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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 February 28, 2018,

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 No. 1-14187

RPM International Inc.

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

P.O. BOX 777;  
2628 PEARL ROAD;  
MEDINA, OHIO

02-0642224  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)  
44258  
(Zip Code)

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(Address of principal executive offices)

(330) 273-5090

(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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 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, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☐

Non-accelerated filer ☐

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company.) Smaller reporting company ☐

Emerging growth company ☐

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. ☐

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 April 2, 2018 133,729,592 Shares of RPM International Inc. Common Stock were outstanding.



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\* As used herein, the terms "RPM" and the "Company" refer to RPM International Inc. and its subsidiaries, unless the context indicates otherwise.

## PART I. – FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

|                                                                                       | February 28,<br>2018 | May 31,<br>2017    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>                                                                         |                      |                    |
| <b>Current Assets</b>                                                                 |                      |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                                                             | \$ 264,386           | \$350,497          |
| Trade accounts receivable (less allowances of<br>\$42,244 and \$44,138, respectively) | 884,295              | 995,330            |
| Inventories                                                                           | 930,594              | 788,197            |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets                                             | 278,069              | 263,412            |
| Total current assets                                                                  | 2,357,344            | 2,397,436          |
| Property, Plant and Equipment, at Cost                                                | 1,570,597            | 1,484,579          |
| Allowance for depreciation                                                            | (797,610 )           | (741,893 )         |
| Property, plant and equipment, net                                                    | 772,987              | 742,686            |
| <b>Other Assets</b>                                                                   |                      |                    |
| Goodwill                                                                              | 1,185,890            | 1,143,913          |
| Other intangible assets, net of amortization                                          | 577,861              | 573,092            |
| Deferred income taxes                                                                 | 21,042               | 19,793             |
| Other                                                                                 | 220,801              | 213,529            |
| Total other assets                                                                    | 2,005,594            | 1,950,327          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                                                                   | <b>\$ 5,135,925</b>  | <b>\$5,090,449</b> |
| <b>Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity</b>                                           |                      |                    |
| <b>Current Liabilities</b>                                                            |                      |                    |
| Accounts payable                                                                      | \$ 433,372           | \$534,718          |
| Current portion of long-term debt                                                     | 3,767                | 253,645            |
| Accrued compensation and benefits                                                     | 139,243              | 181,084            |
| Accrued losses                                                                        | 21,107               | 31,735             |
| Other accrued liabilities                                                             | 324,624              | 234,212            |
| Total current liabilities                                                             | 922,113              | 1,235,394          |
| <b>Long-Term Liabilities</b>                                                          |                      |                    |
| Long-term debt, less current maturities                                               | 2,179,658            | 1,836,437          |
| Other long-term liabilities                                                           | 334,913              | 482,491            |
| Deferred income taxes                                                                 | 63,219               | 97,427             |
| Total long-term liabilities                                                           | 2,577,790            | 2,416,355          |
| <b>Commitments and contingencies (Note 14)</b>                                        |                      |                    |
| <b>Stockholders' Equity</b>                                                           |                      |                    |

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|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Preferred stock, par value \$0.01; authorized 50,000 shares; none issued                                                                                                             | -            | -            |
| Common stock, par value \$0.01; authorized 300,000 shares; issued 141,712 and outstanding 133,730 as of February 28, 2018; issued 141,242 and outstanding 133,563 as of May 31, 2017 | 1,337        | 1,336        |
| Paid-in capital                                                                                                                                                                      | 972,187      | 954,491      |
| Treasury stock, at cost                                                                                                                                                              | (233,288 )   | (218,222 )   |
| Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)                                                                                                                                               | (405,734 )   | (473,986 )   |
| Retained earnings                                                                                                                                                                    | 1,298,876    | 1,172,442    |
| Total RPM International Inc. stockholders' equity                                                                                                                                    | 1,633,378    | 1,436,061    |
| Noncontrolling Interest                                                                                                                                                              | 2,644        | 2,639        |
| Total equity                                                                                                                                                                         | 1,636,022    | 1,438,700    |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity                                                                                                                                           | \$ 5,135,925 | \$ 5,090,449 |

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

## RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

|                                                           | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                           | February 28, 2018  | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2018 | February 28, 2017 |
| Net Sales                                                 | \$1,102,677        | \$1,022,496       | \$3,763,487       | \$3,465,329       |
| Cost of Sales                                             | 663,184            | 593,923           | 2,200,971         | 1,963,033         |
| Gross Profit                                              | 439,493            | 428,573           | 1,562,516         | 1,502,296         |
| Selling, General and Administrative Expenses              | 382,972            | 386,032           | 1,196,980         | 1,189,611         |
| Goodwill and Other Intangible Asset Impairments           | -                  | 4,900             | -                 | 193,198           |
| Interest Expense                                          | 27,459             | 23,769            | 80,628            | 69,452            |
| Investment (Income), Net                                  | (5,471 )           | (3,627 )          | (13,663 )         | (9,881 )          |
| Other (Income) Expense, Net                               | (165 )             | 502               | (592 )            | 1,301             |
| Income Before Income Taxes                                | 34,698             | 16,997            | 299,163           | 58,615            |
| (Benefit) Provision for Income Taxes                      | (5,890 )           | 4,313             | 45,814            | 2,793             |
| Net Income                                                | 40,588             | 12,684            | 253,349           | 55,822            |
| Less: Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests | 361                | 756               | 1,243             | 2,051             |
| Net Income Attributable to RPM International Inc.         |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Stockholders                                              | \$40,227           | \$11,928          | \$252,106         | \$53,771          |
| Average Number of Shares of Common Stock Outstanding:     |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Basic                                                     | 131,178            | 130,677           | 131,195           | 130,657           |
| Diluted                                                   | 131,178            | 130,677           | 135,657           | 130,657           |
| Earnings per Share of Common Stock Attributable to        |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| RPM International Inc. Stockholders:                      |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Basic                                                     | \$0.30             | \$0.09            | \$1.90            | \$0.41            |
| Diluted                                                   | \$0.30             | \$0.09            | \$1.87            | \$0.41            |
| Cash Dividends Declared per Share of Common Stock         | \$0.320            | \$0.300           | \$0.940           | \$0.875           |

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## RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|                                                                                                      | Three Months Ended |           | Nine Months Ended |           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
|                                                                                                      | February 28,       |           | February 28,      |           |
|                                                                                                      | 2018               | 2017      | 2018              | 2017      |
| Net Income                                                                                           | \$40,588           | \$ 12,684 | \$253,349         | \$ 55,822 |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax:                                                       |                    |           |                   |           |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments                                                             | 31,133             | 16,576    | 67,453            | (46,919 ) |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit liability adjustments                                       |                    |           |                   |           |
| (net of tax of \$1,319; \$1,863; \$3,576; \$6,626, respectively)                                     | 2,279              | 3,222     | 5,974             | 12,516    |
| Unrealized (loss) gain on securities (net of tax of \$(1,070); \$1,192; \$43; \$1,968, respectively) | (2,380 )           | 2,577     | 91                | 3,286     |
| Unrealized (loss) on derivatives                                                                     | (2,137 )           | -         | (5,277 )          | -         |
| Total other comprehensive income (loss)                                                              | 28,895             | 22,375    | 68,241            | (31,117 ) |
| Total Comprehensive Income                                                                           | 69,483             | 35,059    | 321,590           | 24,705    |
| Less: Comprehensive Income Attributable to Noncontrolling                                            |                    |           |                   |           |
| Interests                                                                                            | 393                | 756       | 1,234             | 2,051     |
| Comprehensive Income Attributable to                                                                 |                    |           |                   |           |
| RPM International Inc. Stockholders                                                                  | \$ 69,090          | \$ 34,303 | \$320,356         | \$ 22,654 |

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## RPM INTERNATIONAL INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

(In thousands)

|                                                                                              | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                                                              | February 28,      | February 28,      |
|                                                                                              | 2018              | 2017              |
| <b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities:</b>                                                 |                   |                   |
| Net income                                                                                   | \$253,349         | \$ 55,822         |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used for) operating activities: |                   |                   |
| Depreciation                                                                                 | 61,078            | 53,343            |
| Amortization                                                                                 | 35,123            | 33,497            |
| Goodwill and other intangible asset impairments                                              | -                 | 193,198           |
| Deferred income taxes                                                                        | (42,885 )         | (26,996 )         |
| Stock-based compensation expense                                                             | 17,698            | 25,005            |
| Other non-cash interest expense                                                              | 4,275             | 7,149             |
| Realized (gains) on sales of marketable securities                                           | (6,833 )          | (5,338 )          |
| Other                                                                                        | (71 )             | 136               |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effect from purchases and sales of businesses:     |                   |                   |
| Decrease in receivables                                                                      | 138,942           | 190,423           |
| (Increase) in inventory                                                                      | (121,095 )        | (143,409 )        |
| Decrease (increase) in prepaid expenses and other current and long-term assets               | 14,307            | (26,698 )         |
| (Decrease) in accounts payable                                                               | (112,888 )        | (95,727 )         |
| (Decrease) in accrued compensation and benefits                                              | (45,873 )         | (50,425 )         |
| (Decrease) increase in accrued losses                                                        | (11,001 )         | 2,247             |
| (Decrease) in other accrued liabilities                                                      | (42,895 )         | (35,135 )         |
| Other                                                                                        | (483 )            | (3,613 )          |
| <b>Cash Provided By Operating Activities</b>                                                 | <b>140,748</b>    | <b>173,479</b>    |
| <b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities:</b>                                                 |                   |                   |
| Capital expenditures                                                                         | (72,769 )         | (80,110 )         |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired                                              | (59,991 )         | (246,874 )        |
| Purchase of marketable securities                                                            | (139,641 )        | (36,418 )         |
| Proceeds from sales of marketable securities                                                 | 97,624            | 36,696            |
| Other                                                                                        | 6,766             | 1,493             |
| <b>Cash (Used For) Investing Activities</b>                                                  | <b>(168,011 )</b> | <b>(325,213 )</b> |
| <b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities:</b>                                                 |                   |                   |
| Additions to long-term and short-term debt                                                   | 340,106           | 422,521           |
| Reductions of long-term and short-term debt                                                  | (264,051 )        | (78,654 )         |
| Cash dividends                                                                               | (125,672 )        | (116,680 )        |
| Shares repurchased and returned for taxes                                                    | (15,065 )         | (20,092 )         |
| Payments of acquisition-related contingent consideration                                     | (3,825 )          | (4,206 )          |

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|                                                              |           |            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Payments to 524(g) trust                                     | -         | (102,500 ) |
| Other                                                        | (1,911 )  | (2,009 )   |
| Cash (Used For) Provided By Financing Activities             | (70,418 ) | 98,380     |
| Effect of Exchange Rate Changes on Cash and Cash Equivalents | 11,570    | (1,002 )   |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents                      | (86,111 ) | (54,356 )  |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Period             | 350,497   | 265,152    |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Period                   | \$264,386 | \$ 210,796 |

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 — CONSOLIDATION, NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS AND BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the U.S. (“GAAP”) for interim financial information and the instructions to Form 10-Q. In our opinion, all adjustments (consisting of normal, recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included for the three and nine month periods ended February 28, 2018 and 2017. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and notes included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2017.

Our financial statements include all of our majority-owned subsidiaries. We account for our investments in less-than-majority-owned joint ventures, for which we have the ability to exercise significant influence, under the equity method. Effects of transactions between related companies are eliminated in consolidation.

Noncontrolling interests are presented in our consolidated financial statements as if parent company investors (controlling interests) and other minority investors (noncontrolling interests) in partially-owned subsidiaries have similar economic interests in a single entity. As a result, investments in noncontrolling interests are reported as equity in our consolidated financial statements. Additionally, our consolidated financial statements include 100% of a controlled subsidiary’s earnings, rather than only our share. Transactions between the parent company and noncontrolling interests are reported in equity as transactions between stockholders, provided that these transactions do not create a change in control.

Our business is dependent on external weather factors. Historically, we have experienced strong sales and net income in our first, second and fourth fiscal quarters comprising the three month periods ending August 31, November 30 and May 31, respectively, with weaker performance in our third fiscal quarter (December through February).

NOTE 2 — NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2014-09, “Revenue from Contracts with Customers,” which establishes a comprehensive revenue recognition standard that will supersede nearly all existing revenue recognition guidance under GAAP. The new standard prescribes a five-step model for recognizing revenue, which will require significant judgment in its application. The new standard requires disclosures regarding the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from contracts with customers.

Under the original issuance, the new standard would have applied to annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods therein. However, in August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, which extends the standard effective date by one year and includes an option to apply the standard on the original effective date. The provisions of this ASU may be applied retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented, or on a modified retrospective basis by recognizing a cumulative catch-up transition amount at the date of initial application. We have selected the modified retrospective transition method, which we will apply upon adoption of the standard as of June 1, 2018.

Given the scope of work required to implement the recognition and disclosure requirements under the new standard, we began our assessment process during fiscal 2016. Our progress to date includes a preliminary identification of areas which will require changes to policies, processes, systems or internal controls. We expect revenue recognition for our broad portfolio of products and services to remain largely unchanged. However, the guidance is expected to change the timing of revenue recognition in certain areas, including our accounting for long-term construction contracts. While these impacts are not expected to be material to our overall Consolidated Financial Statements, we do anticipate that the new disclosure requirements surrounding revenue recognition will be significant. We continue to assess all potential impacts of the guidance and given the stage of our adoption procedures as well as our normal ongoing business dynamics, our preliminary conclusions and assessments of the potential impacts on each of our different business units' revenue streams are subject to change.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)," which increases lease transparency and comparability among organizations. Under the new standard, lessees will be required to recognize all assets and liabilities arising from leases on the balance sheet, with the exception of leases with a term of 12 months or less, which permits a lessee to make an accounting policy election by class of underlying asset not to recognize lease assets and liabilities. ASU 2016-02 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years, and early adoption is permitted. The new standard requires the recognition and measurement of leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach, which includes a number of optional practical expedients that entities may elect to apply. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our Consolidated Financial Statements. At a minimum, total assets and total liabilities will increase in the period the ASU is adopted. At February 28, 2018, our total undiscounted future minimum payments outstanding for operating lease obligations approximated \$276.0 million.

