | 43.3 | 43.3 |
| Contingent liabilities and environmental reserves | 23.9 | 24.7 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 63.5 | 64.8 |
| | <u>1,630.2</u> | <u>1,592.5</u> |
| Equity | | |
| Common stock, without par value | 137.6 | 135.5 |
| Treasury stock, at cost | (130.6) | (130.7) |
| Retained earnings | 1,416.9 | 1,411.7 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss: | | |
| - foreign currency translation | (205.0) | (144.5) |
| - interest rate and other cash flow hedges | — | (0.1) |
| - minimum pension liabilities | (124.3) | (129.8) |
| Total Greif, Inc. equity | <u>1,094.6</u> | <u>1,142.1</u> |
| Noncontrolling interests | 53.7 | 81.1 |
| Total equity | <u>1,148.3</u> | <u>1,223.2</u> |
| Total liabilities and equity | <u>\$ 3,507.5</u> | <u>\$ 3,667.4</u> |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

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GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
(UNAUDITED)
(Dollars in millions)

| For the three months ended January 31, | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | |
| Net income | \$ 28.2 | \$ 31.8 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization | 34.6 | 39.2 |
| Asset impairments | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Unrealized foreign exchange loss | (4.2) | (2.2) |
| Deferred income taxes | 9.6 | 1.9 |
| Gain on disposals of properties, plants and equipment, net | (1.6) | (2.6) |
| (Gain) loss on disposals of businesses | (0.8) | 1.8 |
| Gain on disposals of timberland, net | (24.3) | (8.4) |
| Other, net | (0.3) | (0.5) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash from changes in certain assets and liabilities: | | |
| Trade accounts receivable | 18.4 | (3.3) |
| Inventories | (22.4) | (38.6) |
| Deferred purchase price on sold receivables | — | (9.7) |
| Accounts payable | (55.3) | (50.9) |
| Restructuring reserves | 2.1 | 1.1 |
| Pension and postretirement benefit liabilities | (6.5) | (0.6) |
| Other, net | (37.6) | (22.0) |
| Net cash used in operating activities | <u>(59.9)</u> | <u>(62.8)</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | |
| Acquisitions of companies, net of cash acquired | (0.4) | (52.3) |
| Purchases of properties, plants and equipment | (39.2) | (34.5) |
| Purchases of timber properties | (25.4) | (8.0) |
| Proceeds from the sale of properties, plants, equipment and other assets | 36.1 | 14.8 |
| Proceeds from the sale of businesses | 2.9 | — |
| Payments on notes receivable with related party, net | — | 0.4 |
| Net cash used in investing activities | <u>(26.0)</u> | <u>(79.6)</u> |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | |
| Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt | 152.8 | 395.4 |
| Payments on long-term debt | (111.5) | (263.3) |
| Proceeds from short-term borrowings, net | 14.0 | 31.9 |
| Proceeds from trade accounts receivable credit facility | 94.0 | 30.0 |
| Payments on trade accounts receivable credit facility | (65.0) | (19.0) |
| Dividends paid | (24.5) | (24.4) |
| Exercise of stock options | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | <u>59.9</u> | <u>150.7</u> |
| Effects of exchange rates on cash | <u>(3.3)</u> | <u>(4.4)</u> |
| Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | <u>(29.3)</u> | <u>3.9</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period | <u>85.1</u> | <u>78.1</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at end of period | <u>\$ 55.8</u> | <u>\$ 82.0</u> |

See accompanying Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

GREIF, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY COMPANIES
NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
January 31, 2015
(Unaudited)

NOTE 1 — BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The information furnished herein reflects all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the condensed consolidated balance sheets as of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, the condensed consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 and the condensed consolidated statements of cash flows for the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 of Greif, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the “Company”). The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Greif, Inc., all wholly-owned and majority-owned subsidiaries and investments in limited liability companies, partnerships and joint ventures in which it has controlling influence. Non-majority owned entities include investments in limited liability companies, partnerships and joint ventures in which the Company does not have controlling influence and are accounted for using either the equity or cost method, as appropriate.

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “Form 10-Q”) should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for its fiscal year ended October 31, 2014 (the “2014 Form 10-K”). In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation of the condensed consolidated financial statements have been included and are of a normal and recurring nature.

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) instructions to Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and include all of the information and disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”) for interim financial reporting. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual amounts could differ from those estimates.

The Company’s fiscal year begins on November 1 and ends on October 31 of the following year. Any references to the year 2015 or 2014, or to any quarter of those years, relates to the fiscal year or quarter, as the case may be, ended in that year.

The Company presents various fair value disclosures in Note 10 to these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

Recently Issued Accounting Standards

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)”, which supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 605, Revenue Recognition. This ASU is based on the principle that revenue is recognized to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The ASU also 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 and assets recognized from costs incurred to obtain or fulfill a contract. The effective date will be the first quarter of fiscal year 2018 using one of two retrospective application methods. The Company has not yet determined the potential impact of adopting this guidance on the Company’s financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income, cash flow and disclosures.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-15 “Presentation of Financial Statements-Going Concern: Disclosure of Uncertainties about an Entity’s Ability to Continue as Going Concern”. The objective of this update is to reduce the diversity in the timing and content of footnote disclosures related to going concern. The amendments require management to assess an entity’s ability to continue as a going concern by incorporating and expanding upon certain principles that are currently in U.S. auditing standards. This update applies to all entities that would be required to disclose information about its potential inability to continue as a going concern when “substantial doubt” about their ability to continue as a going concern exists. The Company will be required to evaluate “relevant conditions and events that are known and reasonably knowable at the date that the financial statements are issued.” The Company will have to document their consideration of the ASU, but not because the Company believes there is substantial doubt about its ability to continue as a going concern. The Company is expected to adopt this guidance beginning November 1, 2017, and the adoption of the new guidance is not expected to impact the Company’s financial position, results of operations, comprehensive income or cash flows, other than the related disclosures.

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NOTE 2 — ACQUISITIONS AND DIVESTITURES

The following table summarizes the Company's acquisition activity in 2015 and 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| | <u># of Acquisitions</u> | <u>Purchase Price, net of Cash</u> | <u>Tangible Assets, net</u> | <u>Intangible Assets</u> | <u>Goodwill</u> |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Total 2015 Acquisitions | — | \$ — | — | — | — |
| Total 2014 Acquisitions | 2 | \$ 52.3 | 2.5 | 22.1 | 25.9 |

Note: Purchase price, net of cash acquired, represents cash paid in the period of each acquisition and does not include assumed debt, subsequent payments for deferred purchase adjustments or earn-out provisions.

The Company completed no acquisitions and three immaterial divestitures for the three months ended January 31, 2015. The divestitures were of nonstrategic businesses in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment and the Flexible Products & Services segment. The gain on disposal of businesses was \$0.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015. Proceeds from divestitures were \$2.9 million. Additionally, the Company has recorded notes receivable of \$3.9 million for the sale of these businesses, ranging in terms from nine months to five years.

The Company completed two acquisitions and one immaterial divestiture for the three months ended January 31, 2014. One acquisition was in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment and the other acquisition was in the Paper Packaging segment. The rigid industrial packaging acquisition was made to complement the Company's existing product lines and provide growth opportunities and economies of scale. The paper packaging acquisition was made in part to obtain technologies, equipment, and customer lists. The loss on disposal of businesses was \$1.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2014.

NOTE 3 — SALE OF NON-UNITED STATES ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

On April 27, 2012, Cooperage Receivables Finance B.V. and Greif Coordination Center BVBA, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Greif, Inc., entered into the Nieuw Amsterdam Receivables Purchase Agreement (the "European RPA") with affiliates of a major international bank. The maximum amount of receivables that may be sold and outstanding under the European RPA at any time is €145 million (\$165.0 million as of January 31, 2015).

In October 2007, Greif Singapore Pte. Ltd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Greif, Inc., entered into the Singapore Receivable Purchase Agreement (the "Singapore RPA") with a major international bank. The maximum amount of aggregate receivables that may be financed under the Singapore RPA is 15.0 million Singapore Dollars (\$11.2 million as of January 31, 2015).

In May 2009, Greif Malaysia Sdn Bhd., an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Greif, Inc., entered into the Malaysian Receivables Purchase Agreement (the "Malaysian Agreement") with Malaysian banks. In March 2014, the Malaysian Agreement was discontinued and therefore there were no receivables held by third party financial institutions under this agreement as of January 31, 2015.

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The table below contains certain information related to the Company's accounts receivables programs (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| European RPA | | |
| Gross accounts receivable sold to third party financial institution | \$ 191.5 | \$ 243.5 |
| Cash received for accounts receivable sold under the programs | 169.4 | 215.4 |
| Deferred purchase price related to accounts receivable sold | 22.0 | 28.1 |
| Loss associated with the programs | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Expenses associated with the programs | — | — |
| Other | | |
| Gross accounts receivable sold to third party financial institution | \$ 11.6 | \$ 15.8 |
| Cash received for accounts receivable sold under the program | 11.6 | 15.8 |
| Deferred purchase price related to accounts receivable sold | — | — |
| Loss associated with the program | — | — |
| Expenses associated with the program | — | 0.1 |
| Total RPAs | | |
| Gross accounts receivable sold to third party financial institution | \$ 203.1 | \$ 259.3 |
| Cash received for accounts receivable sold under the program | 181.0 | 231.2 |
| Deferred purchase price related to accounts receivable sold | 22.0 | 28.1 |
| Loss associated with the program | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Expenses associated with the program | — | 0.1 |

The table below contains certain information related to the Company's accounts receivables programs and the impact it has on the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Dollars in millions):

| | January 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|
| European RPA | | |
| Accounts receivable sold to and held by third party financial institution | \$ 123.4 | \$ 164.7 |
| Deferred purchase price liability related to accounts receivable sold | (12.6) | (23.7) |
| Other | | |
| Accounts receivable sold to and held by third party financial institution | \$ 5.0 | \$ 5.0 |
| Uncollected deferred purchase price related to accounts receivable sold | — | — |
| Total RPAs | | |
| Accounts receivable sold to and held by third party financial institution | \$ 128.4 | \$ 169.7 |
| Deferred purchase price liability related to accounts receivable sold | \$ (12.6) | \$ (23.7) |

The deferred purchase price related to the accounts receivable sold is reflected as prepaid expenses and other current assets or other current liabilities on the Company's condensed consolidated balance sheets and was initially recorded at an amount which approximates its fair value due to the short-term nature of these items. The cash received initially and the deferred purchase price relate to the sale or ultimate collection of the underlying receivables and are not subject to significant other risks given their short-term nature; therefore, the Company reflects all cash flows under the accounts receivable sales programs as operating cash flows on the Company's condensed consolidated statements of cash flows.

Additionally, the Company performs collections and administrative functions on the receivables sold, similar to the procedures it uses for collecting all of its receivables, including receivables that are not sold under the RPAs. The servicing liability for these receivables is not material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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NOTE 4 — INVENTORIES

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market and are summarized as follows (Dollars in millions):

| | January 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Finished Goods | \$ 105.9 | \$ 100.9 |
| Raw materials | 239.1 | 235.9 |
| Work-in-process | 37.2 | 44.3 |
| | <u>\$ 382.2</u> | <u>\$ 381.1</u> |

NOTE 5 — ASSETS AND LIABILITIES HELD FOR SALE AND DISPOSALS OF PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT, NET

As of January 31, 2015, there were two asset groups in the Rigid Industrial Packaging Products & Services segment and one asset group in the Flexible Products & Services segment classified as assets and liabilities held for sale. As of October 31, 2014, there were three asset groups in the Rigid Industrial Packaging Products & Services segment, one asset group in the Flexible Products & Services segment and one asset group in the Land Management segment classified as assets and liabilities held for sale. During the three months ended January 31, 2015, one asset group previously classified as held for sale within the Rigid Industrial Packaging Products & Services segment was sold and another asset group consisting of higher and better use (“HBU”) and surplus properties previously classified as held for sale within the Land Management segment were sold. The assets and liabilities held for sale are being marketed for sale, and it is the Company’s intention to complete the sales of these assets within the upcoming year. For additional information regarding the sale of businesses refer to Note 2 to these condensed consolidated financial statements.

For the three months ended January 31, 2015, the Company recorded a gain on disposal of property, plants and equipment, net of \$1.6 million. There were sales of HBU and surplus properties which resulted in gains of \$0.4 million in the Land Management segment, a disposal of an asset in the Rigid Industrial Packaging Products & Services segment that resulted in a gain of \$0.8 million and sales of other miscellaneous equipment which resulted in aggregate gains of \$0.4 million.

