

ATLAS AIR WORLDWIDE HOLDINGS INC

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**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, DC 20549**

**FORM 10-Q**

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

**For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2016**

**OR**

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

**For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_**

**Commission File Number: 001-16545**

**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.**

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

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**13-4146982**  
**(IRS Employer**

**of incorporation)**

**Identification No.)**

**2000 Westchester Avenue, Purchase, New York**  
**(Address of principal executive offices)**

**10577**  
**(Zip Code)**

**(914) 701-8000**

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

**Not Applicable**

**(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)**

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

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

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

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

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

As of May 2, 2016, there were 24,811,018 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding.

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	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 317,410	\$ 425,950
Short-term investments	3,990	5,098
Restricted cash	14,503	12,981
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$2,288 and \$1,247, respectively	134,677	164,308
Prepaid maintenance	5,621	6,052
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	44,937	37,548
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>521,138</b>	<b>651,937</b>
<b>Property and Equipment</b>		
Flight equipment	3,709,611	3,687,248
Ground equipment	60,968	58,487
Less: accumulated depreciation	(472,389)	(450,217)
Purchase deposits for flight equipment	64,624	39,678
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	<b>3,362,814</b>	<b>3,335,196</b>
<b>Other Assets</b>		
Long-term investments and accrued interest	34,089	37,604
Deposits and other assets	90,234	81,183
Intangible assets, net	56,380	58,483
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 4,064,655</b>	<b>\$ 4,164,403</b>
<b>Liabilities and Equity</b>		
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 58,471	\$ 93,278
Accrued liabilities	294,570	293,138
Current portion of long-term debt	157,701	161,811
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>510,742</b>	<b>548,227</b>

<b>Other Liabilities</b>		
Long-term debt	1,711,861	1,739,496
Deferred taxes	287,922	286,928
Other liabilities	98,400	135,569
<b>Total other liabilities</b>	<b>2,098,183</b>	<b>2,161,993</b>
<b>Commitments and contingencies</b>		
<b>Equity</b>		
Stockholders' Equity		
Preferred stock, \$1 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 29,242,911 and 28,955,445 shares issued, 24,812,088 and 24,636,651, shares outstanding (net of treasury stock), as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively		
	293	290
Additional paid-in-capital	630,151	625,244
Treasury stock, at cost; 4,430,823 and 4,318,794 shares, respectively	(175,956)	(171,844)
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(5,785)	(6,063)
Retained earnings	1,007,027	1,006,556
<b>Total equity</b>	<b>1,455,730</b>	<b>1,454,183</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 4,064,655</b>	<b>\$ 4,164,403</b>

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements*

**Table of Contents****Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Operations***(in thousands, except per share data)**(Unaudited)*

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Operating Revenue</b>		
ACMI	\$ 182,740	\$ 189,047
Charter	202,303	220,138
Dry leasing	28,192	31,919
Other	5,380	3,741
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>418,615</b>	<b>444,845</b>
<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
Salaries, wages and benefits	93,845	88,773
Aircraft fuel	63,220	78,115
Maintenance, materials and repairs	57,024	58,832
Aircraft rent	37,037	34,261
Depreciation and amortization	35,005	32,030
Travel	30,323	20,813
Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent	21,974	23,503
Passenger and ground handling services	20,879	19,963
Loss on disposal of aircraft		1,209
Special charge	6,631	(568)
Acquisition-related expenses	793	
Other	31,827	30,944
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>398,558</b>	<b>387,875</b>
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>20,057</b>	<b>56,970</b>
<b>Non-operating Expenses (Income)</b>		
Interest income	(1,604)	(4,488)
Interest expense	21,302	24,548
Capitalized interest	(357)	(26)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	132	
Other expense (income), net	(240)	675
<b>Total Non-operating Expenses (Income)</b>	<b>19,233</b>	<b>20,709</b>
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>36,261</b>

Income tax expense	353	7,029
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 471</b>	<b>\$ 29,232</b>
<b>Earnings per share:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.18
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.17
<b>Weighted average shares:</b>		
Basic	24,711	24,876
Diluted	24,846	25,070

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements*



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## Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

## Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income

*(in thousands)**(Unaudited)*

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 471	\$ 29,232
<b>Other comprehensive income (loss):</b>		
Interest rate derivatives:		
Reclassification to interest expense	454	650
Income tax expense	(176)	(248)
Foreign currency translation:		
Translation adjustment		(58)
Other comprehensive income	278	344
<b>Comprehensive Income</b>	<b>\$ 749</b>	<b>\$ 29,576</b>

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**Table of Contents****Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows***(in thousands)**(Unaudited)*

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Operating Activities:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 471	\$ 29,232
Adjustments to reconcile Net Income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	39,817	36,375
Accretion of debt securities discount	(332)	(1,902)
Provision for allowance for doubtful accounts	221	(174)
Special charge, net of cash payments	6,631	(568)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	132	
Loss on disposal of aircraft		1,209
Deferred taxes	292	7,029
Stock-based compensation expense	5,455	5,285
Changes in:		
Accounts receivable	29,871	11,088
Prepaid expenses, current assets and other assets	(10,575)	(949)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(52,544)	4,023
Net cash provided by operating activities	19,439	90,648
<b>Investing Activities:</b>		
Capital expenditures	(10,682)	(10,385)
Purchase deposits and payments for flight equipment	(84,230)	(14,925)
Changes in restricted cash	(1,522)	(747)
Proceeds from investments	4,955	1,202
Proceeds from disposal of aircraft		24,345
Net cash used for investing activities	(91,479)	(510)
<b>Financing Activities:</b>		
Proceeds from debt issuance	14,790	
Customer maintenance reserves received	3,547	4,129
Proceeds from stock option exercises		52
Purchase of treasury stock	(4,112)	(6,118)
Excess tax benefit from stock-based compensation expense	158	449
Payment of debt issuance costs	(217)	
Payments of debt	(50,666)	(50,845)
Net cash used for financing activities	(36,500)	(52,333)

Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(108,540)	37,805
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of period	425,950	298,601
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of period	\$ 317,410	\$ 336,406

**Non-cash Investing and Financing Activities:**

Acquisition of flight equipment included in Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 12,059	\$
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*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements*

**Table of Contents****Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.****Consolidated Statements of Stockholders Equity***(in thousands, except share data)**(Unaudited)*

	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Additional Paid-In Capital	Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders Equity	Total Equity
<b>Balance at December 31, 2014</b>	\$ 286	\$ (145,322)	\$ 573,133	\$ (9,572)	\$ 999,270	\$ 1,417,795	\$ 1,417,795
Net Income					29,232	29,232	29,232
Other comprehensive income				344		344	344
Stock option and restricted stock compensation			5,285			5,285	5,285
Purchase of 131,162 shares of treasury stock		(6,118)				(6,118)	(6,118)
Exercise of 1,900 employee stock options			52			52	52
Issuance of 324,406 shares of restricted stock	3		(3)				
Tax benefit (expense) on restricted stock and stock options			37			37	37
<b>Balance at March 31, 2015</b>	\$ 289	\$ (151,440)	\$ 578,504	\$ (9,228)	\$ 1,028,502	\$ 1,446,627	\$ 1,446,627

	Common Stock	Treasury Stock	Accumulated Additional Paid-In Capital	Other Comprehensive Loss	Retained Earnings	Total Stockholders Equity	Total Equity
<b>Balance at December 31, 2015</b>	\$ 290	\$ (171,844)	\$ 625,244	\$ (6,063)	\$ 1,006,556	\$ 1,454,183	\$ 1,454,183
Net Income					471	471	471
Other comprehensive income				278		278	278
			5,455			5,455	5,455

Stock option and  
restricted stock  
compensation

Purchase of 112,029 shares of treasury stock		(4,112)		(4,112)	(4,112)
Issuance of 287,466 shares of restricted stock	3		(3)		
Tax benefit (expense) on restricted stock and stock options			(545)	(545)	(545)

**Balance at March 31,  
2016**

\$ 293    \$(175,956)    \$ 630,151    \$ (5,785)    \$ 1,007,027    \$ 1,455,730    \$ 1,455,730

*See accompanying Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements*

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**Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.**

**Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements**

**March 31, 2016**

**1. Basis of Presentation**

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the holding company, Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc. ( AAWW ) and its consolidated subsidiaries. AAWW is the parent company of its principal operating subsidiary, Atlas Air, Inc. ( Atlas ), and of Polar Air Cargo LLC ( Old Polar ). AAWW is also the parent company of several subsidiaries related to our dry leasing services (collectively referred to as Titan ). AAWW has a 51% equity interest and 75% voting interest in Polar Air Cargo Worldwide, Inc. ( Polar ). We record our share of Polar s results under the equity method of accounting.