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In August 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-15, “Classification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments,” which makes a number of changes meant to add or clarify guidance on the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows. The new guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. Upon adoption, entities must apply the guidance retrospectively to all periods presented. We are currently evaluating the impact this guidance will have on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-01, “Business Combinations: Clarifying the Definition of a Business,” with the objective of adding guidance to assist entities in evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (disposals) of assets or of businesses. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. We are currently reviewing the impact this revised guidance will have on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In January 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-04, “Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment,” to eliminate step two from the goodwill impairment test in order to simplify the subsequent measurement of goodwill. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early application is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. Adoption of this guidance is not expected to have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In March 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-07, “Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost,” which requires that an employer report the service cost component in the same line item or items as other compensation costs arising from services rendered by the pertinent employees during the period. The other components of net benefit cost are required to be presented in the income statement separately from the service cost component and outside a subtotal of income from operations, if one is presented. The guidance is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those fiscal years. We are currently reviewing the impact this guidance will have on our Consolidated Financial Statements.

In August 2017, the FASB issued ASU 2017-12, “Derivatives and Hedging (Topic 815): Targeted Improvements to Accounting for Hedging Activities,” which simplifies hedge accounting through changes to both designation and measurement requirements. For hedges that qualify as highly effective, the new standard eliminates the requirement to separately measure and record hedge ineffectiveness, resulting in better alignment between the presentation of the effects of the hedging instrument and the hedged item in the financial statements. ASU No. 2017-12 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption is permitted in any interim period after issuance of the update. Our early adoption of this pronouncement during our current quarter ended November 30, 2017 did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements. Refer to Note 6, “Derivatives and Hedging,” for further information.

NOTE 3 — GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

During the three and nine month periods ended February 28, 2017, we recorded impairment charges related to a reduction of the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets totaling \$4.9 million and \$193.2 million, respectively. All of the charges were recorded by our consumer reportable segment. The goodwill impairment loss incurred during fiscal 2017 totaled \$140.5 million, and the impairment losses for other intangible assets, totaling \$52.6 million, related to formulae for \$15.3 million; customer-related intangibles for \$30.1 million; other intangibles for \$0.2 million and indefinite-lived trademarks for \$7.0 million.

Total accumulated goodwill impairment losses were \$156.3 million and \$155.4 million at February 28, 2018 and 2017, which comprise the goodwill impairment loss incurred during fiscal 2017 as well as a \$14.9 million goodwill impairment loss recorded by our industrial reportable segment during fiscal 2009.

The gross amount of other intangible asset accumulated impairment losses were \$53.6 million and \$53.2 million at February 28, 2018 and 2017, which comprise the other intangible asset impairment loss incurred during fiscal 2017 as well as a \$0.6 million other intangible asset impairment loss recorded by our industrial reportable segment during fiscal 2009.

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## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – (Continued)

## NOTE 4 — MARKETABLE SECURITIES

The following tables summarize marketable securities held at February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017 by asset type:

| (In thousands)                     | Available-For-Sale Securities |          |             | Fair Value<br>(Net Carrying<br>Amount) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                    | Gross                         | Gross    |             |                                        |
|                                    | Cost                          | Gains    | Losses      |                                        |
| February 28, 2018                  |                               |          |             |                                        |
| Equity securities:                 |                               |          |             |                                        |
| Stocks - domestic                  | \$1,235                       | \$ 76    | \$ -        | \$ 1,311                               |
| Mutual funds - foreign             | 45,397                        | 3,229    | (299 )      | 48,327                                 |
| Mutual funds - domestic            | 106,443                       | 1,874    | (2,938 )    | 105,379                                |
| Total equity securities            | 153,075                       | 5,179    | (3,237 )    | 155,017                                |
| Fixed maturity:                    |                               |          |             |                                        |
| U.S. treasury and other government | 22,773                        | 29       | (593 )      | 22,209                                 |
| Corporate bonds                    | 532                           | 49       | (7 )        | 574                                    |
| Total fixed maturity securities    | 23,305                        | 78       | (600 )      | 22,783                                 |
| Total                              | \$176,380                     | \$ 5,257 | \$ (3,837 ) | \$ 177,800                             |

| (In thousands)                     | Available-For-Sale Securities |          |             | Fair Value<br>(Net Carrying<br>Amount) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|-------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                    | Gross                         | Gross    |             |                                        |
|                                    | Cost                          | Gains    | Losses      |                                        |
| May 31, 2017                       |                               |          |             |                                        |
| Equity securities:                 |                               |          |             |                                        |
| Stocks - domestic                  | \$2,391                       | \$ 76    | \$ -        | \$ 2,467                               |
| Mutual funds - foreign             | 35,169                        | 2,470    | (204 )      | 37,435                                 |
| Mutual funds - domestic            | 102,671                       | 2,084    | (3,118 )    | 101,637                                |
| Total equity securities            | 140,231                       | 4,630    | (3,322 )    | 141,539                                |
| Fixed maturity:                    |                               |          |             |                                        |
| U.S. treasury and other government | 22,176                        | 120      | (177 )      | 22,119                                 |
| Corporate bonds                    | 706                           | 97       | (6 )        | 797                                    |
| Total fixed maturity securities    | 22,882                        | 217      | (183 )      | 22,916                                 |
| Total                              | \$163,113                     | \$ 4,847 | \$ (3,505 ) | \$ 164,455                             |

Marketable securities, included in other current and long-term assets totaling \$95.9 million and \$81.9 million at February 28, 2018, respectively, and included in other current and long-term assets totaling \$89.5 million and \$75.0 million at May 31, 2017, respectively, are composed of available-for-sale securities and are reported at fair value. We carry a portion of our marketable securities portfolio in long-term assets since they are generally held for the settlement of our general and product liability insurance claims processed through our wholly owned captive insurance subsidiaries.

Marketable securities are composed of available-for-sale securities and are reported at fair value. Realized gains and losses on sales of investments are recognized in net income on the specific identification basis. Changes in the fair values of securities that are considered temporary are recorded as unrealized gains and losses, net of applicable taxes, in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) within stockholders' equity. Other-than-temporary declines in market value from original cost are reflected in operating income in the period in which the unrealized losses are deemed other than temporary. In order to determine whether other-than-temporary declines in market value have occurred, the duration of the decline in value and our ability to hold the investment are considered in conjunction with an evaluation of the strength of the underlying collateral and the extent to which the investment's amortized cost or cost, as appropriate, exceeds its related market value.

Gross realized gains on sales of investments were \$2.6 million and \$1.7 million for the quarters ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. During the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, we recognized gross realized losses on sales of investments of \$0.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

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Gross realized gains on sales of investments were \$8.6 million and \$6.4 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, respectively. During the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, we recognized gross realized losses on sales of investments of \$1.8 million and \$1.1 million, respectively. During the first nine months of fiscal 2017, we recognized losses of approximately \$0.4 million for securities deemed to have other-than-temporary impairments, while there were no such losses during the first nine months of fiscal 2018. These amounts are included in investment (income), net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

Summarized below are the securities we held at February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017 that were in an unrealized loss position and that were included in accumulated other comprehensive (loss), aggregated by the length of time the investments had been in that position:

|                                                                | February 28, 2018 |             | May 31, 2017 |             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
|                                                                | Gross             |             | Gross        |             |
|                                                                | Unrealized        |             | Unrealized   |             |
| (In thousands)                                                 | Fair Value        | Losses      | Fair Value   | Losses      |
| Total investments with unrealized losses                       | \$93,287          | \$ (3,837 ) | \$59,987     | \$ (3,505 ) |
| Unrealized losses with a loss position for less than 12 months | 56,775            | (795 )      | 40,854       | (2,983 )    |
| Unrealized losses with a loss position for more than 12 months | 36,512            | (3,042 )    | 19,133       | (522 )      |

We have reviewed all of the securities included in the table above and have concluded that we have the ability and intent to hold these investments until their cost can be recovered, based upon the severity and duration of the decline. Therefore, we did not recognize any other-than-temporary impairment losses on these investments. The unrealized losses generally relate to investments whose fair values at February 28, 2018 were less than 15% below their original cost. From time to time, we may experience significant volatility in general economic and market conditions. If we were to experience unrealized losses that were to continue for longer periods of time, or arise to more significant levels of unrealized losses within our portfolio of investments in marketable securities in the future, we may recognize additional other-than-temporary impairment losses. Such potential losses could have a material impact on our results of operations in any given reporting period. As such, we continue to closely evaluate the status of our investments and our ability and intent to hold these investments.

The net carrying values of debt securities at February 28, 2018, by contractual maturity, are shown below. Expected maturities may differ from contractual maturities because the issuers of the securities may have the right to prepay obligations without prepayment penalties.

| (In thousands)              | Amortized Cost | Fair Value |
|-----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Due:                        |                |            |
| Less than one year          | \$ 4,894       | \$ 4,856   |
| One year through five years | 14,180         | 13,825     |

|                             |           |           |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Six years through ten years | 3,137     | 2,977     |
| After ten years             | 1,094     | 1,125     |
|                             | \$ 23,305 | \$ 22,783 |

#### NOTE 5 — FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

Financial instruments recorded in the balance sheet include cash and cash equivalents, trade accounts receivable, marketable securities, notes and accounts payable, and debt.

An allowance for anticipated uncollectible trade receivable amounts is established using a combination of specifically identified accounts to be reserved, and a reserve covering trends in collectibility. These estimates are based on an analysis of trends in collectibility and past experience, but are primarily made up of individual account balances identified as doubtful based on specific facts and conditions. Receivable losses are charged against the allowance when we confirm uncollectibility.

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The valuation techniques utilized for establishing the fair values of assets and liabilities are based on observable and unobservable inputs. Observable inputs reflect readily obtainable data from independent sources, while unobservable inputs reflect management's market assumptions. The fair value hierarchy has three levels based on the reliability of the inputs used to determine fair value, as follows:

Level 1 Inputs — Quoted prices for identical instruments in active markets.

Level 2 Inputs — Quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets; quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active; and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable or whose significant value drivers are observable.

Level 3 Inputs — Instruments with primarily unobservable value drivers.

The following tables present our assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis and are categorized using the fair value hierarchy.

|                                    | Quoted Prices    |                  |                  |               |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                                    | in Active        | Significant      |                  |               |
|                                    | Markets for      | Other            | Significant      | Fair Value at |
|                                    | Identical Assets | Observable       | Unobservable     | February 28,  |
| (In thousands)                     | (Level 1)        | Inputs (Level 2) | Inputs (Level 3) | 2018          |
| U.S. Treasury and other government | \$ -             | \$ 22,209        | \$ -             | \$ 22,209     |
| Corporate bonds                    |                  | 574              |                  | 574           |
| Stocks - domestic                  | 1,311            |                  |                  | 1,311         |
| Mutual funds - foreign             |                  | 48,327           |                  | 48,327        |
| Mutual funds - domestic            |                  | 105,379          |                  | 105,379       |
| Contingent consideration           |                  |                  | (14,653 )        | (14,653 )     |
| Total                              | \$ 1,311         | \$ 176,489       | \$ (14,653 )     | \$ 163,147    |

|                | Quoted Prices    |                  |                  |               |
|----------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
|                | in Active        | Significant      |                  |               |
|                | Markets for      | Other            | Significant      | Fair Value at |
|                | Identical Assets | Observable       | Unobservable     | May 31,       |
| (In thousands) | (Level 1)        | Inputs (Level 2) | Inputs (Level 3) | 2017          |

|                                    |          |            |              |            |
|------------------------------------|----------|------------|--------------|------------|
| U.S. Treasury and other government | \$ -     | \$ 22,119  | \$ -         | \$ 22,119  |
| Corporate bonds                    |          | 797        |              | 797        |
| Stocks - domestic                  | 2,467    |            |              | 2,467      |
| Mutual funds - foreign             |          | 37,435     |              | 37,435     |
| Mutual funds - domestic            |          | 101,637    |              | 101,637    |
| Contingent consideration           |          |            | (17,979 )    | (17,979 )  |
| Total                              | \$ 2,467 | \$ 161,988 | \$ (17,979 ) | \$ 146,476 |

Our marketable securities are primarily composed of available-for-sale securities, and are valued using a market approach. The availability of inputs observable in the market varies from instrument to instrument and depends on a variety of factors including the type of instrument, whether the instrument is actively traded, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. For most of our financial instruments, pricing inputs are readily observable in the market, the valuation methodology used is widely accepted by market participants, and the valuation does not require significant management discretion. For other financial instruments, pricing inputs are less observable in the market and may require management judgment.

The contingent consideration represents the estimated fair value of the additional variable cash consideration payable in connection with recent acquisitions that is contingent upon the achievement of certain performance milestones. We estimated the fair value using expected future cash flows over the period in which the obligation is expected to be settled, and applied a discount rate that appropriately captures a market participant's view of the risk associated with the obligation, which are considered to be Level 3 inputs. During the first nine months of fiscal 2018, we paid approximately \$3.8 million for settlements of contingent consideration obligations relating to certain performance milestones that were established in prior periods and achieved during the current period, and we increased our accrual by \$0.5 million for fair value adjustments. During the first nine months of fiscal 2017, we accrued an additional approximate \$6.9 million for contingent payments related to acquisitions, including the estimated amount for the mandatory purchase of a step-acquisition, and paid approximately \$4.2 million for settlements of contingent consideration obligations relating to certain performance milestones that were established in prior periods and achieved during last year's first nine months. These amounts are

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reported in payments of acquisition-related contingent consideration in cash flows from financing activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

The carrying value of our current financial instruments, which include cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, trade accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt approximates fair value because of the short-term maturity of these financial instruments. At February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017, the fair value of our long-term debt was estimated using active market quotes, based on our current incremental borrowing rates for similar types of borrowing arrangements, which are considered to be Level 2 inputs. Based on the analysis performed, the fair value and the carrying value of our financial instruments and long-term debt as of February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017 are as follows:

| (In thousands)                            | At February 28, 2018 |            |
|-------------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
|                                           | Carrying Value       | Fair Value |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$264,386            | \$264,386  |
| Marketable equity securities              | 155,017              | 155,017    |
| Marketable debt securities                | 22,783               | 22,783     |
| Long-term debt, including current portion | 2,183,425            | 2,243,062  |

  

| (In thousands)                            | At May 31, 2017 |            |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------|------------|
|                                           | Carrying Value  | Fair Value |
| Cash and cash equivalents                 | \$350,497       | \$350,497  |
| Marketable equity securities              | 141,539         | 141,539    |
| Marketable debt securities                | 22,916          | 22,916     |
| Long-term debt, including current portion | 2,090,082       | 2,243,167  |

## NOTE 6 — DERIVATIVES AND HEDGING

## Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

We are exposed to market risks, such as changes in foreign currency exchange rates and interest rates. To manage the volatility related to these exposures, from time to time, we enter into various derivative transactions. We use various types of derivative instruments including forward contracts and swaps. We formally assess, designate and document, as a hedge of an underlying exposure, each qualifying derivative instrument that will be accounted for as an accounting hedge at inception. Additionally, we assess, both at inception and at least quarterly thereafter, whether the financial instruments used in the hedging transaction are effective at offsetting changes in either the fair values or cash flows of the underlying exposures.