For the three months ended January 31, 2014, the Company recorded a gain on disposal of property, plants and equipment, net of \$2.6 million. There were sales of HBU and surplus properties which resulted in gains of \$1.4 million in the Land Management segment, a disposal of an asset in the Paper Packaging segment that resulted in a gain of \$0.8 million, and sales of other miscellaneous equipment which resulted in aggregate gains of \$0.4 million. None of these were previously classified as held for sale.

For the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company recorded gains of \$24.3 million and \$8.4 million, respectively, relating to the sale of timberland.

NOTE 6 — GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The following table summarizes the changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by segment for the three month period ended January 31, 2015 (Dollars in millions):

| | Rigid Industrial | | Flexible Products & | | |
|--|-------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| | Packaging & Services | Paper Packaging | Services (1) | Land Management | Total |
| Balance at October 31, 2014 | \$ 820.7 | \$ 59.5 | \$ — | \$ — | \$880.2 |
| Goodwill acquired | — | — | — | — | — |
| Goodwill allocated to divestitures and businesses held for sale | — | — | — | — | — |
| Goodwill adjustments | — | — | — | — | — |
| Currency translation | (43.5) | — | — | — | (43.5) |
| Balance at January 31, 2015 | <u>\$ 777.2</u> | <u>\$ 59.5</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$836.7</u> |

(1) At January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, the accumulated goodwill impairment loss was \$50.3 million.

Goodwill decreased by \$43.5 million for the three month period ended January 31, 2015. The decrease in goodwill was related to foreign currency fluctuations.

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The following table summarizes the carrying amount of net intangible assets by class as of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>Gross Intangible Assets</u> | <u>Accumulated Amortization</u> | <u>Net Intangible Assets</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| January 31, 2015: | | | |
| Indefinite lived: | | | |
| Trademark and patents | \$ 13.1 | \$ — | \$ 13.1 |
| Definite lived: | | | |
| Trademark and patents | \$ 14.2 | \$ 4.5 | \$ 9.7 |
| Non-compete agreements | 5.8 | 5.0 | 0.8 |
| Customer relationships | 193.2 | 78.5 | 114.7 |
| Other | 24.9 | 10.6 | 14.3 |
| Total | <u>\$ 251.2</u> | <u>\$ 98.6</u> | <u>\$ 152.6</u> |
| October 31, 2014: | | | |
| Indefinite lived: | | | |
| Trademark and patents | \$ 13.8 | \$ — | \$ 13.8 |
| Definite lived: | | | |
| Trademark and patents | \$ 15.3 | \$ 4.7 | \$ 10.6 |
| Non-compete agreements | 6.0 | 5.1 | 0.9 |
| Customer relationships | 203.3 | 78.8 | 124.5 |
| Other | 27.8 | 11.1 | 16.7 |
| Total | <u>\$ 266.2</u> | <u>\$ 99.7</u> | <u>\$ 166.5</u> |

Gross intangible assets decreased by \$15.0 million for the three month period ended January 31, 2015. The decrease in gross intangible assets was primarily attributable to currency fluctuations. Amortization expense for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.8 million and \$5.3 million, respectively. Amortization expense for the next five years is expected to be \$19.2 million in 2015, \$18.6 million in 2016, \$17.8 million in 2017, \$17.4 million in 2018 and \$17.3 million in 2019.

Definite lived intangible assets for the periods presented are subject to amortization and are being amortized using the straight-line method over periods that are contractually, legally determined or through a fair value analysis.

NOTE 7 — RESTRUCTURING CHARGES

The following is a reconciliation of the beginning and ending restructuring reserve balances for the three month period ended January 31, 2015 (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>Employee Separation</u> | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| | <u>Costs</u> | <u>Other Costs</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Balance at October 31, 2014 | \$ 2.9 | \$ 1.2 | \$ 4.1 |
| Costs incurred and charged to expense | 2.7 | 0.5 | 3.2 |
| Costs paid or otherwise settled | <u>(0.8)</u> | <u>(0.8)</u> | <u>(1.6)</u> |
| Balance at January 31, 2015 | <u>\$ 4.8</u> | <u>\$ 0.9</u> | <u>\$ 5.7</u> |

The focus for restructuring activities in 2015 is to continue to rationalize operations and close underperforming assets in both the Flexible Products & Services and Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segments. During the three months ended January 31, 2015, the Company recorded restructuring charges of \$3.2 million, which compares to \$2.4 million of restructuring charges during the three months ended January 31, 2014. The restructuring activity for the three months ended January 31, 2015 consisted of \$2.7 million in employee separation costs and \$0.5 million in other restructuring costs, primarily consisting of professional fees.

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The following is a reconciliation of the total amounts expected to be incurred from open restructuring plans or plans that are being formulated and have not been announced as of the date of this Form 10-Q. Remaining amounts expected to be incurred were \$8.6 million and \$9.2 million as of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, respectively. The change was due to the formulation of new plans during the period offset by the realization of expenses from plans formulated in prior periods. (Dollars in millions):

| | Amounts expensed during | | |
|--|---------------------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | Amounts Expected to be Incurred | the three month period ended January 31, 2015 | Amounts Remaining to be Incurred |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | | | |
| Employee separation costs | \$ 4.8 | \$ 2.5 | \$ 2.3 |
| Other restructuring costs | 4.6 | — | 4.6 |
| | <u>9.4</u> | <u>2.5</u> | <u>6.9</u> |
| Flexible Products & Services | | | |
| Employee separation costs | 0.2 | 0.2 | — |
| Other restructuring costs | 2.2 | 0.5 | 1.7 |
| | <u>2.4</u> | <u>0.7</u> | <u>1.7</u> |
| | <u>\$ 11.8</u> | <u>\$ 3.2</u> | <u>\$ 8.6</u> |

NOTE 8 — CONSOLIDATION OF VARIABLE INTEREST ENTITIES

The Company evaluates whether an entity is a variable interest entity (“VIE”) whenever reconsideration events occur and performs reassessments of all VIEs quarterly to determine if the primary beneficiary status is appropriate. The Company consolidates VIEs for which it is the primary beneficiary. If the Company is not the primary beneficiary and an ownership interest is held, the VIE is accounted for under the equity or cost methods of accounting, as appropriate. When assessing the determination of the primary beneficiary, the Company considers all relevant facts and circumstances, including: the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the VIEs economic performance; and the obligation to absorb the expected losses and/or the right to receive the expected returns of the VIE.

Significant Nonstrategic Timberland Transactions

In 2005, the Company sold certain timber properties to Plum Creek Timberlands, L.P. (“Plum Creek”) in a series of transactions that included the creation of two separate legal entities that are now consolidated as separate VIEs. One is an indirect subsidiary of Plum Creek (the “Buyer SPE”), and the other is STA Timber LLC, an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of the Company (“STA Timber”). As of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, consolidated assets of Buyer SPE consisted of \$50.9 million of restricted bank financial instruments which are expected to be held to maturity. For both of the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, Buyer SPE recorded interest income of \$0.6 million.

As of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, STA Timber had consolidated long-term debt of \$43.3 million. For both of the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, STA Timber recorded interest expense of \$0.6 million. The intercompany borrowing arrangement between the two VIEs is eliminated in consolidation. STA Timber is exposed to credit-related losses in the event of nonperformance by an issuer of a deed of guarantee in the transaction.

Flexible Packaging Joint Venture

On September 29, 2010, Greif, Inc. and its indirect subsidiary Greif International Holding Supra C.V. (“Greif Supra”) formed a joint venture (referred to herein as the “Flexible Packaging JV”) with Dabbagh Group Holding Company Limited and its subsidiary National Scientific Company Limited (“NSC”). The Flexible Packaging JV owns the operations in the Flexible Products & Services segment, with the exception of the North American multiwall packaging business, which was sold in August 2014. The Flexible Packaging JV has been consolidated into the operations of the Company as of its formation date of September 29, 2010.

All entities contributed to the Flexible Packaging JV were existing businesses acquired by Greif Supra and that were reorganized under Greif Flexibles Asset Holding B.V. and Greif Flexibles Trading Holding B.V. (“Asset Co.” and “Trading Co.”), respectively. The Flexibles Packaging J.V. also includes Global Textile Company LLC (“Global Textile”), which owned and operated a fabric hub in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia that commenced operations in the fourth quarter of 2012 and ceased operations in the fourth quarter of 2014.

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The following table presents the Flexible Packaging JV total net assets (Dollars in millions):

| <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>Asset Co.</u> | <u>Global Textile</u> | <u>Trading Co.</u> | <u>Flexible Packaging JV</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Total assets | \$ 113.0 | \$ 14.5 | \$ 116.3 | \$ 243.8 |
| Total liabilities | 95.8 | 42.5 | 53.6 | 191.9 |
| Net assets | <u>\$ 17.2</u> | <u>\$ (28.0)</u> | <u>\$ 62.7</u> | <u>\$ 51.9</u> |

| <u>October 31, 2014</u> | <u>Asset Co.</u> | <u>Global Textile</u> | <u>Trading Co.</u> | <u>Flexible Packaging JV</u> |
|-------------------------|------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|
| Total assets | \$ 113.6 | \$ 21.6 | \$ 126.4 | \$ 261.6 |
| Total liabilities | 102.7 | 42.8 | 51.8 | 197.3 |
| Net assets | <u>\$ 10.9</u> | <u>\$ (21.2)</u> | <u>\$ 74.6</u> | <u>\$ 64.3</u> |

Net losses attributable to the noncontrolling interest in the Flexible Packaging JV for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$3.3 million and \$1.4 million, respectively.

NOTE 9 — LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt is summarized as follows (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>October 31, 2014</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Amended Credit Agreement | \$ 212.1 | \$ 169.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2017 | 301.1 | 301.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2019 | 245.4 | 245.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2021 | 225.8 | 252.5 |
| Amended Receivables Facility | 139.0 | 110.0 |
| Other long-term debt | 24.6 | 26.9 |
| | <u>1,148.0</u> | <u>1,105.0</u> |
| Less current portion | (20.2) | (17.6) |
| Long-term debt | <u>\$ 1,127.8</u> | <u>\$ 1,087.4</u> |

Amended Credit Agreement

On December 19, 2012, the Company and two of its international subsidiaries amended and restated the Company's existing \$1.0 billion senior secured credit agreement with a syndicate of financial institutions (the "Amended Credit Agreement"). The total available borrowing under this facility was \$724.4 million as of January 31, 2015, all of which is available without violating covenants, which has been reduced by \$14.6 million for outstanding letters of credit.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that require the Company to maintain a certain leverage ratio and an interest coverage ratio. The leverage ratio generally requires that at the end of any fiscal quarter the Company will not permit the ratio of (a) the Company's total consolidated indebtedness, to (b) the Company's consolidated net income plus depreciation, depletion and amortization, interest expense (including capitalized interest), income taxes, and minus certain extraordinary gains and non-recurring gains (or plus certain extraordinary losses and non-recurring losses) and plus or minus certain other items for the preceding twelve months ("adjusted EBITDA") to be greater than 4.00 to 1. The interest coverage ratio generally requires that at the end of any fiscal quarter the Company will not permit the ratio of (a) the Company's consolidated adjusted EBITDA to (b) the Company's consolidated interest expense to the extent paid or payable, to be less than 3.00 to 1, during the preceding twelve month period (the "Interest Coverage Ratio Covenant"). As of January 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

As of January 31, 2015, \$212.1 million was outstanding under the Amended Credit Agreement. The current portion of the Amended Credit Agreement was \$17.3 million and the long-term portion was \$194.8 million. The weighted average interest rate on the Amended Credit Agreement was 1.59% for the three months ended January 31, 2015. The actual interest rate on the Amended Credit Agreement was 1.54% as of January 31, 2015.

Senior Notes due 2017

On February 9, 2007, the Company issued \$300.0 million of 6.75% Senior Notes due February 1, 2017. Interest on these Senior Notes is payable semi-annually.

Senior Notes due 2019

On July 28, 2009, the Company issued \$250.0 million of 7.75% Senior Notes due August 1, 2019. Interest on these Senior Notes is payable

semi-annually.

Senior Notes due 2021

On July 15, 2011, Greif, Inc.'s wholly-owned subsidiary; Greif Nevada Holdings, Inc., S.C.S. (formerly Greif Luxembourg Finance S.C.A.) issued €€ 200.0 million of 7.375% Senior Notes due July 15, 2021. These Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by Greif, Inc. Interest on these Senior Notes is payable semi-annually.