The terms we, us, our, and the Company mean AAWW and all entities included in its consolidated financial statements.

We provide outsourced aircraft and aviation operating services throughout the world, serving Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and South America through: (i) contractual service arrangements, including those through which we provide aircraft to customers and value-added services, including crew, maintenance and insurance ( ACMI ), as well as those through which we provide crew, maintenance and insurance, but not the aircraft ( CMI ); (ii) cargo and passenger charter services ( Charter ); and (iii) dry leasing aircraft and engines ( Dry Leasing or Dry Lease ).

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes (the Financial Statements ) have been prepared in accordance with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) requirements for quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, and consequently exclude certain disclosures normally included in audited consolidated financial statements prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ). All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. The Financial Statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and the notes included in the AAWW Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015, which includes additional disclosures and a summary of our significant accounting policies. The December 31, 2015 balance sheet data was derived from that Annual Report. In our opinion, the Financial Statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring items, necessary to fairly state the financial position of AAWW and its consolidated subsidiaries as of March 31, 2016, the results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, comprehensive income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, and shareholders equity as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015.

Our quarterly results are subject to seasonal and other fluctuations, and the operating results for any quarter are therefore not necessarily indicative of results that may be otherwise expected for the entire year.

Except for per share data, all dollar amounts are in thousands unless otherwise noted.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior periods consolidated financial statement amounts and related note disclosures to conform to the current year s presentation.

**2. Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) amended its accounting guidance for share-based compensation. The amended guidance changes how companies account for certain aspects of share-based payment awards to employees, including the accounting for income taxes, forfeitures, and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. This amended guidance is effective as of the beginning of 2017. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the impact the amended guidance will have on our financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB amended its accounting guidance for leases. The guidance requires a lessee to recognize assets and liabilities on the balance sheet arising from leases with terms greater than twelve months. While lessor accounting guidance is relatively unchanged,

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certain amendments were made to conform with changes made to lessee accounting and recently released revenue recognition guidance. The new guidance for leases will continue to classify them as either finance or operating, with classification affecting the pattern of expense and income recognition in the statement of operations. It also requires additional quantitative and qualitative disclosures about leasing arrangements. The amended guidance is effective as of the beginning of 2019. Early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the impact the amended guidance will have on our financial statements.

In May 2014, the FASB amended its accounting guidance for revenue recognition. The fundamental principles of the new guidance are that companies should recognize revenue in a manner that reflects the timing of the transfer of services to customers and consideration that a company expects to receive for the services provided. It also requires additional disclosures necessary for the financial statement users to understand the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers. In August 2015, the FASB deferred the effective date by one year to the beginning of 2018. Early adoption is permitted, but not before the beginning of 2017. While we are still assessing the impact the amended guidance will have on our financial statements, we expect that revenue currently recognized based on flight departure will likely be recognized over time as the services are performed.

**3. Related Parties*****DHL Investment and Polar***

AAWW has a 51% equity interest and 75% voting interest in Polar. DHL Network Operations (USA), Inc. ( DHL ), a subsidiary of Deutsche Post AG ( DP ), holds a 49% equity interest and a 25% voting interest in Polar. Polar is a variable interest entity that we do not consolidate because we are not the primary beneficiary as the risks associated with the direct costs of operation are with DHL. Under a 20-year blocked space agreement (the BSA ), Polar provides air cargo capacity to DHL. Atlas has several agreements with Polar to provide ACMI, CMI, Dry Leasing, administrative, sales and ground support services to one another. We do not have any financial exposure to fund debt obligations or operating losses of Polar, except for any liquidated damages that we could incur under these agreements. The following table summarizes our transactions with Polar:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Revenue and Expenses:</b>		
Revenue from Polar	\$ 98,737	\$ 94,258
Ground handling and airport fees paid to Polar	\$ 223	\$ 797
	<b>March</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
	<b>31, 2016</b>	
<b>Accounts receivable/payable as of:</b>		
Receivables from Polar	\$ 5,908	\$ 6,527
Payables to Polar	\$ 2,281	\$ 4,660
	<b>March</b>	<b>December 31,</b>
	<b>31, 2016</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Aggregate Carrying Value of Polar Investment as of:</b>		



Aggregate Carrying Value of Polar Investment	\$ 4,870	\$ 4,870
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**GATS**

We hold a 50% interest in GATS GP (BVI) Ltd. ( GATS ), a joint venture with an unrelated third party. The purpose of the joint venture is to purchase rotatable parts and provide repair services for those parts, primarily for our 747-8F aircraft. The joint venture is a variable interest entity that we do not consolidate because we are not the primary beneficiary as we do not exercise financial control. As of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, our investment in GATS was \$20.8 million and \$20.7 million, respectively, and our maximum exposure to losses from the entity is limited to our investment, which is comprised primarily of rotatable inventory parts. GATS does not have any third-party debt obligations. We had Accounts payable to GATS of \$2.5 million as of March 31, 2016 and \$2.3 million as of December 31, 2015.

**4. Southern Air Holdings Acquisition**

On January 15, 2016, we entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger to acquire all the outstanding shares of Southern Air Holdings, Inc. ( Southern Air ) (the Southern Acquisition ). The Southern Acquisition was completed on April 7, 2016 for cash consideration of \$107.5 million, net of cash acquired, and is subject to working capital and other adjustments. Southern Air is the parent company of several subsidiaries, including Southern Air Inc. and Florida West

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International Airways, Inc. The Southern Acquisition provides us with immediate entry into 777 and 737 aircraft operating platforms, with the potential for developing additional business with existing and new customers of both companies. We believe the platforms provided by these aircraft will augment our ability to offer customers the broadest array of aircraft and operating services for domestic, regional and international applications. Southern Air currently flies five 777-200F and five 737-400F aircraft under CMI agreements for DHL.

For the three months ended March 31, 2016, we incurred Acquisition-related expenses of \$0.8 million, primarily related to professional fees and integration costs. Due to the timing of this acquisition, certain disclosures, including the preliminary allocation of the purchase price, are not presented as the valuation and accounting have not yet been completed.

**5. Special Charge**

During the first quarter of 2016, we classified four CF6-80 engines as held for sale, recognized an impairment loss of \$6.5 million and ceased depreciation on the engines. The carrying value of these CF6-80 engines was \$6.1 million and the carrying value of all CF6-80 engines held for sale was \$10.7 million at March 31, 2016, which was included within Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets. The sales are expected to be completed during the second and third quarters of 2016.

**6. Accrued Liabilities**

Accrued liabilities consisted of the following as of:

	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>December 31, 2015</b>
Customer maintenance reserves	\$ 70,501	\$ 70,252
Maintenance	64,492	52,070
U.S. class action settlement	35,000	35,000
Salaries, wages and benefits	31,494	51,649
Aircraft fuel	25,214	12,983
Deferred revenue	10,659	12,702
Other	57,210	58,482
Accrued liabilities	\$ 294,570	\$ 293,138

**7. Debt*****Term Loans***

In February 2016, we borrowed \$14.8 million related to the conversion of a 767-300BDSF aircraft under an eight-year term loan with a final payment of \$3.8 million due in February 2024 (the First 2016 Term Loan). The First 2016 Term Loan, which is secured by a mortgage against aircraft tail number N642GT, contains customary covenants and events of default and accrues interest at a fixed rate of 3.19%, with principal and interest payable monthly.