## Net Investment Hedge

In October 2017, as a means of mitigating the impact of currency fluctuations on our Euro investments in foreign entities, we executed a fair value hedge and two cross currency swaps, in which we will pay variable rate interest in Euros and receive fixed rate interest in U.S. Dollars with a combined notional amount of approximately €85.25 million

(\$100 million U.S. Dollar equivalent), and which have a maturity date of November 2022. This effectively converts a portion of our U.S. Dollar denominated fixed rate debt to Euro denominated variable rate debt. The fair value hedge is recognized at fair value in our Consolidated Balance Sheets, while changes in the fair value of the hedge are recognized in interest expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income. We designated the swaps as net investment hedges of our net investment in our European operations under ASU 2017-12 and applied the spot method to these hedges. The changes in fair value of the derivative instruments that are designated and qualify as hedges of net investments in foreign operations are recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income ("AOCI") to offset the changes in the values of the net investments being hedged. Amounts released from AOCI and reclassified into interest expense did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements for any period presented.

#### Derivatives Designated as Cash Flow Hedging Instruments

We have designated certain forward contracts as hedging instruments pursuant to ASC No. 815 ("ASC 815"), "Derivatives and Hedging." Changes in the fair value of these highly effective hedges are recorded as a component of AOCI. During the period in which a forecasted transaction affects earnings, amounts previously recorded as a component of AOCI are reclassified into earnings as a component of cost of sales. Amounts released from AOCI and reclassified into earnings did not have a material impact on our

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Consolidated Financial Statements for any period presented. As of February 28, 2018, and May 31, 2017 the notional amount of the forward contracts held to sell international currencies was \$11.6 million and \$9.8 million, respectively.

## Derivatives Not Designated as Hedges

At February 28, 2018, we held three foreign currency forward contracts designed to reduce our exposure to changes in the cash flows of intercompany foreign-currency-denominated loans related to changes in foreign currency exchange rates by fixing the functional currency cash flows. These contracts have not been designated as hedges; therefore, the changes in fair value of these derivatives are recognized in earnings as a component of other (income) expense. Amounts recognized in earnings did not have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements for any period presented. As of February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017, the notional amounts of the forward contracts held to purchase foreign currencies was \$158.1 million and \$49.4 million, respectively.

## Disclosure about Derivative Instruments

All of our derivative assets and liabilities measured at fair value are classified as Level 2 within the fair value hierarchy. We determine the fair value of our derivatives based on valuation methods, which project future cash flows and discount the future amounts to present value using market based observable inputs, including interest rate curves, foreign currency rates, as well as future and basis point spreads, as applicable.

The fair values of qualifying and non-qualifying instruments used in hedging transactions as of February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017 are as follows:

| (in thousands)                                    |                             | Fair Value        |              |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
|                                                   |                             | February 28, 2018 | May 31, 2017 |
| Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments     | Balance Sheet Location      |                   |              |
| Assets:                                           |                             |                   |              |
| Foreign Currency Exchange (Cash Flow)             | Other Current Assets        | 304               | 15           |
| Cross Currency Swap (Net Investment)              | Other Current Assets        | 1,717             | -            |
| Cross Currency Swap (Net Investment)              | Other Assets (Long-Term)    | 1,009             | -            |
| Liabilities:                                      |                             |                   |              |
| Interest Rate Swap (Fair Value)                   | Other Accrued Liabilities   | 117               | -            |
| Cross Currency Swap (Net Investment)              | Other Long-Term Liabilities | 8,188             | -            |
| Interest Rate Swap (Fair Value)                   | Other Long-Term Liabilities | 2,923             | -            |
| (in thousands)                                    |                             | Fair Value        |              |
|                                                   |                             | February 28, 2018 | May 31, 2017 |
| Derivatives Not Designated as Hedging Instruments | Balance Sheet Location      |                   |              |

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Assets:

|                           |                      |       |    |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----|
| Foreign Currency Exchange | Other Current Assets | 2,926 | 24 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------|----|

Liabilities:

|                           |                           |    |   |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----|---|
| Foreign Currency Exchange | Other Accrued Liabilities | 64 | - |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|----|---|

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## NOTE 7 — INVESTMENT (INCOME), NET

Investment (income), net, consists of the following components:

| (In thousands)                                | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                               | February 28, 2018  | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2018 | February 28, 2017 |
| Interest (income)                             | \$(1,454)          | \$(1,599)         | \$(3,645)         | \$(3,832)         |
| Net (gain) on sale of marketable securities   | (1,935)            | (1,640)           | (6,833)           | (5,338)           |
| Other-than-temporary impairment on securities |                    | 17                |                   | 420               |
| Dividend (income)                             | (2,082)            | (405)             | (3,185)           | (1,131)           |
| Investment (income), net                      | \$(5,471)          | \$(3,627)         | \$(13,663)        | \$(9,881)         |

## NOTE 8 — OTHER (INCOME) EXPENSE, NET

Other (income) expense, net, consists of the following components:

| (In thousands)                                       | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                                      | February 28, 2018  | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2018 | February 28, 2017 |
| Royalty expense, net                                 | \$148              | \$744             | \$238             | \$2,080           |
| (Income) related to unconsolidated equity affiliates | (313)              | (242)             | (830)             | (779)             |
| Other (income) expense, net                          | \$(165)            | \$502             | \$(592)           | \$1,301           |

## NOTE 9 — INCOME TAXES

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Act”) was enacted into law. The income tax effects of changes in tax laws are recognized in the period when enacted. The Act provides for numerous significant tax law changes and modifications with varying effective dates. Provisions of the Act that impact our fiscal third quarter ending February 28, 2018 include reducing the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, creating a territorial tax system (with a one-time mandatory tax on previously deferred foreign earnings), broadening the tax base and allowing for immediate capital expensing of certain qualified property. The corporate tax rate reduction is effective for RPM as of January 1, 2018 and, accordingly, reduces our current fiscal year federal statutory rate to a blended rate of approximately 29.2%.

The SEC staff issued SAB 118, which provides guidance on accounting for the tax effects of the Act. SAB 118 provides a measurement period that should not extend beyond one year from the Act's enactment date for companies to complete the applicable accounting under ASC 740. In accordance with SAB 118 and based on the information available as of February 28, 2018, we recorded a net provisional discrete income tax benefit of \$1.4 million as a result of the Act being enacted during our current quarter. The net provisional income tax benefit is comprised of a benefit of \$24.1 million related to the provisional re-measurement of our U.S. deferred tax assets and liabilities at the reduced U.S. corporate tax rates and a provisional benefit of \$44.1 million for the partial reversal of existing deferred tax liabilities recorded for the estimated tax cost associated with unremitted foreign earnings not considered permanently reinvested, partially offset by a \$66.8 million provisional charge for the transition tax on previously deferred foreign earnings. We are estimating that the cash tax associated with the transition tax will be significantly reduced due to the utilization of existing foreign tax credits.

The net provisional income tax benefit of \$1.4 million is based on estimates as of the interim period ended February 28, 2018 and includes forecasts of full year fiscal 2018 results, including estimates of certain U.S. and foreign tax attributes. The re-measurement of our U.S. deferred tax assets and liabilities is provisional as we do not perform a detailed analysis of these items on an interim basis. Variances in our forecasted versus actual results will impact the provisional amount recorded for the transition tax liability. Additionally, we expect that taxing jurisdictions will issue future guidance or interpretations of the Act. These factors, as well as potential updates to our interpretations of the Act, will impact the net provisional income tax benefit recorded during this quarter. As a result, adjustments to the provisional income tax benefit will be recorded in future periods.

As a result of the change to U.S. taxation of unremitted foreign earnings under the Act, we are in the process of evaluating our permanent reinvestment assertions with respect to unremitted foreign earnings. The above noted provisional deferred tax liability

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adjustment of \$44.1 million includes our preliminary estimate, as of February 28, 2018, of our position with respect to foreign earnings not considered to be permanently reinvested.

Certain provisions of the Act will first impact us starting in our fiscal 2019 year. These provisions include, but are not limited to, the base erosion anti-abuse tax, the provision designed to tax global intangible low-taxed income, and the repeal of the domestic production activities deduction. We are evaluating the impact of these provisions on future fiscal years and, accordingly, we have not made any elections related to these provisions as of February 28, 2018.

The effective income tax rate was (17.0%) for the three months ended February 28, 2018. Excluding the \$1.4 million provisional (benefit) described above, the effective income tax rate was (12.9%) for the three months ended February 28, 2018. The (12.9%) rate reflects the favorable cumulative impact of the U.S. fiscal 2018 statutory rate reduction from 35% to 29.2%. The effective income tax expense rate for the three months ended February 28, 2017 was 25.4%.

The effective income tax rate was 15.3% for the nine months ended February 28, 2018. Excluding the \$1.4 million provisional described above, the effective income tax rate was 15.8% for the nine months ended February 28, 2018. The 15.8% effective income tax rate benefit rate reflects the favorable impact of the U.S. fiscal 2018 statutory rate reduction from 35% to 29.2%. The effective income tax expense rate for the nine months ended February 28, 2017 was 4.8%.

Additionally, income tax expense for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2018 reflects discrete tax benefits of \$27.0 million as reported in the prior quarters of this fiscal year. Income tax expense for the nine months ended February 28, 2017 includes a favorable discrete adjustment for excess tax benefits related to equity compensation of \$11.5 million.

Our deferred tax liability for unremitted foreign earnings of \$64.1 million as of November 30, 2017 has been adjusted to \$20.0 million as of February 28, 2018. The \$20.0 million deferred tax liability represents our provisional estimate of the foreign tax cost associated with our preliminary estimate of \$446.0 million of foreign earnings that are not considered to be permanently reinvested. As noted above, with the change in U.S. taxation of foreign earnings, we are evaluating our position with respect to permanent reinvestment of foreign earnings based on various factors, including future liquidity needs, our global capital structure and the foreign tax implications of future earnings repatriations.

## NOTE 10 — INVENTORIES

Inventories, net of reserves, were composed of the following major classes:

|                           | February 28,<br>2018 | May 31,<br>2017 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| (In thousands)            |                      |                 |
| Raw material and supplies | \$290,257            | \$248,426       |

|                                  |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Finished goods                   | 640,337   | 539,771   |
| Total Inventory, Net of Reserves | \$930,594 | \$788,197 |

#### NOTE 11 — STOCK REPURCHASE PROGRAM

On January 8, 2008, we announced our authorization of a stock repurchase program under which we may repurchase shares of RPM International Inc. common stock at management's discretion for general corporate purposes. Our current intent is to limit our repurchases only to amounts required to offset dilution created by stock issued in connection with our equity-based compensation plans, or approximately one to two million shares per year. As a result of this authorization, we may repurchase shares from time to time in the open market or in private transactions at various times and in amounts and for prices that our management deems appropriate, subject to insider trading rules and other securities law restrictions. The timing of our purchases will depend upon prevailing market conditions, alternative uses of capital and other factors. We may limit or terminate the repurchase program at any time. During the three and nine month periods ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, we did not repurchase any shares of our common stock under this program.

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## NOTE 12 — EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table sets forth the reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of basic and diluted earnings per share, as calculated using the two-class method for the three and nine month periods ended February 28, 2018 and 2017. For the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017, and the nine months ended February 28, 2017, basic weighted-average shares outstanding and basic net income available to common shareholders and basic weighted average common shares were used in calculating diluted earnings per share under the two-class method, as that method resulted in the most-dilutive earnings per share.

|                                                                                         | Three Months Ended<br>February 28, |           | Nine Months Ended<br>February 28, |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| (In thousands, except per share amounts)                                                | 2018                               | 2017      | 2018                              | 2017      |
| Numerator for earnings per share:                                                       |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| Net income attributable to RPM International Inc.                                       |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| stockholders                                                                            | \$40,227                           | \$ 11,928 | \$252,106                         | \$ 53,771 |
| Less: Allocation of earnings and dividends to                                           |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| participating securities                                                                | (530 )                             | (232 )    | (3,373 )                          | (847 )    |
| Net income available to common shareholders -                                           |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| basic                                                                                   | 39,697                             | 11,696    | 248,733                           | 52,924    |
| Add: Undistributed earnings reallocated to unvested                                     |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| shareholders                                                                            |                                    |           | 7                                 |           |
| Add: Income effect of contingently issuable shares                                      |                                    |           | 4,351                             |           |
| Net income available to common shareholders -                                           |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| diluted                                                                                 | \$39,697                           | \$ 11,696 | \$253,091                         | \$ 52,924 |
| Denominator for basic and diluted earnings per share:                                   |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| Basic weighted average common shares                                                    | 131,178                            | 130,677   | 131,195                           | 130,657   |
| Average diluted options                                                                 |                                    |           | 540                               |           |
| Additional shares issuable assuming conversion of                                       |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| convertible securities (1)                                                              |                                    |           | 3,922                             |           |
| Total shares for diluted earnings per share (2)                                         | 131,178                            | 130,677   | 135,657                           | 130,657   |
| Earnings Per Share of Common Stock Attributable to RPM International Inc. Stockholders: |                                    |           |                                   |           |
| Basic Earnings Per Share of Common Stock                                                | \$0.30                             | \$ 0.09   | \$1.90                            | \$ 0.41   |
| Diluted Earnings Per Share of Common Stock                                              | \$0.30                             | \$ 0.09   | \$1.87                            | \$ 0.41   |

(1)

Represents the number of shares that would be issued if our contingently convertible notes were converted. We include these shares in the calculation of diluted EPS as the conversion of the notes may be settled, at our election, in cash, shares of our common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our common stock.