United States Trade Accounts Receivable Credit Facility

Prior to September 30, 2013, the Company had a \$130 million U.S. trade accounts receivable credit facility with a financial institution (the "Prior Receivables Facility"). On September 30, 2013, the Company amended and restated the Prior Receivables Facility to establish a \$170.0 million United States Trade Accounts Receivable Credit Facility (the "Amended Receivables Facility") with a financial institution. The Amended Receivables Facility matures in September 2016.

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NOTE 10 — FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial Instruments

The Company uses derivatives from time to time to mitigate partially the effect of exposure to interest rate movements, exposure to currency fluctuations and energy cost fluctuations. Under ASC 815, “Derivatives and Hedging”, all derivatives are to be recognized as assets or liabilities on the balance sheet and measured at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recognized in either net income or in other comprehensive income, depending on the designated purpose of the derivative.

While the Company may be exposed to credit losses in the event of nonperformance by the counterparties to its derivative financial instrument contracts, its counterparties are established banks and financial institutions with high credit ratings. The Company has no reason to believe that such counterparties will not be able to fully satisfy their obligations under these contracts.

During the next twelve months, the Company does not expect to reclassify any amount into earnings from accumulated other comprehensive income at the time the underlying hedge transactions are realized.

ASC 820, “Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures” defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in GAAP and expands disclosures about fair value measurements for financial and non-financial assets and liabilities. Additionally, this guidance established a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The three levels of inputs used to measure fair values are as follows:

- Level 1 – Observable inputs such as unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities.
- Level 3 – Unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and that are significant to the fair value of the assets and liabilities.

Recurring Fair Value Measurements

The following table presents the fair value for those assets and (liabilities) measured on a recurring basis as of January 31, 2015 (Dollars in millions):

| | January 31, 2015 | | | | Balance sheet Location |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | |
| Interest rate derivatives | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | \$ — | Other long-term liabilities |
| Foreign exchange hedges | — | 0.6 | — | 0.6 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Foreign exchange hedges | — | (0.2) | — | (0.2) | Other current liabilities |
| Insurance annuity | — | — | 20.2 | 20.2 | Other long-term assets |
| Total* | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 0.4</u> | <u>\$ 20.2</u> | <u>\$20.6</u> | |

| | October 31, 2014 | | | | Balance sheet Location |
|---------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---|
| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total | |
| Interest rate derivatives | \$ — | \$ (0.2) | \$ — | \$ (0.2) | Other long-term liabilities |
| Foreign exchange hedges | — | 0.6 | — | 0.6 | Prepaid expenses and other current assets |
| Foreign exchange hedges | — | (0.2) | — | (0.2) | Other current liabilities |
| Insurance annuity | — | — | 22.6 | 22.6 | Other long-term assets |
| Total* | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ 0.2</u> | <u>\$ 22.6</u> | <u>\$22.8</u> | |

* The carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, accounts payable, current liabilities and short-term borrowings as of January 31, 2015 approximate their fair values because of the short-term nature of these items and are not included in this table.

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Interest Rate Derivatives

The Company had interest rate swap agreements with various maturities through December 2014. These interest rate swap agreements were used to manage the Company's fixed and floating rate debt mix, specifically the Amended Credit Agreement. The assumptions that were used in measuring fair value of the interest rate derivatives were considered level 2 inputs, which were based on interest from the counterparties based upon the LIBOR and interest paid based upon a designated fixed rate over the life of the swap agreements. These derivative instruments were designated and qualified as cash flow hedges. Accordingly, the effective portion of the gain or loss on these derivative instruments was reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same line item associated with the forecasted transaction and in the same period during which the hedged transaction affected earnings. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument was recognized in earnings immediately.

As of January 31, 2015, the Company has no interest rate derivatives. Through December 2014, the Company had two interest rate derivatives (floating to fixed swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges) with a total notional amount of \$150 million. Under these swap agreements, the Company received interest based upon a variable interest rate from the counterparties and paid interest based upon a fixed interest rate. Losses reclassified to earnings under these contracts were \$0.2 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. These losses were recorded within the condensed consolidated statements of income as interest expense, net. The fair value of these contracts was \$0.2 million recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income as of October 31, 2014.

Foreign Exchange Hedges

The Company conducts business in various international currencies and is subject to risks associated with changing foreign exchange rates. The Company's objective is to reduce volatility associated with foreign exchange rate changes. Accordingly, the Company enters into various contracts that change in value as foreign exchange rates change to protect the value of certain existing foreign currency assets and liabilities, commitments and anticipated foreign currency cash flows.

As of January 31, 2015, the Company had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts in the notional amount of \$132.6 million (\$122.4 million as of October 31, 2014). At January 31, 2015, these derivative instruments were designated and qualified as fair value hedges. Adjustments to fair value for fair value hedges are recognized in earnings, offsetting the impact of the hedged item. The assumptions used in measuring fair value of foreign exchange hedges are considered level 2 inputs, which were based on observable market pricing for similar instruments, principally foreign exchange futures contracts. Losses recorded under fair value contracts were \$5.6 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Energy Hedges

The Company is exposed to changes in the price of certain commodities. Accordingly, on a limited basis, the Company may enter into derivative contracts to manage the price risk associated with certain of these forecasted purchases. The Company's objective is to reduce volatility associated with forecasted purchases of these commodities to allow management of the Company to focus its attention on business operations.

There were no energy hedges in effect as of January 31, 2015 or October 31, 2014.

Other financial instruments

The fair values of the Company's Amended Credit Agreement and the Amended Receivables Facility do not materially differ from carrying value as the Company's cost of borrowing is variable and approximates current borrowing rates. The fair values of the Company's long-term obligations are estimated based on either the quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or the current interest rates offered for the debt of the same remaining maturities, which are considered level 2 inputs in accordance with ASC Topic 820, Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures.

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The following table presents the estimated fair values for the Company's Senior Notes and the Assets held by special purpose entities (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>October 31, 2014</u> |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Senior Notes due 2017 | | |
| Estimated fair value | \$ 323.0 | \$ 325.5 |
| Senior Notes due 2019 | | |
| Estimated fair value | 283.8 | 287.5 |
| Senior Notes due 2021 | | |
| Estimated fair value | 267.1 | 297.7 |
| Assets held by special purpose entities | | |
| Estimated fair value | 55.6 | 54.5 |

Non-Recurring Fair Value Measurements

Long-Lived Assets

The following table is a summary of losses as a result of the Company measuring long-lived assets at fair value on a non-recurring basis during the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, all of which were valued using Level 3 inputs (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>Three months ended January 31,</u> | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| Long-lived assets held and used | \$ 0.2 | \$ 0.2 |

The Company will close manufacturing facilities during the next few years as part of restructuring plans to rationalize costs and realize benefits of synergies. The assumptions used in measuring fair value of long-lived assets are considered level 3 inputs, which include bids received from third parties, recent purchase offers, market comparable information and discounted cash flows based on assumptions that market participants would use.

The Company recognized asset impairment charges of \$0.2 million during the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. These charges included \$0.2 million of impairment charges related to equipment within the Flexible Products & Services segment and \$0.2 million of impairment charges related to restructuring plans during the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Assets and Liabilities Held for Sale

The assumptions used in measuring fair value of assets and liabilities held for sale are considered level 2 inputs, which include recent purchase offers, market comparables and/or data obtained from commercial real estate brokers. During the three month period ended January 31, 2015, the Company has not recorded additional impairment related to assets which were previously classified as assets and liabilities held for sale. During the three month period ended January 31, 2014, the Company recorded no impairment related to assets which were previously classified as assets and liabilities held for sale.

Goodwill and Long Lived Intangible Assets

On an annual basis or whenever events or circumstances indicate impairment may have occurred, the Company performs impairment tests for goodwill and long lived intangible assets as defined under ASC 350, "Intangibles-Goodwill and Other." The Company concluded that no impairment existed as of January 31, 2015.

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NOTE 11 — INCOME TAXES

Income tax expense was \$17.5 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$16.5 million for the first quarter of 2014. The Company's effective tax rate was 38.3 percent for the first quarter of 2015 versus 34.2 percent for the first quarter of 2014. The higher first quarter 2015 effective tax rate reflects the impact of a shift in global earnings mix to the United States, a higher taxed jurisdiction. In addition the higher rate reflects the impact of increases in valuation allowances primarily in Brazil, China, Germany and Turkey.

As of January 31, 2015, the Company had not recognized U.S. deferred income taxes on the undistributed earnings of our non-U.S. subsidiaries. It is the Company's assertion that as of January 31, 2015 such earnings are permanently reinvested outside of the U.S. and determining the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to investments in these non-U.S. subsidiaries that are indefinitely reinvested is not practicable.

NOTE 12 — POST RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS

The components of net periodic pension cost include the following (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|--|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Service cost | \$ 4.1 | \$ 3.9 |
| Interest cost | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (8.4) | (8.5) |
| Amortization of prior service cost, initial net asset and net actuarial gain | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| Net periodic pension costs | <u>\$ 6.5</u> | <u>\$ 5.5</u> |

The Company made \$3.5 million in pension contributions in the three months ended January 31, 2015. The Company estimates \$14.2 million of pension contributions for the twelve months ended October 31, 2015.

The components of net periodic cost for postretirement benefits include the following (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Service cost | \$ — | \$ — |
| Interest cost | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Amortization of prior service cost and recognized actuarial gain | (0.4) | (0.4) |
| Net periodic benefit for postretirement benefits | <u>\$ (0.2)</u> | <u>\$ (0.2)</u> |

NOTE 13 — CONTINGENT LIABILITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESERVES

Litigation-related Liabilities

The Company may become involved from time-to-time in litigation and regulatory matters incidental to its business, including governmental investigations, enforcement actions, personal injury claims, product liability, employment health and safety matters, commercial disputes, intellectual property matters, disputes regarding environmental clean-up costs, litigation in connection with acquisitions and divestitures, and other matters arising out of the normal conduct of its business. The Company intends to vigorously defend itself in such litigation. The Company does not believe that the outcome of any pending litigation will have a material adverse effect on its condensed consolidated financial statements.

The Company may accrue for contingencies related to litigation and regulatory matters if it is probable that a liability has been incurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Because litigation is inherently unpredictable and unfavorable resolutions can occur, assessing contingencies is highly subjective and requires judgments about future events. The Company regularly reviews contingencies to determine whether its accruals are adequate. The amount of ultimate loss may differ from these estimates.

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Environmental Reserves

As of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, environmental reserves of \$23.9 million and \$24.7 million, respectively, were recorded on an undiscounted basis. These reserves are principally based on environmental studies and cost estimates provided by third parties, but also take into account management estimates. The estimated liabilities are reduced to reflect the anticipated participation of other potentially responsible parties in those instances where it is probable that such parties are legally responsible and financially capable of paying their respective shares of relevant costs. For sites that involve formal actions subject to joint and several liabilities, these actions have formal agreements in place to apportion the liability. As of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, environmental reserves of the Company included \$13.7 million and \$13.7 million, respectively, for its blending facility in Chicago, Illinois; \$6.0 million and \$6.8 million, respectively, for various European drum facilities acquired from Blagden and Van Leer; \$2.3 million and \$2.6 million, respectively, for its various container life cycle management and recycling facilities acquired in 2011 and 2010; and \$1.9 million and \$1.6 million for various other facilities around the world.

The Company's exposure to adverse developments with respect to any individual site is not expected to be material. Although environmental remediation could have a material effect on results of operations if a series of adverse developments occur in a particular quarter or year, the Company believes that the chance of a series of adverse developments occurring in the same quarter or year is remote. Future information and developments will require the Company to continually reassess the expected impact of these environmental matters.

NOTE 14 — EARNINGS PER SHARE

The Company has two classes of common stock and, as such, applies the "two-class method" of computing earnings per share ("EPS") as prescribed in ASC 260, "Earnings Per Share." In accordance with this guidance, earnings are allocated first to Class A and Class B Common Stock to the extent that dividends are actually paid and the remainder allocated assuming all of the earnings for the period have been distributed in the form of dividends.

The Company calculates Class A EPS as follows: (i) multiply 40 percent times the average Class A shares outstanding, then divide that amount by the product of 40 percent of the average Class A shares outstanding plus 60 percent of the average Class B shares outstanding to get a percentage, (ii) undistributed net income divided by the average Class A shares outstanding, (iii) multiply item (i) by item (ii), (iv) add item (iii) to the Class A cash dividend per share. Diluted shares are factored into the Class A calculation.

The Company calculates Class B EPS as follows: (i) multiply 60 percent times the average Class B shares outstanding, then divide that amount by the product of 40 percent of the average Class A shares outstanding plus 60 percent of the average Class B shares outstanding to get a percentage, (ii) undistributed net income divided by the average Class B shares outstanding, (iii) multiply item (i) by item (ii), (iv) add item (iii) to the Class B cash dividend per share. Class B diluted EPS is identical to Class B basic EPS.