***Convertible Notes***

In June 2015, we issued \$224.5 million aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes (the Convertible Notes ) in an underwritten public offering. The Convertible Notes are senior unsecured obligations and accrue interest payable semiannually on June 1 and December 1 of each year at a fixed rate of 2.25%. The Convertible Notes will mature on June 1, 2022, unless earlier converted or repurchased pursuant to their terms. Proceeds from the issuance of the Convertible Notes were used to refinance higher-rate debt related to five 747-400 freighter aircraft that had an average cash coupon of 8.1%. As of March 31, 2016, the remaining life of the Convertible Notes is 6.5 years and consisted of the following:

Liability component:	
Gross proceeds	\$ 224,500
Less: debt discount, net of amortization	(47,810)
Less: debt issuance cost, net of amortization	(4,656)
Net carrying amount	\$ 172,034
Equity component (1)	\$ 52,903

(1) Included in Additional paid-in capital on the consolidated balance sheet as of March 31, 2016.

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The following table presents the amount of interest expense recognized related to the Convertible Notes:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2016</b>	
Contractual interest coupon	\$	1,263
Amortization of debt discount		1,567
Amortization of debt issuance costs		167
Total interest expense recognized	\$	2,997

**8. Income Taxes**

Our effective income tax rates were 42.8% and 19.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015, respectively. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2016 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to nondeductible acquisition-related expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition of Southern Air. The effective rate for the three months ended March 31, 2015 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to an income tax benefit of \$4.0 million, net of reserves, related to extraterritorial income ( ETI ) from leasing certain of our aircraft. The effective rates for both periods also differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate due to the income tax impact of foreign operations taxed at different rates, our assertion to indefinitely reinvest the net earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries outside the U.S., U.S. state income taxes, the nondeductibility of certain expenses for tax purposes, adjustments to our liability for uncertain tax positions, and the relationship of these items to our projected operating results for the year. For interim accounting purposes, we recognize income taxes using an estimated annual effective tax rate.

**9. Financial Instruments**

Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (exit price). Inputs used to measure fair value are classified in the following hierarchy:

- Level 1      Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2      Other inputs that are observable directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities, or inactive quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Level 3      Unobservable inputs reflecting assumptions about the inputs used in pricing the asset or liability.

We endeavor to utilize the best available information to measure fair value.

The carrying value of Cash and cash equivalents, Short-term investments and Restricted cash is based on cost, which approximates fair value.

Long-term investments consist of debt securities for which we have both the ability and the intent to hold until maturity. These investments are classified as held-to-maturity and reported at amortized cost. The fair value of our

Long-term investments is based on a discounted cash flow analysis using the contractual cash flows of the investments and a discount rate derived from unadjusted quoted interest rates for debt securities of comparable risk. Such debt securities represent investments in Pass-Through Trust Certificates ( PTCs ) related to enhanced equipment trust certificates ( EETCs ) issued by Atlas in 1998, 1999 and 2000.

The fair value of our term loans, notes guaranteed by the Export-Import Bank of the United States ( Ex-Im Bank ) and EETCs are based on a discounted cash flow analysis using current borrowing rates for instruments with similar terms.

The fair value of our Convertible Notes is based on unadjusted quoted market prices for these securities.

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The following table summarizes the carrying value, estimated fair value and classification of our financial instruments as of:

	<b>March 31, 2016</b>				
	<b>Carrying Value</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 317,410	\$ 317,410	\$ 317,410	\$	\$
Short-term investments	3,990	3,990			3,990
Restricted cash	14,503	14,503	14,503		
Long-term investments and accrued interest	34,089	41,248			41,248
	\$ 369,992	\$ 377,151	\$ 331,913	\$	\$ 45,238
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Term loans	\$ 999,730	\$ 1,042,648	\$	\$	\$ 1,042,648
Ex-Im Bank guaranteed notes	671,717	711,185			711,185
EETCs	26,081	31,294			31,294
Convertible Notes	172,034	186,335	186,335		
	\$ 1,869,562	\$ 1,971,462	\$ 186,335	\$	\$ 1,785,127
<b>December 31, 2015</b>					
	<b>Carrying Value</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	<b>Level 1</b>	<b>Level 2</b>	<b>Level 3</b>
<b>Assets</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 425,950	\$ 425,950	\$ 425,950	\$	\$
Short-term investments	5,098	5,098			5,098
Restricted cash	12,981	12,981	12,981		
Long-term investments and accrued interest	37,604	45,867			45,867
	\$ 481,633	\$ 489,896	\$ 438,931	\$	\$ 50,965
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Term loans	\$ 1,013,265	\$ 1,049,785	\$	\$	\$ 1,049,785
Ex-Im Bank guaranteed notes	689,720	715,890			715,890
EETCs	28,022	30,074			30,074
Convertible Notes	170,300	185,325	185,325		
	\$ 1,901,307	\$ 1,981,074	\$ 185,325	\$	\$ 1,795,749

The following table presents the carrying value, gross unrealized gain (loss) and fair value of our long-term investments and accrued interest by contractual maturity as of:

	March 31, 2016			December 31, 2015		
	Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Fair Value	Carrying Value	Gross Unrealized Gain (Loss)	Fair Value
<b>Debt securities</b>						
Due after one but within five years	\$ 34,089	\$ 7,159	\$ 41,248	\$ 37,604	\$ 8,263	\$ 45,867
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 34,089</b>	<b>\$ 7,159</b>	<b>\$ 41,248</b>	<b>\$ 37,604</b>	<b>\$ 8,263</b>	<b>\$ 45,867</b>

## 10. Segment Reporting

Our business is organized into three operating segments based on our service offerings: ACMI, Charter and Dry Leasing. All segments are directly or indirectly engaged in the business of air transportation services but have different commercial and economic characteristics. Each operating segment is separately reviewed by our chief operating decision maker to assess operating results and make resource allocation decisions. We do not aggregate our operating segments and, therefore, our operating segments are our reportable segments.

We use an economic performance metric ( Direct Contribution ) that shows the profitability of each segment after allocation of direct operating and ownership costs. Direct Contribution represents Income before income taxes excluding the following: Special charges, Acquisition-related expenses, nonrecurring items, Losses (gains) on the disposal of aircraft, Losses on early extinguishment of debt, Gains on investments and Unallocated income and expenses, net. Direct operating and ownership costs include crew costs, maintenance, fuel, ground operations, sales costs, aircraft rent, interest expense on the portion of debt used for financing aircraft, interest income on debt securities and aircraft depreciation. Unallocated income and expenses, net include corporate overhead, nonaircraft depreciation, noncash expenses and income, interest expense on the portion of debt used for general corporate purposes, interest income on nondebt securities, capitalized interest, foreign exchange gains and losses, other revenue and other non-operating costs.

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The following table sets forth Operating Revenue and Direct Contribution for our reportable segments reconciled to Operating Income and Income before Income Taxes:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Operating Revenue:</b>		
ACMI	\$ 182,740	\$ 189,047
Charter	202,303	220,138
Dry Leasing	28,192	31,919
Other	5,380	3,741
<b>Total Operating Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 418,615</b>	<b>\$ 444,845</b>
<b>Direct Contribution:</b>		
ACMI	\$ 24,739	\$ 39,902
Charter	20,776	30,460
Dry Leasing	10,408	15,525
<b>Total Direct Contribution for Reportable Segments</b>	<b>55,923</b>	<b>85,887</b>
Add back (subtract):		
Unallocated income and expenses, net	(47,543)	(48,985)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	(132)	
Special charge	(6,631)	568
Acquisition-related expenses	(793)	
Loss on disposal of aircraft		(1,209)
<b>Income before income taxes</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>36,261</b>
Add back (subtract):		
Interest income	(1,604)	(4,488)
Interest expense	21,302	24,548
Capitalized interest	(357)	(26)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	132	
Other expense (income), net	(240)	675
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 20,057</b>	<b>\$ 56,970</b>

We are exposed to a concentration of revenue from the U.S. Military Air Mobility Command ( AMC ) and Polar (see Note 3 for further discussion regarding Polar). No other customer accounted for more than 10.0% of our Total Operating Revenue. Revenue from the AMC was \$111.0 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and \$90.1 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015. Accounts receivable from the AMC were \$25.3 million and \$26.3 million as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, respectively. We have not experienced any credit issues with either of these customers.