- (2) Restricted shares totaling 48,212 for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2018 were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share because the grant price of the restricted shares exceeded the average market price of the shares during the period and their effect, accordingly, would have been anti-dilutive. There were no restricted shares identified as being anti-dilutive for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2017. In addition, stock appreciation rights (SARs) totaling 600,000 for the three and nine months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017 were excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share as their effect would have been anti-dilutive.

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## NOTE 13 — PENSION PLANS

We offer defined benefit pension plans, defined contribution pension plans, as well as several unfunded health care benefit plans primarily for certain of our retired employees. The following tables provide the retirement-related benefit plans' impact on income before income taxes for the three and nine month periods ended February 28, 2018 and 2017:

| Pension Benefits<br>(In thousands) | U.S. Plans<br>Three Months Ended<br>February 28, |           | Non-U.S. Plans<br>Three Months Ended<br>February 28, |          |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                    | 2018                                             | 2017      | 2018                                                 | 2017     |
| Service cost                       | \$9,465                                          | \$ 9,401  | \$1,175                                              | \$ 1,127 |
| Interest cost                      | 4,379                                            | 4,331     | 1,145                                                | 1,224    |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (8,086)                                          | (6,252)   | (1,978)                                              | (1,886)  |
| Amortization of:                   |                                                  |           |                                                      |          |
| Prior service cost (credit)        | 29                                               | 54        | (6)                                                  |          |
| Net actuarial losses recognized    | 3,618                                            | 5,540     | 451                                                  | 573      |
| Net Periodic Benefit Cost          | \$9,405                                          | \$ 13,074 | \$787                                                | \$ 1,038 |

| Postretirement Benefits<br>(In thousands) | U.S. Plans<br>Three Months<br>Ended<br>February 28, |        | Non-U.S. Plans<br>Three Months<br>Ended<br>February 28, |        |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|--------|
|                                           | 2018                                                | 2017   | 2018                                                    | 2017   |
| Service cost                              | \$-                                                 | \$ -   | \$311                                                   | \$ 284 |
| Interest cost                             | 43                                                  | 57     | 224                                                     | 222    |
| Amortization of:                          |                                                     |        |                                                         |        |
| Prior service (credit)                    | (55)                                                | (58)   |                                                         |        |
| Net actuarial losses recognized           | 6                                                   |        | 79                                                      | 60     |
| Net Periodic Benefit (Credit) Cost        | \$(6)                                               | \$ (1) | \$614                                                   | \$ 566 |

| Pension Benefits<br>(In thousands) | U.S. Plans<br>Nine Months Ended<br>February 28, |           | Non-U.S. Plans<br>Nine Months Ended<br>February 28, |          |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------|
|                                    | 2018                                            | 2017      | 2018                                                | 2017     |
| Service cost                       | \$28,395                                        | \$ 28,203 | \$3,525                                             | \$ 3,381 |
| Interest cost                      | 13,137                                          | 12,993    | 3,435                                               | 3,672    |
| Expected return on plan assets     | (24,258)                                        | (18,756)  | (5,934)                                             | (5,658)  |

Amortization of:

|                                 |          |           |         |          |
|---------------------------------|----------|-----------|---------|----------|
| Prior service cost              | 87       | 162       | (18 )   | -        |
| Net actuarial losses recognized | 10,854   | 16,620    | 1,353   | 1,719    |
| Net Periodic Benefit Cost       | \$28,215 | \$ 39,222 | \$2,361 | \$ 3,114 |

|                                           | U.S. Plans<br>Nine Months Ended<br>February 28,<br>2018 |         | Non-U.S. Plans<br>Nine Months Ended<br>February 28,<br>2017 |          |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Postretirement Benefits<br>(In thousands) |                                                         |         |                                                             |          |
| Service cost                              | \$-                                                     | \$ -    | \$933                                                       | \$ 852   |
| Interest cost                             | 129                                                     | 171     | 672                                                         | 666      |
| Amortization of:                          |                                                         |         |                                                             |          |
| Prior service (credit)                    | (165)                                                   | (174 )  | -                                                           | -        |
| Net actuarial losses recognized           | 18                                                      | -       | 237                                                         | 180      |
| Net Periodic Benefit (Credit) Cost        | \$(18 )                                                 | \$ (3 ) | \$1,842                                                     | \$ 1,698 |

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The decrease in pension and postretirement benefit cost from fiscal 2017 to 2018 reflects the impact of increased asset values, which we expect will generate higher returns, and a change in estimate for lump sum valuations. We expect that pension expense will fluctuate on a year-to-year basis, depending upon the investment performance of plan assets and potential changes in interest rates, but such changes are not expected to be material to our consolidated financial results. We previously disclosed in our financial statements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017 that we expected to contribute approximately \$1.0 million to our retirement plans in the U.S. and approximately \$7.0 million to plans outside the U.S. during the current fiscal year. As of February 28, 2018, we contributed an additional \$52.8 million to the pension plans in the U.S., which will increase our total expected U.S. contributions for fiscal 2018 to \$53.8 million.

NOTE 14 — CONTINGENCIES AND OTHER ACCRUED LOSSES

We provide, through our wholly owned insurance subsidiaries, certain insurance coverage, primarily product liability coverage, to our other subsidiaries. Excess coverage is provided by third-party insurers. Our product liability accruals provide for these potential losses as well as other uninsured claims. Product liability accruals are established based upon actuarial calculations of potential liability using industry experience, actual historical experience and actuarial assumptions developed for similar types of product liability claims, including development factors and lag times. To the extent there is a reasonable possibility that potential losses could exceed the amounts already accrued, we believe that the amount of any such additional loss would be immaterial to our results of operations, liquidity and consolidated financial position.

We also offer warranties on many of our products, as well as long-term warranty programs at certain of our businesses, and have established product warranty liabilities. We review these liabilities for adequacy on a quarterly basis and adjust them as necessary. The primary factors that could affect these liabilities may include changes in performance rates as well as costs of replacement. Provision for estimated warranty costs is recorded at the time of sale and periodically adjusted, as required, to reflect actual experience. It is probable that we will incur future losses related to warranty claims we have received but that have not been fully investigated and related to claims not yet received. While our warranty liabilities represent our best estimates at February 28, 2018, we can provide no assurances that we will not experience material claims in the future or that we will not incur significant costs to resolve such claims beyond the amounts accrued or beyond what we may recover from our suppliers. Based upon the nature of the expense, product warranty expense is recorded as a reduction of sales, as a component of cost of sales, or within selling, general and administrative expense.

Also, due to the nature of our businesses, the amount of claims paid can fluctuate from one period to the next. While our warranty liabilities represent our best estimates of our expected losses at any given time, from time-to-time we may revise our estimates based on our experience relating to factors such as weather conditions, specific circumstances surrounding product installations and other factors.

The following table includes the changes in our accrued warranty balances:

|                              | Three Months Ended<br>February<br>28,      February 28,<br>2018      2017 |           | Nine Months Ended<br>February<br>28,      February 28,<br>2018      2017 |           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
|                              | (In thousands)                                                            |           |                                                                          |           |
| Beginning Balance            | \$ 14,457                                                                 | \$ 15,954 | \$ 19,149                                                                | \$ 13,314 |
| Deductions (1)               | (5,776 )                                                                  | (3,662 )  | (20,447 )                                                                | (12,094 ) |
| Provision charged to expense | 2,540                                                                     | 7,308     | 12,519                                                                   | 18,380    |
| Ending Balance               | \$ 11,221                                                                 | \$ 19,600 | \$ 11,221                                                                | \$ 19,600 |

(1) Primarily claims paid during the year.

In addition, like other companies participating in similar lines of business, some of our subsidiaries are involved in proceedings relating to environmental matters. It is our policy to accrue remediation costs when it is probable that such efforts will be required and the related costs can be reasonably estimated. These liabilities are undiscounted and are not material to our financial statements during any of the periods presented.

We were notified by the SEC on June 24, 2014, that we are the subject of a formal investigation pertaining to the timing of our disclosure and accrual of loss reserves in fiscal 2013 with respect to the previously disclosed U.S. Department Of Justice (the “DOJ”)

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and the U.S. General Services Administration (the “GSA”) Office of Inspector General investigation into compliance issues relating to Tremco Roofing Division’s GSA contracts. As previously disclosed, our audit committee completed an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the timing of our disclosure and accrual of loss reserves with respect to the GSA and DOJ investigation, and determined that it was appropriate to restate our financial results for the first, second and third quarters of fiscal 2013. These restatements had no impact on our audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2013 or 2014. The audit committee’s investigation concluded that there was no intentional misconduct on the part of any of our officers.

In connection with the foregoing, on September 9, 2016, the SEC filed an enforcement action against us and our General Counsel. We have cooperated with the SEC’s investigation and believe the allegations in the complaint mischaracterize both our and our General Counsel’s actions in connection with the matters related to our quarterly results in fiscal 2013 and are without merit. Both we and our General Counsel filed motions to dismiss the complaint on February 24, 2017. Those motions to dismiss the complaint were denied by the Court on September 29, 2017. We and our General Counsel filed answers to the complaint on October 16, 2017. Formal discovery commenced in January 2018. We intend to continue to contest the allegations in the complaint vigorously.

The action by the SEC could result in sanctions against us and/or our General Counsel and could impose substantial additional costs and distractions, regardless of its outcome. We have determined that it is probable that we will incur a loss relating to this matter and have estimated a range of potential loss. We have accrued at the low end of the range of loss, as no amount within the range is more likely to occur, and no amount within the estimated range of loss would have a material impact on our consolidated financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

With respect to a case pending against one of our subsidiaries in which there is alleged both trade secret and trademark infringement, during the quarter ended August 31, 2017, the court denied our motion for summary judgment and based on our current understanding of the claim we have determined that it is reasonably possible that we may incur a loss related to this claim; however we cannot estimate the amount or range of any potential loss.

## NOTE 15 — EQUITY

The following tables illustrate the components of total equity and comprehensive income for the three months ended February 28, 2018 and 2017:

|                                   | Total RPM     |                |              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                   | International | Noncontrolling |              |
| (In thousands)                    | Inc. Equity   | Interest       | Total Equity |
| Total equity at November 30, 2017 | \$ 1,606,753  | \$ 2,768       | \$ 1,609,521 |
| Net income                        | 40,227        | 361            | 40,588       |

|                                                    |              |          |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|----------|--------------|
| Other Comprehensive Income:                        |              |          |              |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments           | 31,101       | 32       | 31,133       |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit liability |              |          |              |
| adjustments, net of tax                            | 2,279        |          | 2,279        |
| Unrealized (loss) on securities, net of tax        | (2,380 )     |          | (2,380 )     |
| Unrealized (loss) on derivatives, net of tax       | (2,137 )     |          | (2,137 )     |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax       | 28,863       | 32       | 28,895       |
| Comprehensive Income                               | 69,090       | 393      | 69,483       |
| Dividends paid                                     | (42,794 )    |          | (42,794 )    |
| Other noncontrolling interest activity             |              | (517 )   | (517 )       |
| Shares repurchased and returned for taxes          | (2,940 )     |          | (2,940 )     |
| Stock based compensation expense                   | 3,269        |          | 3,269        |
| Total Equity at February 28, 2018                  | \$ 1,633,378 | \$ 2,644 | \$ 1,636,022 |

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| (In thousands)                                     | Total RPM     |                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                    | International | Noncontrolling | Total        |
|                                                    | Inc. Equity   | Interest       | Equity       |
| Total equity at November 30, 2016                  | \$ 1,281,432  | \$ 1,902       | \$ 1,283,334 |
| Net income                                         | 11,928        | 756            | 12,684       |
| Other Comprehensive Income:                        |               |                |              |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments           | 16,576        |                | 16,576       |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit liability |               |                |              |
| adjustments, net of tax                            | 3,222         |                | 3,222        |
| Unrealized gain on securities, net of tax          | 2,577         |                | 2,577        |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income, net of tax       | 22,375        | -              | 22,375       |
| Comprehensive Income                               | 34,303        | 756            | 35,059       |
| Dividends paid                                     | (40,076 )     |                | (40,076 )    |
| Other noncontrolling interest activity             |               | (153 )         | (153 )       |
| Shares repurchased and returned for taxes          | (429 )        |                | (429 )       |
| Stock based compensation expense                   | 7,992         |                | 7,992        |
| Total Equity at February 28, 2017                  | \$ 1,283,222  | \$ 2,505       | \$ 1,285,727 |

| (In thousands)                                      | Total RPM     |                |              |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                     | International | Noncontrolling | Total        |
|                                                     | Inc. Equity   | Interest       | Equity       |
| Total equity at May 31, 2017                        | \$ 1,436,061  | \$ 2,639       | \$ 1,438,700 |
| Net income                                          | 252,106       | 1,243          | 253,349      |
| Other Comprehensive Income:                         |               |                |              |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments            | 67,462        | (9 )           | 67,453       |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit liability  |               |                |              |
| adjustments, net of tax                             | 5,974         |                | 5,974        |
| Unrealized gain on securities, net of tax           | 91            |                | 91           |
| Unrealized (loss) on derivatives, net of tax        | (5,277 )      |                | (5,277 )     |
| Total Other Comprehensive Income (Loss), net of tax | 68,250        | (9 )           | 68,241       |
| Comprehensive Income                                | 320,356       | 1,234          | 321,590      |
| Dividends paid                                      | (125,672 )    |                | (125,672 )   |
| Other noncontrolling interest activity              |               | (1,229 )       | (1,229 )     |
| Shares repurchased and returned for taxes           | (15,065 )     |                | (15,065 )    |
| Stock based compensation expense                    | 17,698        |                | 17,698       |
| Total Equity at February 28, 2018                   | \$ 1,633,378  | \$ 2,644       | \$ 1,636,022 |