The following table provides EPS information for each period, respectively:

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|--|---|-------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Numerator for basic and diluted EPS | | |
| Net income attributable to Greif, Inc. | \$ 30.1 | \$ 30.7 |
| Cash dividends | 24.5 | 24.4 |
| Undistributed net income attributable to Greif, Inc. | \$ 5.6 | \$ 6.3 |

Class A Common Stock is entitled to cumulative dividends of one cent a share per year after which Class B Common Stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends up to a half-cent a share per year. Further distribution in any year must be made in proportion of one cent a share for Class A Common Stock to one and a half cents a share for Class B Common Stock. The Class A Common Stock has no voting rights unless four quarterly cumulative dividends upon the Class A Common Stock are in arrears. The Class B Common Stock has full voting rights. There is no cumulative voting for the election of directors.

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Common stock repurchases

The Company's Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of up to four million shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock or any combination of the foregoing. During the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, the Company repurchased no shares of Class A or Class B Common Stock, respectively. As of January 31, 2015, the Company had repurchased 3,184,272 shares, including 1,425,452 shares of Class A Common Stock and 1,758,820 shares of Class B Common Stock, under this program, all of which were repurchased in prior years. There were no shares repurchased from November 1, 2013 through January 31, 2015.

The following table summarizes the Company's Class A and Class B common and treasury shares as of the specified dates:

| | <u>Authorized Shares</u> | <u>Issued Shares</u> | <u>Outstanding Shares</u> | <u>Treasury Shares</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| January 31, 2015: | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 128,000,000 | 42,281,920 | 25,674,004 | 16,607,916 |
| Class B Common Stock | 69,120,000 | 34,560,000 | 22,119,966 | 12,440,034 |
| October 31, 2014: | | | | |
| Class A Common Stock | 128,000,000 | 42,281,920 | 25,603,452 | 16,678,468 |
| Class B Common Stock | 69,120,000 | 34,560,000 | 22,119,966 | 12,440,034 |

The following is a reconciliation of the shares used to calculate basic and diluted earnings per share:

| | <u>Three months ended</u> <u>January 31,</u> | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|
| | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
| <u>Class A Common Stock:</u> | | |
| Basic shares | 25,607,886 | 25,470,354 |
| Assumed conversion of stock options | 9,928 | 25,288 |
| Diluted shares | <u>25,617,814</u> | <u>25,495,642</u> |
| <u>Class B Common Stock:</u> | | |
| Basic and diluted shares | <u>22,119,966</u> | <u>22,119,966</u> |

No stock options were antidilutive for the three month period ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTE 15 — EQUITY EARNINGS OF UNCONSOLIDATED AFFILIATES, NET OF TAX AND NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

Equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax

Equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax represent the Company's share of earnings of affiliates in which the Company does not exercise control and has a 20 percent or more voting interest. Investments in such affiliates are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. If the fair value of an investment in an affiliate is below its carrying value and the difference is deemed to be other than temporary, the difference between the fair value and the carrying value is charged to earnings. The Company has an equity interest in two such affiliates as of January 31, 2015. The Company had an equity interest in four such affiliates as of January 31, 2014. Equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$0.0 million and \$0.1 million, respectively. There were no dividends received from the Company's equity method affiliates for the three months ended January 31, 2015. Dividends received were \$0.2 million for the three months ended January 31, 2014.

Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests

Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests represent the portion of earnings or losses from the operations of the Company's consolidated subsidiaries attributable to unrelated third party equity owners that were (deducted from)/added to net income to arrive at net income attributable to the Company. Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$1.9 million and (\$1.1) million, respectively.

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NOTE 16 — EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The following table summarizes the changes of Equity from October 31, 2014 to January 31, 2015 (Dollars in millions, shares in thousands):

| | <u>Capital Stock</u> | | <u>Treasury Stock</u> | | <u>Retained Earnings</u> | <u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</u> | <u>Greif, Inc. Equity</u> | <u>Non controlling interests</u> | <u>Total Equity</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Common</u> | | <u>Treasury</u> | | | | | | |
| | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Amount</u> | | | | | |
| As of October 31, 2014 | <u>47,724</u> | <u>\$135.5</u> | <u>29,118</u> | <u>\$(130.7)</u> | <u>\$1,411.7</u> | <u>\$ (274.4)</u> | <u>\$1,142.1</u> | <u>\$ 81.1</u> | <u>\$1,223.2</u> |
| Net income | | | | | 30.1 | | 30.1 | (1.9) | 28.2 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | | | | |
| - foreign currency translation | | | | | | (60.5) | (60.5) | (14.1) | (74.6) |
| - Net reclassification of cash flow hedges to earnings, net of \$0.0 income tax benefit | | | | | | 0.1 | 0.1 | | 0.1 |
| - minimum pension liability adjustment, net of income tax benefit of \$2.1 million | | | | | | 5.5 | 5.5 | | 5.5 |
| Comprehensive loss | | | | | | | (24.8) | | (40.8) |
| Acquisition of noncontrolling interests and other | | | | | (0.4) | | (0.4) | (11.4) | (11.8) |
| Dividends paid | | | | | (24.5) | | (24.5) | | (24.5) |
| Stock options exercised | 6 | 0.1 | (6) | — | | | 0.1 | | 0.1 |
| Long-term incentive shares issued | 49 | 2.0 | (49) | 0.1 | | | 2.1 | | 2.1 |
| As of January 31, 2015 | <u>47,779</u> | <u>\$137.6</u> | <u>29,063</u> | <u>\$(130.6)</u> | <u>\$1,416.9</u> | <u>\$ (329.3)</u> | <u>\$1,094.6</u> | <u>\$ 53.7</u> | <u>\$1,148.3</u> |

The following table summarizes the changes of Equity from October 31, 2013 to January 31, 2014 (Dollars in millions, shares in thousands):

| | <u>Capital Stock</u> | | <u>Treasury Stock</u> | | <u>Retained Earnings</u> | <u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)</u> | <u>Greif, Inc. Equity</u> | <u>Non controlling interests</u> | <u>Total Equity</u> |
|--|----------------------|----------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| | <u>Common</u> | | <u>Treasury</u> | | | | | | |
| | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Shares</u> | <u>Amount</u> | | | | | |
| As of October 31, 2013 | <u>47,577</u> | <u>\$129.4</u> | <u>29,265</u> | <u>\$(131.0)</u> | <u>\$1,418.8</u> | <u>\$ (152.6)</u> | <u>\$1,264.6</u> | <u>\$ 115.3</u> | <u>\$1,379.9</u> |
| Net income | | | | | 30.7 | | 30.7 | 1.1 | 31.8 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss): | | | | | | | | | |
| - foreign currency translation | | | | | | (32.3) | (32.3) | (0.6) | (32.9) |
| - Net reclassification of cash flow hedges to earnings, net of income tax benefit of \$0.1 million | | | | | | 0.1 | 0.1 | | 0.1 |
| - minimum pension liability adjustment, net of income tax benefit of \$0.1 million | | | | | | (0.3) | (0.3) | | (0.3) |
| Comprehensive loss | | | | | | | (1.8) | | (1.3) |
| Noncontrolling interests, loan conversion and other | | | | | (2.1) | | (2.1) | 0.7 | (1.4) |
| Dividends paid | | | | | (24.4) | | (24.4) | | (24.4) |
| Stock options exercised | 4 | 0.1 | (4) | — | | | 0.1 | | 0.1 |
| Long-term incentive shares issued | 56 | 2.8 | (56) | 0.1 | | | 2.9 | | 2.9 |
| As of January 31, 2014 | <u>47,637</u> | <u>\$132.3</u> | <u>29,205</u> | <u>\$(130.9)</u> | <u>\$1,423.0</u> | <u>\$ (185.1)</u> | <u>\$1,239.3</u> | <u>\$ 116.5</u> | <u>\$1,355.8</u> |

The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income for the three months ended January 31, 2015 (Dollars in millions):

| | Foreign Currency Translation | Cash Flow Hedges | Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| Balance as of October 31, 2014 | <u>\$ (144.5)</u> | <u>\$ (0.1)</u> | <u>\$ (129.8)</u> | <u>\$ (274.4)</u> |

| | | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Reclassifications | (60.5) | — | 5.5 | (55.0) |
| Amounts reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | — | 0.1 | — | 0.1 |
| Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | (60.5) | 0.1 | 5.5 | (54.9) |
| Balance as of January 31, 2015 | <u>\$ (205.0)</u> | <u>\$ —</u> | <u>\$ (124.3)</u> | <u>\$ (329.3)</u> |

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The following table provides the rollforward of accumulated other comprehensive income for the three months ended January 31, 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| | Foreign Currency Translation | Cash Flow Hedges | Minimum Pension Liability Adjustment | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) |
|---|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Balance as of October 31, 2013 | \$ (56.9) | \$ (0.6) | \$ (95.1) | \$ (152.6) |
| Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) Before Reclassifications | (32.3) | (0.1) | (0.3) | (32.7) |
| Amounts reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | — | 0.2 | — | 0.2 |
| Current-period Other Comprehensive Income (Loss) | (32.3) | 0.1 | (0.3) | (32.5) |
| Balance as of January 31, 2014 | \$ (89.2) | \$ (0.5) | \$ (95.4) | \$ (185.1) |

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income above are presented net of tax, as applicable.

The following table provides amounts reclassified out of accumulated other comprehensive income for the three months ended January 31 (Dollars in millions):

| Details about Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income Components | Amount Reclassified from Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | | Location on Consolidated Statements of Income |
|--|--|--------|--|
| | 2015 | 2014 | |
| Cash Flow Hedges | \$ 0.1 | \$ 0.2 | Other expense, net |

NOTE 17 — BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Company has five operating segments, which are aggregated into four reportable business segments: Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services; Paper Packaging; Flexible Products & Services; and Land Management. The Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services reportable business segment is the aggregation of the two operating segments: Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services – Americas; and Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services Europe, Middle East, Africa, and Asia Pacific.

The Company's reportable business segments offer different products and services. The accounting policies of the reportable business segments are substantially the same as those described in the "Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies" note in the 2014 Form 10-K. The measure of segment profitability that is used by the Company is operating profit.

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The following segment information is presented for the periods indicated (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|--|---|------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net sales | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$649.7 | \$ 712.3 |
| Paper Packaging | 159.2 | 169.8 |
| Flexible Products & Services | 88.1 | 113.2 |
| Land Management | 5.3 | 6.2 |
| Total net sales | <u>\$902.3</u> | <u>\$1,001.5</u> |
| Operating profit (loss): | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$ 20.2 | \$ 29.2 |
| Paper Packaging | 28.1 | 30.0 |
| Flexible Products & Services | (8.8) | 0.8 |
| Land Management | 25.9 | 11.4 |
| Total operating profit | <u>\$ 65.4</u> | <u>\$ 71.4</u> |
| Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense: | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$ 24.2 | \$ 27.5 |
| Paper Packaging | 7.4 | 7.2 |
| Flexible Products & Services | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| Land Management | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Total depreciation, depletion and amortization expense | <u>\$ 34.6</u> | <u>\$ 39.2</u> |

The following table presents net sales to external customers by geographic area (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended January 31, | |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net sales: | | |
| United States | \$ 410.0 | \$ 441.6 |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa | 319.4 | 373.9 |
| Asia Pacific and other Americas | 172.9 | 186.0 |
| Total net sales | <u>\$ 902.3</u> | <u>\$ 1,001.5</u> |

The following table presents total assets by segment and geographic area (Dollars in millions):

| | January 31, 2015 | October 31, 2014 |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Assets: | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$ 2,207.3 | \$ 2,334.1 |
| Paper Packaging | 413.8 | 408.3 |
| Flexible Products & Services | 236.3 | 251.0 |
| Land Management | 331.7 | 319.0 |
| Total segments | 3,189.1 | 3,312.4 |
| Corporate and other | 318.4 | 355.0 |
| Total assets | <u>\$ 3,507.5</u> | <u>\$ 3,667.4</u> |
| Properties, plants and equipment, net: | | |
| United States | \$ 737.8 | \$ 716.5 |
| Europe, Middle East and Africa | 347.4 | 387.5 |
| Asia Pacific and other Americas | 193.3 | 189.0 |
| Total properties, plants and equipment, net | <u>\$ 1,278.5</u> | <u>\$ 1,293.0</u> |

NOTE 18 — SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On March 3, 2015 the Company announced plans to close and consolidate certain plants and specific assets in both the United States and Germany. It is expected that restructuring costs will be incurred as a result of these actions. The Company estimates the amount of restructuring costs to be between \$10.0 million and \$15.0 million. In addition, these decisions are a triggering event that will require the Company to evaluate the long-lived assets associated with these plants for impairment during the second quarter. The Company is in the process of estimating the amounts and cannot provide an estimated range on impairment at this time.