## 11. Legal Proceedings

### *Matters Related to Alleged Pricing Practices*

The Company and Old Polar were named defendants, along with a number of other cargo carriers, in several class actions in the United States arising from allegations about the pricing practices of Old Polar and a number of air cargo carriers. These actions were all centralized in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. Polar was later joined as an additional defendant. The consolidated complaint alleged, among other things, that the defendants, including the Company and Old Polar, manipulated the market price for air cargo services sold domestically and abroad through the use of surcharges, in violation of United States, state, and European Union antitrust laws. The suit sought treble damages and attorneys' fees.

On January 7, 2016, the Company, Old Polar, and Polar entered into a settlement agreement to settle all claims by participating class members against the Company, Old Polar and Polar. The Company, Polar, and Old Polar deny any wrongdoing, and there is no admission of any wrongdoing in the settlement agreement. Pursuant to the settlement agreement, the Company, Old Polar and Polar have agreed to make installment payments over three years to settle the plaintiffs' claims, with payments of \$35.0 million paid on January 15, 2016, \$35.0 million due on or before January 15, 2017, and \$30.0 million due on or before January 15, 2018, resulting in an accrual of \$65.0 million as of March 31, 2016. The United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York issued an order granting preliminary approval of the settlement on January 12, 2016. The settlement is still subject to final court approval.

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In the United Kingdom, several groups of named claimants have brought suit against British Airways in connection with the same alleged pricing practices at issue in the proceedings described above and are seeking damages allegedly arising from that conduct. British Airways has filed claims in the lawsuit against Old Polar and a number of air cargo carriers for contribution should British Airways be found liable to claimants. Old Polar's formal statement of defense was filed on March 2, 2015. On October 14, 2015, the U.K. Court of Appeal released decisions favorable to the defendant and contributory defendants on two matters under appeal. Permission has been sought to appeal the U.K. Court of Appeal's decisions to the U.K. Supreme Court. In December 2015, certain claimants settled with British Airways removing a significant portion of the claim against British Airways and therefore reducing the potential contribution required by the other airlines, including Old Polar. On December 16, 2015, the European General Court released decisions annulling the European Commission's decisions against the majority of the air cargo carriers. The European Commission may decide to reopen its investigation and/or appeal the General Court judgments; either of which would have a significant impact on the proceedings in the U.K. court. Future procedures, including the pretrial disclosure process, are undergoing court review. We are unable to reasonably predict the outcome of the litigation.

In the Netherlands, Stichting Cartel Compensation, successor in interest to claims of various shippers, has filed suit in the district court in Amsterdam against British Airways, KLM, Martinair, Air France, Lufthansa and Singapore Airlines seeking recovery for damages purportedly arising from the same pricing practices at issue in the proceedings described above. In response, British Airways, KLM, Martinair, Air France and Lufthansa filed third-party indemnification lawsuits against Old Polar and Polar seeking indemnification in the event the defendants are found to be liable in the main proceedings. Old Polar and Polar entered their initial court appearances on September 30, 2015. Like the U.K. proceedings, the Netherlands proceedings are likely to be affected and have been delayed by the European General Court decisions of December 16, 2015. We are unable to reasonably predict the outcome of the litigation.

If the Company, Old Polar or Polar were to incur an unfavorable outcome in connection with the UK or Netherlands proceedings, such outcome may have a material adverse impact on our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. We are unable to reasonably estimate a range of possible loss for such matters at this time.

### ***Brazilian Customs Claim***

Old Polar was cited for two alleged customs violations in Sao Paulo, Brazil, relating to shipments of goods dating back to 1999 and 2000. Each claim asserts that goods listed on the flight manifest of two separate Old Polar scheduled service flights were not on board the aircraft upon arrival and therefore were improperly brought into Brazil. The two claims, which also seek unpaid customs duties, taxes and penalties from the date of the alleged infraction, are approximately \$5.5 million in aggregate based on March 31, 2016 exchange rates.

In both cases, we believe that the amounts claimed are substantially overstated due to a calculation error when considering the type and amount of goods allegedly missing, among other things. Furthermore, we may seek appropriate indemnity from the shipper in each claim as may be feasible. In the pending claim for one of the cases, we have received an administrative decision dismissing the claim in its entirety, which remains subject to a mandatory appeal by the Brazil customs authorities. As required to defend such claims, we have made deposits pending resolution of these matters. The balances were \$4.3 million as of March 31, 2016 and \$3.8 million as of December 31, 2015, and are included in Deposits and other assets.

We are currently defending these and other Brazilian customs claims and the ultimate disposition of these claims, either individually or in the aggregate, is not expected to materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

*Other*

We have certain other contingencies incident to the ordinary course of business. Management believes that the ultimate disposition of such other contingencies is not expected to materially affect our financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

**12. Earnings Per Share**

Basic earnings per share ( EPS ) represent net income divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the measurement period. Diluted EPS represent net income attributable to common shareholders divided by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the measurement period while also giving effect to all potentially dilutive common shares that were outstanding during the period using the treasury stock method. Anti-dilutive shares related to warrants and stock options that were out of the money and excluded for the three months ended March 31, 2016 were 3.0 million and for the three months ended March 31, 2015 were de minimis.

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The calculations of basic and diluted EPS were as follows:

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>	
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>
<b>Numerator:</b>		
Net Income	\$ 471	\$ 29,232
<b>Denominator:</b>		
Basic EPS weighted average shares outstanding	24,711	24,876
Effect of dilutive stock options and restricted stock	135	194
Diluted EPS weighted average shares outstanding	24,846	25,070
<b>EPS:</b>		
Basic	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.18
Diluted	\$ 0.02	\$ 1.17

The calculation of EPS does not include restricted share units in which performance or market conditions were not satisfied of 0.5 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 0.3 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

**13. Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)**

The following table summarizes the components of Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss):

	<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>	<b>Foreign Currency Translation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance as of December 31, 2014	\$ (9,924)	\$ 352	\$ (9,572)
Reclassification to interest expense	650		650
Translation adjustment		(58)	(58)
Tax effect	(248)		(248)
Balance as of March 31, 2015	\$ (9,522)	\$ 294	\$ (9,228)
	<b>Interest Rate Derivatives</b>	<b>Foreign Currency Translation</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ (6,072)	\$ 9	\$ (6,063)
Reclassification to interest expense	454		454
Tax effect	(176)		(176)

Balance as of March 31, 2016	\$	(5,794)	\$	9	\$ (5,785)
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***Interest Rate Derivatives***

As of March 31, 2016, there was \$9.4 million of unamortized net realized loss before taxes remaining in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to terminated forward-starting interest rate swaps, which had been designated as cash flow hedges to effectively fix the interest rates on two 747-8F financings in 2011 and three 777-200LRF financings in 2014. The net loss is amortized and reclassified into Interest expense over the remaining life of the related debt. Net realized losses reclassified into earnings were \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Net realized losses expected to be reclassified into earnings within the next 12 months are \$1.7 million as of March 31, 2016.