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| (In thousands)                                     | Total RPM     |                |              |
|----------------------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
|                                                    | International | Noncontrolling | Total        |
|                                                    | Inc. Equity   | Interest       | Equity       |
| Total equity at May 31, 2016                       | \$ 1,372,335  | \$ 2,413       | \$ 1,374,748 |
| Net income                                         | 53,771        | 2,051          | 55,822       |
| Other Comprehensive Income:                        |               |                |              |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments           | (46,919 )     |                | (46,919 )    |
| Pension and other postretirement benefit liability |               |                |              |
| adjustments, net of tax                            | 12,516        |                | 12,516       |
| Unrealized gain on securities, net of tax          | 3,286         |                | 3,286        |
| Total Other Comprehensive (Loss), net of tax       | (31,117 )     | -              | (31,117 )    |
| Comprehensive Income                               | 22,654        | 2,051          | 24,705       |
| Dividends paid                                     | (116,680 )    |                | (116,680 )   |
| Other noncontrolling interest activity             |               | (1,959 )       | (1,959 )     |
| Shares repurchased and returned for taxes          | (20,092 )     |                | (20,092 )    |
| Stock based compensation expense                   | 25,005        |                | 25,005       |
| Total Equity at February 28, 2017                  | \$ 1,283,222  | \$ 2,505       | \$ 1,285,727 |

## NOTE 16 — SEGMENT INFORMATION

We operate a portfolio of businesses and product lines that manufacture and sell a variety of specialty paints, protective coatings and roofing systems, sealants and adhesives. We manage our portfolio by organizing our businesses and product lines into three reportable segments: the industrial reportable segment, the consumer reportable segment and the specialty reportable segment. Within each reportable segment, we aggregate operating segments or product lines that consist of individual companies or groups of companies and product lines, which generally address common markets, share similar economic characteristics, utilize similar technologies and can share manufacturing or distribution capabilities. Our seven operating segments represent components of our business for which separate financial information is available that is utilized on a regular basis by our chief operating decision maker in determining how to allocate the assets of the company and evaluate performance. These seven operating segments are each managed by an operating segment manager, who is responsible for the day-to-day operating decisions and performance evaluation of the operating segment's underlying businesses.

Our industrial reportable segment products are sold throughout North America and also account for the majority of our international sales. Our industrial product lines are sold directly to contractors, distributors and end-users, such as industrial manufacturing facilities, public institutions and other commercial customers. The industrial reportable segment comprises three separate operating segments — Tremco Group, tremco illbruck Group and Performance Coatings Group. Products and services within this reportable segment include construction chemicals, roofing

systems, weatherproofing and other sealants, and polymer flooring.

Our consumer reportable segment manufactures and markets professional use and do-it-yourself (“DIY”) products for a variety of mainly consumer applications, including home improvement and personal leisure activities. Our consumer segment’s major manufacturing and distribution operations are located primarily in North America, along with a few locations in Europe and other parts of the world. Our consumer reportable segment products are primarily sold directly to mass merchandisers, home improvement centers, hardware stores, paint stores, craft shops, cosmetic companies and through distributors. This reportable segment comprises three operating segments — Rust-Oleum Group, DAP Group and SPG-Consumer Group. Products within this reportable segment include specialty, hobby and professional paints; nail enamels; caulks; adhesives; silicone sealants and wood stains.

Our specialty reportable segment products are sold throughout North America and a few international locations, primarily in Europe. Our specialty product lines are sold directly to contractors, distributors and end-users, such as industrial manufacturing facilities, public institutions and other commercial customers. The specialty reportable segment is a single operating segment, which offers products that include industrial cleaners, restoration services equipment, colorants, exterior finishes, edible coatings and specialty glazes for pharmaceutical and food industries, and other specialty OEM coatings.

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In addition to our three reportable segments, there is a category of certain business activities and expenses, referred to as corporate/other, that does not constitute an operating segment. This category includes our corporate headquarters and related administrative expenses, results of our captive insurance companies, gains or losses on the sales of certain assets and other expenses not directly associated with any reportable segment. Assets related to the corporate/other category consist primarily of investments, prepaid expenses and headquarters' property and equipment. These corporate and other assets and expenses reconcile reportable segment data to total consolidated income before income taxes and identifiable assets.

We reflect income from our joint ventures on the equity method, and receive royalties from our licensees.

The following tables reflect the results of our reportable segments consistent with our management philosophy, and represent the information we utilize, in conjunction with various strategic, operational and other financial performance criteria, in evaluating the performance of our portfolio of businesses.

|                                   | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                   | February 28, 2018  | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2018 | February 28, 2017 |
|                                   | (In thousands)     |                   |                   |                   |
| Net Sales                         |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Industrial Segment                | \$ 569,210         | \$ 521,403        | \$ 2,001,883      | \$ 1,830,672      |
| Consumer Segment                  | 363,370            | 341,434           | 1,205,945         | 1,115,095         |
| Specialty Segment                 | 170,097            | 159,659           | 555,659           | 519,562           |
| Consolidated                      | \$ 1,102,677       | \$ 1,022,496      | \$ 3,763,487      | \$ 3,465,329      |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Industrial Segment                | \$ 17,804          | \$ 11,705         | \$ 174,402        | \$ 151,262        |
| Consumer Segment                  | 29,123             | 29,802            | 146,576           | (40,685 )         |
| Specialty Segment                 | 22,792             | 15,000            | 90,398            | 76,664            |
| Corporate/Other                   | (35,021 )          | (39,510 )         | (112,213 )        | (128,626 )        |
| Consolidated                      | \$ 34,698          | \$ 16,997         | \$ 299,163        | \$ 58,615         |

## NOTE 17 — SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to the end of our third fiscal quarter, on March 19, 2018, we acquired Miracle Sealants Company, a manufacturer of sealers, cleaners, polishes and related products primarily for tile and natural stone. The company, which is based in Arcadia, California, has annual net sales of approximately \$24.0 million, and will be included in our consumer reportable segment.



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

### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

Our financial statements include all of our majority-owned subsidiaries. Investments in less-than-majority-owned joint ventures for which we have the ability to exercise significant influence over are accounted for under the equity method. Preparation of our financial statements requires the use of estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of our assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. We continually evaluate these estimates, including those related to our allowances for doubtful accounts; inventories; allowances for recoverable taxes; uncertain tax positions; useful lives of property, plant and equipment; goodwill and other intangible assets; environmental, warranties and other contingent liabilities; income tax valuation allowances; pension plans; and the fair value of financial instruments. We base our estimates on historical experience, our most recent facts, and other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. These estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of our assets and liabilities. Actual results, which are shaped by actual market conditions, may differ materially from our estimates.

A comprehensive discussion of the accounting policies and estimates that are the most critical to our financial statements are set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2017. There have been no significant changes in critical accounting policies or estimates since May 31, 2017.

### BUSINESS SEGMENT INFORMATION

We operate a portfolio of businesses and product lines that manufacture and sell a variety of specialty paints, protective coatings and roofing systems, sealants and adhesives. We manage our portfolio by organizing our businesses and product lines into three reportable segments: the industrial reportable segment, the consumer reportable segment and the specialty reportable segment. Within each reportable segment, we aggregate operating segments or product lines that consist of individual companies or groups of companies and product lines, which generally address common markets, share similar economic characteristics, utilize similar technologies and can share manufacturing or distribution capabilities. Our seven operating segments represent components of our business for which separate financial information is available that is utilized on a regular basis by our chief operating decision maker in determining how to allocate the assets of the company and evaluate performance. These seven operating segments are each managed by an operating segment manager, who is responsible for the day-to-day operating decisions and performance evaluation of the operating segment's underlying businesses. We evaluate the profit performance of our segments primarily based on income before income taxes, but also look to earnings (loss) before interest and taxes ("EBIT") as a performance evaluation measure because interest expense is essentially related to acquisitions, as opposed to segment operations.

Our industrial reportable segment products are sold throughout North America and also account for the majority of our international sales. Our industrial product lines are sold directly to contractors, distributors and end-users, such as industrial manufacturing facilities, public institutions and other commercial customers. The industrial reportable segment comprises three separate operating segments — Tremco Group, tremco illbruck Group and Performance Coatings Group. Products and services within this reportable segment include construction chemicals, roofing systems, weatherproofing and other sealants, and polymer flooring.

Our consumer reportable segment manufactures and markets professional use and do-it-yourself ("DIY") products for a variety of mainly consumer applications, including home improvement and personal leisure activities. Our consumer segment's major manufacturing and distribution operations are located primarily in North America, along with a few locations in Europe and other parts of the world. Our consumer reportable segment products are primarily sold directly to mass merchandisers, home improvement centers, hardware stores, paint stores, craft shops, cosmetic

companies and through distributors. This reportable segment comprises three operating segments — Rust-Oleum Group, DAP Group and SPG-Consumer Group. Products within this reportable segment include specialty, hobby and professional paints; nail enamels; caulks; adhesives; silicone sealants and wood stains.

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In addition to our three reportable segments, there is a category of certain business activities and expenses, referred to as corporate/other, that does not constitute an operating segment. This category includes our corporate headquarters and related administrative expenses, results of our captive insurance companies, gains or losses on the sales of certain assets and other expenses not directly associated with any reportable segment. Assets related to the corporate/other category consist primarily of investments, prepaid expenses and headquarters' property and equipment. These corporate and other assets and expenses reconcile reportable segment data to total consolidated income before income taxes, interest expense and earnings before interest and taxes.

We reflect income from our joint ventures on the equity method, and receive royalties from our licensees.

The following tables reflect the results of our reportable segments consistent with our management philosophy, and represent the information we utilize, in conjunction with various strategic, operational and other financial performance criteria, in evaluating the performance of our portfolio of businesses.

|                                       | Three Months Ended |                   | Nine Months Ended |                   |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
|                                       | February 28, 2018  | February 28, 2017 | February 28, 2018 | February 28, 2017 |
|                                       | (In thousands)     |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>Net Sales</b>                      |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Industrial Segment                    | \$569,210          | \$521,403         | \$2,001,883       | \$1,830,672       |
| Consumer Segment                      | 363,370            | 341,434           | 1,205,945         | 1,115,095         |
| Specialty Segment                     | 170,097            | 159,659           | 555,659           | 519,562           |
| Consolidated                          | \$1,102,677        | \$1,022,496       | \$3,763,487       | \$3,465,329       |
| <b>Income Before Income Taxes (a)</b> |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Industrial Segment                    |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Income Before Income Taxes (a)        | \$17,804           | \$11,705          | \$174,402         | \$151,262         |
| Interest (Expense), Net (b)           | (2,505 )           | (2,929 )          | (7,572 )          | (6,672 )          |
| EBIT (c)                              | \$20,309           | \$14,634          | \$181,974         | \$157,934         |
| Consumer Segment                      |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes (a) | \$29,123           | \$29,802          | \$146,576         | \$(40,685 )       |
| Interest (Expense), Net (b)           | (154 )             | (92 )             | (493 )            | (114 )            |
| EBIT (c)                              | \$29,277           | \$29,894          | \$147,069         | \$(40,571 )       |
| Specialty Segment                     |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Income Before Income Taxes (a)        | \$22,792           | \$15,000          | \$90,398          | \$76,664          |
| Interest Income, Net (b)              | 86                 | 116               | 284               | 406               |
| EBIT (c)                              | \$22,706           | \$14,884          | \$90,114          | \$76,258          |
| Corporate/Other                       |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| (Expense) Before Income Taxes (a)     | \$(35,021 )        | \$(39,510 )       | \$(112,213 )      | \$(128,626 )      |
| Interest (Expense), Net (b)           | (19,415 )          | (17,237 )         | (59,184 )         | (53,191 )         |
| EBIT (c)                              | \$(15,606 )        | \$(22,273 )       | \$(53,029 )       | \$(75,435 )       |
| <b>Consolidated</b>                   |                    |                   |                   |                   |
| Income Before Income Taxes (a)        | \$34,698           | \$16,997          | \$299,163         | \$58,615          |
| Interest (Expense), Net (b)           | (21,988 )          | (20,142 )         | (66,965 )         | (59,571 )         |
| EBIT (c)                              | \$56,686           | \$37,139          | \$366,128         | \$118,186         |

(a)

The presentation includes a reconciliation of Income (Loss) Before Income Taxes, a measure defined by generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the U.S., to EBIT.

- (b) Interest (expense), net includes the combination of interest (expense) and investment income/(expense), net.
- (c) EBIT is a non-GAAP measure, and is defined as earnings (loss) before interest and taxes. We evaluate the profit performance of our segments based on income before income taxes, but also look to EBIT as a performance evaluation measure because interest expense is essentially related to acquisitions, as opposed to segment operations. We believe EBIT is useful to investors for this purpose as well, using EBIT as a metric in their investment decisions. EBIT should not be considered an alternative to, or more meaningful than, income before income taxes as determined in accordance with GAAP, since EBIT omits the impact of interest in determining operating performance, which represent items necessary to our continued operations, given our level of indebtedness. Nonetheless, EBIT is a key measure expected by and useful to our fixed income investors, rating agencies and the banking community all of whom believe, and we concur, that this measure is critical to the capital markets' analysis of our segments' core operating performance. We also evaluate EBIT because it is clear that movements in EBIT impact our ability to

attract financing. Our underwriters and bankers consistently require inclusion of this measure in offering memoranda in conjunction with any debt underwriting or bank financing. EBIT may not be indicative of our historical operating results, nor is it meant to be predictive of potential future results.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months Ended February 28, 2018

**Net Sales** Consolidated net sales of \$1,102.7 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 grew by approximately 7.8% from net sales of \$1,022.5 million for last year's third quarter. Acquisitions added 3.1%, while organic sales, which include the impact of price and volume, improved by 1.8%. Consolidated net sales for the quarter also reflect a favorable foreign exchange impact of 2.9%.