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

GENERAL

The terms "Greif," "our company," "we," "us" and "our" as used in this discussion refer to Greif, Inc. and its subsidiaries. Our fiscal year begins on November 1 and ends on October 31 of the following year. Any references in this Form 10-Q to the years 2015 or 2014, or to any quarter of those years, relates to the fiscal year or quarter, as the case may be, ended in that year.

The discussion and analysis presented below relates to the material changes in financial condition and results of operations for our condensed consolidated balance sheets as of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, and for the condensed consolidated statements of income for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. This discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the condensed consolidated financial statements that appear elsewhere in this Form 10-Q and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended October 31, 2014 (the "2014 Form 10-K"). Readers are encouraged to review the entire 2014 Form 10-K, as it includes information regarding Greif not discussed in this Form 10-Q. This information will assist in your understanding of the discussion of our current period financial results.

All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this Form 10-Q, including without limitation, statements regarding our future financial position, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, goals, trends and plans and objectives of management for future operations, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Forward-looking statements generally can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology such as "may," "will," "expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "project," "believe," "continue," "on track" or "target" or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. All forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q are based on information currently available to management. Although we believe that the expectations reflected in forward-looking statements have a reasonable basis, we can give no assurance that these expectations will prove to be correct. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events or results to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by the statements. Such risks and uncertainties that might cause a difference include, but are not limited to, the following: (i) historically, our business has been sensitive to changes in general economic or business conditions, (ii) our operations subject us to currency exchange and political risks that could adversely affect our results of operations, (iii) the current and future challenging global economy and disruption and volatility of the financial and credit markets may adversely affect our business, (iv) the continuing consolidation of our customer base and suppliers may intensify pricing pressure, (v) we operate in highly competitive industries, (vi) our business is sensitive to changes in industry demands, (vii) raw material and energy price fluctuations and shortages may adversely impact our manufacturing operations and costs, (viii) we may encounter difficulties arising from acquisitions, (ix) we may incur additional restructuring costs and there is no guarantee that our efforts to reduce costs will be successful, (x) tax legislation initiatives or challenges to our tax positions may adversely impact our results or condition, (xi) full realization of our deferred tax assets may be affected by a number of factors, (xii) several operations are conducted by joint ventures that we cannot operate solely for our benefit, (xiii) our ability to attract, develop and retain talented and qualified employees, managers and executives is critical to our success, (xiv) our business may be adversely impacted by work stoppages and other labor relations matters, (xv) we may be subject to losses that might not be covered in whole or in part by existing insurance reserves or insurance coverage, (xvi) our business depends on the uninterrupted operations of our facilities, systems and business functions, including our information technology and other business systems, (xvii) a security breach of customer, employee, supplier or company information may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations, (xviii) legislation/regulation related to environmental and health and safety matters and corporate social responsibility could negatively impact our operations and financial performance, (xix) product liability claims and other legal proceedings could adversely affect our operations and financial performance, (xx) we may incur fines or penalties, damage to our reputation or other adverse consequences if our employees, agents or business partners violate, or are alleged to have violated, anti-bribery, competition or other laws, (xxi) changing climate, climate change regulations and greenhouse gas effects may adversely affect our operations and financial performance, (xxii) the frequency and volume of our timber and timberland sales will impact our financial performance, (xxiii) changes in U.S. generally accepted accounting principles and SEC rules and regulations could materially impact our reported results, (xxiv) if the company fails to maintain an effective system of internal control, the company may not be able to accurately report financial results or prevent fraud, and (xxv) the company has a significant amount of goodwill, and if impaired in the future, would adversely impact our results of operations. Changes in business results may impact our book tax rates. The risks described above are not all-inclusive, and given these and other possible risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. For a more detailed discussion of the most significant risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected, see "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of our 2014 Form 10-K and our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. All forward-looking statements made in this Form 10-Q are expressly qualified in their entirety by reference to such risk factors. Except to the limited extent required by applicable law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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OVERVIEW

Business Segments

We operate in four business segments: Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services; Paper Packaging; Flexible Products & Services; and Land Management.

We are a leading global producer of rigid industrial packaging products, such as steel, fibre and plastic drums, rigid intermediate bulk containers, closure systems for industrial packaging products, transit protection products, water bottles and remanufactured and reconditioned industrial containers, and services, such as container life cycle management, blending, filling, logistics, warehousing and other packaging services. We sell our industrial packaging products and services to customers in industries such as chemicals, paints and pigments, food and beverage, petroleum, industrial coatings, agricultural, pharmaceutical and mineral, among others.

We produce and sell containerboard, corrugated sheets, corrugated containers, and other corrugated products to customers in North America in industries such as packaging, automotive, food and building products. Our corrugated container products are used to ship such diverse products as home appliances, small machinery, grocery products, building products, automotive components, books and furniture, as well as numerous other applications.

We are a leading global producer of flexible intermediate bulk containers and related services. Our flexible intermediate bulk containers consist of a polypropylene-based woven fabric that is produced at our production sites, as well as sourced from strategic regional suppliers. Our flexible products are sold globally and service similar customers and market segments as our Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment. Additionally, our flexible products significantly expand our presence in the agricultural and food industries, among others.

As of January 31, 2015, we owned approximately 236,000 acres of timber properties in the southeastern United States, which are actively managed for multiple revenue streams, and approximately 5,206 acres of timber properties in Canada, which are not actively managed. Our Land Management team is focused on the active harvesting and regeneration of our United States timber properties to achieve sustainable long-term yields. While timber sales are subject to fluctuations, we seek to maintain a consistent cutting schedule, within the limits of market and weather conditions. We also sell, from time to time, timberland and special use properties, which consist of surplus properties, higher and better use (“HBU”) properties, and development properties.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (“GAAP”). The preparation of these condensed consolidated financial statements, in accordance with these principles, require us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of our condensed consolidated financial statements.

Our significant accounting policies are discussed in Part II, Item 7 – Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations of the 2014 Form 10-K. We believe that the consistent application of these policies enables us to provide readers of the condensed consolidated financial statements with useful and reliable information about our results of operations and financial condition.

Other items that could have a significant impact on the financial statements include the risks and uncertainties listed in Part I, Item 1A—Risk Factors, of the 2014 Form 10-K. Actual results could differ materially using different estimates and assumptions, or if conditions are significantly different in the future.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following comparative information is presented for the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. Historical revenues and earnings may or may not be representative of future operating results attributable to various economic and other factors.

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The non-GAAP financial measure of EBITDA is used throughout the following discussion of our results of operations. EBITDA is defined as net income, plus interest expense, net, plus income tax expense, less equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax, plus depreciation, depletion and amortization. Since we do not calculate net income by segment, EBITDA by segment is reconciled to operating profit by segment. We use EBITDA as one of the financial measures to evaluate our historical and ongoing operations.

First Quarter Results

The following table sets forth the net sales, operating profit (loss) and EBITDA* for each of our business segments for the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| | Three months ended | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | January 31, | |
| | 2015 | 2014 |
| Net sales: | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$649.7 | \$ 712.3 |
| Paper Packaging | 159.2 | 169.8 |
| Flexible Products & Services | 88.1 | 113.2 |
| Land Management | 5.3 | 6.2 |
| Total net sales | <u>\$902.3</u> | <u>\$1,001.5</u> |
| Operating profit (loss): | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$ 20.2 | \$ 29.2 |
| Paper Packaging | 28.1 | 30.0 |
| Flexible Products & Services | (8.8) | 0.8 |
| Land Management | 25.9 | 11.4 |
| Total operating profit | <u>\$ 65.4</u> | <u>\$ 71.4</u> |
| EBITDA*: | | |
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | \$ 44.8 | \$ 53.8 |
| Paper Packaging | 35.5 | 38.0 |
| Flexible Products & Services | (7.0) | 3.8 |
| Land Management | 26.6 | 12.2 |
| Total EBITDA | <u>\$ 99.9</u> | <u>\$ 107.8</u> |

* EBITDA is defined as net income, plus interest expense, net, plus income tax expense, less equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax, plus depreciation, depletion and amortization.

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The following table sets forth EBITDA*, reconciled to net income and operating profit, for our consolidated results for the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| <u>For the three months ended January 31,</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Net income | \$28.2 | \$ 31.8 |
| Plus: interest expense, net | 19.6 | 20.4 |
| Plus: income tax expense | 17.5 | 16.5 |
| Plus: depreciation, depletion and amortization expense | 34.6 | 39.2 |
| Less: equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax | — | 0.1 |
| EBITDA* | <u>\$99.9</u> | <u>\$107.8</u> |
| Net income | \$28.2 | \$ 31.8 |
| Plus: interest expense, net | 19.6 | 20.4 |
| Plus: income tax expense | 17.5 | 16.5 |
| Plus: other expense, net | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| Less: equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax | — | 0.1 |
| Operating profit | 65.4 | 71.4 |
| Less: other expense, net | 0.1 | 2.8 |
| Plus: depreciation, depletion and amortization expense | 34.6 | 39.2 |
| EBITDA* | <u>\$99.9</u> | <u>\$107.8</u> |

* EBITDA is defined as net income, plus interest expense, net, plus income tax expense, less equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax, plus depreciation, depletion and amortization.

The following table sets forth EBITDA* for our business segments, reconciled to the operating profit (loss) for each segment, for the three month periods ended January 31, 2015 and 2014 (Dollars in millions):

| <u>For the three months ended January 31,</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2014</u> |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services | | |
| Operating profit | \$20.2 | \$ 29.2 |
| Less: other (income) expense, net | (0.4) | 2.9 |
| Plus: depreciation and amortization expense | 24.2 | 27.5 |
| EBITDA* | 44.8 | 53.8 |
| Paper Packaging | | |
| Operating profit | \$28.1 | \$ 30.0 |
| Less: other (income) expense, net | — | (0.8) |
| Plus: depreciation and amortization expense | 7.4 | 7.2 |
| EBITDA* | 35.5 | 38.0 |
| Flexible Products & Services | | |
| Operating profit (loss) | \$ (8.8) | \$ 0.8 |
| Less: other expense, net | 0.5 | 0.7 |
| Plus: depreciation and amortization expense | 2.3 | 3.7 |
| EBITDA* | (7.0) | 3.8 |
| Land Management | | |
| Operating profit | \$25.9 | \$ 11.4 |
| Plus: depreciation, depletion and amortization expense | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| EBITDA* | <u>\$26.6</u> | <u>\$ 12.2</u> |
| Consolidated EBITDA | <u>\$99.9</u> | <u>\$107.8</u> |

* EBITDA is defined as net income, plus interest expense, net, plus income tax expense, less equity earnings of unconsolidated affiliates, net of tax, plus depreciation, depletion and amortization. However, because we do not calculate net income by segment, this table calculates EBITDA as operating profit, less other expense, plus depreciation, depletion and amortization as shown in the tables preceding this one.

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Net Sales

Net sales were \$902.3 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$1,001.5 million for the first quarter of 2014. The 9.9 percent decrease in net sales was primarily due to the negative foreign currency translation impact of 5.7 percent, a decrease in volumes of 2.8 percent primarily attributable to divestitures and facility closures completed during 2014, and a decrease in selling prices of 1.4 percent. Compared to the first quarter in 2014, selling prices were higher in all segments after eliminating the effect of divestitures and facility closures. First quarter 2015 overall company volumes were flat after eliminating the impact of divestitures and facility closures compared to volumes in the first quarter of 2014. Volumes in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment increased 3.7 percent in North America and 1.8 percent in Europe, but decreased 19.0 percent in Latin America. Volumes decreased 16.6 percent within the Flexible Products & Services segment primarily due to the previously reported sale of the multiwall packaging business in August 2014.

Operating Costs

Gross profit was \$153.9 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$186.1 million for the first quarter of 2014. Gross profit declined in each of our Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services, Paper Packaging and Flexible Products & Services segments for the respective reasons described below in the “Segment Review.” Gross profit margin was 17.1 percent for the first quarter of 2015 compared to 18.6 percent for the first quarter of 2014.

Selling, general and administrative (“SG&A”) expenses decreased 7.8 percent to \$111.8 million for the first quarter of 2015 from \$121.3 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was primarily due to divestitures and facility closures and the impact of foreign currency translation. SG&A expenses were 12.4 percent of net sales for the first quarter of 2015 compared with 12.1 percent of net sales for the first quarter of 2014.