**14. Subsequent Events**

In May 2016, we entered into agreements with Amazon.com, Inc. and its subsidiary, Amazon Fulfillment Services, Inc., (collectively, Amazon ), which will include CMI operation of 20 Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft for Amazon by Atlas, as well as Dry Leasing by Titan. The Dry Leases will have a term of ten years, while the CMI operations will be for seven years (with extension provisions for a total term of ten years). The first aircraft is expected to be placed in service in the second half of 2016 with the remainder expected to be placed in service throughout 2017 and 2018.

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In conjunction with these agreements, we granted Amazon a warrant providing for the right to acquire up to 20% of our outstanding common shares, after giving effect to the issuance of shares pursuant to the warrants, at an exercise price of \$37.50 per share. A portion of the warrant representing the right to purchase 3.75 million shares vested immediately upon issuance of the warrant and the remainder of the warrant representing the right to purchase 3.75 million shares will vest proportionately as the underlying Dry Leases and CMI operations for aircraft 11-20 commence. The warrant will be exercisable in accordance with its terms through 2021.

The agreements also provide incentives for future growth of the relationship as Amazon may increase its business with us. In that regard, we granted Amazon a warrant to acquire up to an additional 10% of our outstanding common shares, after giving effect to the issuance of shares pursuant to the warrants, for an exercise price of \$37.50 per share. This warrant to purchase 3.75 million shares will vest in conjunction with payments by Amazon for additional business with us. The warrant will be exercisable in accordance with its terms through 2023.

We expect that the warrants will be presented as liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets and subject to fair value measurements during the periods that they are outstanding. We expect to amortize the value of the warrants as a reduction of revenue in proportion to the amount of revenue recognized.

**Table of Contents****ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with our unaudited Financial Statements appearing in this report and our audited consolidated financial statements and related notes included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Background****Certain Terms - Glossary**

The following represents terms and statistics specific to our business and industry. They are used by management to evaluate and measure operations, results, productivity and efficiency.

Block Hour	The time interval between when an aircraft departs the terminal until it arrives at the destination terminal.
C Check	High-level or heavy airframe maintenance checks, which are more intensive in scope than Line Maintenance and are generally performed between 18 and 24 months depending on aircraft type.
D Check	High-level or heavy airframe maintenance checks, which are the most extensive in scope and are generally performed every six and eight years depending on aircraft type.
Heavy Maintenance	Scheduled maintenance activities, which are the most extensive in scope and are primarily based on time or usage intervals, include, but are not limited to, C Checks, D Checks and engine overhauls. In addition, unscheduled engine repairs involving the removal of the engine from the aircraft are considered to be heavy maintenance.
Line Maintenance	Unscheduled maintenance to rectify events occurring during normal day-to-day operations.
Non-heavy Maintenance	Discrete maintenance activities for the overhaul and repair of specific aircraft components, including landing gear, auxiliary power units and engine thrust reversers.
Yield	The average amount a customer pays to fly one tonne of cargo one mile.

**Business Overview**

We are a leading global provider of outsourced aircraft and aviation operating services. We operate the world's largest fleet of 747 freighters and, with our recent acquisition of Southern Air, provide customers the broadest array of 747, 777, 767, 757 and 737 aircraft for domestic, regional and international applications. We also own and dry lease a portfolio of aircraft, including six 777 freighters. We provide unique value to our customers by giving them access to highly reliable new production freighters that deliver the lowest unit cost in the marketplace combined with outsourced aircraft operating services that we believe lead the industry in terms of quality and global scale. Our customers include airlines, express delivery providers, freight forwarders, the U.S. military and charter brokers. We provide global services with operations in Africa, Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, North America and South America.

Our primary service offerings include the following:

ACMI, whereby we provide outsourced cargo and passenger aircraft operating solutions, including the provision of an aircraft, crew, maintenance and insurance, while customers assume fuel, demand and Yield risk. In addition, customers are responsible for landing, navigation and most other operational fees and costs;

CMI, which is part of our ACMI business segment, whereby we provide outsourced cargo and passenger aircraft operating solutions, including the provision of crew, maintenance and insurance, but not the aircraft. Customers assume fuel, demand and Yield risk. In addition, customers are responsible for landing, navigation and most other operational fees and costs;

Charter, whereby we provide cargo and passenger aircraft charter services to customers, including the AMC, brokers, freight forwarders, direct shippers, airlines, sports teams and fans, and private charter customers. The customer pays a fixed charter fee that includes fuel, insurance, landing fees, navigation fees and most other operational fees and costs; and



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Dry Leasing, whereby we provide cargo and passenger aircraft and engine leasing solutions. The customer operates, and is responsible for insuring and maintaining, the flight equipment.

We look to achieve our growth plans and enhance shareholder value by:

Delivering superior service quality to our valued customers;

Focusing on securing attractive long-term customer contracts;

Aggressively managing our fleet with a focus on leading-edge aircraft;

Driving significant and ongoing productivity improvements;

Selectively pursuing and evaluating future acquisitions and alliances; while

Appropriately managing capital allocation.

See Business Overview and Business Strategy in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional information.

**Business Developments**

Our ACMI results for the first three months of 2016, compared with 2015, were impacted by the following events:

In March 2015, we began ACMI flying one additional 747-8F aircraft for DHL following its transition from Panalpina Air & Ocean Ltd. The aircraft initially replaced a 747-400F aircraft.

In January, February and March of 2015, we began CMI flying three additional 767-200 freighters owned by DHL in its North American network. A fourth 767-200 freighter began CMI flying in April 2015.

In July 2015, we began ACMI flying one additional 747-400F aircraft for DHL, increasing the number of 747 freighter aircraft in ACMI service for DHL to thirteen.

In December 2015 and February 2016, we began CMI flying for DHL two 767-300BDSF aircraft, Dry Leased from Titan, in DHL's North American network, increasing the number of freighter aircraft in CMI service for DHL to twelve.

In April 2016, we acquired Southern Air, which currently operates five 777-200F and five 737-400F aircraft under CMI agreements for DHL.

In May 2016, we entered into agreements with Amazon, which will include CMI operation of 20 Boeing 767-300 freighter aircraft for Amazon by Atlas, as well as Dry Leasing by Titan. The first aircraft is expected to be placed in service in the second half of 2016 with the remainder expected to be placed in service throughout 2017 and 2018.

Charter results for the first quarter of 2016 were impacted, compared with 2015, by a decline in Yield due to the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015. This impact was partially offset by an increase in Block Hours during 2016, reflecting increased passenger and cargo demand from the AMC.

In December 2015 and February 2016, we began Dry Leasing two 767-300BDSF aircraft to DHL on a long-term basis. In March 2016, we also Dry Leased a 737-800 passenger aircraft on a long-term basis to a customer following its scheduled return.

**Table of Contents****Results of Operations**

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statements and other financial information appearing and referred to elsewhere in this report.