Industrial segment net sales for the current quarter grew by 9.2% to \$569.2 million, from net sales of \$521.4 million during the same period a year ago. The improvement resulted from recent acquisitions, which contributed 2.8% to net sales during the current quarter, and organic growth, which contributed 2.2% during the quarter, driven mainly by North American roofing. Favorable foreign exchange impacted net sales by 4.2% during the current quarter.

Consumer segment net sales for the quarter grew by 6.4% to \$363.4 million, from \$341.4 million during last year's third quarter, primarily due to growth in net sales from recent acquisitions of 4.2%. This segment had growth in organic sales of 0.7% during the quarter versus the same period last year, driven primarily by sales of caulks and sealants. Favorable foreign currency impacted net sales in the consumer segment by 1.5% during the current quarter versus the same period a year ago.

Specialty segment net sales for the quarter grew by 6.5% to \$170.1 million, from \$159.7 million during last year's third quarter. Recent acquisitions provided 2.2% of the growth in net sales, while organic growth provided 2.7% during the current quarter, in spite of the loss of sales associated with the fiscal 2017 closure of an unprofitable European manufacturing facility. Organic growth in net sales was driven by our recreational marine, OEM coatings and businesses serving the water damage restoration and equipment markets. Sales declined in our edible coatings business as expected due to the loss of a patent in August 2017; however, this business has been able to retain most of its larger customers. Foreign currency had a favorable impact on specialty segment net sales for the quarter by 1.6%.

**Gross Profit Margin** Our consolidated gross profit margin of 39.9% of net sales for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 compares to a consolidated gross profit margin of 41.9% for the comparable period a year ago. This gross profit decline of approximately 2.0% of net sales resulted from overall higher raw material costs. We anticipate that rising raw material prices will continue to trend upward due to more robust global demand and rising petrochemical costs.

**Selling, General and Administrative Expenses ("SG&A")** Our consolidated SG&A expense during the current period was \$3.1 million lower versus the same period last year, and improved to 34.8% of net sales from 37.8% of net sales for the prior year quarter. Last year's third quarter included \$3.6 million of severance charges for certain personnel in connection with the closure of a European manufacturing facility, which did not recur. Current quarter acquisition costs and compensation expense were lower than last year's third quarter, while warranty expense decreased by approximately \$4.8 million from the amount recorded during the comparable prior year period. We note that it is typical that warranty expense will fluctuate from period to period. Partially offsetting those reduced expenses was the additional SG&A expense from recently acquired companies and higher transactional foreign exchange expense.

Our industrial segment SG&A was approximately \$6.1 million higher for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 versus the comparable prior year period, mainly due to additional SG&A expense generated from companies acquired during the last 12 months, which approximated \$5.0 million for this segment during the current quarter. SG&A decreased as a percentage of net sales, which reflects the industrial segment's solid 9.2% growth in net sales combined with overall

tighter cost controls during the current quarter and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. We will continue to focus on improving operating leverage throughout the industrial segment.

Our consumer segment SG&A increased by approximately \$2.5 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2018 versus the same period last year, due to recent acquisitions, which increased SG&A expense in this segment by approximately \$3.3 million. SG&A decreased as a percentage of net sales, reflecting overall tighter cost controls during the current quarter and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. Additionally, the consumer segment recorded lower employee compensation expense as well as lower acquisition costs during the current quarter.

Our specialty segment SG&A was approximately \$5.0 million lower during the third quarter of fiscal 2018 versus the comparable prior year period, and decreased as a percentage of net sales, which reflects this segment's 6.5% growth in net sales combined with overall tighter cost controls during the current quarter and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. This segment

also benefited from lower SG&A in connection with the fiscal 2017 closure of an unprofitable European manufacturing facility. During the current quarter, recent acquisitions increased SG&A expense in this segment by approximately \$0.6 million.

SG&A expenses in our corporate/other category of \$15.6 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2018 decreased by \$6.7 million from \$22.3 million recorded during last year's third quarter, resulting primarily from lower incentives, pension expense, transactional foreign exchange, as well as lower legal and acquisition-related professional fees.

We recorded total net periodic pension and postretirement benefit costs of \$10.8 million and \$14.7 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. The \$3.9 million decrease in pension expense resulted from an approximate \$2.0 million decline in net actuarial losses recognized during the current quarter versus last year's third quarter, principally from a change in estimate for lump sum valuations, which were updated to incorporate future expectations of interest rates. There was also a higher expected return on increased plan assets during the current quarter versus the same period last year for approximately \$1.9 million. We expect that pension expense will fluctuate on a year-to-year basis, depending upon the investment performance of plan assets and potential changes in interest rates, but such changes are not expected to be material to our consolidated financial results.

**Goodwill and Other Intangible Asset Impairments** As described in Note 3, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," to the consolidated financial statements, we recorded impairment charges related to a reduction of the carrying value of other intangible assets totaling \$4.9 million during last year's third quarter ended February 28, 2017. For additional information, refer to Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

**Interest Expense** Interest expense was \$27.5 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 versus \$23.8 million for the same period a year ago. Higher average borrowings, related to recent acquisitions, increased interest expense during this year's third quarter by approximately \$0.7 million versus the same period a year ago. Higher interest rates, which averaged 4.37% overall for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 compared with 4.04% for the same period of fiscal 2017, increased interest expense by approximately \$3.0 million during the current quarter versus the same period last year.

**Investment (Income), Net** Net investment income of approximately \$5.5 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 compares to net investment income of \$3.6 million during the same period last year. Dividend and interest income totaled \$3.6 million and \$2.0 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. Net realized gains on the sales of investments totaled \$1.9 million during the third quarter of fiscal 2018, while those gains were \$1.6 million during the same period a year ago.

**Income Before Income Taxes ("IBT")** Our consolidated pretax income for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 of \$34.7 million compares with pretax income of \$17.0 million for the same period a year ago.

Our industrial segment had IBT of \$17.8 million, or 3.1% of net sales, for the quarter ended February 28, 2018, versus IBT of \$11.7 million, or 2.2% of net sales, for the same period a year ago. Our industrial segment results reflect the impact of 2.2% growth in organic sales during the current quarter, offset primarily by the impact from higher raw material costs, distribution expense and unfavorable transactional foreign exchange expense. Our consumer segment IBT approximated \$29.1 million, or 8.1% of net sales, for the third quarter of fiscal 2018, versus the prior year third quarter pretax income of \$29.8 million. During last year's third quarter, we recorded other intangible asset impairment charges of \$4.9 million. The current quarter was challenging for our consumer segment, and we expect that to continue throughout the last quarter of the current fiscal year. As a result of lower than expected sales, we currently anticipate an increase in our spending on advertising and promotions during the last three months of the year. Our specialty segment had pretax income of \$22.8 million, or 13.4% of net sales for the quarter ended February 28, 2018, versus pretax income of \$15.0 million, or 9.4% of net sales, for the same period a year ago, reflecting leverage on 2.7% growth in organic sales during the quarter, combined with the benefit from the closure of an unprofitable

European manufacturing facility and severance actions taken during fiscal 2017.

**Income Tax Rate** On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the “Act”) was enacted into law. The income tax effects of changes in tax laws are recognized in the period when enacted. The Act provides for numerous significant tax law changes and modifications with varying effective dates. Provisions of the Act that impact our fiscal third quarter ending February 28, 2018 include reducing the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, creating a territorial tax system (with a one-time mandatory transition tax on previously deferred foreign earnings), and a provision allowing for immediate capital expensing of certain qualified property. The corporate tax rate reduction is effective for RPM as of January 1, 2018 and, accordingly, reduces our current fiscal year federal statutory rate to a blended rate of approximately 29.2%.

The effective income tax rate was (17.0%) for the three months ended February 28, 2018. Excluding the \$1.4 million provisional (benefit) resulting from the Act, the effective income tax rate was (12.9%) for the three months ended February 28, 2018. The (12.9%) benefit rate reflects the favorable cumulative impact of the U.S. fiscal 2018 statutory rate reduction from 35% to 29.2%. The effective income tax expense rate for the three months ended February 28, 2017 was 25.4%.

Refer to Note 9, "Income Taxes," to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional disclosures and discussion regarding the Act.

**Net Income** Net income of \$40.6 million for the quarter ended February 28, 2018 compares to net income of \$12.7 million for the comparable prior year period. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests approximated \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. Net income attributable to RPM International Inc. stockholders for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 was \$40.2 million, or 3.6% of consolidated net sales, which compared to net income of \$11.9 million, or 1.2% of consolidated net sales for the comparable prior year period.

Diluted earnings per share of common stock for the quarter ended February 28, 2018 of \$0.30 compares with diluted earnings per share of common stock of \$0.09 for the quarter ended February 28, 2017.

#### Nine Months Ended February 28, 2018

**Net Sales** Consolidated net sales of \$3,763.5 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 grew by approximately 8.6% from net sales of \$3,465.3 million for last year's first nine months. Acquisitions added 4.7%, while organic sales, which include the impact of price and volume, improved by 2.4%. Consolidated net sales for this year's first nine months also reflect a favorable foreign exchange impact of 1.5%.

Industrial segment net sales for the current period grew by 9.4% to \$2,001.9 million, from net sales of \$1,830.7 million during the same period a year ago. The improvement was primarily due to organic growth of 3.7% during this year's first nine months resulting from improved performance by our roofing and flooring businesses. This performance was slightly offset by our businesses which continue to be impacted by recession and political unrest in Brazil, as well as our companies serving oil and gas markets. Recent acquisitions contributed 3.5% to net sales during the current period. Favorable foreign exchange impacted net sales by 2.2% during the current period.

Consumer segment net sales for this year's first nine months grew by 8.1% to \$1,205.9 million, primarily due to growth in net sales from recent acquisitions of 7.2%. This segment had 0.2% growth in organic sales during the current period versus the same period last year, as the timing of shipments, inventory adjustments and softer consumer takeaway at our larger retail customers continued to impact this segment throughout the first nine months of fiscal 2018. Slightly favorable foreign currency impacted net sales in the consumer segment by 0.7% during the current period versus the same period a year ago.

Specialty segment net sales for this year's first nine months grew by 6.9% to \$555.7 million. Recent acquisitions provided 3.4% of the growth in net sales, while organic growth provided 2.8% during the current period, in spite of the loss of sales associated with the fiscal 2017 closure of an unprofitable European manufacturing facility and reduced revenue associated with a patent expiration. Organic growth in net sales was driven by our businesses serving the water damage restoration and equipment markets, as well as increases in specialty OEM industrial coatings. Foreign currency had a slightly favorable impact on specialty segment net sales during this year's first nine months by 0.7%.

**Gross Profit Margin** Our consolidated gross profit margin of 41.5% of net sales for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 compares to a consolidated gross profit margin of 43.4% for the comparable period a year ago. This gross profit decline of approximately 1.9% of net sales primarily reflects current year margins that were burdened by the impact of overall higher raw material costs for approximately 120 basis points, unfavorable absorption of certain businesses, and the remainder from an unfavorable mix of product sold versus last year. We anticipate that rising raw material prices will continue to trend upward due to higher petrochemical costs and rising global demand.

**SG&A** Our consolidated SG&A expense increased by approximately \$7.4 million during the current period versus the same period last year, but improved to 31.8% of net sales for this year's first nine months from 34.3% of net sales for the comparable prior year period, resulting primarily from the 8.6% increase in net sales during the current period, combined with tighter cost controls during the current period and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017 across each of our segments. During fiscal 2017, we made a decision to exit our Flowcrete polymer flooring business located in the Middle East, and in connection with that decision, we performed an additional review of the collectability of accounts receivable which resulted in a loss of \$11.4 million for increased bad debt reserves during last year's first nine months. Additional SG&A expense generated from companies acquired during the last 12 months approximated \$36.4 million during this year's first nine months. There was also higher distribution and commission expense

on higher sales volume during the current period versus last year, which was partially offset by lower professional services and bad debt expense. Lastly, warranty expense for the nine months ended February 28, 2018 decreased by approximately \$5.9 million from the amount recorded during the comparable prior year period, and it is typical that warranty expense will fluctuate from period to period.

Our industrial segment SG&A was approximately \$24.4 million higher for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the comparable prior year period, due to higher distribution and commission expense, \$6.6 million of unfavorable transactional foreign exchange expense, and recent acquisitions, which increased SG&A expense in this segment by approximately \$18.0 million. SG&A decreased as a percentage of net sales, which reflects the industrial segment's solid 9.4% growth in net sales combined with overall tighter cost controls during the current period and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. We will continue to focus on improving operating leverage throughout the industrial segment. As previously discussed, in connection with the decision to exit the Flowcrete Middle East business, during last year's first nine months we incurred a loss of \$11.4 million for increased bad debt reserves.

Our consumer segment SG&A increased by approximately \$12.1 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the same period last year, due to recent acquisitions, which increased SG&A expense in this segment by approximately \$16.1 million. SG&A decreased as a percentage of net sales, reflecting overall tighter cost controls during the current period and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017.

Our specialty segment SG&A was approximately \$6.7 million lower during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the comparable prior year period, and decreased as a percentage of net sales, which reflects this segment's 6.9% growth in net sales combined with overall tighter cost controls during the current period and the benefit from severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. This segment also benefited from lower SG&A in connection with the fiscal 2017 closure of an unprofitable European manufacturing facility. During the current period, recent acquisitions increased SG&A expense in this segment by approximately \$2.3 million.

SG&A expenses in our corporate/other category of \$53.0 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 decreased by \$22.4 million from \$75.4 million recorded during last year's first nine months, resulting primarily from lower incentive compensation and pension expense, as well as lower legal and acquisition-related professional fees.