Restructuring Charges

Restructuring charges were \$3.2 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$2.4 million for the first quarter of 2014. Charges in the first quarter of 2015 were primarily related to employee separation costs within the European and Latin American operations of the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment.

Timberland gains

The gain on timberland sales was \$24.3 million and \$8.4 million for the first quarter of 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Gain on Disposal of Properties, Plants and Equipment, net

The gain on disposal of properties, plants, equipment, net, was \$1.6 million and \$2.6 million for the first quarter 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Gain (loss) on Disposal of Businesses

The gain (loss) on disposal of businesses was \$0.8 million and (\$1.8) million for the first quarter 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Operating Profit

Operating profit was \$65.4 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$71.4 million for the first quarter of 2014. The \$6.0 million decrease consisted of a \$14.5 million increase in the Land Management segment, offset by a \$9.0 million decrease in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment, a \$9.6 million decrease in the Flexible Products & Services segment, and a \$1.9 million decrease in the Paper Packaging segment. Factors contributing to the \$6.0 million decrease were lower gross profit partially offset by lower SG&A expenses of \$9.5 million and higher gains on timberland sales of \$15.9 when compared to the first quarter 2014.

EBITDA

EBITDA was \$99.9 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$107.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. The \$7.9 million decrease was primarily due to the same factors that impacted operating profit. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense was \$34.6 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$39.2 million for the first quarter of 2014.

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Trends

While we continue to anticipate that the overall global economy will reflect a modest recovery in fiscal 2015, with positive aspects of the improving economy in the United States being offset by the negative trends in other regions, particularly in Europe and Latin America. We anticipate that foreign currency matters will continue to present challenges for us, as the strengthening of the United States dollar against other currencies will continue to impact our revenues and net income. In addition, an expected approximately two-week shutdown of our Riverville mill during the third quarter for the installation of upgrades will negatively impact our 2015 net income. We are continuing to execute restructuring plans and facility closures and pursuing the sale of select non-core assets as part of our overall strategic transformation, which are expected to result in significant impairment and restructuring charges in the remainder of 2015. SG&A cost savings actions are being implemented throughout 2015 and beyond.

Segment Review

Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services

Our Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment offers a comprehensive line of rigid industrial packaging products, such as steel, fibre and plastic drums, rigid intermediate bulk containers, closure systems for industrial packaging products, water bottles and remanufactured and reconditioned industrial containers, and services, such as container life cycle management, blending, filling, logistics, warehousing and other packaging services. Key factors influencing profitability in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment are:

- Selling prices, customer demand and sales volumes;
- Raw material costs, primarily steel, resin and containerboard and used industrial packaging for reconditioning;
- Energy and transportation costs;
- Benefits from executing the Greif Business System;
- Restructuring charges;
- Divestiture of businesses and facilities; and
- Impact of foreign currency translation.

Net sales decreased 8.8 percent to \$649.7 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$712.3 million for the first quarter of 2014. The decrease in net sales was attributable to a negative 6.9 percent impact of foreign currency translation and 1.9 percent decrease in net selling prices, primarily attributable to divestitures and facility closures completed during 2014. Volumes in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment were flat, but increased 3.7 percent in North America and 1.8 percent in Europe and decreased 19.0 percent in Latin America.

Gross profit was \$104.6 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$118.9 million for the first quarter of 2014. The \$14.3 million decrease in gross profit was primarily due to margin compression from declining raw material inputs, the negative impact of foreign currency translation and divestitures and facility closures made during 2014. Gross profit margin decreased to 16.1 percent for the first quarter of 2015 from 16.7 percent for the first quarter of 2014.

Operating profit was \$20.2 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$29.2 million for the first quarter of 2014. The \$9.0 million decrease was primarily due to the same factors that impacted the segment's gross profit, partially offset by gains on disposal of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net.

EBITDA was \$44.8 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$53.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's operating profit. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense was \$24.2 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$27.5 million for the first quarter of 2014.

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Paper Packaging

Our Paper Packaging segment produces and sells containerboard, corrugated sheets, corrugated containers and other corrugated products in North America. Key factors influencing profitability in the Paper Packaging segment are:

- Selling prices, customer demand and sales volumes;
- Raw material costs, primarily old corrugated containers;
- Energy and transportation costs; and
- Benefits from executing the Greif Business System.

Net sales decreased 6.2 percent to \$159.2 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$169.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was attributable to lower volumes of 6.4 percent, driven by lower demand in our sheet plants and the divestiture of a business in 2014.

Gross profit was \$40.6 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$43.3 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's sales. Gross profit margin was 25.5 percent for the first quarter of 2015 and 2014.

Operating profit was \$28.1 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$30.0 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's sales.

EBITDA was \$35.5 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$38.0 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's operating profit. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense was \$7.4 million and \$7.2 million for the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Flexible Products & Services

Our Flexible Products & Services segment offers a comprehensive line of flexible products, such as flexible intermediate bulk containers. Key factors influencing profitability in the Flexible Products & Services segment are:

- Selling prices, customer demand and sales volumes;
- Raw material costs, primarily resin;
- Energy and transportation costs;
- Benefits from executing the Greif Business System;
- Restructuring charges;
- Divestiture of businesses and facilities; and
- Impact of foreign currency translation.

Net sales decreased 22.2 percent to \$88.1 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$113.2 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was attributable to volume decreases of 16.6 percent primarily due to reduced sales of \$14 million as a result of the sale of the multiwall packaging business in 2014 and the impact of the negative 7.2 percent foreign currency translation for the first quarter of 2015 compared with the first quarter of 2014, partially offset by higher selling prices of 1.7 percent.

Gross profit was \$7.1 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$21.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease in gross profit was primarily due to higher freight costs incurred to meet the lead time demands of customers and an inventory write down adjustment in part due to the combination of rapidly decreasing resin prices and higher inventory levels from the carryover impact of the occupation of our Hadimkoy facility as we transitioned back to full capacity. In addition, the higher costs of the move to an in-house labor force, prompted primarily by changes in the local regulatory environment, and the inefficiencies incurred as a result of this move, also contributed to this decrease. Gross profit margin decreased to 8.1 percent for the first quarter of 2015 from 19.3 percent for the first quarter of 2014.

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Operating profit (loss) was (\$8.8) million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with an operating profit (loss) of \$0.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease in operating profit was due to several factors. We incurred higher freight costs to meet lead time demands of customers. We incurred an inventory write down adjustment in part due to the combination of decreasing resin prices and higher inventory levels from the carryover impact of the occupation of our Hadimkoy facility as we transitioned back to full capacity. In addition, the higher costs of the move to an in-house labor force, prompted primarily by changes in the local regulatory environment, and the inefficiencies incurred as a result of this move have also contributed to the decrease in operating profit.

EBITDA was negative \$7.0 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with positive \$3.8 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's operating profit (loss). Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense was \$2.3 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$3.7 million for the first quarter of 2014.

Land Management

As of January 31, 2015, our Land Management segment consisted of approximately 236,500 acres of timber properties in the southeastern United States, which are actively managed for multiple revenue streams, and approximately 5,206 acres in Canada. Key factors influencing profitability in the Land Management segment are:

- Planned level of timber sales;
- Selling prices and customer demand;
- Gains on timberland sales; and
- Planned levels of development property sales and gains on the disposal of surplus and HBU properties.

Net sales decreased 14.5 percent to \$5.3 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$6.2 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was due to lower timber sales as planned for the first quarter of 2015.

Operating profit increased to \$25.9 million for the first quarter of 2015 from \$11.4 million for the first quarter of 2014. This increase was primarily due to \$24.3 million of timberland gains in the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$8.4 million of timberland gains in the first quarter of 2014. The first quarter of 2014 timberland gains resulted from the sale of timberland in the first phase of an approximately \$90 million multi-phase sales contract. The last phase of sales under this contract closed in the first quarter of 2015. Operating profit included \$0.6 million of special use property disposals in the first quarter of 2015 versus \$1.4 million in the first quarter of 2014.

EBITDA was \$26.6 million and \$12.2 million for the first quarters of 2015 and 2014, respectively. This increase was due to the same factors that impacted the segment's operating profit. Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense was \$0.7 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$0.8 million for the first quarter of 2014.

In order to maximize the value of our timber property, we continue to review our current portfolio and explore the development of certain of these properties in Canada and the United States. This process has led us to characterize our property as follows:

- Surplus property, meaning land that cannot be efficiently or effectively managed by us, whether due to parcel size, lack of productivity, location, access limitations or for other reasons.
- HBU property, meaning land that in its current state has a higher market value for uses other than growing and selling timber.
- Development property, meaning HBU land that, with additional investment, may have a significantly higher market value than its HBU market value.
- Core Timberland, meaning land that is best suited for growing and selling timber.

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We report the disposal of surplus and HBU property in our condensed consolidated statements of income under “gain on disposals of properties, plants, equipment and businesses, net” and report the sale of development property under “net sales” and “cost of products sold.” All HBU, development and surplus property is used by us to productively grow and sell timber until sold. Timberland gains are recorded as gains on disposal of properties, plants and equipment, net.

Whether timberland has a higher value for uses other than growing and selling timber is a determination based upon several variables, such as proximity to population centers, anticipated population growth in the area, the topography of the land, aesthetic considerations, including access to water, the condition of the surrounding land, availability of utilities, markets for timber and economic considerations both nationally and locally. Given these considerations, the characterization of land is not a static process, but requires an ongoing review and re-characterization as circumstances change.

As of January 31, 2015, we had approximately 25,506 acres of special use property in Canada and the United States that we expect will be available for sale in the next five to seven years.

Other Income Statement Changes

Interest expense, net

Interest expense, net, was \$19.6 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$20.4 million for the first quarter of 2014. This decrease was a result of lower average debt.

Income tax expense

Income tax expense was \$17.5 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared with \$16.5 million for the first quarter of 2014. Our effective tax rate was 38.3 percent for the first quarter of 2015 versus 34.2 percent for the first quarter of 2014. The higher first quarter 2015 effective tax rate reflects the impact of a shift in global earnings mix to the United States, a higher taxed jurisdiction. In addition the higher rate reflects the impact of increases in valuation allowances primarily in Brazil, China, Germany and Turkey.

Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests

Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests for the first quarters of 2015 and 2014 was \$1.9 million and (\$1.1) million, respectively.

Net income attributable to Greif, Inc.

Based on the factors noted above, net income attributable to Greif, Inc. was \$30.1 million for the first quarter of 2015 compared to \$30.7 million for the first quarter of 2014.

OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME CHANGES

Currency Translation.

In accordance with ASC 830, “Foreign Currency Matters,” the assets and liabilities denominated in a foreign currency are translated into United States dollars at the rate of exchange existing at the end of the current period, and revenues and expenses are translated at average exchange rates over the month in which they are incurred.

The cumulative translation adjustments, which represent the effects of translating assets and liabilities of our international operations, are presented in the condensed consolidated statements of changes in equity in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Transaction gains and losses on foreign currency transactions denominated in a currency other than our functional currency are credited or charged to income. The amounts included in other expense, net related to transaction losses, net of tax were \$0.1 million and \$0.8 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

BALANCE SHEET CHANGES

Working capital changes

The \$38.6 million decrease in accounts receivable to \$462.7 million as of January 31, 2015 from \$501.3 million as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to timing of collections and the negative impact of foreign currency translation.

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The \$78.3 million decrease in accounts payable to \$392.8 million as of January 31, 2015 from \$471.1 million as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to the timing of payments.

Other balance sheet changes

The \$8.5 million decrease in assets held for sale to \$19.8 million as of January 31, 2015 from \$28.3 million as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to the sale of non-core assets which were sold during the first quarter of 2015.

The \$43.5 million decrease in goodwill to \$836.7 as of January 31, 2015 from \$880.2 million as of October 31, 2014 was due to the negative impact of foreign currency translation.

The \$13.9 million decrease in other intangible assets to \$152.6 million as of January 31, 2015 to \$166.5 million as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to the negative impact of foreign currency translation.

The \$38.9 million decrease in property, plants and equipment to \$2,378.2 million as of January 31, 2015 to \$2,417.1 million as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to the negative impact of foreign currency translation.

The \$40.4 million increase in long-term debt to \$1,127.8 million as of January 31, 2015 from \$1,087.4 million as of October 31, 2014 was attributable increased working capital needs, partially offset by the impact of foreign currency translation.