**Three Months Ended March 31, 2016 and 2015****Operating Statistics**

The table below sets forth selected Operating Statistics for the three months ended March 31:

	2016	2015	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>Block Hours</b>				
ACMI	29,529	29,460	69	0.2%
Charter:				
Cargo	8,230	8,268	(38)	(0.5)%
Passenger	3,935	3,221	714	22.2%
Other	457	331	126	38.1%
<b>Total Block Hours</b>	<b>42,151</b>	<b>41,280</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>2.1%</b>
<b>Revenue Per Block Hour</b>				
ACMI	\$ 6,188	\$ 6,417	\$ (229)	(3.6)%
Charter:	\$ 16,630	\$ 19,161	\$ (2,531)	(13.2)%
Cargo	\$ 16,042	\$ 19,258	\$ (3,216)	(16.7)%
Passenger	\$ 17,859	\$ 18,912	\$ (1,053)	(5.6)%
<b>Charter Fuel</b>				
Average fuel cost per gallon	\$ 1.81	\$ 2.34	\$ (0.53)	(22.6)%
Fuel gallons consumed (000s)	34,945	33,312	1,633	4.9%
<b>Segment Operating Fleet (average aircraft equivalents during the period)</b>				
<b>ACMI*</b>				
747-8F Cargo	8.8	8.6	0.2	
747-400 Cargo	12.6	12.2	0.4	
747-400 Dreamlifter	2.8	3.1	(0.3)	
767-300 Cargo	3.4	2.0	1.4	
767-200 Cargo	9.0	6.4	2.6	
747-400 Passenger	1.0	1.0		
767-200 Passenger	1.0	1.0		
<b>Total</b>	<b>38.6</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>4.3</b>	

**Charter**

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747-8F Cargo	1.1	0.3	0.8
747-400 Cargo	10.0	8.9	1.1
747-400 Passenger	2.0	2.0	
767-300 Passenger	3.0	3.0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>1.9</b>
<b>Dry Leasing</b>			
777-200 Cargo	6.0	6.0	
767-300 Cargo	1.4		1.4
757-200 Cargo	1.0	1.0	
737-300 Cargo	1.0	1.0	
737-800 Passenger	1.0	1.6	(0.6)
<b>Total</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>
Less: Aircraft Dry Leased to CMI customers	(1.4)		(1.4)
<b>Total Operating Aircraft</b>	<b>63.7</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>
<b>Out-of-service</b>		<b>1.0</b>	<b>(1.0)</b>

\* ACMI average fleet excludes spare aircraft provided by CMI customers.

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The following table compares our Operating Revenue for the three months ended March 31 (in thousands):

	2016	2015	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>Operating Revenue</b>				
ACMI	\$ 182,740	\$ 189,047	\$ (6,307)	(3.3)%
Charter	202,303	220,138	(17,835)	(8.1)%
Dry Leasing	28,192	31,919	(3,727)	(11.7)%
Other	5,380	3,741	1,639	43.8%
Total Operating Revenue	\$ 418,615	\$ 444,845	\$ (26,230)	(5.9)%

*ACMI revenue* decreased \$6.3 million, or 3.3%, primarily due to reduced Revenue per Block Hour. ACMI Revenue per Block Hour was \$6,188 for the first quarter of 2016, compared with \$6,417 in 2015, a decrease of \$229 per Block Hour, or 3.6%. The decrease in Revenue per Block Hour reflects the impact of increased CMI flying in 2016 and payments received in 2015 related to a customer's return of an aircraft. ACMI Block Hours were essentially unchanged during the period.

*Charter revenue* decreased \$17.8 million, or 8.1%, primarily due to a decrease in Revenue per Block Hour reflecting a reduction in fuel prices in 2016 and the impact of the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015, partially offset by an increase in Block Hours. Charter Revenue per Block Hour was \$16,630 for the first quarter of 2016 compared with \$19,161 in 2015, a decrease of \$2,531 per Block Hour, or 13.2%. This decrease was primarily driven by a reduction in fuel prices in 2016 and the impact of higher rates resulting from the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015. Charter Block Hours were 12,165 in the first quarter of 2016 compared with 11,489 in 2015, an increase of 676 Block Hours, or 5.9%. The increase in Charter Block Hours was primarily driven by an increase in passenger and cargo demand from the AMC.

*Dry Leasing revenue* decreased \$3.7 million, or 11.7%, primarily due to lower revenue from maintenance payments to us related to the scheduled return of a 737-800 passenger aircraft in March 2016 compared with maintenance payments to us related to the scheduled return of a 737-800 passenger aircraft in February 2015. Revenue from maintenance payments is based on the maintenance condition of the aircraft at the end of the lease. Partially offsetting this decrease was revenue from the placement of one 767-300BDSF aircraft with DHL in December 2015 and another one in February 2016.

**Operating Expenses**

The following table compares our Operating Expenses for the three months ended March 31 (in thousands):

	2016	2015	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>Operating Expenses</b>				
Salaries, wages and benefits	\$ 93,845	\$ 88,773	\$ 5,072	5.7%

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Aircraft fuel	63,220	78,115	(14,895)	(19.1)%
Maintenance, materials and repairs	57,024	58,832	(1,808)	(3.1)%
Aircraft rent	37,037	34,261	2,776	8.1%
Depreciation and amortization	35,005	32,030	2,975	9.3%
Travel	30,323	20,813	9,510	45.7%
Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent	21,974	23,503	(1,529)	(6.5)%
Passenger and ground handling services	20,879	19,963	916	4.6%
Loss on disposal of aircraft		1,209	(1,209)	NM
Special charge	6,631	(568)	7,199	NM
Acquisition-related expenses	793		793	NM
Other	31,827	30,944	883	2.9%
Total Operating Expenses	\$ 398,558	\$ 387,875		

NM represents year-over-year changes that are not meaningful.

*Salaries, wages and benefits* increased \$5.1 million, or 5.7%, primarily driven by increased crewmember costs due to crew training related to our investment in fleet growth and higher Block Hours.

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*Aircraft fuel* decreased \$14.9 million, or 19.1%, primarily due to fuel price decreases, partially offset by increased fuel consumption. The average fuel price per gallon for the Charter business was \$1.81 for the first quarter of 2016, compared with \$2.34 in 2015, a decrease of 22.6%. Fuel consumption increased 1.6 million gallons, or 4.9%, reflecting the increase in Charter Block Hours operated. We do not incur fuel expense in our ACMI or Dry Leasing businesses as the cost of fuel is borne by the customer.

*Maintenance, materials and repairs* decreased \$1.8 million, or 3.1%, reflecting a decrease of \$8.9 million for 747-400 aircraft, partially offset by an increase of \$4.5 million for 747-8F aircraft and \$2.5 million for 767 aircraft. Heavy Maintenance on 747-400 aircraft decreased \$5.5 million primarily due to a decrease in the number of CF6-80 engine overhauls and D Checks, partially offset by an increase in the number of C Checks. Heavy Maintenance expense on 747-8F aircraft increased \$1.8 million primarily due to an increase in unscheduled engine repairs, partially offset by a decrease in the number of C Checks. Heavy Maintenance expense on 767 aircraft increased \$1.1 million primarily due to an increase in the number of C Checks. Line Maintenance increased by \$2.5 million on 747-8F aircraft and \$1.4 million on 767 aircraft due to increased flying and additional repairs performed. Non-heavy Maintenance on 747-400 aircraft decreased \$2.4 million. Heavy airframe maintenance checks and engine overhauls impacting Maintenance, materials and repairs for the three months ended March 31 were:

<b>Events</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Increase / (Decrease)</b>
747-8F C Checks		1	(1)
747-400 C Checks	4	1	3
767 C Checks	1		1
747-400 D Checks	1	2	(1)
CF6-80 engine overhauls	2	4	(2)

*Aircraft rent* increased \$2.8 million, or 8.1%, primarily due to an increase in short-term engine leases and a leased 747-400BCF aircraft that entered service in June 2015.

*Depreciation and amortization* increased \$3.0 million, or 9.3%, primarily due to additional aircraft operating in 2016.

*Travel* increased \$9.5 million, or 45.7%, primarily due to higher rates related to crewmember travel.

*Navigation fees, landing fees and other rent* decreased \$1.5 million, or 6.5%, primarily due to a reduction in purchased capacity from the subcontracting of certain Charter flights.

*Special charge* in 2016 primarily represents a \$6.5 million loss on engines held for sale (see Note 5). We may sell additional flight equipment, which could result in additional charges in future periods.

*Acquisition-related expenses* in 2016 relate to the acquisition of Southern Air and primarily include professional fees and integration costs (see Note 4).

**Non-operating Expenses (Income)**

The following table compares our Non-operating Expenses (Income) for the three months ended March 31 (in thousands):

	2016	2015	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>Non-operating Expenses (Income)</b>				
Interest income	\$ (1,604)	\$ (4,488)	\$ (2,884)	(64.3)%
Interest expense	21,302	24,548	(3,246)	(13.2)%
Capitalized interest	(357)	(26)	331	NM
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	132		132	NM
Other expense (income), net	(240)	675	(915)	(135.6)%

*Interest income* decreased \$2.9 million, or 64.3%, primarily due to a decrease in our investments in PTCs.