We recorded total net periodic pension and postretirement benefit costs of \$32.4 million and \$44.0 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. The \$11.6 million decrease in pension expense resulted from an approximate \$6.1 million decline in net actuarial losses recognized during the current period versus last year's first nine months, principally from a change in estimate for lump sum valuations, which were updated to incorporate future expectations of interest rates. There was also a higher expected return on increased plan assets during the current period versus the same period last year for approximately \$5.9 million, which was partially offset by higher service costs of \$0.4 million during the current period. We expect that pension expense will fluctuate on a year-to-year basis, depending upon the investment performance of plan assets and potential changes in interest rates, but such changes are not expected to be material to our consolidated financial results.

**Goodwill and Other Intangible Asset Impairments** As described in Note 3, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," to the consolidated financial statements, we recorded impairment charges related to a reduction of the carrying value of goodwill and other intangible assets totaling \$193.2 million during last year's first nine months ended February 28, 2017. For additional information, refer to Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements.

**Interest Expense** Interest expense was \$80.6 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus \$69.5 million for the same period a year ago. Higher average borrowings, related to recent acquisitions, increased interest expense during this year's first nine months by approximately \$2.9 million versus the same period a year ago. Excluding

acquisition-related borrowings, higher average borrowings year-over-year increased interest expense by approximately \$0.9 million. Lastly, higher interest rates, which averaged 4.35% overall for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 compared with 4.17% for the same period of fiscal 2017, increased interest expense by approximately \$7.3 million during the current period versus the same period last year.

Investment (Income), Net Net investment income of approximately \$13.7 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 compares to net investment income of \$9.9 million during the same period last year. Dividend and interest income totaled \$6.9 million and \$5.0 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. Net realized gains on the sales of investments totaled \$6.8 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2018, while those gains were \$5.3 million during the same period a year ago. Impairments recognized on securities that management has determined are other-than-temporary declines in value approximated \$0.4 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2017, while there were no such losses for the first nine months of the current fiscal year.

IBT Our consolidated pretax income for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 of \$299.2 million compares with pretax income of \$58.6 million for the same period a year ago.

Our industrial segment had IBT of \$174.4 million, or 8.7% of net sales, for the nine months ended February 28, 2018, versus IBT of \$151.3 million, or 8.3% of net sales, for the same period a year ago. Our industrial segment results reflect the impact of 9.4% growth in net sales during the current period, offset primarily by the impact from higher raw material costs, distribution expense and disappointing results in Latin America. Our consumer segment IBT approximated \$146.6 million, or 12.2% of net sales, for the first nine months of fiscal 2018, versus the prior year first nine months pretax loss of \$40.7 million. During last year's first nine months, this segment recorded goodwill and other intangible asset impairment losses of \$193.2 million. Our specialty segment had pretax income of \$90.4 million, or 16.3% of net sales for the nine months ended February 28, 2018, versus pretax income of \$76.7 million, or 14.8% of net sales, for the same period a year ago, reflecting leverage on 6.9% growth in net sales during the current period, combined with the benefit from the closure of an unprofitable European manufacturing facility and severance actions taken during fiscal 2017. As previously reported, an edible coatings patent expired in the U.S. during the month of August 2017, and as a result, we anticipate the impact of the patent expiration on fiscal 2018 IBT to approximate at least \$10.0 million.

**Income Tax Rate** On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Act") was enacted into law. The income tax effects of changes in tax laws are recognized in the period when enacted. The Act provides for numerous significant tax law changes and modifications with varying effective dates. Provisions of the Act that impact our fiscal third quarter ending February 28, 2018 include reducing the corporate income tax rate from 35% to 21%, creating a territorial tax system (with a one-time mandatory transition tax on previously deferred foreign earnings), and a provision allowing for immediate capital expensing of certain qualified property. The corporate tax rate reduction is effective for RPM as of January 1, 2018 and, accordingly, reduces our current fiscal year federal statutory rate to a blended rate of approximately 29.2%.

The effective income tax expense rate was 15.3% for the nine months ended February 28, 2018. Excluding the \$1.4 million provisional (benefit) resulting from the Act, the effective income tax expense rate was 15.8% for the nine months ended February 28, 2018. The 15.8% effective income tax expense rate benefit rate reflects the favorable impact of the U.S. fiscal 2018 statutory rate reduction from 35% to 29.2%.

Additionally, income tax expense for the nine-month period ended February 28, 2018 reflects discrete tax benefits of \$27.0 million as reported in the prior quarters of this fiscal year. Income tax expense for the nine months ended February 28, 2017 includes a favorable discrete adjustment for excess tax benefits related to equity compensation of \$11.5 million.

Refer to Note 9, "Income Taxes", to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional disclosures and discussion regarding the Act.

**Net Income** Net income of \$253.3 million for the nine months ended February 28, 2018 compares to net income of \$55.8 million for the comparable prior year period. Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests approximated \$1.2 million and \$2.1 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. Net income attributable to RPM International Inc. stockholders for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 was \$252.1 million, or 6.7% of consolidated net sales, which compares to net income of \$53.8 million, or 1.6% of consolidated net sales for the comparable prior year period.

Diluted earnings per share of common stock for the nine months ended February 28, 2018 of \$1.87 compares with diluted earnings per share of common stock of \$0.41 for the nine months ended February 28, 2017.

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

### Operating Activities

Approximately \$140.7 million of cash was provided by operating activities during the first nine months of fiscal 2018, compared with \$173.5 million of cash provided operating activities during the same period last year.

The net change in cash from operations includes the change in net income, which increased by \$197.5 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the same period during fiscal 2017. During the first nine months of fiscal 2017, we recorded goodwill and other intangible asset impairment charges of \$193.2 million, \$12.3 million in charges related to the decision to exit the Flowcrete Middle East polymer flooring business and \$4.2 million in charges related to the closure of a European manufacturing facility. Changes in working capital accounts and all other accruals used approximately \$18.6 million more cash flow during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the same period last year.

The change in accounts receivable during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 provided approximately \$51.5 million less cash than during the same period a year ago. Days sales outstanding at February 28, 2018 increased to 68.2 days from 65.4 days sales outstanding at February 28, 2017.

During the first nine months of fiscal 2018, we spent approximately \$22.3 million less cash for inventory compared to our spending during the same period a year ago. This resulted from the combination of timing of purchases by retail customers and a systematic reduction of inventory levels at certain businesses in our consumer segment. Days of inventory outstanding at February 28, 2018 decreased to 126.3 days from 129.8 days of inventory outstanding at February 28, 2017.

The change in accounts payable during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 used approximately \$17.2 million more cash than during the first nine months of fiscal 2017, resulting principally from the timing of certain payments. Accrued compensation and benefits used approximately \$4.6 million less cash during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus fiscal 2017, due to lower bonus accruals made during fiscal 2018 versus fiscal 2017. Other accruals and prepaids, including those for other short-term and long-term items and changes in accrued loss reserves, provided \$20.0 million more cash during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 versus the same period a year ago, primarily from the timing of customer rebates.

Cash provided from operations, along with the use of available credit lines, as required, remain our primary sources of liquidity.

#### Investing Activities

Capital expenditures, other than for ordinary repairs and replacements, are made to accommodate our continued growth to achieve production and distribution efficiencies, expand capacity, introduce new technology, improve environmental health and safety capabilities, improve information systems, and enhance our administration capabilities. During the first nine months of fiscal 2018, we paid \$60.0 million for acquisitions, net of cash acquired, versus \$246.9 million during the comparable prior year period. Capital expenditures of \$72.8 million during the first nine months of fiscal 2018 compare with depreciation of \$61.1 million. In the comparable prior year period, capital expenditures were \$80.1 million, which compared with depreciation of \$53.3 million. We have been increasing, and will continue to increase, our capital spending in fiscal 2018 in an effort to more aggressively invest in our internal growth initiatives, especially in overseas markets. We anticipate that additional shifts at our production facilities, coupled with the capacity added through acquisition activity and our planned increase in future capital spending levels, will enable us to meet increased demand throughout fiscal 2018 and beyond.

Our captive insurance companies invest their excess cash in marketable securities in the ordinary course of conducting their operations, and this activity will continue. Differences in the amounts related to these activities on a year-over-year basis are primarily attributable to differences in the timing and performance of their investments balanced against amounts required to satisfy claims. At February 28, 2018, the fair value of our investments in marketable securities totaled \$177.8 million, of which investments with a fair value of \$93.3 million were in an unrealized loss position. At May 31, 2017, the fair value of our investments in marketable securities totaled \$164.5 million, of which investments with a fair value of \$60.0 million were in an unrealized loss position. The fair value of our portfolio of marketable securities is based on quoted market prices for identical, or similar, instruments in active or non-active markets or model-derived-valuations with observable inputs. We have no marketable securities whose fair value is subject to unobservable inputs. Total pretax unrealized losses recorded in accumulated other comprehensive income at February 28, 2018 and May 31, 2017 were \$3.8 million and \$3.5 million, respectively.

We regularly review our marketable securities in unrealized loss positions in order to determine whether or not we have the ability and intent to hold these investments. That determination is based upon the severity and duration of the decline, in addition to our evaluation of the cash flow requirements of our businesses. Unrealized losses at February 28, 2018 were generally related to the normal volatility in valuations over the past several months for a portion of our portfolio of investments in marketable securities. The unrealized losses generally relate to investments whose fair values at February 28, 2018 were less than 15% below their original cost or that have been in a loss position for less

than six consecutive months. From time to time, we may experience significant volatility in general economic and market conditions. If we were to experience unrealized losses that were to continue for longer periods of time, or arise to more significant levels of unrealized losses within our portfolio of investments in marketable securities in the future, we may recognize additional other-than-temporary impairment losses. Such potential losses could have a material impact on our results of operations in any given reporting period. As such, we continue to closely evaluate the status of our investments and our ability and intent to hold these investments.

As of February 28, 2018, approximately \$214.5 million of our consolidated cash and cash equivalents were held at various foreign subsidiaries. Undistributed earnings held at our foreign subsidiaries that are considered permanently reinvested will be used, for instance, to expand operations organically or for acquisitions in foreign jurisdictions. Further, our operations in the U.S. generate sufficient cash flow to satisfy U.S. operating requirements. Refer to Note 9, "Income Taxes," to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding unremitted foreign earnings.

## Financing Activities

Our available liquidity, including our cash and cash equivalents and amounts available under our committed credit facilities, stood at \$966.9 million at February 28, 2018. Our debt-to-capital ratio was 57.2% at February 28, 2018, compared with 59.3% at May 31, 2017.

### 4.250% Notes due 2048

On December 20, 2017, we closed an offering for \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.250% Notes due 2048 (the “2048 Notes”). The proceeds from the 2048 Notes were used to repay \$250.0 million in principal amount of unsecured 6.50% senior notes due February 15, 2018, and for general corporate purposes. Interest on the 2048 Notes accrues from December 20, 2017 and is payable semiannually in arrears on January 15<sup>th</sup> and July 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, beginning July 15, 2018, at a rate of 4.250% per year. The 2048 Notes mature on January 15, 2048. The indenture governing this indebtedness includes cross-acceleration provisions. Under certain circumstances, where an event of default under our other instruments results in acceleration of the indebtedness under such instruments, holders of the indebtedness under the indenture are entitled to declare amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

### 5.250% Notes due 2045 and 3.750% Notes due 2027

On March 2, 2017, we issued \$50.0 million aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Notes due 2045 (the “2045 Notes”) and \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.750% Notes due 2027 (the “2027 Notes”). The 2045 Notes are a further issuance of the \$250 million aggregate principal amount of 5.250% Notes due 2045 initially issued by us on May 29, 2015. Interest on the 2045 Notes accrues from December 1, 2016 and is payable semiannually in arrears on June 1st and December 1st of each year, beginning June 1, 2017, at a rate of 5.250% per year. The 2045 Notes mature on June 1, 2045. Interest on the 2027 Notes accrues from March 2, 2017 and is payable semiannually in arrears on March 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup> of each year, beginning September 15, 2017, at a rate of 3.750% per year. The 2027 Notes mature on March 15, 2027. The indenture governing this indebtedness includes cross-acceleration provisions. Under certain circumstances, where an event of default under our other instruments results in acceleration of the indebtedness under such instruments, holders of the indebtedness under the indenture are entitled to declare amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

## Revolving Credit Agreement

During fiscal 2015, we entered into an \$800.0 million unsecured syndicated revolving credit facility (the “Revolving Credit Facility”), which expires on December 5, 2019. The Revolving Credit Facility includes sublimits for the issuance of swingline loans, which are comparatively short-term loans used for working capital purposes and letters of credit. The aggregate maximum principal amount of the commitments under the Revolving Credit Facility may be expanded upon our request, subject to certain conditions, up to \$1.0 billion. The Revolving Credit Facility is available to refinance existing indebtedness, to finance working capital and capital expenditures, to satisfy all or a portion of our obligations relating to the plan of reorganization for our SPHC subsidiary, and for general corporate purposes.

The Revolving Credit Facility requires us to comply with various customary affirmative and negative covenants, including a leverage covenant and interest coverage ratio, which are calculated in accordance with the terms as defined by the credit agreement. Under the terms of the leverage covenant, we may not permit our consolidated indebtedness as of any fiscal quarter end to exceed 65% of the sum of such indebtedness and our consolidated shareholders’ equity on such date. The minimum required consolidated interest coverage ratio for EBITDA to interest expense is 3.50 to 1. The interest coverage ratio is calculated at the end of each fiscal quarter for the four fiscal quarters then ended using an EBITDA as defined in the credit agreement.

As of February 28, 2018, we were in compliance with all financial covenants contained in our Revolving Credit Facility, including the leverage and interest coverage ratio covenants. At that date, our leverage ratio was 56.7%, while our interest coverage ratio was 8.0 to 1. Our available liquidity under our Revolving Credit Facility stood at \$552.5 million at February 28, 2018.

Our access to funds under our Revolving Credit Facility is dependent on the ability of the financial institutions that are parties to the Revolving Credit Facility to meet their funding commitments. Those financial institutions may not be able to meet their funding commitments if they experience shortages of capital and liquidity or if they experience excessive volumes of borrowing requests within a short period of time. Moreover, the obligations of the financial institutions under our Revolving Credit Facility are several and not joint and, as a result, a funding default by one or more institutions does not need to be made up by the others.

As previously reported, during fiscal 2015, a plan of reorganization was confirmed (the “Bankruptcy Plan”) and, effective as of December 23, 2014, Bondex, SPHC, Republic and NMBFiL emerged from bankruptcy. Accordingly, trusts were established under Section 524(g) of the United States Bankruptcy Code (together, the “Trust”) and were funded with first installments. Borrowings

under our Revolving Credit Facility were used to fund the initial trust payment of \$450 million, which is classified as long-term debt in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. The Trust was funded with \$450 million in cash and a promissory note, bearing no interest and maturing on or before December 23, 2018 (the “Bankruptcy Note”). There is one remaining trust payment due. The Bankruptcy Plan, and Bankruptcy Note, provide that on or before December 23, 2018, a final payment of \$125 million in cash, RPM common stock or a combination thereof will be deposited into the Trust. The net present value of the Bankruptcy Note, or \$122.4 million, is classified as other current liabilities in our consolidated financial statements at February 28, 2018. A portion of the payments due under the Bankruptcy Note is secured by a right to the equity of SPHC, Republic and Bondex.

All past and future contributions to the Trust are deductible for U.S. income tax purposes.

#### Accounts Receivable Securitization Program

On May 9, 2017, we entered into a new, three-year, \$200.0 million accounts receivable securitization facility (the “AR Program”). The maximum availability under the AR Program is \$200.0 million. Availability is further subject to changes in the credit ratings of our customers, customer concentration levels or certain characteristics of the accounts receivable being transferred and, therefore, at certain times, we may not be able to fully access the \$200.0 million of funding available under the AR Program.

As of February 28, 2018, there was no outstanding balance under the AR Program, which compares with the maximum availability on that date of \$150.0 million. The interest rate under the Purchase Agreement is based on the Alternate Base Rate, LIBOR Market Index Rate, one-month LIBOR or LIBOR for a specified tranche period, as selected by us, plus in each case, a margin of 0.80%. In addition, we are obligated to pay a monthly unused commitment fee based on the daily amount of unused commitments under the Agreement, which fee ranges from 0.30% to 0.50% based on usage. The AR Program contains various customary affirmative and negative covenants and also contains customary default and termination provisions.

Our failure to comply with the covenants described above and other covenants contained in the Revolving Credit Facility could result in an event of default under that agreement, entitling the lenders to, among other things, declare the entire amount outstanding under the Revolving Credit Facility to be due and payable. The instruments governing our other outstanding indebtedness generally include cross-default provisions that provide that under certain circumstances, an event of default that results in acceleration of our indebtedness under the Revolving Credit Facility will entitle the holders of such other indebtedness to declare amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

#### 2.25% Convertible Senior Notes due 2020

On December 9, 2013, we issued \$205 million of 2.25% convertible senior notes due 2020 (the “Convertible Notes”). We pay interest on the Convertible Notes semi-annually on June 1<sup>st</sup> and December 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

The Convertible Notes will be convertible under certain circumstances and during certain periods at an initial conversion rate of 18.8905 shares of RPM common stock per \$1,000 principal amount of notes (representing an initial conversion price of approximately \$52.94 per share of common stock), subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. In October 2017, we declared a dividend in excess of \$0.24 per share, and consequently, the adjusted conversion rate at February 28, 2018 was 19.128496. The initial conversion price represents a conversion premium of approximately 37% over the last reported sale price of RPM common stock of \$38.64 on December 3, 2013. Prior to June 15, 2020, the Convertible Notes may be converted only upon specified events, and, thereafter, at any time. Upon conversion, the Convertible Notes may be settled, at RPM’s election, in cash, shares of RPM common stock, or a combination of cash and shares of RPM common stock. The indenture governing this indebtedness includes cross-acceleration provisions. Under certain circumstances, where an event of default under our other instruments

results in acceleration of the indebtedness under such instruments, holders of the indebtedness under the indenture are entitled to declare amounts outstanding immediately due and payable.

We account for the liability and equity components of the Convertible Notes separately, and in a manner that will reflect our nonconvertible debt borrowing rate when interest cost is recognized in subsequent periods. The effective interest rate on the liability component is 3.92%. Contractual interest was \$1.2 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, while the amortization of the debt discount was \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million for the third quarter of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. Contractual interest was \$3.5 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, while amortization of the debt discount was \$2.3 million and \$2.2 million for the first nine months of fiscal 2018 and 2017, respectively. At February 28, 2018, the remaining period over which the debt discount will be amortized was 2.75 years, the unamortized debt discount was \$8.9 million, and the carrying amount of the equity component was \$20.7 million.

The following table summarizes our financial obligations and their expected maturities at February 28, 2018 and the effect such obligations are expected to have on our liquidity and cash flow in the periods indicated.

|                                                       | Total Contractual Obligations | Payments Due In | 2020-21     | 2022-23   | After 2023  |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-------------|
|                                                       | Payment Stream                | 2019            |             |           |             |
|                                                       | (In thousands)                |                 |             |           |             |
| Long-term debt obligations                            | \$2,183,425                   | \$3,767         | \$893,298   | \$295,556 | \$990,804   |
| Capital lease obligations                             | 982                           | 233             | 331         | 165       | 253         |
| Operating lease obligations                           | 275,538                       | 67,160          | 93,857      | 57,910    | 56,611      |
| Other long-term liabilities (1):                      |                               |                 |             |           |             |
| Interest payments on long-term debt obligations       | 1,079,227                     | 86,415          | 144,487     | 107,700   | 740,625     |
| Promissory note payments on 524(g) Trust              | 125,000                       | 125,000         |             |           |             |
| Contributions to pension and postretirement plans (2) | 369,800                       | 8,900           | 65,800      | 134,100   | 161,000     |
| Total                                                 | \$4,033,972                   | \$291,475       | \$1,197,773 | \$595,431 | \$1,949,293 |

(1) Excluded from other long-term liabilities are our gross long-term liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits, which totaled \$12.9 million at February 28, 2018. Currently, we cannot predict with reasonable reliability the timing of cash settlements to the respective taxing authorities related to these liabilities.

(2) These amounts represent our estimated cash contributions to be made in the periods indicated for our pension and postretirement plans, assuming no actuarial gains or losses, assumption changes or plan changes occur in any period. The projection results assume the required minimum contribution will be contributed.

#### Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet financings, other than the minimum operating lease commitments included in the above Contractual Obligations table. We have no subsidiaries that are not included in our financial statements, nor do we have any interests in, or relationships with, any special purpose entities that are not reflected in our financial statements.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Environmental Matters

Environmental obligations continue to be appropriately addressed and, based upon the latest available information, it is not anticipated that the outcome of such matters will materially affect our results of operations or financial condition. Our critical accounting policies and estimates set forth above describe our method of establishing and adjusting environmental-related accruals and should be read in conjunction with this disclosure. For additional information, refer to "Part II, Item 1. Legal Proceedings."

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The foregoing discussion includes forward-looking statements relating to our business. These forward-looking statements, or other statements made by us, are made based on our expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting us and are subject to uncertainties and factors (including those specified below), which are difficult to predict and, in many instances, are beyond our control. As a result, our actual results could differ materially from those expressed in or implied by any such forward-looking statements. These uncertainties and factors include (a) global markets and general economic conditions, including uncertainties surrounding the volatility in financial

markets, the availability of capital and the effect of changes in interest rates, and the viability of banks and other financial institutions; (b) the prices, supply and capacity of raw materials, including assorted pigments, resins, solvents, and other natural gas- and oil-based materials; packaging, including plastic containers; and transportation services, including fuel surcharges; (c) continued growth in demand for our products; (d) legal, environmental and litigation risks inherent in our construction and chemicals businesses and risks related to the adequacy of our insurance coverage for such matters; (e) the effect of changes in interest rates; (f) the effect of fluctuations in currency exchange rates upon our foreign operations; (g) the effect of non-currency risks of investing in and conducting operations in foreign countries, including those relating to domestic and international political, social, economic and regulatory factors; (h) risks and uncertainties associated with our ongoing acquisition and divestiture activities; (i) risks related to the adequacy of our contingent liability reserves; and (j) other risks detailed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended May 31, 2017, as the same may be updated from time to time. We do not undertake any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements to reflect future events, information or circumstances that arise after the filing date of this document.

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

We are exposed to market risk from changes in raw materials costs, interest rates and foreign exchange rates since we fund our operations through long- and short-term borrowings and conduct our business in a variety of foreign currencies. There were no material potential changes in our exposure to these market risks since May 31, 2017.

**ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES**

**(a) EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES.**

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rule 13a-15(e)) as of February 28, 2018 (the "Evaluation Date"), have concluded that as of the Evaluation Date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective in ensuring that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports we file or submit under the Exchange Act (1) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the Commission's rules and forms, and (2) is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow for timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

**(b) CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL.**

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended February 28, 2018 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II — OTHER INFORMATION

### ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

#### SEC Investigation and Enforcement Action

As previously disclosed, we were notified by the SEC on June 24, 2014, that we are the subject of a formal investigation pertaining to the timing of our disclosure and accrual of loss reserves in fiscal 2013 with respect to the previously disclosed DOJ and GSA Office of Inspector General investigation into compliance issues relating to Tremco Roofing Division's GSA contracts. As previously disclosed, our audit committee completed an investigation into the facts and circumstances surrounding the timing of our disclosure and accrual of loss reserves with respect to the GSA and DOJ investigations, and determined that it was appropriate to restate our financial results for the first, second and third quarters of fiscal 2013. These restatements had no impact on our audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended May 31, 2013 or 2014. The audit committee's investigation concluded that there was no intentional misconduct on the part of any of our officers.

In connection with the foregoing, on September 9, 2016, the SEC filed an enforcement action in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia against us and our General Counsel. We have cooperated with the SEC's investigation and believe the allegations in the complaint mischaracterize both our and our General Counsel's actions in connection with the matters related to our quarterly results in fiscal 2013 and are without merit. The complaint seeks disgorgement of gains that may have resulted from the conduct alleged in the complaint, and payment of unspecified monetary penalties from us and our General Counsel pursuant to Section 20(d) of the Securities Act and Section 21(d)(3) of the Exchange Act. Further, the complaint seeks to permanently enjoin us from violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and (a)(3) of the Securities Act, Sections 13(a), 13(b)(2)(A) and 13(b)(2)(B) of the Exchange Act, and Exchange Act Rules 12b-20, 13a-1, 13a-11 and 13a-13, and to permanently enjoin our General Counsel from violations of Sections 17(a)(2) and (a)(3) of the Securities Act and Exchange Act Rules 13b2-1 and 13b2-2(a). Both we and our General Counsel filed motions to dismiss the complaint on February 24, 2017. Those motions to dismiss the complaint were denied by the Court on September 29, 2017. We and our General Counsel filed answers to the complaint on October 16, 2017. Formal discovery commenced in January 2018. We intend to continue to contest the allegations in the complaint vigorously.

#### Environmental Proceedings

As previously disclosed, following an audit of Rust-Oleum Corporation's Annual Quantity and Emissions Reports, the State of California's South Coast Air Quality Management District (the "AQMD") issued a Notice of Violation to Rust-Oleum alleging violations of AQMD's Rule 314 (relating to fees for architectural coatings) and Rule 1113 (relating to limits on volatile organic compound content in architectural coatings). Regarding the foregoing allegations, Rust-Oleum entered into a Settlement Agreement with AQMD dated March 16, 2018 in the amount of \$454,829, which amount included monetary penalties and investigative costs.

As previously reported, several of our subsidiaries are, from time to time, identified as a "potentially responsible party" under the federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act and similar local environmental statutes. In some cases, our subsidiaries are participating in the cost of certain clean-up efforts or other remedial actions. Our share of such costs to date, however, has not been material and management believes that these environmental proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial condition or results of operations. See "Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations — Other Matters," in Part I of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

### ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the risk factors disclosed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2017.

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

(c) The following table presents information about repurchases of common stock we made during the third quarter of fiscal 2018:

| Period                                     | Total Number<br>of Shares<br>Purchased(1) | Average<br>Price<br>Paid<br>Per<br>Share | Total Number<br>of Shares<br>Purchased as<br>Part of Publicly<br>Announced<br>Plans or<br>Programs | Maximum<br>Number of<br>Shares that<br>May Yet be<br>Purchased<br>Under the<br>Plans or<br>Programs(2) |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 | 2,590                                     | \$ 52.43                                 | -                                                                                                  | -                                                                                                      |
| January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018   | 53,325                                    | \$ 52.60                                 | -                                                                                                  | -                                                                                                      |
| February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 | -                                         | \$ -                                     | -                                                                                                  | -                                                                                                      |
| Total - Third Quarter                      | 55,915                                    | \$ 52.59                                 | -                                                                                                  | -                                                                                                      |

(1) Represents shares of common stock that were disposed of back to us in satisfaction of tax obligations related to the vesting of restricted stock which was granted under RPM International Inc.'s Amended and Restated 2014 Omnibus Equity and Incentive Plan and 2007 Restricted Stock Plan.

(2) Refer to Note 11 to the consolidated financial statements for further information regarding our stock repurchase program.

ITEM 6.EXHIBITS

Exhibit

Number Description

4.1 Officers' Certificate and Authentication Order dated December 20, 2017 for the 4.250% Notes due 2048 (which includes the form of Note) issued pursuant to the Indenture dated as of April 8, 2014, between the Company and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, which is incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 20, 2017 (File No. 1-14187).

12 Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges. (x)

31.1 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer.(x)

31.2 Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer.(x)

32.1 Section 1350 Certification of the Company's Chief Executive Officer.(x)

32.2 Section 1350 Certification of the Company's Chief Financial Officer.(x)

101.INS XBRL Instance Document.

101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.

101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.

101.DEF XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.

101.CAL XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.

101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.

(x)Filed herewith.

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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.

RPM International Inc.

By: /s/ Frank C. Sullivan  
Frank C. Sullivan  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

By: /s/ Russell L. Gordon  
Russell L. Gordon  
Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: April 5, 2018