The \$60.5 million increase in foreign currency translation loss to \$205.0 as of January 31, 2015 from a loss of \$144.5 as of October 31, 2014 was primarily due to the weakening of foreign currencies versus the U.S. dollar.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Our primary sources of liquidity are operating cash flows and borrowings under our senior secured credit facility and the senior notes we have issued and, to a lesser extent, proceeds from our trade accounts receivable credit facility and proceeds from the sale of our non-United States accounts receivable. We use these sources to fund our working capital needs, capital expenditures, cash dividends, common stock repurchases and acquisitions. We anticipate continuing to fund these items in a like manner. We currently expect that operating cash flows, borrowings under our senior secured credit facility, proceeds from our U.S. trade accounts receivable credit facility and proceeds from the sale of our non-United States accounts receivable will be sufficient to fund our anticipated working capital, capital expenditures, debt repayment, potential acquisitions of businesses and other liquidity needs for at least 12 months. However, if funds held outside the U.S. are needed for operations in the U.S., we would be required to accrue and pay U.S. taxes to repatriate them. For those international earnings considered to be permanently reinvested, we currently have no plans or intentions to repatriate such funds for U.S. operations.

Capital Expenditures

During the first three months of 2015, we invested \$39.2 million in capital expenditures, which does not include our timberland purchases of \$25.4 million, compared with capital expenditures of \$34.5 million, excluding timberland purchases of \$8.0 million, during the first three months of 2014.

We expect capital expenditures, excluding timberland purchases and acquisitions, to be approximately \$150 million in 2015. The 2015 capital expenditures will replace and improve existing equipment and fund new facilities.

Sale of Non-United States Accounts Receivable

Certain of our international subsidiaries have entered into discounted receivables purchase agreements and factoring agreements (collectively, the "RPAs") pursuant to which trade receivables generated from certain countries other than the United States and which meet certain eligibility requirements are sold to certain international banks or their affiliates. In particular, in April 2012, certain of our international subsidiaries entered into an RPA with affiliates of a major international bank (the "2012 RPA"). Under the 2012 RPA, the maximum amount of receivables that may be sold at any time is €145 million (\$165.0 million as of January 31, 2015). A significant portion of the proceeds from the 2012 RPA was used to pay the obligations under previous RPAs, which were then terminated, and to pay expenses incurred in connection with this transaction. The subsequent proceeds from the 2012 RPA are available for working capital and general corporate purposes. Under the terms of a performance and indemnity agreement, the performance obligations of our international subsidiaries under the 2012 RPA have been guaranteed by Greif, Inc.

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Transactions under the RPAs are structured to provide for legal true sales, on a revolving basis, of the receivables transferred from our various subsidiaries to the respective banks or their affiliates. The banks or their affiliates fund an initial purchase price of a certain percentage of eligible receivables based on a formula with the initial purchase price paid by the banks approximating 75 percent to 90 percent of eligible receivables, and under our 2012 RPA, the balance of purchase price to the originating subsidiaries is paid from the proceeds of a related party subordinated loan. The remaining deferred purchase price and the repayment of the subordinated loan are settled upon collection of the receivables. As of the balance sheet reporting dates, we remove from accounts receivable the amount of proceeds received from the initial purchase price since they meet the applicable criteria of Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 860 “Transfers and Servicing”, and continue to recognize the deferred purchase price in our accounts receivable. The receivables are sold on a non-recourse basis with the total funds in the servicing collection accounts pledged to the respective banks and their affiliates between the settlement dates. The maximum amount of aggregate receivables that may be financed under our various RPAs was \$176.2 million as of January 31, 2015. As of January 31, 2015, total accounts receivable of \$128.4 million were sold to and held by third party financial institutions or their affiliates under the various RPAs.

At the time the receivables are initially sold, the difference between the carrying amount and the fair value of the assets sold are included as a loss on sale and classified as “other expense” in the condensed consolidated statements of income. Expenses associated with the various RPAs were \$0.0 million and \$0.1 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Additionally, we perform collections and administrative functions on the receivables sold similar to the procedures we use for collecting all of our receivables. The servicing liability for these receivables is not material to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

Acquisitions, Divestitures and Other Significant Transactions

There were no acquisitions and three immaterial divestitures during the first three months of 2015. The divestitures were of nonstrategic businesses in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment and the Flexible Products & Services segment.

We completed two acquisitions during the first three months of 2014 and one immaterial divestiture during the same period. One acquisition was in the Rigid Industrial Packaging & Services segment in November and the other acquisition was in the Paper Packaging segment in November. The rigid industrial packaging acquisition was made to complement our existing product lines and provide growth opportunities and economies of scale. The paper packaging acquisition was made in part to obtain technologies, equipment, and customer lists.

Refer to Note 2 to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 1 of Part I of this Form 10-Q for additional information regarding these acquisitions.

Borrowing Arrangements

Long-term debt is summarized as follows (Dollars in millions):

| | <u>January 31, 2015</u> | <u>October 31, 2014</u> |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Amended Credit Agreement | \$ 212.1 | \$ 169.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2017 | 301.1 | 301.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2019 | 245.4 | 245.2 |
| Senior Notes due 2021 | 225.8 | 252.5 |
| Amended Receivables Facility | 139.0 | 110.0 |
| Other long-term debt | 24.6 | 26.9 |
| | <u>1,148.0</u> | <u>1,105.0</u> |
| Less current portion | (20.2) | (17.6) |
| Long-term debt | <u>\$ 1,127.8</u> | <u>\$ 1,087.4</u> |

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Credit Agreement

We and two of our international subsidiaries have a senior secured credit agreement (the “Amended Credit Agreement”) with a syndicate of financial institutions.

The Amended Credit Agreement provides the Company with an \$800 million revolving multicurrency credit facility and a \$200 million term loan, both expiring in December 2017, with an option to add \$250 million to the facilities with the agreement of the lenders. The \$200 million term loan is scheduled to amortize by the payment of principal in the amount of \$2.5 million each quarter-end for the first eight quarters, beginning January 2013, the payment of \$5.0 million each quarter-end for the next twelve quarters and the payment of the remaining balance on the maturity date. In August 2014, the Company made an unscheduled principal payment of \$25 million on the term loan portion of the Amended Credit Facility. The remaining loan balance is scheduled to amortize, beginning January 2015, by the payment of principal in the amount of \$4.3 million over the next twelve quarters and the payment of the remaining balance on the maturity date. The revolving credit facility under the Amended Credit Agreement is available to fund ongoing working capital and capital expenditure needs, for general corporate purposes and to finance acquisitions. Interest is based on a Eurodollar rate or a base rate that resets periodically plus an agreed upon margin amount. The total available borrowing under this facility was \$724.4 million as of January 31, 2015, all of which is available without violating covenants, which has been reduced by \$14.6 million for outstanding letters of credit. The weighted average interest rate under the Amended Credit Agreement was 1.59% for the three months ended January 31, 2015.

The Amended Credit Agreement contains financial covenants that require the Company to maintain a certain leverage ratio and an interest coverage ratio. The leverage ratio generally requires that at the end of any fiscal quarter the Company will not permit the ratio of (a) the Company’s total consolidated indebtedness, to (b) the Company’s consolidated net income plus depreciation, depletion and amortization, interest expense (including capitalized interest), income taxes, and minus certain extraordinary gains and non-recurring gains (or plus certain extraordinary losses and non-recurring losses) and plus or minus certain other items for the preceding twelve months (“adjusted EBITDA”) to be greater than 4.00 to 1. The interest coverage ratio generally requires that at the end of any fiscal quarter the Company will not permit the ratio of (a) the Company’s consolidated adjusted EBITDA to (b) the Company’s consolidated interest expense to the extent paid or payable, to be less than 3.00 to 1, during the preceding twelve month period (the “Interest Coverage Ratio Covenant”). As of January 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with these covenants.

The terms of the Amended Credit Agreement limit the Company’s ability to make “restricted payments,” which include dividends and purchases, redemptions and acquisitions of the Company’s equity interests. The repayment of amounts borrowed under the Amended Credit Agreement are secured by a security interest in the personal property of Greif, Inc. and certain of the Company’s United States subsidiaries, including equipment and inventory and certain intangible assets, as well as a pledge of the capital stock of substantially all of the Company’s United States subsidiaries. The repayment of amounts borrowed under the Amended Credit Agreement is also secured, in part, by capital stock of the non-U.S. subsidiaries that are parties to the Amended Credit Agreement. However, in the event that the Company receives and maintains an investment grade rating from either Moody’s Investors Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor’s Corporation, the Company may request the release of such collateral. The payment of outstanding principal under the Amended Credit Agreement and accrued interest thereon may be accelerated and become immediately due and payable upon the Company’s default in its payment or other performance obligations or its failure to comply with the financial and other covenants in the Amended Credit Agreement, subject to applicable notice requirements and cure periods as provided in the Amended Credit Agreement.

Senior Notes

We have issued \$300.0 million of our 6.75% Senior Notes due February 1, 2017. Proceeds from the issuance of these Senior Notes were principally used to fund the purchase of our previously outstanding senior subordinated notes and for general corporate purposes. These Senior Notes are general unsecured obligations of Greif, Inc., provide for semi-annual payments of interest at a fixed rate of 6.75%, and do not require any principal payments prior to maturity on February 1, 2017. These Senior Notes are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and thereby are effectively subordinated to all of our subsidiaries’ existing and future indebtedness. The Indenture pursuant to which these Senior Notes were issued contains covenants, which, among other matters, limit our ability to create liens on our assets to secure debt and to enter into sale and leaseback transactions. These covenants are subject to a number of limitations and exceptions as set forth in the Indenture. As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with these covenants.

We have issued \$250.0 million of our 7.75% Senior Notes due August 1, 2019. Proceeds from the issuance of these Senior Notes were principally used for general corporate purposes, including the repayment of amounts outstanding under our revolving multicurrency credit facility, without any permanent reduction of the commitments. These Senior Notes are general unsecured obligations of Greif, Inc., provide for semi-annual payments of interest at a fixed rate of 7.75%, and do not require any principal payments prior to maturity on August 1, 2019. These Senior Notes are not guaranteed by any of our subsidiaries and thereby are effectively subordinated to all of

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our subsidiaries' existing and future indebtedness. The Indenture pursuant to which these Senior Notes were issued contains covenants, which, among other matters, limit our ability to create liens on our assets to secure debt and to enter into sale and leaseback transactions. These covenants are subject to a number of limitations and exceptions as set forth in the Indenture. As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with these covenants.

Our Luxembourg subsidiary has issued €200.0 million of 7.375% Senior Notes due July 15, 2021. These Senior Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed on a senior basis by Greif, Inc. A portion of the proceeds from the issuance of these Senior Notes was used to repay non-U.S. borrowings under the 2010 Credit Agreement, without any permanent reduction of the commitments thereunder, with the remaining proceeds available for general corporate purposes, including the financing of acquisitions. These Senior Notes are general unsecured obligations of the Luxembourg subsidiary and Greif, Inc. and provide for semi-annual payments of interest at a fixed rate of 7.375%, and do not require any principal payments prior to maturity on July 15, 2021. These Senior Notes are not guaranteed by any subsidiaries of the issuer or of Greif, Inc. and thereby are effectively subordinated to all existing and future indebtedness of the subsidiaries of the issuer and of Greif, Inc. The Indenture pursuant to which these Senior Notes were issued contains covenants, which, among other matters, limit our ability to create liens on our assets to secure debt and to enter into sale and leaseback transactions. These covenants are subject to a number of limitations and exceptions as set forth in the Indenture. As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with these covenants.

The assumptions used in measuring fair value of Senior Notes are considered level 2 inputs, which were based on observable market pricing for similar instruments.

United States Trade Accounts Receivable Credit Facility

We and certain of our domestic subsidiaries have a \$139.0 million United States Accounts Receivable Credit Facility (the "Amended Receivables Facility") with a financial institution. The Amended Receivables Facility matures in September 2016. In addition, we can terminate the Amended Receivables Facility at any time upon five days prior written notice. The Amended Receivables Facility is secured by certain of our United States trade accounts receivables and bears interest at a variable rate based on the London InterBank Offered Rate ("LIBOR") or an applicable base rate, plus a margin, or a commercial paper rate plus a margin. Interest is payable on a monthly basis and the principal balance is payable upon termination of the Amended Receivables Facility. The Amended Receivables Facility also contains certain covenants and events of default, including a requirement that we maintain a certain interest coverage ratio, which requires that at the end of any fiscal quarter we will not permit the Interest Coverage Ratio Covenant to be less than 3.00 to 1 during the applicable trailing twelve-month period. As of January 31, 2015, we were in compliance with this covenant. Proceeds of the Amended Receivables Facility are available for working capital and general corporate purposes. As of January 31, 2015, \$139.0 million was outstanding under the Amended Receivables Facility.

Other

In addition to the amounts borrowed under the Amended Credit Agreement and proceeds from the Senior Notes and the Receivables Facility, as of January 31, 2015, we had outstanding other debt of \$83.1 million, comprised of \$24.6 million in long-term debt and \$58.5 million in short-term borrowings.

As of January 31, 2015, the current portion of our long-term debt was \$20.2 million. Annual maturities, including the current portion, of long-term debt under our various financing arrangements are \$15.9 million in 2015, \$177.0 million in 2016, \$318.3 million in 2017, \$164.6 million in 2018, \$245.4 million in 2019 and \$226.8 million thereafter.

As of January 31, 2015 and October 31, 2014, we had deferred financing fees and debt issuance costs of \$9.5 million and \$10.3 million, respectively, which were included in other long-term assets.

Financial Instruments

Interest Rate Derivatives

We had interest rate swap agreements with various maturities through December 2014. These interest rate swap agreements were used to manage our fixed and floating rate debt mix, specifically debt under the Amended Credit Agreement. The assumptions that were used in measuring fair value of these interest rate derivatives were considered level 2 inputs, which were based on interest received monthly from the counterparties based upon the LIBOR and interest paid based upon a designated fixed rate over the life of the swap agreements. These derivative instruments were designated and qualified as cash flow hedges. Accordingly, the effective portion of

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the gain or loss on these derivative instruments was reported as a component of other comprehensive income and reclassified into earnings in the same line item associated with the forecasted transaction and in the same period during which the hedged transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the gain or loss on the derivative instrument was recognized in earnings immediately.

We have no interest rate derivatives as of January 31, 2015. Through December 2014 we had two interest rate derivatives (floating to fixed swap agreements designated as cash flow hedges) with a total notional amount of \$150 million. Under these swap agreements, we received interest based upon a variable interest rate from the counterparties and paid interest based upon a fixed interest. Losses reclassified to earnings under these contracts were \$0.2 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014. These losses were recorded within the condensed consolidated statements of income as interest expense, net. The fair value of these contracts was \$0.2 million recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income as of October 31, 2014.

Foreign Exchange Hedges

We conduct business in major international currencies and are subject to risks associated with changing foreign exchange rates. Our objective is to reduce volatility associated with foreign exchange rate changes to allow management to focus its attention on business operations. Accordingly, we enter into various contracts that change in value as foreign exchange rates change to protect the value of certain existing foreign currency assets and liabilities, commitments and anticipated foreign currency revenues and expenses.

As of January 31, 2015, we had outstanding foreign currency forward contracts in the notional amount of \$132.6 million (\$122.4 million as of October 31, 2014). At January 31, 2015, these derivative instruments were designated and qualified as fair value hedges. Adjustments to fair value for fair value hedges are recognized in earnings, offsetting the impact of the hedged item. The assumptions used in measuring fair value of foreign exchange hedges are considered level 2 inputs, which were based on observable market pricing for similar instruments, principally foreign exchange futures contracts. Losses recorded under fair value contracts were \$5.6 million and \$2.1 million for the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Energy Hedges

We are exposed to changes in the price of certain commodities. Accordingly, on a limited basis, we may enter into derivative contracts to manage the price risk associated with certain of these forecasted purchases. Our objective is to reduce volatility associated with forecasted purchases of these commodities to allow management to focus its attention on business operations.

There were no energy hedges in effect as of January 31, 2015 or October 31, 2014.

Stock Repurchase Program and Other Share Acquisitions

Our Board of Directors has authorized the purchase of up to four million shares of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock or any combination of the foregoing. During the three months ended January 31, 2015 and 2014, we repurchased no shares of Class A or Class B Common Stock, respectively. As of January 31, 2015, we have repurchased 3,184,272 shares, including 1,425,452 shares of Class A Common Stock and 1,758,820 shares of Class B Common Stock, under this program, all of which were repurchased in prior years. There were no shares repurchased from November 1, 2013 through January 31, 2015.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURE ABOUT MARKET RISK

There has not been a significant change in the quantitative and qualitative disclosures about our market risk from the disclosures contained in the 2014 Form 10-K.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As previously disclosed in Item 9A of the 2013 Form 10-K (the “preceding Form 10-K”), management had then concluded that there was a material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting related to accounting for non-routine or complex transactions. Remedial actions have been taken to improve these controls, including improving processes and communications around non-routine or complex transactions, supplementing the technical competence of our accounting staff with additional internal and, as needed, contract resources and improving, from a holistic standpoint, the documentation of the review of the accounting, presentation and disclosure of such transactions. Once all remedial actions have been implemented and in operation for a sufficient period of time,

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these actions will be fully tested to determine whether the applicable controls are operating effectively. Therefore, management concluded that, as of January 31, 2015, there was a material weakness over financial reporting related to accounting for non-routine or complex transactions.

The Company believes the actions taken to date to remediate the above identified material weakness have improved the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. The Company will continue to implement new processes and controls, hire additional personnel and engage external resources when required in connection with remediating this material weakness. However, the material weakness will not be considered remediated until the applicable internal controls operate for a sufficient period of time and management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are consistently operating effectively. Management believes that the remediation of the material weakness related to controls over the accounting for non-routine or complex transactions will be completed by October 31, 2015.

During the fourth quarter of 2014, in conjunction with the implementation of additional internal controls started in 2013, related to the calculation and reconciliation of deferred income tax assets, deferred income tax liabilities and uncertain tax positions, management identified unreconciled differences and errors in the income tax accounts of certain of the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries. Specifically, prior to 2014, certain calculations and reconciliations had not been accurately and consistently performed for these income tax accounts for certain non-U.S. subsidiaries nor were return-to-provision reconciliations consistently performed as non-U.S. subsidiary tax returns were filed. The errors were not material to any individual prior fiscal year; however, the correction of these errors would have been material to the 2014 financial statements. Consequently, the Company has revised ending retained earnings, goodwill, deferred income taxes and uncertain tax positions as of October 31, 2011, and has revised the Company's financial statements as of and for the years ended October 31, 2012 and October 31, 2013 from the amounts previously reported. Therefore, management has concluded that, as of January 31, 2015, there was a material weakness over financial reporting related to accounting for income taxes for certain foreign subsidiaries.

The actions that have been implemented to remediate the above identified material weakness include the improvement of internal controls for the Company's non-U.S. subsidiaries related to the timely and accurate calculation and reconciliation of the income tax accounts and the completion of return-to-provision reconciliations. Management believes the steps taken to date (global income tax account calculation and reconciliation internal controls and management review controls) have improved the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting. Moreover, the Company has hired additional personnel and engaged external tax advisors for the income tax accounting function in connection with remediating this material weakness. However, the material weakness will not be considered remediated until the applicable internal controls operate for a sufficient period of time and management has concluded, through testing, that these controls are operating effectively. Management believes that the remediation of the material weakness related to controls over the accounting for income taxes of non-U.S. subsidiaries will be completed by October 31, 2015.

In the course of completing our assessment of internal control over financial reporting as of October 31, 2014, management identified a number of deficiencies related to the design and operating effectiveness of information technology general controls for certain of our information systems that are relevant to the preparation of the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements and system of internal control over financial reporting (i.e., the "affected IT systems"). In particular, these deficiencies related to logical access controls and program change management controls that are intended to ensure that access to financial applications and data is adequately restricted to appropriate personnel and that all changes affecting the financial applications and underlying account records are identified, authorized, tested and implemented appropriately. Additionally, as a result of the deficiencies identified, there is a possibility that the effectiveness of business process controls that are dependent on the affected IT systems or data and financial reports generated from the affected IT systems may be adversely affected. Therefore, management has concluded that, as of January 31, 2015, there was a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting related to information technology general controls in the areas of logical access and program change management for the affected IT systems.

Management has been actively engaged in developing and implementing a remediation plan to address the material weakness in the Company's IT systems noted above. The remediation actions that are expected to be taken include the following:

- Improvement of the design and operation of control activities and procedures associated with user and administrator access to the affected IT systems, including both preventive and detective control activities.
- Implementation of appropriate program change management control activities, including implementation of change management control setting configurations across the affected IT systems, including tracking of access and history of changes.
- Implementation of business process controls that directly and precisely address the risks related to accuracy and completeness of the financial reports and data generated from the affected IT systems and used in the performance of underlying business process controls.

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In addition, the continued implementation of our global ERP platform will positively impact the remediation plan as many of the affected IT systems with deficiencies are expected to be removed from operation.

Management believes the foregoing efforts will effectively remediate the above identified material weakness. Because the reliability of the internal control process requires repeatable execution, the successful remediation of this material weakness will require review and evidence of effectiveness prior to management concluding that the controls are effective and there is no assurance that additional remediation steps will not be necessary. Management believes the remediation efforts will be completed by October 31, 2015.

During fiscal year 2015, management will test and evaluate the implementation of these new processes and internal controls to ascertain whether they are designed and operating effectively to provide reasonable assurance that they will prevent or detect a material error in the financial statements. Notwithstanding the identified material weaknesses, management believes the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q fairly represent in all material respects our financial condition, results of operations and cash flows at and for the periods presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

However, there are no assurances that we will successfully remediate any of the material weaknesses within the anticipated timeframe.

As part of the process of remediating our material weaknesses discussed above, management continues to evaluate resources, change and expand roles and responsibilities of key personnel and make changes to certain processes related to financial close, systems and financial reporting. We continue to consolidate some of our transaction processing and general accounting activities onto a common, company-wide management information and accounting system and have also continued implementation of a global account reconciliation and monitoring tool. These changes are intended to further enhance our internal control over financial reporting and our operating efficiencies. No other changes occurred in our internal control over financial reporting during our most recent fiscal quarter that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Except as noted in the preceding paragraphs, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recent quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

With the participation of our principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, our management has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based upon that evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer have concluded that, as of the end of the period covered by this report:

- Information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the rules and forms of the Securities and Exchange Commission;
- Information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure; and
- Because of a material weakness in our internal controls over financial reporting related to accounting for non-routine or complex transactions, a material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting related to accounting for deferred income taxes, and a material weakness over financial reporting related to information technology general controls in the areas of user access and change management, our disclosure controls and procedures and internal controls over financial reporting were not effective.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in the 2014 Form 10-K under Part I, Item 1A — Risk Factors.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

Issuer Purchases of Class A Common Stock

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u> | <u>Average Price Paid Per Share</u> | Total Number of Shares Purchased as | Maximum Number (or |
|---------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1) | Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs (1) |
| November 2014 | — | — | — | 815,728 |
| December 2014 | — | — | — | 815,728 |
| January 2015 | — | — | — | 815,728 |

Issuer Purchases of Class B Common Stock

| <u>Period</u> | <u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u> | <u>Average Price Paid Per Share</u> | Total Number of Shares Purchased as | Maximum Number (or |
|---------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1) | Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased under the Plans or Programs (1) |
| November 2014 | — | — | — | 815,728 |
| December 2014 | — | — | — | 815,728 |
| January 2015 | — | — | — | 815,728 |

- (1) Our Board of Directors has authorized a stock repurchase program which permits us to purchase up to 4.0 million shares of our Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock, or any combination thereof. As of January 31, 2015, the maximum number of shares that may yet be purchased was 815,728 shares, which may be any combination of Class A Common Stock or Class B Common Stock.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

(a.) Exhibits

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description of Exhibit</u> |
|------------------------|---|
| 31.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a — 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a — 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. |
| 32.1 | Certification of Chief Executive Officer required by Rule 13a — 14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code. |
| 32.2 | Certification of Vice President and Chief Financial Officer required by Rule 13a — 14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code. |
| 101 | The following financial statements from the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended January 31, 2015, formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income, (ii) Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (iii) Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flow and (iv) Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. |

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SIGNATURES

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

Date: March 6, 2015

Greif, Inc.
(Registrant)

/s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer

Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, David B. Fisher, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Greif, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
- c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ David B. Fischer

David B. Fischer, President
and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

CERTIFICATION

I, Lawrence A. Hilsheimer, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Greif, Inc.;

2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;

3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;

4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:

- a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
- b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
- c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and

5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):

- a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
- b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer

Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

**Certification Required by Rule 13a — 14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350
of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Greif, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, David B. Fischer, the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ David B. Fischer

David B. Fischer, President
and Chief Executive Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Greif, Inc. and will be retained by Greif, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

**Certification Required by Rule 13a — 14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of
Title 18 of the United States Code**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Greif, Inc. (the “Company”) on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended January 31, 2015, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the “Report”), I, Lawrence A. Hilsheimer, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that to my knowledge:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: March 6, 2015

/s/ Lawrence A. Hilsheimer

Lawrence A. Hilsheimer,

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to Greif, Inc. and will be retained by Greif, Inc. and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.