*Interest expense* decreased \$3.2 million, or 13.2%, primarily due to a decrease in interest rates resulting from the refinancing of higher-rate EETCs with lower-rate Convertible Notes in 2015 and a reduction in our average debt balances, reflecting payments of debt.



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*Income taxes.* Our effective income tax rates were 42.8% and 19.4% for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and March 31, 2015, respectively. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2016 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to nondeductible acquisition-related expenses incurred in connection with the acquisition of Southern Air. The effective income tax rate for the three months ended March 31, 2015 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily due to an income tax benefit of \$4.0 million, net of reserves, related to ETI. The effective income tax rates for both periods were impacted by our assertion to indefinitely reinvest the net earnings of certain foreign subsidiaries outside the U.S.

**Segments**

The following table compares the Direct Contribution of our reportable segments (see Note 10 to our Financial Statements for the reconciliation to Operating Income) for the three months ended March 31 (in thousands):

	2016	2015	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent Change
<b>Direct Contribution:</b>				
ACMI	\$ 24,739	\$ 39,902	\$ (15,163)	(38.0)%
Charter	20,776	30,460	(9,684)	(31.8)%
Dry Leasing	10,408	15,525	(5,117)	(33.0)%
<b>Total Direct Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 55,923</b>	<b>\$ 85,887</b>	<b>\$ (29,964)</b>	<b>(34.9)%</b>
Unallocated income and expenses, net	\$ 47,543	\$ 48,985	\$ (1,442)	(2.9)%

**ACMI Segment**

ACMI Direct Contribution decreased \$15.2 million, or 38.0%, primarily due to increases in crew costs due to crew training related to our investment in fleet growth and payments received in 2015 related to a customer's return of an aircraft, partially offset by a reduction in Heavy Maintenance expense.

**Charter Segment**

Charter Direct Contribution decreased \$9.7 million, or 31.8%, primarily due to the impact of the U.S. West Coast port disruption in 2015 and increases in crew costs due to crew training related to our investment in fleet growth, partially offset by an increase in passenger and cargo demand from the AMC.

**Dry Leasing Segment**

Dry Leasing Direct Contribution decreased \$5.1 million, or 33.0%, primarily due to lower maintenance payments to us related to the scheduled return of a 737-800 passenger aircraft in March 2016 compared with maintenance payments to us related to the scheduled return of a 737-800 passenger aircraft in February 2015. Partially offsetting this decrease was revenue related to the placement of one 767-300BDSF aircraft with DHL in December 2015 and another one in February 2016.

**Reconciliation of GAAP to non-GAAP Financial Measures**

To supplement our Financial Statements presented in accordance with GAAP, we present certain non-GAAP financial measures to assist in the evaluation of our business performance. These non-GAAP financial measures include Adjusted Net Income and adjusted diluted earnings per share ( Adjusted Diluted EPS ), which exclude certain noncash income and expenses, and items impacting year-over-year comparisons of our results. These non-GAAP financial measures may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We use these non-GAAP financial measures in assessing the performance of our ongoing operations and in planning and forecasting future periods. We believe that these adjusted measures provide meaningful supplemental information to assist investors and analysts in understanding our business results and assessing our prospects for future performance.

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The following is a reconciliation of Net Income and Diluted EPS to the corresponding non-GAAP financial measures (in thousands, except per share data):

	<b>For the Three Months Ended</b>		
	<b>March 31, 2016</b>	<b>March 31, 2015</b>	<b>Percent Change</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	\$ 471	\$ 29,232	(98.4%)
After-tax impact from:			
Noncash expenses and income, net (a)	1,745	60	
ETI tax benefit		(4,008)	
Loss on disposal of aircraft		884	
Special charge	4,518	(411)	
Charges associated with refinancing debt	85		
Acquisition-related expenses	738		
U.S. class action professional fees	186		
<b>Adjusted Net Income</b>	<b>\$ 7,743</b>	<b>\$ 25,757</b>	<b>(69.9%)</b>
<b>Diluted EPS</b>	<b>\$ 0.02</b>	<b>\$ 1.17</b>	<b>(98.3%)</b>
After-tax impact from:			
Noncash expenses and income, net (a)	0.07		
ETI tax benefit		(0.16)	
Loss on disposal of aircraft		0.04	
Special charge	0.18	(0.02)	
Charges associated with refinancing debt			
Acquisition-related expenses	0.03		
U.S. class action professional fees	0.01		
<b>Adjusted Diluted EPS</b>	<b>\$ 0.31</b>	<b>\$ 1.03</b>	<b>(69.9%)</b>

- (a) Noncash expenses and income, net in 2016 primarily related to amortization of the debt discount on the Convertible Notes. Noncash expenses and income, net in 2015 primarily related to amortization and accretion of debt, lease and investment discounts.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The most significant liquidity event during the first quarter of 2016 follows:

*Debt Transaction*

In February 2016, we borrowed \$14.8 million related to the conversion of a 767-300BDSF aircraft under the First 2016 Term Loan at a fixed interest rate of 3.19%.

*Operating Activities.* Net cash provided by operating activities for the first quarter of 2016 was \$19.4 million, compared with \$90.6 million for 2015. The decrease primarily reflects a \$35.0 million payment related to the U.S. class action settlement and changes in the timing of working capital.

*Investing Activities.* Net cash used for investing activities was \$91.5 million for the first quarter of 2016, consisting primarily of \$84.2 million of purchase deposits and payments for flight equipment, and \$10.7 million of core capital expenditures, excluding flight equipment. Partially offsetting these investing activities were \$5.0 million of proceeds from investments. All capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2016 were funded through working capital, except for the aircraft financed as discussed above. Net cash used for investing activities was \$0.5 million for the first quarter of 2015, consisting primarily of \$14.9 million of purchase deposits and delivery payments for flight equipment, and \$10.4 million of core capital expenditures, excluding flight equipment. Partially offsetting these investing activities was \$24.3 million of proceeds from disposal of aircraft. All capital expenditures for the first quarter of 2015 were funded through working capital.

*Financing Activities.* Net cash used for financing activities was \$36.5 million for the first quarter of 2016, which primarily reflected \$50.7 million of payments on debt obligations and \$4.1 million related to the purchase of treasury stock partially offset by \$14.8 million of proceeds from debt issuance and \$3.5 million of customer maintenance reserves received. Net cash used for financing activities was \$52.3 million for the first quarter of 2015, which primarily reflected \$50.8 million of payments on debt obligations and \$6.1 million related to the purchase of treasury stock, partially offset by \$4.1 million of customer maintenance reserves received.

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We consider Cash and cash equivalents, Short-term investments, Restricted cash and Net cash provided by operating activities to be sufficient to meet our debt and lease obligations, to fund capital expenditures for 2016, and to pay amounts due related to the settlement of the U.S. class action litigation and the acquisition of Southern Air. Core capital expenditures for 2016 are expected to range between \$50.0 to \$60.0 million, which excludes flight equipment and capitalized interest. Our estimated payments for flight equipment purchases for 2016 are expected to range between \$140.0 to \$160.0 million, including aircraft to support our agreements with Amazon. Total consideration paid in April 2016 for the acquisition of Southern Air was \$107.5 million, net of cash acquired, and is subject to working capital and other adjustments.

We may access external sources of capital from time to time depending on our cash requirements, assessments of current and anticipated market conditions, and the after-tax cost of capital. To that end, we filed a shelf registration statement with the SEC in May 2015 that enables us to sell a yet to be determined amount of debt and/or equity securities over the subsequent three years, depending on market conditions, our capital needs and other factors. Our access to capital markets can be adversely impacted by prevailing economic conditions and by financial, business and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. Additionally, our borrowing costs are affected by market conditions and may be adversely impacted by a tightening in credit markets.

We do not expect to pay any significant U.S. federal income tax until 2020 or later. Our business operations are subject to income tax in several foreign jurisdictions. We do not expect to pay any significant cash income taxes in foreign jurisdictions for at least several years. We currently do not intend to repatriate cash from certain foreign subsidiaries that is indefinitely reinvested outside the U.S. Any repatriation of cash from these subsidiaries or certain changes in U.S. tax laws could result in additional tax expense.

## ***Contractual Obligations and Debt Agreements***

See Note 7 to our Financial Statements for a description of our new debt obligation. See our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K for a tabular disclosure of our contractual obligations as of December 31, 2015 and a description of our other debt obligations and amendments thereto.

## **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

There were no material changes in our off-balance sheet arrangements during the three months ended March 31, 2016.

## **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 to our Financial Statements for a discussion of recent accounting pronouncements.

## **Forward-Looking Statements**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this Report), as well as other reports, releases and written and oral communications issued or made from time to time by or on behalf of AAWW, contain statements that may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Those statements are based on management's beliefs, plans, expectations and assumptions, and on information currently available to management. Generally, the words will, may, should, expect, anticipate, intend, plan, continue, seek, project, estimate and similar expressions used in this Report that do not relate to historical facts are intended to identify forward-looking statements.

The forward-looking statements in this Report are not representations or guarantees of future performance and involve certain risks, uncertainties and assumptions. Such risks, uncertainties and assumptions include, but are not limited to, those described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015. Many of such factors are beyond AAWW's control and are difficult to predict. As a result, AAWW's future actions, financial position, results of operations and the market price for shares of AAWW's common stock could differ materially from those expressed in any forward-looking statements. Readers are therefore cautioned not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. AAWW does not intend to publicly update any forward-looking statements that may be made from time to time by, or on behalf of, AAWW, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

**ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK**

For additional discussion of our exposure to market risk, refer to Part II, Item 7A Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk included in our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

An evaluation was performed under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer, or CEO, and Chief Financial Officer, or CFO, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of March 31, 2016. Based on that evaluation, our CEO and CFO concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during the three months ended March 31, 2016 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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**PART II OTHER INFORMATION**

**ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

With respect to the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2016, the information required in response to this Item is set forth in Note 11 to our Financial Statements and such information is incorporated herein by reference. Such description contains all of the information required with respect hereto.

**ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS**

The following is an update of a risk factor that is set forth in Item 1A Risk Factors of our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K. The update reflects a change to the relevant date within the risk factors appearing below. For additional risk factors that may cause actual results to differ materially from those anticipated, please refer to our 2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K.

*We may fail to realize the anticipated strategic and financial benefits of our relationship with Amazon.*

Realization of the anticipated benefits from the agreements with Amazon is subject to a number of challenges and uncertainties, such as the timing of aircraft deliveries and unforeseen costs. If we fail to realize the expected benefits, it could adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*Our agreements with Amazon confer certain termination rights which, if exercised or triggered, may result in our inability to realize the full benefits of the agreement.*

The agreements give Amazon the option to terminate the agreements in certain circumstances and upon the occurrence of certain events of default, including a change of control or our failure to meet certain performance requirements. In particular, Amazon will have the right to terminate the agreement providing for CMI operations, with an effective termination date not earlier than January 1, 2018, upon providing us at least 180 days prior written notice of termination.

In addition, the exercise by Amazon of warrants for more than 4,937,392 shares of our common stock is subject to the approval of our stockholders. If the required stockholder approval is not obtained, Amazon will have the right to terminate certain of its agreements with us.

Upon termination, Amazon will generally, subject to certain exceptions, retain the warrants that have vested prior to the time of termination and, depending on the circumstances giving rise to the termination, may have the right to accelerated vesting of the remaining warrants upon a change of control of our company. Upon termination, Amazon or we may also have the right to receive a termination fee from the other party depending on the circumstances giving rise to the right of termination.

If Amazon exercises any of these termination rights, it could adversely impact our business, results of operations and financial condition.

*Our future earnings and earnings per share, as reported under generally accepted accounting principles, could be adversely impacted by the warrants granted to Amazon.*



The warrants granted to Amazon could increase the number of diluted shares reported, which would have an effect on our fully diluted earnings per share. Further, we expect that the warrants will be presented as liabilities in our consolidated balance sheets and subject to fair value measurements during the periods that they are outstanding. Accordingly, future fluctuations in the fair value of the warrants could adversely impact our results of operations.

***If Amazon exercises its right to acquire shares of our common stock pursuant to the warrants, it will dilute the ownership interests of our then-existing stockholders and could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.***

If Amazon exercises its right to acquire shares of our common stock pursuant to the warrants, it will dilute the ownership interests of our then-existing stockholders. In addition, any sales in the public market of any common stock issuable upon the exercise of the warrants by Amazon could adversely affect prevailing market prices of our common stock.

***If Amazon exercises its right to acquire shares of our common stock pursuant to the warrants, Amazon may become a significant stockholder and may be entitled to appoint a director to our board of directors.***

The warrants issued by us to Amazon grant Amazon the right to purchase up to 30%, in the aggregate, of our common stock on a post-issuance basis. If the warrants granted to Amazon are exercised, Amazon may become a significant stockholder of our company. We have entered into a stockholders agreement with Amazon, pursuant to which Amazon's ability to vote in its discretion will generally be capped at 14.9% with the remainder to be voted in accordance with our board of directors' recommendation. In addition, under the stockholders agreement, Amazon will be entitled to appoint one director to our board of directors when Amazon owns 10% or more of our common stock. Until such time, Amazon will be entitled to designate a non-voting observer to our board of directors.

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*Provisions in our restated certificate of incorporation and by-laws and Delaware law, and our issuance of warrants to Amazon, might discourage, delay or prevent a change in control of the Company and, therefore, depress the trading price of our common stock.*

Our certificate of Incorporation and by-laws provide that we must be owned and actually controlled by citizens of the United States, a statutorily defined term requiring, among other things, that not more than 25% of our issued and outstanding voting stock be owned and controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens. Additionally, certain provisions of our restated certificate of incorporation, by-laws and Delaware law may render more difficult or discourage any attempt to acquire our company, even if such acquisition may be believed to be favorable to the interests of our stockholders. These provisions may also discourage bids for our common stock at a premium over market price or adversely affect the market price of our common stock. In addition, the vesting of warrants issued by us to Amazon will generally, subject to certain exceptions, be accelerated upon a change of control of our company, which may discourage attempts to acquire our company.

**ITEM 6. EXHIBITS**

a. Exhibits

See accompanying Exhibit Index included after the signature page of this report for a list of exhibits filed or furnished with this report.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

Atlas Air Worldwide Holdings, Inc.

Dated: May 5, 2016

/s/ William J. Flynn  
William J. Flynn  
President and Chief Executive Officer

Dated: May 5, 2016

/s/ Spencer Schwartz  
Spencer Schwartz  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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<b>Exhibit</b>	
<b>Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
10.1	Form of Amended and Restated Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Named Executive Officers.
10.2	Form of Amended and Restated Performance Share Unit Agreement for Named Executive Officers.
10.3	2016 Long Term Cash Incentive Program.
10.4	2016 Acquisition Incentive Program.
10.5	2016 Incentive Plan, filed as Exhibit 4 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated April 20, 2016 and incorporated herein by reference.
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Executive Officer, furnished herewith.
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification of the Chief Financial Officer, furnished herewith.
32.1	Section 1350 Certifications, furnished herewith.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document.*
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.*
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.*
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.*
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document.*
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.*

\* Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following formatted in XBRL (Extensible Business Reporting Language): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets as of March 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (iv) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015, (v) Consolidated Statement of Stockholders' Equity as of and for the three months ended March 31, 2016 and 2015 and (vi) Notes to Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements.